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# PORT HOPE AREA INITIATIVE

## Indigenous & Stakeholder Engagement

Balancing compliance, reconciliation,  
transparency and trust

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# Honoring land & water





# Engaging for Success



## Indigenous Nations

- Recognizing constitutionally protected rights and interests
- Supporting capacity and project participation



## Stakeholders

- Engaging all parties including residents, business owners, the public, regulators
- Communicating project information and understanding interests and concerns



# Engaging with the Nations

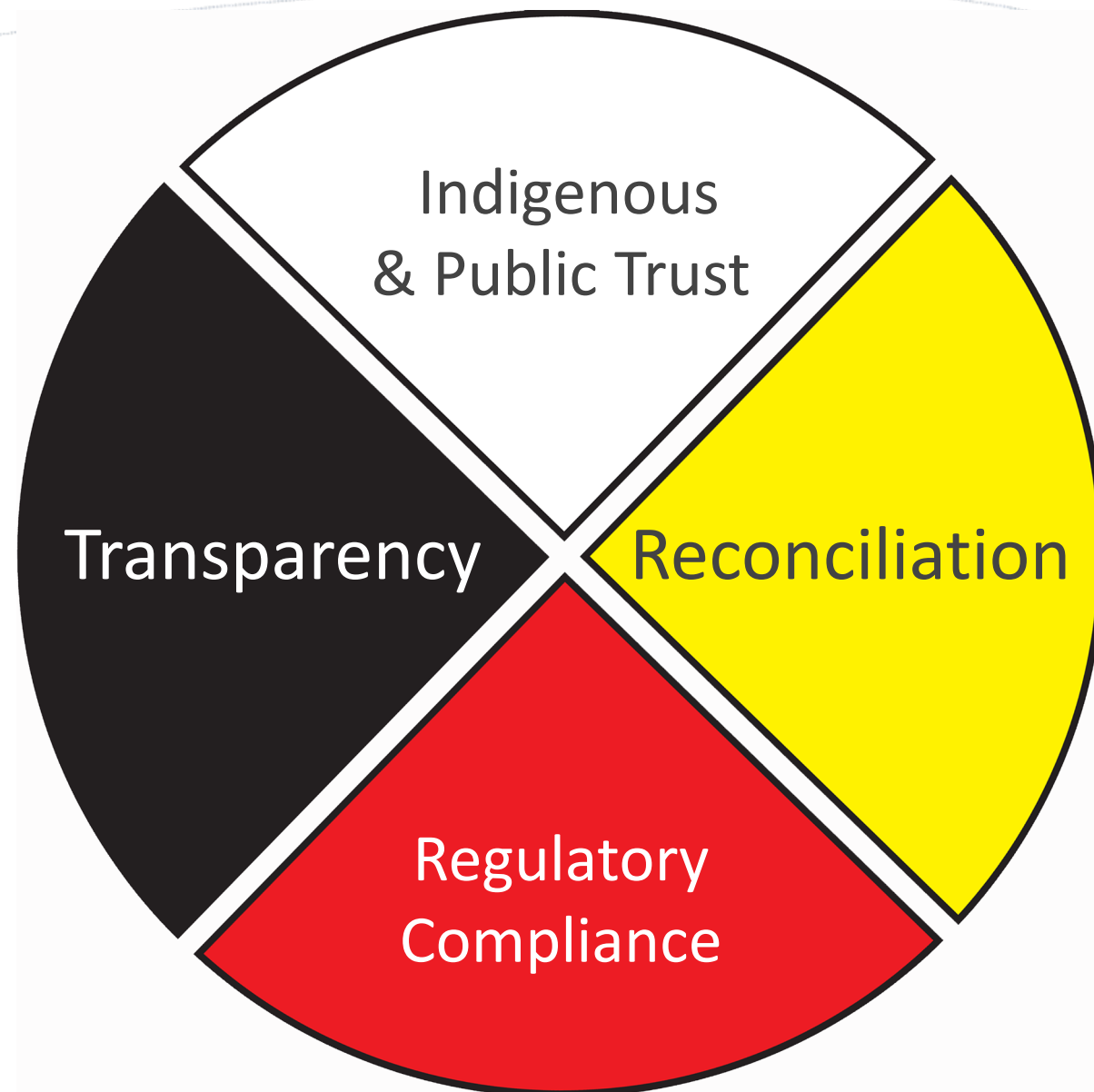


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# Maintaining the Delicate Balance



# Indigenous Rights

## United Nations

UNDRIP Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples

FPIC Free, Prior and Informed Consent

## Canadian Legislation & Calls to Action

UNDRIP came into force 2021

Constitution Act, 1982 – Section 35

Aboriginal & Treaty Rights

Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action

Crown Duty to Consult

## CNL Protocol & Policy

Call to Action #92 – Business & Reconciliation

Licence/regulatory commitments

CNL Reconciliation Action Plan

CNL Indigenous Relations Procurement Strategy

Individual site and project engagement plans



# Call to Action #92 – Business & Reconciliation

- **Commit** to goal of meaningful consultation
- **Build** respectful relationships
- **Obtain** free, prior and informed consent
- **Ensure** equitable access: jobs, training, education opportunities
- **Ensure** long-term, sustainable benefits from economic development
- **Provide** education/awareness and training for all CNL staff



# CNL Journey Toward Truth & Reconciliation

- Grow an inclusive **Indigenous Relations program** across all project sites
- Recognize **Aboriginal and Treaty Rights** and interests as a priority
- Continue **building relationships** with local First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities
- **Continue learning** about Indigenous values and interests





# Indigenous Involvement at CNL

- Inclusive workplace - Indigenous voices
- Application of Indigenous knowledge systems
- Review and comment on plans/reports
- Archaeological monitoring
- Community-based monitoring, job shadowing, training
- Environmental protection programs, working groups





# Public Communications



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# Public Communications Objectives



## BUILD & MAINTAIN

Support/confidence  
with community,  
stakeholders



## RESPOND

Timely information,  
updates to ensure  
understanding,  
acceptance  
of project work



## POSITION

CNL as primary  
information source for  
accurate project  
information



# CNL Project Communications



## Community-Wide

- Telephone/email/in-person
- Presentations/tours
- Newsletters/publications
- Website/social media
- Information sessions/events
- Advertising
- Media releases
- Council updates
- Working groups
- Public disclosures



## Neighborhood/Targeted

- Focus groups
- Neighbourhood info sessions
- Observation groups
- Resident notifications



## Individual Property-Owners

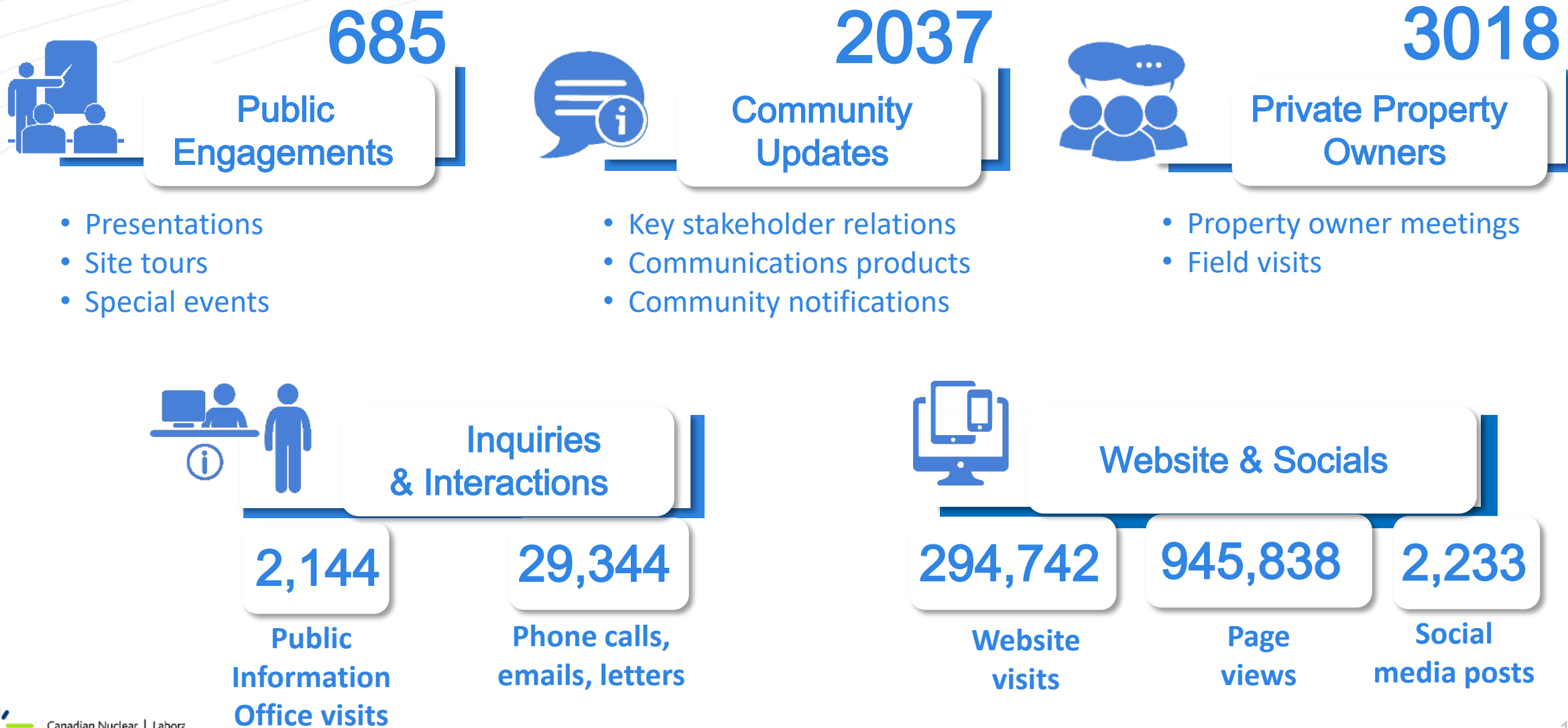
- Notification letters/cards
- Phone calls
- In-person visits
- Design meetings
- On-site visits



# How We Engage: Communications Tactics



# PHAI Public Engagement – 2012 to 2024





# What the Residents Are Saying

89%

Port Hope residents are aware of the PHAI

98%

Overall satisfaction with living in the community

83% indicated ongoing confidence in CNL's ability to safely manage the waste

81% indicated they were "very confident" or "confident" that CNL will respond to concerns

74% satisfied with CNL efforts to provide information about PHAI

Majority of respondents indicated CNL staff as their most trusted source for complete, accurate information on the PHAI

# Collaborating for Mutual Success

**Engage** on plans and project activities

**Support** community awareness and participation

**Collaborate** on capacity building; economic development; employment training; environmental monitoring

**Incorporate** Indigenous knowledge systems

**Build** positive long-term relationships based on mutual understanding and respect

**Work** together to benefit future generations



*Indigenous Business Interest & Networking Day*





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