

Sagamok Anishnawbek Community Engagement Summaries

What You've Said So Far

Mizhinawe Session July 17, 2023

Youth Session December 8, 2023

Elders Session December 12, 2023

Sagamok General Session February 25, 2024

Online Survey February 25 – July 13, 2024

Sault Ste Marie Session Jan 15, 2024

Sudbury Session January 16, 2024

Toronto Session January 19, 2024

Ottawa Session January 20, 2024

Sagamok General Session May 25, 2024

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Mizhinawe Report indicated strong responses around development of a trust and ensuring investment and growth

- Q1: How can community ensure settlement benefits future generations?
 - Money should be put into a trust that would grow over time
 - Trust should only spend or distribute interest earned
 - Put money into investments with medium-high interest, stocks, bonds to ensure money for future generations
 - Money in trust for minors should only be released if certain conditions met (ie. graduate, etc)
 - Trust needs transparency and to be overseen by trusted members
 - A second trust for annual payments to members (local annual annuity/ per capita)
 - to be used for business investing, with some shareholder dividends benefits

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YOUTH FORUM



Date: Friday December 8th, 2023

Number of Youth: 46

Number of Staff: 18

The following questions were asked at the Youth Forum on Friday December 8th, 2023 through round table discussions through five groups that were assisted by Staff by recording their answers and leading the discussions.

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Youth Feedback:

How should we invest in the future and for our future generations?

- Put monies aside to help with future planning
- Little NHL Hockey teams and hockey school- put money away for this yearly
- Green Energy Investment
- Infrastructure:
 - Recreation Arena- Basketball Court
 - Hockey Arena/ Recreation Arena
 - More Homes (low income)
 - Restaurant
 - Bus Service
 - Police Services
 - Hospital & Ambulance
 - Elders Lodge
 - Booster Juice Business
 - Skateboard Park Use
 - Addiction Treatment Centre
 - Waterfront Park
 - Hiking Trails
 - Animal Shelter

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE FUTURE:

- Transportation Services: Bus service, Bike Rental service
- More Recreation & Sports Teams
- More stores
- More opportunities for Youth Employment
- More land-based learning
- Cultural Programs & Ceremonies- keep us connected
- Transitional Supports
- Language lessons
- Financial Advisors
- Life Skills Programs

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ELDERS FORUM



DATE: Tuesday December 12th, 2023

LOCATION: New Community Hall

ELDERS IN ATTENDANCE: 47

**NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
COMPLETED:** 26

On Tuesday December 12th, 2023 the Elders Forum was held with the topic of discussion was Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Case, which Elders were asked the following questions for their input.

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Elder Feedback: How should we invest in the future and for our future generations?

- Infrastructure
 - Sidewalks
 - Expand Eagle Lodge (staffing, training, qualified professionals)
 - Recreation complex (arena)
 - Capital projects and infrastructure
 - Housing
 - Treatment & detox centre
- Programs & Services:
 - Loans, lending money with interest back for future
 - Sports, recreation
 - Financial planning, budgeting
 - Health benefits
 - For Elders living at home some form of support (more PSWs)
 - More police & ambulance services
 - Land based activities
 - Good education for youth - teachers, nurses, Dr's
- Investment
 - 50/50 Locked in and Slush Fund
 - Set up a Trust – interest back into trust
 - Investing in our future and young people
 - Economic development
 - Tourism
 - Put money aside for the future and for future generations to come
- Engagement
 - Elders to communicate more in any good way
 - Allow the membership to have a voice in how the money is spent, projects approved, etc.
 - Elders should be a consideration since they were there in the beginning – some already passed on
 - Include all community members in the decisions regarding the funds
 - Community forums

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GENERAL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

URBAN SESSIONS:

- Sault Ste Marie Session Jan 15, 2024
- Sudbury Session January 16, 2024
- Toronto Session January 19, 2024
- Ottawa Session January 20, 2024

SAGAMOK GENERAL SESSIONS:

- February 25, 2024
- May 25, 2024

ONLINE SURVEY:

- February 25 – July 13, 2024

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Emergent Themes for Trust Investment

Health

- Land based treatment, healing lodge, aftercare plans
- Community based nursing, seniors nursing home, dialysis at home
- Support members with ISC cutbacks (medication, dental, eyeglasses, etc)

Language & Culture

- Traditional teachings (spiritual, ceremonial, medicinal)
- Language revitalization
- Traditional art forms and crafts to be taught
- Be accessible to all interested with dedicated facilities for these

Seniors / Elders

- Seniors Facility
- In Home Care Supports
- Income Supplements

Children / Youth

- Supporting children in care
- Social, cultural and recreational programming

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Emergent Themes for Trust Investment

Education

- Student Income Supports
- Life skills, Land Based, Traditional Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Special Education
- Language & History Curriculum

Governance

- Nationbuilding & Alliances
- Self Sustainability & Food Sovereignty
- Community Law Development
- Comprehensive Community Plan and Community Story
- Preserving our territory and environment

Economic & Business Development

- Local Business Development and Job Creation
- Investments & Land Purchases
- Investments in environmental projects, wind, solar, greenhouses
- Social & Entertainment Gathering Spaces

Infrastructure & Housing

- Various Housing Infrastructure both on and off reserve
- Community roads, streetlights, hiking trails, clean beaches
- Social, Cultural & Recreational Facilities (Healing lodge, Pool, Arena)
- Fire, Ambulance, Police & Safety (cameras) Infrastructure

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Additional Considerations



Sagamok Administration receives many requests for financial assistance throughout the year from on and off reserve members.

These requests demonstrate a clear need for member support that may want consideration in the development of a trust income distribution policy.

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Current Financial Assistance Requests

Recreation & Sport Participation

- Fees for Organized Sports (Rec League, Minor Hockey, Competitive League)
- Costs to participate in sporting tournaments (Little NHL, All Ontario, North American Indigenous Games, etc)

Cultural / Language Participation

- Supports to travel to ceremony
- Supports to access traditional healers
- Language Conferences
- Cultural Workshops & Gatherings

Funeral Attendance

- Travel to attend non-member family member's funeral
- Family support for funeral and burial costs
- New Community Hall rental fee waive for wakes and funerals

Exceptional / Emergency Supports

- Elders stove wood
- Travel to accompany family in support of health emergencies
- Emergency support due to wildfire, flood
- Emergency Hardship Supports (accident, infestation, etc)

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Engagement Components

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Policy Development Engagement

Sagamok Anishnawbek Chief & Council are seeking input from our membership before finalizing the policy.

There are some key questions to help inform policy components.

Here is some background

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Committee Make up

- A trust committee would need to be identified and utilized to oversee distribution of annual interest earned from the trust.
- The Committee would make a recommendation on the cash flow allocation to Chief and Council for approval each year.
- This will allow the committee to take into consideration the current environment and community needs, allocating more or less on an annual basis to different sectors. For example

Example Allocation Sector	Example Initial Allocation (Prior to Mar 31)	Example Updated Allocation (Prior to Nov 30)	Multi-Year Commitment
Individual Annual Distribution	XX%	XX%	No
Senior Support	XX%	XX%	No
Newborn Fund	XX%	XX%	Yes
Housing	XX%	XX%	Yes
Education	XX%	XX%	No
Health	XX%	XX%	No
Economic Development	XX%	XX%	No
Cultural	XX%	XX%	Yes
Legal for Land Claims	XX%	XX%	No
TOTAL	100%	100%	

- Once the cash flow allocation has been approved, the Committee would review each application submitted. The Committee could meet at least quarterly or more/less frequently, depending on number of applications submitted. The Committee could review the allocation prior to the end of the year to determine if any re-allocations are needed

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Committee Questions

- Committees are generally between 5-10 members. Too many members risks delays in decision making. Too few members risks insufficient diversity of representation.
- **Q1 TRUST COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**
- How should the make up of the committee be considered?
- **Q2 COMMITTEE MEMBER CRITERIA**
- What criteria should be considered for appointment to the Trust Committee?

HAVE SOME DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP AND PROVIDE SOME COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS



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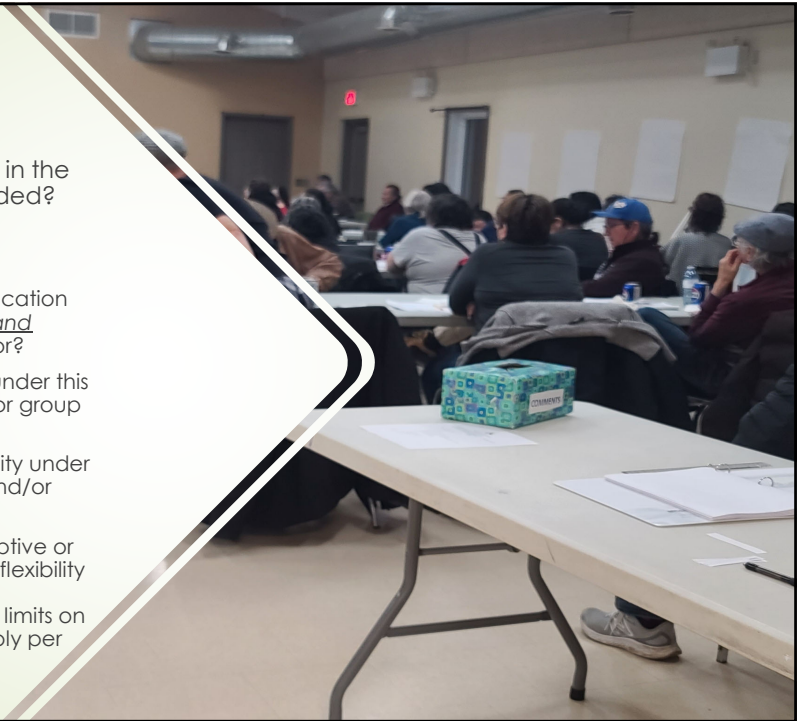
Committee Sector Possibilities

- Annual Member Distribution – every member could get an individual payment each year (ie Christmas)
- Newborn Fund – every new born baby could have an amount put into trust for them
- Senior/Chi-Anishnawbek – every senior (ie 65+) could receive an income supplement at certain intervals
- Art, Recreation & Sport – supporting individuals costs to participate and/or creating programs for members
- Culture & Language - supporting individuals costs to participate and/or creating programs for members
- Education - supporting individuals costs to participate and/or creating programs for members
- Health - supporting individuals costs to participate and/or creating programs for members
- Housing & Infrastructure - supporting building and or investing in housing and infrastructure on and/or off reserve
- Economic Development & Investment - supporting individuals costs to participate in business opportunities and/or creating programs for members and/or investing funds for future growth

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Sector Questions

- Do you feel that Section belongs in the policy based on feedback provided?
Yes / No
- If Yes...
 - Should the section have an application criteria for individual applicants and group applications or just either or?
 - What should be eligible activity under this section (for both individual and/or group applications)
 - What should not be eligible activity under this section (for both individual and/or group applications)
 - Should the policy be very prescriptive or should there be some degree of flexibility to be considerate of individual circumstances by Committee (ie limits on amounts and/or # times can apply per year)



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Honor our 7 Sacred Teachings

- Respect – participate in a kind way
- Love – help keep this is a safe space for everyone
- Honesty – ensure you represent your ideas and intentions honestly
- Bravery - If you are unsure, ask
- Humility - Don't interrupt, let everyone speak - share equal time
- Wisdom – There are many ways of seeing and knowing
- Truth - Be open minded and don't judge one for sharing their viewpoints

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