



Citizen Engagement & Community Approval

NCFNG Governance Workshops

It is vital that First Nations determine the best ways for their citizens to contribute to important decisions. What matters most is that the process of decision making be open, inclusive, appropriate to the community, and that issues are widely understood. Citizen engagement is a process for giving people an opportunity to understand issues and provide meaningful feedback. Community approval, on the other hand, ensures that the important decisions made on behalf of your First Nation are vested with legal authority. This workshop is for First Nations that want to engage their citizens and plan for successful community approval.

benefits>

- Improve your ability to communicate effectively with citizens – reducing miscommunication and conflict.
- Craft better agreements and policies that reflect the needs of citizens and address their concerns.
- Understand when community approval is needed and explore different models of community approval.
- The workshop is conveniently held in your community.

objectives>

- Understand what citizen engagement is and how it contributes to effective governance.
- Provide best practices for conducting citizen engagement.
- Understand the importance of planning for community approval.
- Review best practices related to community approval.
- Leave participants with practical tools, resources, and examples.

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> Community Visioning & Strategic Planning

> Territorial Rights

> Citizenship Laws

> Leadership Selection

> Culture, Tradition & Effective Governance

> Introduction to Constitutions

> Law & Policy Development

> Youth & Emerging Leadership

participants of the Citizen Engagement & Community Approval Workshop might also consider these workshops:

- > Community Visioning & Strategic Planning
- > Law & Policy Development
- > Citizenship Laws



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questions & answers >

Who uses the Citizen Engagement & Community Approval workshop?

This workshop is for First Nations who want to engage citizens and plan for successful ratification of decisions. It is for First Nations who need to share information with citizens, gain feedback on alternatives and plan for implementation of new governance institutions. The workshop is beneficial for:

- Chief and Council
- Senior Managers
- Governance Project Coordinators
- Community Members
- Community Leaders

Why would your Nation take this workshop?

First Nation citizens want more communication with leadership. Leadership is often seeking more effective ways to include citizens in governance. One way to achieve both of these objectives is to engage citizens in setting direction, evaluating options, and important decisions of the Nation. When First Nations do this effectively they will have greater support of citizens. Formal community approval processes can also have the added benefit of investing those decisions with legal authority.

What will you and your Nation learn?

Your Nation will learn what citizen engagement is and how it contributes to effective governance. You will consider who you need to engage and how. You will understand the key questions to consider when seeking community approval for important decisions.

Who delivers this workshop?

The workshop is delivered by aboriginal facilitators that understand First Nation communities, history, and law. They have been trained to use innovative facilitation techniques that communicate key concepts to a diverse audience. All material used in the workshop is grounded in our legal, academic and community-based research for restoring First Nations.

How long does it take?

This workshop is delivered over two full days.

Where are sessions held?

This workshop takes place in your community.

What
Participants are
saying about our
Workshops



“The facilitation skills, tools that the staff used were second to none.”

“Very informative and liked the interaction with the different community members.”



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