



O-day'min, Edmonton



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LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNITY ON ENERGY, CLIMATE, & LIVELIHOODS

What downtown Edmonton residents want: a summary from our Communities' Transition Pathways Session

A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH...

In January 2023 Iron & Earth hosted an event in O-day'min, Edmonton, Alberta as part of the Communities Transition Program. 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.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

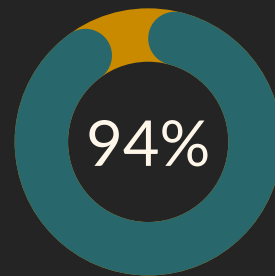
Three key interconnected themes emerged from the conversation:

- **Affordability:** Participants were feeling the impact of an increasing cost of life, from housing and transportation to food, utilities, and found more environmentally conscious alternatives cost-prohibitive.
- **Accessibility:** This was key for participants, including access to resources (like food, transportation, and funding), nature, and information. Participants noted how clear, unbiased information felt hard to come by - so many media sources felt like "propaganda." Nature as a gathering & social space was also important.
- **Social Support:** Participants both identified their own needs as well as the desire to look out for "those hit the hardest" in their community. Free public spaces - including warming and cooling centres - as well as mental health and addictions supports, were some of the mentioned ideas.



WHY O-DAY'MIN?

While the impacts of climate change will be felt by all Edmontonians, we chose O-day'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.







of Participants who stated they learned something new by participating, would participate again.

The feedback collected from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with a majority expressing high satisfaction with the discussion and a desire to continue the conversation. The event provided valuable insights and will serve as a foundation for future community sustainability initiatives.

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