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AN EVOLVING CONVERSATION ON ENERGY, CLIMATE, & LIVELIHOODS

What residents from downtown Edmonton's O-day'min ward want: A summary from our Communities' Transition Pathways 2nd Session

A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH...

The approach for this program is to host sessions facilitated by locals who give a general outline of the themes for the day but is unique in that participants shape the agenda for the day's session as well as subsequent events. This was the second of three sessions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

This conversation was the second of three workshops in this ward. In the first session, the key emerging themes were affordability, accessibility, and social support. This time, participants drilled down a little more specifically and the focus emerged on **three major components**:

- **Housing:** Across the three discussion topics in this session, discussants consistently returned to housing as an area where concerns around accessibility, affordability, and social supports converge as well as the concept of sustainability.
- **Government:** Participants consistently expressed their desires, frustrations, and concerns regarding the role of government in their everyday lives. The focus was consistently on the role of provincial governments, indicating that the community members we spoke with view provincial policies as having the greatest impact on their daily lives.
- **Community-Led Solutions:** Despite these frustrations, participants conveyed a sense of optimism about a community-led approach to tackling O-day'min's most significant issues, like affordable housing and food access. Over and over, the conversation returned to a desire to build a strong community, capable of advocating for and implementing change.

ABOUT THE ATTENDEEDS

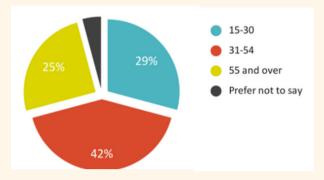
Self-identifying Indigenous Participants



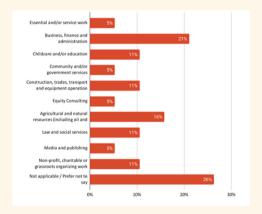
WHY O-DAY'MIN?

While the impacts of climate change will be felt by all Edmontonians, we chose Oday'min as a starting point for these conversations because community members have already voiced concerns about declining economic opportunities, housing unaffordability, and other issues that will be exacerbated by climate change and industry transitions.

Age range of Participants



Job Sector of Participants



I&E plans to share the knowledge gained from this community event with the community of Oday'min and other communities across Canada. The discussions sparked by this event have the potential to inspire future conversations, ideas, and community interests.

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