

Activities:

MACA will transfer ownership of community public infrastructure, and the associated parcel of land, to community governments.

What does MACA have to do to make this happen?

- Create an inventory of community land and assets for each community, and work with communities to make sure the listing is accurate
- Assist communities with the passing of the appropriate bylaws for communities to acquire the lands associated with community assets
- Negotiate with affected parties where community assets are located on privately owned lands
- Identify any known environmental liabilities associated with assets and determine the impact of such liabilities on community governments
- Enter into care and custody agreements for community infrastructure with those community governments that cannot own real property (i.e. Bands and Settlements)
- Determine insurance implications of transferring assets to community governments

What will change?

- For many communities, there will be no noticeable change; most community governments already own all the community public infrastructure but the ownership may not ever have been formalized
- Community governments will have ownership of all community public infrastructure including the associated land

How will this benefit communities?

- Community governments will have certainty about who owns the assets
- Community governments will be better able to secure loans to construct additions or to renovate existing community buildings
- Community governments will be in a better position to enter into joint ventures or partnerships for the sharing of assets or the renovation of existing buildings

When will this happen?

- MACA will begin consulting with community governments in the spring of 2007
- The formal transfer of assets and land will occur starting in 2007.