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COMMUNITY TALKS EDMONTON: DENE WARD SESSION #2

A community-driven approach...

Iron & Earth (I&E) is a non-profit organization with roots in the fossil fuel industry that is working toward a future where the workforce is dynamically engaged in a thriving green economy. Community Talks is Iron and Earth's engagement initiative designed to spark conversations about how environmental, social, and economic changes impact people across Canada. **This report summarizes the second community conversation hosted in Ward Dene (Northeast Edmonton) and Sherwood Park, Alberta, in partnership with David Suzuki Foundation. This event series is funded by generous support from Alberta EcoTrust Foundation and Natural Resources Canada.**

Key takeaways

- **Cost of Living Supports:** Participants demanded a greater government response to the unaffordable cost of living, including regulating higher wages, implementing rent caps, providing subsidies for high-cost expenses like rent, and expanding accessibility criteria for assistance programs.
- **Job Security Supports:** Community members emphasized their desire for job security, with an interest in more paid training opportunities with a guaranteed path to employment, as well as more support specifically tailored to Indigenous job seekers.
- **Accountable and Transparent Energy Industry:** People were skeptical towards energy companies and want industry to be more accountable to the community, through financial support and transparency about their future development plans.

For the complete report, visit: communitytalkscanada.ca/reports/



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About Participants

- **35%** of participants were employed in construction, trades, transport & equipment operations, or the fossil fuel sector
- **71%** of participants in this event self identified as Indigenous
- **84%** of participants were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with their experience at the Community Conversation
- **91%** of people shared that they had learned something new from participating



Excerpt

“I would like to see more money coming to the community...there is a lot of revenue coming from [the energy industry], but it's not impacting the community like it should be.”



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