



Castlemain

Nak'azdli Whut'en

Community Economic  
Development  
Questionnaire

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## Community Questionnaire

Please circle your selected answer for each of the following questions:

1. Which of the following do you feel is the primary responsibility of the Nak'azdli Development Corporation to the community

- Create cash flow
- Create jobs
- Develop new skill sets
- Increase prestige

2. Which securities will most benefit your community in the future?

- Food Security
- Energy Security
- Cultural Security
- Job Security
- Housing Security

3. Which security is of utmost importance to you, personally?

- Food Security
- Energy Security
- Cultural Security
- Job Security
- Housing Security

4. Which community traditions do you feel best represent the Nak'azdli Whut'en Community from a business perspective?

- Fishing
- Agriculture
- Handmade Goods and Arts
- Hunting

5. Which resources from the land are most available and valuable to your community?

- Timber
- Minerals
- Water
- Agricultural Land
- Hunting & Fishing

6. Do you feel that the community is taking a positive advantage of these resources?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. Are you open to the development of these resources?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Do you feel cultural and environmental resources are being identified and protected?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. Is there a common problem facing your community?

- Unemployment
- Addiction
- Loss of Culture and Tradition
- Dependency on Transfer Funding

10. Do you believe that more or better economic development will help solve this problem?


- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. What type of change do you feel will come as a result of economic development activity?

- Positive Change
- Negative Change
- No Change
- Uncertain

12. Do you feel the community is prepared for new business opportunities?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



13. Do you feel community members have a way to express their feelings of pride and attachment to their community

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

14. Do you feel community members are well informed about economic development activities (i.e. is there transparency?)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. Do you feel community members are given the opportunity to provide input into community and economic development initiatives

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

16. Are you open to your community working with other communities on policy and program development?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

17. Are you open to your community working with non-aboriginal organizations as partners on economic development ventures?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

18. What is your community's attitude toward local economic/business development?

- Positive
- Indifferent
- In Opposition

19. Do you feel the community is in favour of development taking place within the designated economic development lands, for community-run commercial or retail purposes

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



20. Are you comfortable with tourists visiting the reserve for commercial purposes?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

21. Which economic development opportunity do you feel would best reflect the values and aspirations of the community

- Franchise (i.e. Tim Hortons, Wendys, Etc.)
- Industrial Commercial Development
- Recreational
- Agricultural
- Tourism
- Renewable Energy Projects
- Forestry
- Mining
- None of the above

22. Are you open to the development of a bingo business on reserve?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

23. Are you open to the development of a resort style business on reserve?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

24. The community should pursue renewable energy initiatives, e.g. solar, wind, water, bio-energy.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

25. Which renewable energy sources would you be most comfortable investing community resources in?

- Solar
- Wind
- Water/Hydro Facility
- Bio-Energy



26. To date, development in the community has been designed with environmentally sustainability in mind

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

27. The community possesses a skilled labour force, with good work habits, and willingness to accept all forms of employment

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

28. How would you describe the quality of employment opportunities based on availability, job opening ratio, wage rates and employment statistics?

- Very Good
- Good
- Poor
- Very Poor

29. Which job skill sets do you feel the community as a whole would benefit most from?

- Trades
- Retail & Service
- Financial
- General Labour / Construction
- Business Management

30. The community promotes itself and its businesses in local, national and international markets

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

31. Are youth aware of the concept of entrepreneurship?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

32. Local owners of business and industry are committed to working with the community on future improvements and economic development ventures

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

33. Currently, how active is the informal economy (Informal economy is the part of a community which is not monitored by any form of government or included in reporting to any governing bodies)?

- Highly Active
- Somewhat Active
- Inactive

34. Do you feel revenue from community businesses stays in the community?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

35. To what extent does it leak out into the external economy?

- Always
- Often
- Sparingly
- Never

Food for thought.... If you had a magic wand, and had 3 wishes with respect to economic development, what would those wishes be?

1.

2.

3.

