

Kitsumkalum CCP - Economy Survey

What is your vision for Kitsumkalum's economy?

Kitsumkalum is working on a comprehensive community plan (CCP) and gathering information from community members about your vision and goals for the future of Kitsumkalum. Your responses will only be seen by the CCP team, Heather Bohn and Tracy Sam. The topics for the questions come from the community, based on feedback at the CCP Launch (Sept. 12, 2015) and from the advisory committee.

If you have any questions or comments please get in touch with us:
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ECONOMY:

Economy generally means the financial systems in a community - businesses, entrepreneurship, how funds are used and managed, the job market, good employees, whether or not people are able to make good wages and afford a happy/healthy life, how poverty is dealt with, and how wealthy people are in the non-monetary sense (i.e. they have a lot of food, lots of family support, lots of skills and tools, etc.)

MONEY MANAGEMENT

1. Do you think that band funds are well managed?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain:

2. Do you have any suggestions for how community members could be more "in-the-loop" about band funds, including revenue from big projects in the territories?

3. What do you think could be done to improve money management?

How can chief and council better manage funds?

How can staff better manage funds?

How can households/individuals better manage funds?

How can the government (INAC, Health Canada) better manage funds?

4. Do you think we should allow big projects in our territories where there's a financial benefit to the band?

Never - protection of the land should be our main concern

It depends - maybe, if the project is not too destructive

For sure - we need the funds!

5. Please explain your answer to question 3:

6. When the band gets own-source revenue (funds not from the government) what do you think we should use them for?

Please rank the following options (1=most important, 7=least important)

<input type="text"/>	Covering old debts and operating costs
<input type="text"/>	Starting new projects/covering things that don't have ongoing funding
<input type="text"/>	Put into savings for future needs
<input type="text"/>	Micro loans for community members
<input type="text"/>	Grants/scholarships for community members
<input type="text"/>	Financial assistance to band members in need
<input type="text"/>	Other: _____

7. Do you think that community fundraising is a good way to tackle projects that the community wants that are unfunded?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain:

8. Would you personally help fundraise for community projects that are unfunded?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain:

9. Do you think we should try and become financially self-sufficient?

Absolutely - I would love to see us 100% self- funded!	I would like to see somewhat financially self- sufficient, but still using some government funds	No - I think we will always rely on government funding
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POVERTY

10. Do you think that poverty is a problem in Kitsumkalum?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain

11. What do you think community members living in poverty need the most? Why?

12. What do you think could be done to reduce poverty in our community?

JOBS

13. Do you think that community members are given fair opportunities to apply for on-reserve jobs?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain:

14. Can you think of any examples where employed community members were paid lower or otherwise treated worse than non-member employees?

15. What can be done to make sure community members get fulfilling, well-paid jobs?

16. Do you think that Kitsumkalum staff are well trained?

- They're very well trained
- They're generally well trained, but there's room for improvement
- I don't know
- They're generally not well trained
- They're not trained at all

17. Would you like to see more band funds and staff time put towards professional development/training for staff?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please explain:

18. Imagine two people apply for the same on-reserve job: One is a community member with some experience and little training, the other is a non-community member with lots of experience and training. Who would you rather see get the job?

Always the community member		It depends on the situation		Always the most well- trained/experienced candidate
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19. What kind of job training/certification do you think is most needed in our community?

BUSINESSES

20. How could we encourage community members to be entrepreneurs and start their own businesses?

21. What new businesses would you like to see developed, that you think could generate a lot of revenue?
Any businesses that you think could also solve a social problem?

22. Do you have any final comments about our community's economy, such as other ideas/goals, your overall vision for a healthy economy, or any other suggestions?