



Research to Support the Restoration
of Indigenous Health and Well-Being

Presentation Objectives

- Waapihk Research – Brief Description
- Background – Jordan's Principle
- Accessing Data for Costing
Jordan's Principle Needs
- Barriers to Using Data
- Solutions

Our Story

Indigenous-led experts delivering data-driven research to empower communities and transform healthcare.

→ Indigenous Focus

Indigenous-owned experts dedicated to advancing Indigenous wellbeing.

→ Broad Background

A team of physician-scientists and other experts with diverse expertise and training.

→ Experience

We provide quantitative and qualitative analyses to advance Indigenous rights nationally.



Our Promises



Listen Before We Lead

We listen to communities first, letting their guidance shape the evidence we provide to support Indigenous wellbeing.



Advance Health Equity

Indigenous Peoples demand equitable health outcomes. Waapihk supports outcomes-based programs to reduce chronic disease.



Data First

Compelling research blends qualitative and quantitative data, honoring and protecting both the stories and the people they belong to.

Our Work

Products and Services

Community Health Profiles

Comprehensive community health assessments with goals, needs, and actionable recommendations.

Microcosting Analysis

Community-guided program costing in health and education to advocate for needed resources.

Fiscal policy and advocacy reports

Tailored reports to strengthen advocacy, budget negotiations, and long-term planning.

Tailored Services

Custom consulting rooted in Waapihk's expertise in Indigenous health and education.

Specific Background on Jordan's Principle



Jordan's Principle spending
tells us little about actual needs.

*Costing needs is challenging when spending is spread across
many overlapping programs.*

Remembering Maurina Beadle, the Mi'kmaw woman who fought Canada on Jordan's Principle and won

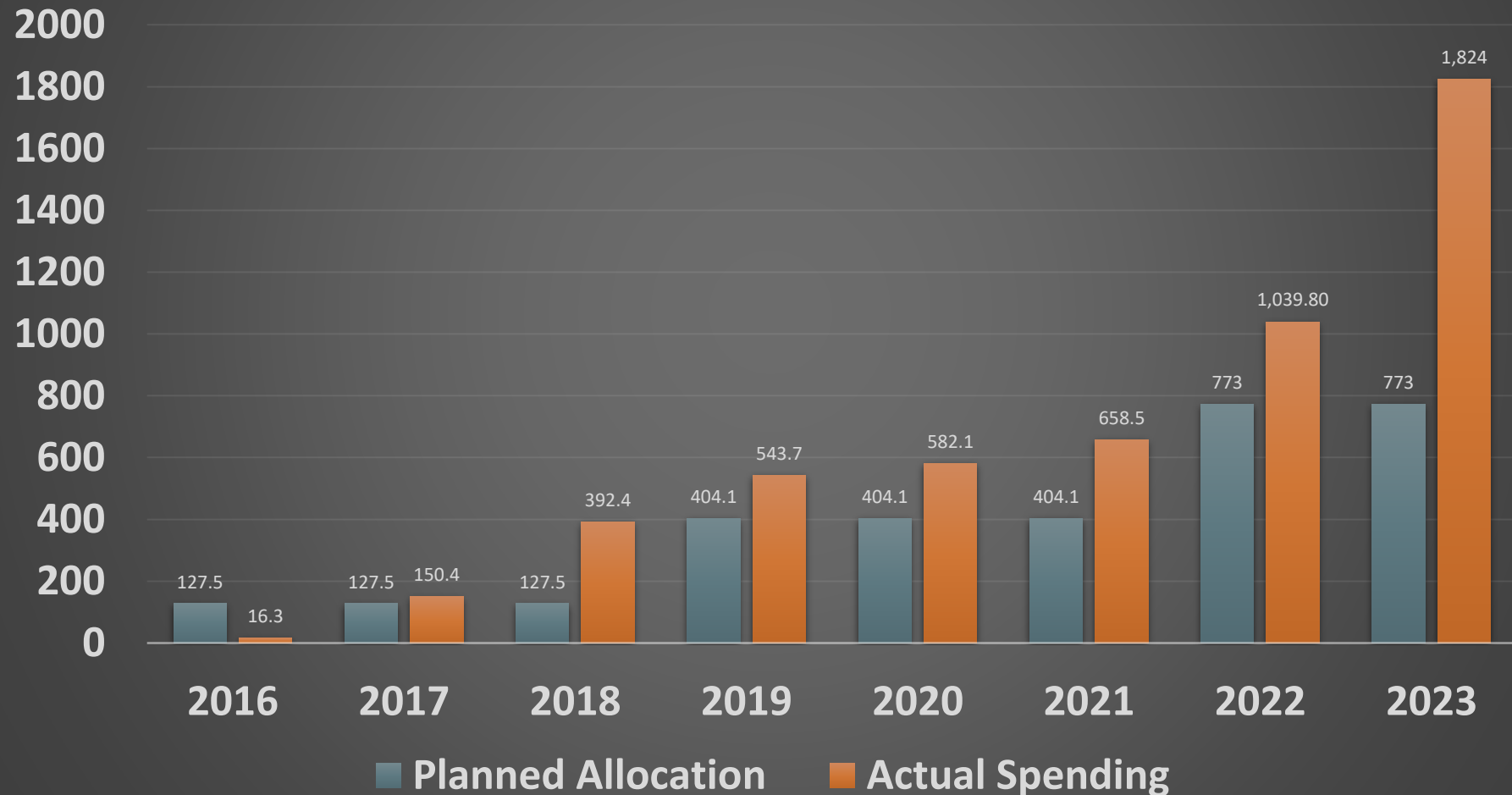
By APTN National News

Nov 15, 2019



Maurina Beadle drumming to her son Jeremy at home in Pictou Landing First Nation, Beadle died this week at the age of 63. APTN file

Jordan's Principle Budget (in millions of dollars)



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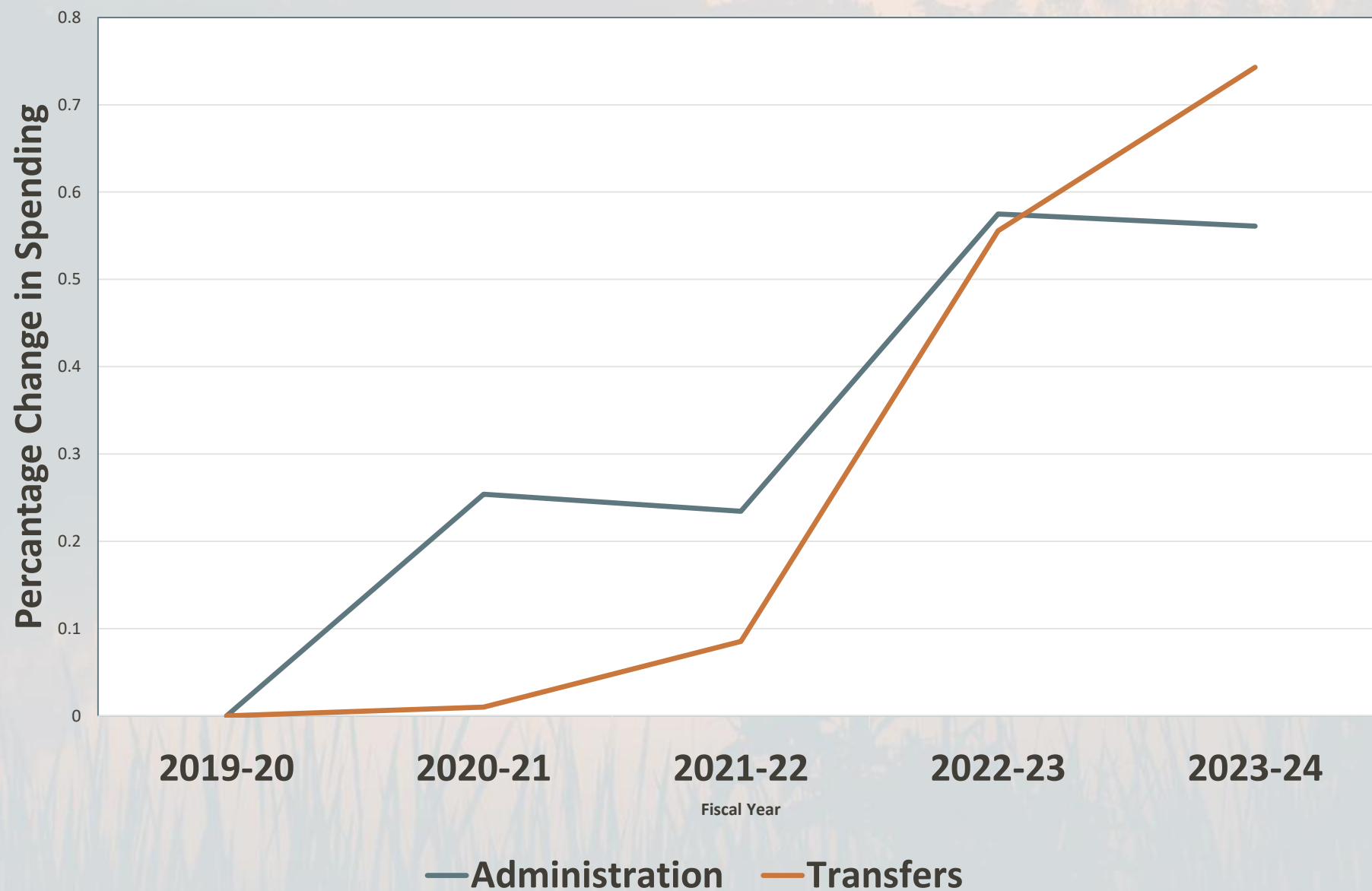
Money moves between federal programs and governments.

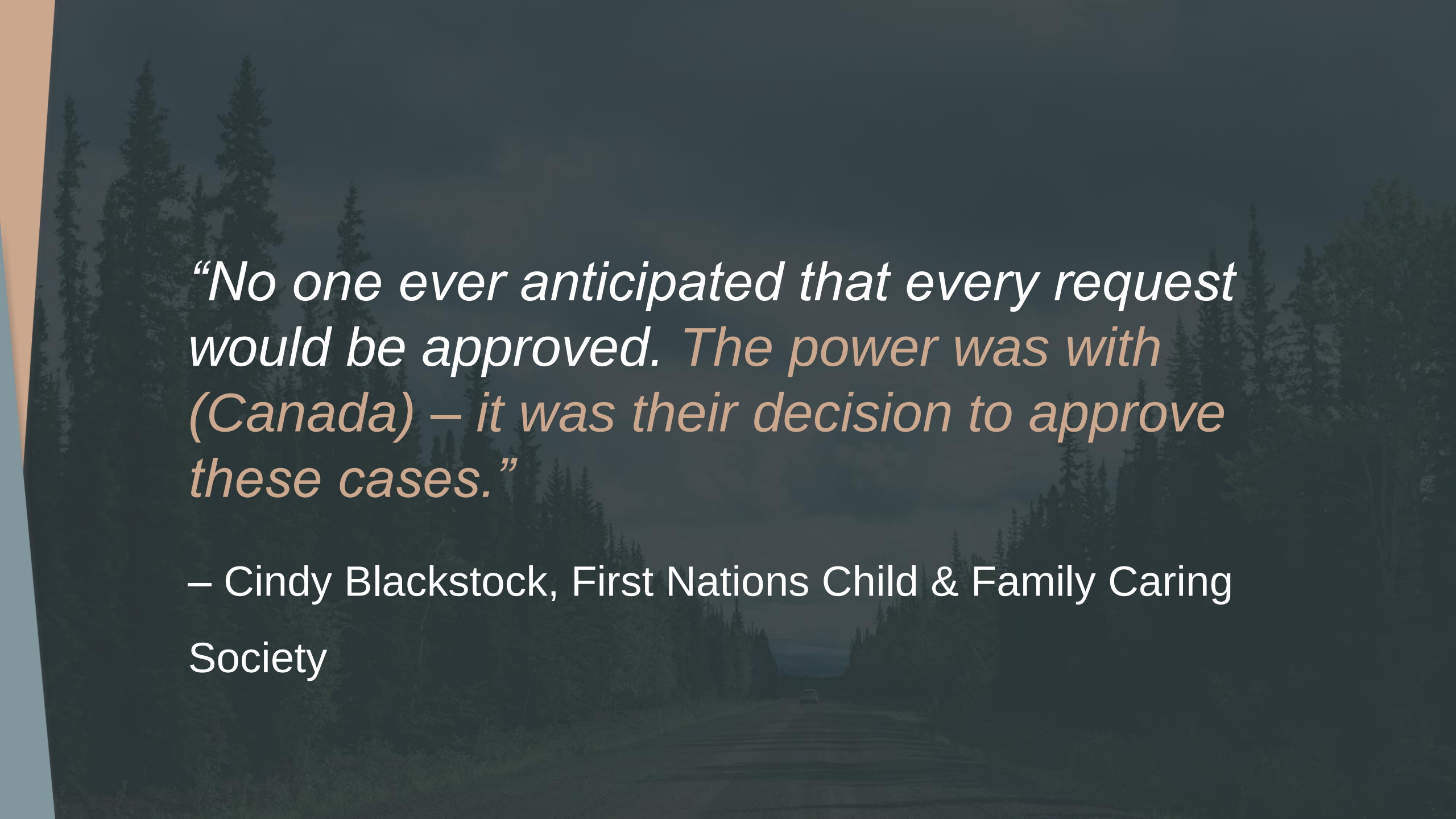
Jordan's Principle is meant to serve as a jurisdiction dispute resolution mechanism.

How requests are approved *matters.*

In recent years, growing spending on Jordan's Principle requests have not been matched with a proportional increase in administrative spending.

Jordan's Principle Spending % Change





“No one ever anticipated that every request would be approved. The power was with (Canada) – it was their decision to approve these cases.”

– Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child & Family Caring Society

Accessing Data for Costing Jordan's Principle Needs



Barriers to accessing data

1. Privacy Policies
2. Resources Hidden in Plain Sight
3. No "X" to Mark the Spot

More Devices that Address Health Condition →



Privacy policies

- Crown vs. Private:
Treaty Obligations
- Who does the policy protect?
- Who can access data?

Resources hidden in plain sight

- Canada is relatively transparent (with the data they have), but it can be challenging to navigate the data.
- Helpful, publicly available government resources are available.
- Public Accounts of Canada
- Departmental Plans, Departmental Results, Evaluations

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FAQ for this data



▼ **Spending and Employment Trend**



Spending

Employment

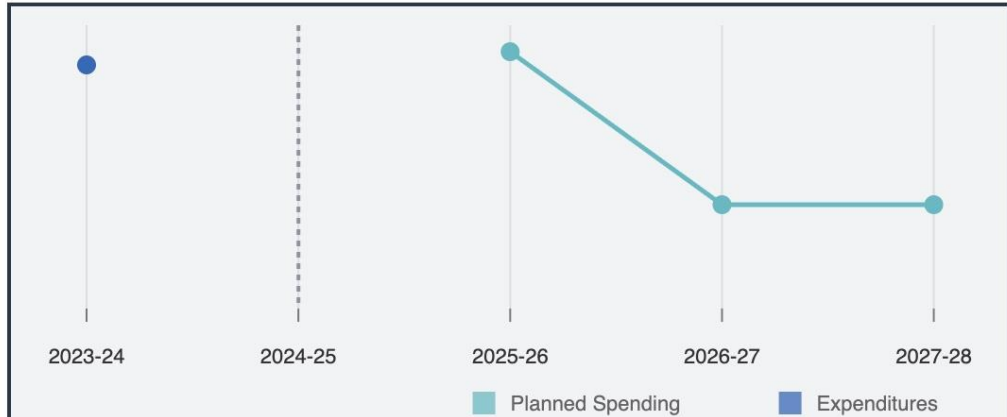
2 years ago (2023-24)

spending was
\$1.8 B

**In 2 years
time
(2027-28)**

spending is
planned to
decrease to
\$771.9 M

Long term trend (2023-24 to 2027-28)



Glossary

No "X" to mark the spot

- Your data collection priorities might be different from the government.
- Raw data isn't analyzed.
- Lack of normative standards.

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Solution to Accessing Data

1. ATIP and FIPPA requests
2. Data triangulation
3. Collect data you can leverage

ATIP and FIPPA requests

- Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP)
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Triangulation of data

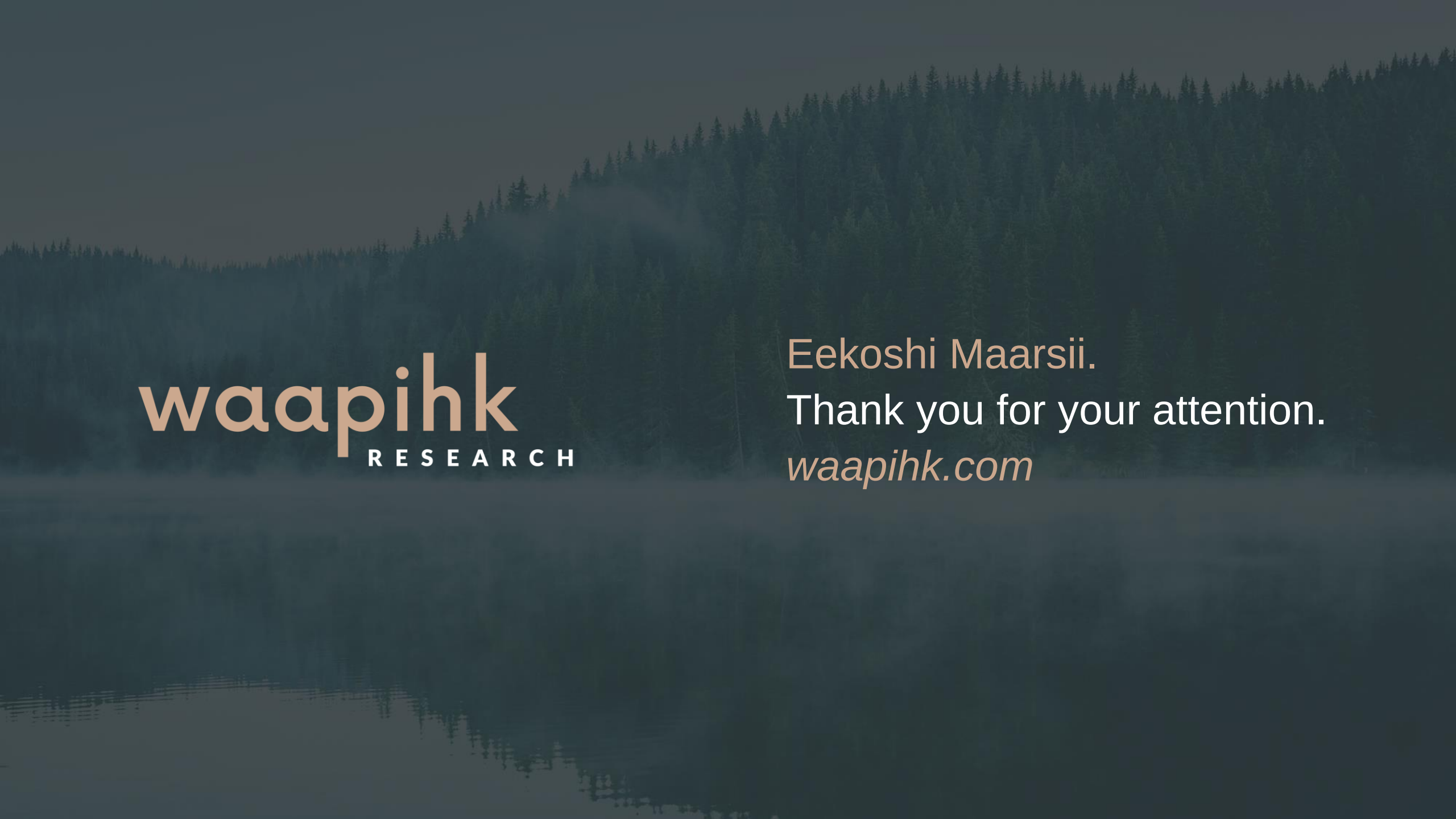
- Two or more Data Sources
- Comparing data sources provides answers

Try it yourself — Start small!

- Collect some historical data from ATIP or FIPPA requests
- Add local data which might be helpful
- Develop a data organization strategy
- Foster responsible custody of the data with your own careful storage
- Build organizational capacity —
Develop an analysis practice

Questions and Comments





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