

Cold Lake First Nations

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Message to Members

Edlánat'e.

This month, we heard the hopes and concerns of CLFNs members for the future of Economic Development. The priorities of the members we spoke with were clear.

As we continue meeting with CLFNs member on this project we hope to continue hearing questions and concerns so that we can work towards transparency, accountability and communication on topics that we cover in the future.

Please join us at future sessions so we can incorporate your feedback into actions, working towards a better future for CLFNs members.

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Community Concerns

Lack of communication to members about band owned businesses, economic development and community members

- Information should be made available to community members
- Information should be broken down into reports for community members
- Information sharing should be regularly shared

Lack of trust between community members and Businesses

- Nepotism
- Who benefits from the success of economic development initiatives?

Lack of transparency between business leadership and community members

- No knowledge of investment in community businesses
- No knowledge on "community benefit" or "community impact" of new businesses or business decisions

Lack of accountability between businesses and community members

- Unclear where revenue dollars go
- Which funding to community programs comes from businesses

Opportunities for Improvement

Regular communication between businesses, economic development, and community members

- Regular Reporting to community members
- Communication of business trends and financial information
- Reporting to be done in segments so the community has time to research and learn

Build trust between community members and Businesses

- Build connections between businesses and the community
- Businesses can create mentorship opportunities for community members

Build transparency between businesses, leadership, and community members

- Share board decisions and who sits on which boards with the community
- Share where revenues go with members
- Open procurement policies and practices

Increase accountability by businesses to community members

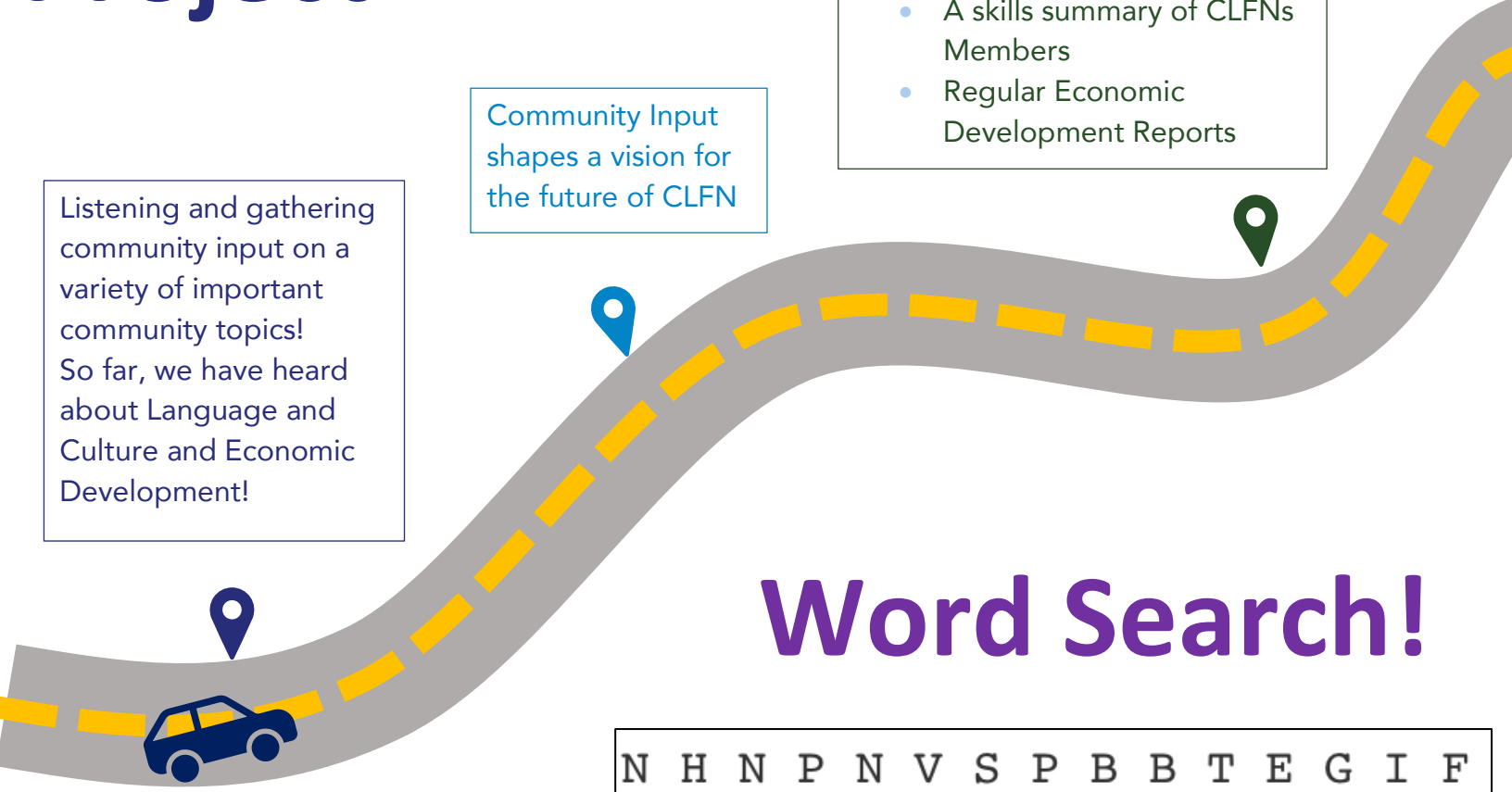
- Businesses to have annual public AGMs open to community members
- Report to community regarding cash flows and community programs operating with business funds

The Project

Community Input shapes a vision for the future of CLFN

Listening and gathering community input on a variety of important community topics! So far, we have heard about Language and Culture and Economic Development!

- Action Planning to achieve the community vision. Some Actions Community members would like to see are:
- A demographic Summary of CLFNs Members
 - A skills summary of CLFNs Members
 - Regular Economic Development Reports



Word Search!

Words to Find:

- BANNOCK
- COMMUNITY
- CULTURE
- EDUCATION
- ELDERS
- FUTURE
- LANGUAGE
- NAGHELNA (heal)
- NÁTE (dream)
- STEW
- THECHAZ (stew)
- TSEGHENAI (life)

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Ideas for the Future:

- Programs and workshops for local entrepreneurs
 - Financial Literacy Workshops
 - Golf Clinics
 - Employment supports
- Green Energy Program
 - Solar fields/water systems
- Paving roads
- High School
 - Programming to get students ready for university
 - Drivers Ed/ Licencing
 - Arts Camps
- Resources for off reserve members
 - Transportation support
 - Housing support



“The most important asset we have is our people”

Next Steps:

- Our next engagement topic will be **EDUCATION!**
- We will be discussing this topic **during CLFN's Information and Housing Week**
- This will be happening on **December 11th and 12th**
- We will be at the **Marriot from 12 - 7** to talk to community members
- We will be in **Edmonton** at our space in the Indigenous Knowledge and Research Centre at **Concordia on December 13th from 5:30 -7:30** to talk about Education to Edmonton members