ICS Community Information Gathering
Why collect information at ICS?

1. Archive, organize, curate content for policy input, planning and development, training, public outreach, etc

2. Build a community of practice

3. Share knowledge and resources

4. Other?
Focus of ICS information gathering

- What information/resources would you like to see?
- This week’s gathering -> Sustained initiative:
  - Establish online repository
  - Build community (online, in person) over time
- Discussions inform learning, policy, public outreach and community-building
Example: First Mile (www.firstmile.ca)
First Mile Development Process

● Technical Discussions
  ○ Platform evolved: Moodle -> Word Press
  ○ Servers - who hosts?
  ○ Tools - Google Maps, Listserv, Social Media, etc

● Content Discussions
  ○ User-generated content (ex. community stories; policy concerns)
  ○ Integrating resources (ex. common challenges; shared goals)

● Over time, evolved: knowledge archive; advocacy tool; online networking space; space to showcase success stories; etc
ICS Research: Process and Materials

- Study approved by University of Alberta Research Ethics Board
- UAlberta will act as data steward

- Survey (URL link)
- Focus Groups (Recorded during ICS)
- Follow-up Interviews (Phone or Skype)

- *Invitation Letter* and *Consent Forms* on tables
- Questions on data collection or outcomes?
ICS Research: Potential Questions to Consider

- Who we are, where are we located, what is our networking situation?
- Existing supports: Best practices, projects and resources
- Opportunities and barriers that exist for Indigenous community networks
- Needs assessment: What is needed? What do we need to learn? Impediments or problems?
- Informational resource-sharing and needs?
- Who else should be involved?