





Facilitated group discussions engaged participants at NOSM's Indigenous Research Gathering.



Drummers closed the Indigenous Research Gathering and participants were thanked and wished a safe journey home.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine was established with an explicit social accountability mandate and the School's Indigenous Gatherings have provided a means to hear from communities on topics and issues of importance to the community. Building on this tradition and the clear messages from the Indigenous Research Gathering 2016, the following recommendations are provided.

1. Adopt, at a minimum, the four elements of **Community, Education, Time, and Ownership** as guiding principles to building relationships with Indigenous communities.
2. Develop a **Research Toolkit** that encompasses the educational needs of the communities and researchers with sections to include best practices, information on communities, research protocols/guidelines (including procedures for community and academic research ethics approvals), examples of successful research projects, and descriptions of the Seven Grandfather Teachings. It is important to ensure training about the Toolkit for community members and researchers and to ensure a mechanism is in place to follow-up on research and that research outcomes are implemented.
3. Develop a **web-based Network** that includes a system where community members and researchers can connect on priorities and where communities can find researchers that have been successful in conducting research with Indigenous communities. One example of a model that could be adapted to assist communities with partnering with researchers is the First Nations Environmental Health Innovative Network (FNEHIN), which was developed by an Advisory Group of First Nation Peoples from across Canada in partnership with the Assembly of First Nations. This type of model could be added to NOSM's public website, providing both researchers and communities easy access.

## GATHERING REPORT

The full report of the Indigenous Research Gathering 2016 can be found at [icemen2016.ca/irgreport](http://icemen2016.ca/irgreport).

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## INDIGENOUS RESEARCH GATHERING

**JUNE 22 - 24, 2016**

Hosted in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
on the Traditional Lands of the  
Anishinabek Peoples of Baawaating.



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