



# Economic Development Strategic Plan Community Questionnaire

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## Project Background

In collaboration with the Economic Development Committee, MNP will be supporting the development of the Economic Development Strategy Project that will provide guidance for developing and improving all aspects of Economic Development within the community over the next decade. Curve Lake First Nation wishes to develop an economic strategic plan to map out their current and future business opportunities as well as identify internal strategic initiatives that will be supportive in moving towards greater economic sustainability. The plan will assist the community with capturing future economic opportunities and will provide an achievable road map that outlines initiatives best suited to assist the community with supporting business and economic activity.

## Opportunity Identification Questionnaire

The Questionnaire is a fundamental part of the economic development process and the first step in establishing a comprehensive, holistic understanding of the community.

The results will inform our strategic analysis and assist the Economic Development Committee in making fiscal decisions for short-and long-term sustainable economic, social and infrastructure development. Analysis of the completed Questionnaire will ensure that future economic development is in keeping with the community's goals and values, while expanding awareness and understanding of the assets within the community and the internal economic development challenges it faces. Overall, the opportunity identification process promotes positive community engagement and informs leadership about members' opinions and aspirations.

We would like to note that any unanswered questions will remain an opportunity to improve the community's planning for the future. Unanswered questions may indicate that a community has gaps where knowledge, skills and awareness can be enhanced.

All responses will remain completely anonymous and if at any time you require clarification do not hesitate to contact an MNP team member for assistance.

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*Or if you prefer to complete and submit the questionnaire online, please follow the link provided below. The access password is **1610** (the first four digits from your 10 digit status number).*

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLFN\\_EconomicDevelopment](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLFN_EconomicDevelopment)

## About MNP

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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 CLFN Economic Development Committee 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 CLFN 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 resources of cultural and environmental significance 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. Community members have a way to express their feelings of pride and attachment to their community

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

14. Community members are well informed about economic development activities (i.e. is there transparency?)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. 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. 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
- Renewable Energy Projects
- 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 environmental 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

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?

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