



Roles, Responsibilities and Environmental Legislation

MB Region - Environmental Planning & Management (EPM) Unit

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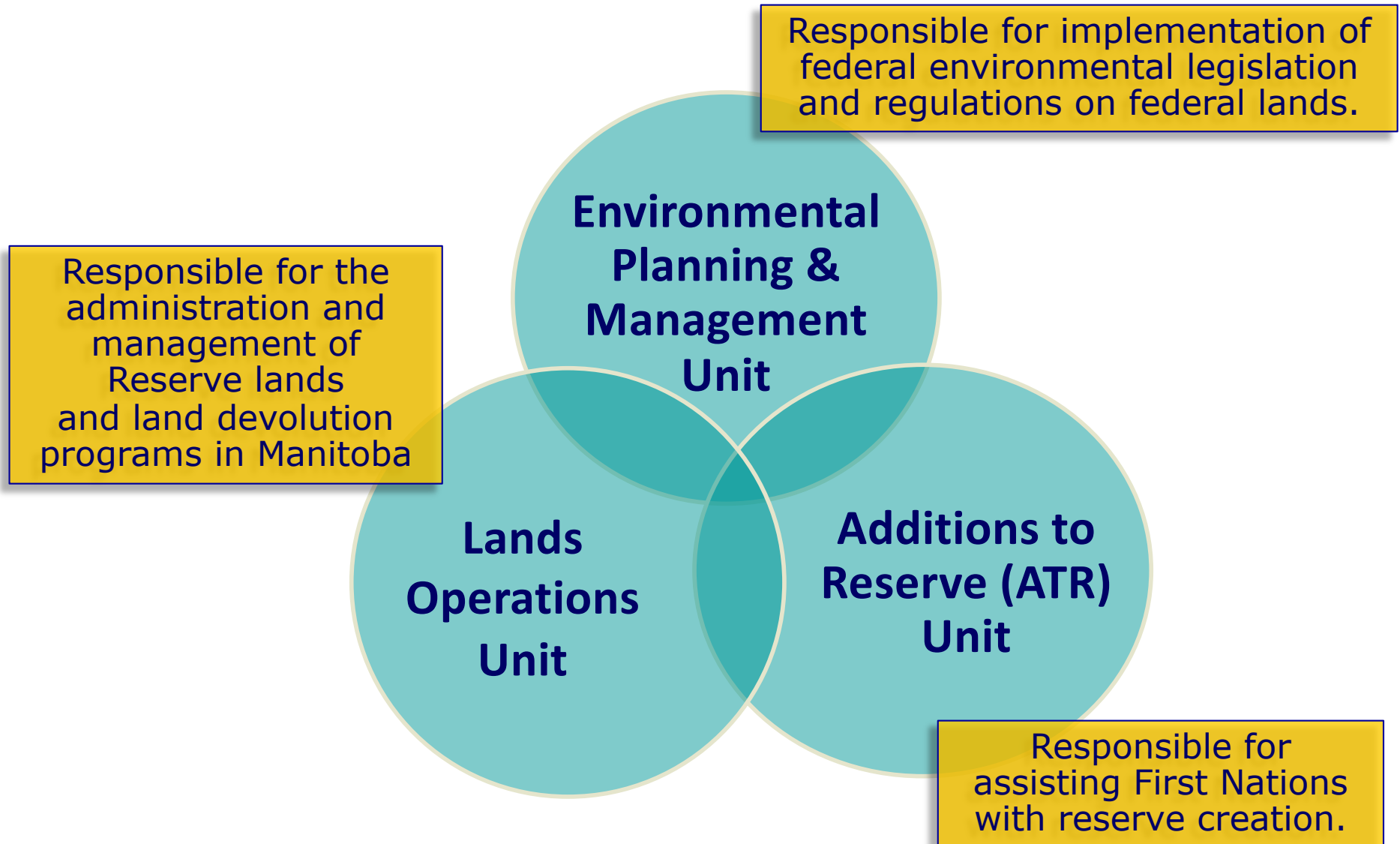


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Environmental Planning and Management - Roles and Responsibilities

- **Contaminated Sites** – assessment and remediation of contaminated sites on reserve.
- **Waste Management and Diversion** - assess, rehabilitate & develop new waste infrastructure.
- **Additions to Reserve** - Complete environmental site assessments to support reserve creation.
- **Environmental Review** - Complete environmental reviews for construction of new infrastructure in communities.
- **Climate Change** – Support climate change adaptation planning.
- **Environmental Awareness** - Conduct Environmental Awareness Sessions to First Nations to understand our collective statutory obligations; including internal government staff.



Contaminated Sites

EPM:

- Assess, classify, fund and remediate contaminated sites.
- Maximize First Nation benefits – labour, resources and training.



Challenges:

- Compliance/enforcement with regulation.
- Funding for ongoing operation and maintenance.
- Technical training for operation and maintenance.

Waste Management and Diversion

EPM:

- Supports First Nations to assess, close and monitor waste sites.
- Rehabilitate or construct waste facilities.
- Provides O&M funds for community waste system operations.



Challenges:

- No permits.
- Recognizing solid waste management as an essential community service
- Regulatory gap with provincial waste licensing.
- Setback distances to waste sites limits land development.
- Climate change.

Environmental Site Assessments - Additions to Reserve

EPM:

- Assess property and determine if there are environmental liabilities.
- Identify hazards.



Challenges:

- Contamination may hinder or restrict completing the reserve creation process.
- Third party interests.



Environmental Reviews New Infrastructure

EPM:

- Review proposed project design reports and environmental review reports.
- Make determination on whether the proposed project may proceed or not.
- Identify mitigation measures to protect human health and safety and the environment.



New wastewater treatment system

Challenges:

- Climate change
- Geography/location and timing of project.
- Understanding of cumulative impacts.

Climate Change Adaptation and Planning

EPM:

- Contributing to the drafting of the department climate change strategy
- Assist HQ with the flow through funds to First Nations through various programs (i.e. Adapt Program, Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program)
- Collaborate with existing programs to assess climate change impacts.
- Contributed to Strategic Partnership Initiative to support Clean Energy projects.



Challenges:

- Very targeted eligibilities for each funding program.
- Limited construction stage funding.
- New programs are still being developed.
- Cumulative impacts not well understood.
- Climate change interactions not well understood.

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