

2017 – 9 Provincial & Municipal CED Policy Framework & Lens

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Whereas: Manitoban communities face complex challenges including poverty, social exclusion, income inequality, unemployment, urban decline, environmental and ecological degradation and community sustainability. These challenges must be addressed with a holistic and flexible approach. Community economic development (CED) provides that approach.

Whereas: CED is community-led action that creates economic opportunities while enhancing social and environmental conditions. It is flexible in that it allows each community to pursue development strategies that respond to its unique needs and priorities.

Whereas: The objective of a provincial and municipal CED policy framework is to ensure that CED principles are incorporated into provincial and municipal government policies so that policies better respond to the economic, social and environmental needs of local communities. In achieving this objective, a provincial and municipal CED policy framework would promote strong, inclusive, sustainable and resilient Manitoba communities. As part of a provincial and municipal CED policy framework, the following CED principles should, wherever possible, be incorporated into all government policies and programs:

- Use of locally produced goods and services
- Production of goods and services for local use
- Local re-investment of profits
- Long-term employment of local residents
- Local skill development
- Local decision-making
- Public health
- Physical environment
- Neighbourhood stability
- Human dignity
- Interdepartmental and Intergovernmental collaboration

Whereas: The Province of Manitoba has developed a cross-governmental CED Policy Framework and Lens. Manitoba municipalities should adopt and apply a similar CED lens to their policies and programs.

Be it Resolved That: CCEDNet Manitoba work to strengthen the awareness, understanding and implementation of the CED Policy Framework and Lens across all government departments at the provincial level.

Be it Further Resolved That: CCEDNet Manitoba work to strengthen the awareness, understanding and implementation of the CED Policy Framework and Lens with municipal governments throughout Manitoba.