

## DECISION ASSESSMENT TOOL

The Community Plan can help assess decisions or proposed projects. Work through the following questions to explore decisions or projects in light of the complex and interconnected considerations that community members have identified.

### 1. Describe the Decision or Project

What are the intended outcomes of the decision or project? Of the 34 goals in the Community Plan (see Overview of Community Priorities & Goals on pages 12-13), which three does your decision or project align with most closely?

### 2. Community Engagement

Describe the community engagement approach you have taken or will take to understand community members' outlooks on the decision or project. The Community Plan can inform engagement by preparing you to address common themes identified in the Key Challenges and Concerns section within each goal page.

### 3. Identify Competing or Alternative Decisions or Projects

Are there alternative or existing ways that the intended outcomes of this decision or project can be achieved? Explore the Timeline section of each goal page to learn about ongoing or proposed projects.

### 4. Collaboration

Identify how you are collaborating with other community groups or organizations working toward the same broad goal. The Suggested Lead Partners section of each goal page may help you identify collaborators.



## 5. Anticipating Impacts

Describe the positive and negative impacts to each of the 8 priorities. Look through the 34 Goal Pages to think about how the decision or project impacts specific Goals, using the wheel to explore interconnections.

Priority	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Mother Earth		
Culture		
Governance		
Community		
Built Environment		
Employment & Education		
Wealth & Economy		
Wellbeing		



## 6. Measuring Progress

Identify how you could measure the impacts described above. Use the section *Measuring Progress* within the goal pages to identify potential measurable indicators. What would be the research demands to adequately measure success?

## 7. Stakeholders and Conflict Resolution

Identify how this decision may affect people, institutions, organizations, lives, future generations, children, values, concerns, wishes, and expectations. How might the impacts identified in question 5 affect stakeholders differently? Who would be for and against the decision? Where could conflict among stakeholders emerge, and how can you mitigate and resolve conflicts?

## 8. Strategic Planning

Where does your decision or project fall in terms of short/medium/long term (see criteria under *Timeline* on page 15 of the Community Plan)? If it is in the long-term today, are there strategic actions you could take to make it a reality sooner?

## 9. Trends and Future State of Community

Describe key trends or changes within the community and broader society that could impact whether the desired outcomes will be realized. Identify the implications and consider the likelihood of their occurrence.



**10. Reassessment of the Decision**

Revisit the decision or proposed project. Write a short opinion advising whether the decision should proceed with the original approach, proceed with modifications, proceed to community engagement for further dialogue or not proceed at all.

