

# Abstract

This research examines the factors that influence the emergence of cooperative municipal  
Nation relationships, and explores how these relationships can be sustained and built upon so that  
they are based on the principles of mutual recognition, mutual respect, sharing and mutual  
responsibility.

responsibility to pursue active reconciliation with First Nations, and this research suggests practices, processes, and values that municipal governments, planners, and other officials strive to adopt. This research suggests that comprehensive strategies, developed in partnership with First Nation neighbours and targeted at the levels of planning practice, policy, and culture, have the potential to enable municipal governments, planners, and other officials to respectfully and effectively engage with First Nations.