

## B A C K G R O U N D

In May 1998, a process was initiated by the Province of Manitoba's Energy and Mines department (now Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines) to bring together representatives of First Nations, Metis Nation, Northern Communities and the Manitoba Minerals Industry to begin a relationship building process. The purpose of this process continues to be to strengthen the links between parties, learn about common aspirations, cultural values and communication needs, and to create a climate for mutually beneficial opportunities related to the building of a strong minerals industry\* within Manitoba. The document is a guide to facilitate relationship building between those involved in, or affected by minerals activity within the province. The document is divided into three sections entitled Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives and Recommended Actions.

*\*minerals does not include oil and gas*

