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Québec City Community Engagement Session
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SUMMARY REPORT



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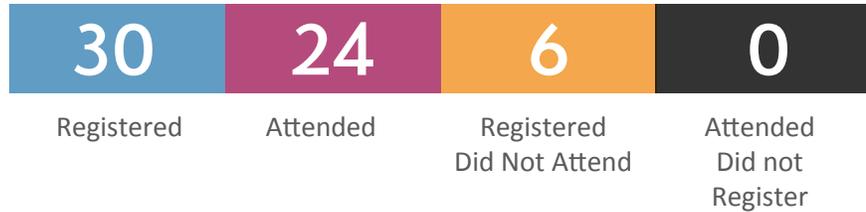
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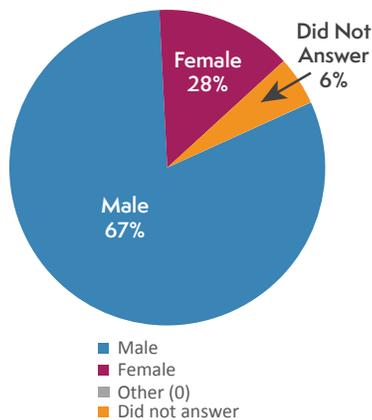


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PARTICIPANTS

Invitation outreach contacted 55 individuals or organizations and 30 participants registered for the session. However, 6 of those did not attend.

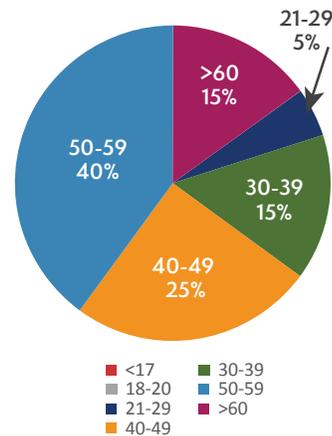


PARTICIPANTS GENDER DESIGNATION

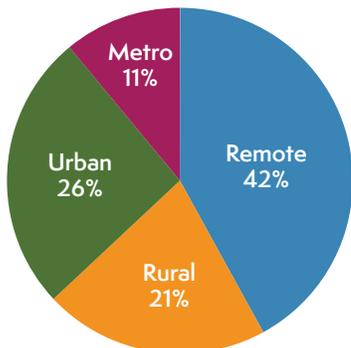


The majority of participants were male.

PARTICIPANTS AGE



More than half the group was aged 50 and over.



PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

A large proportion of attendees were from remote communities





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WHAT WE HEARD IN GENERAL

Participants spoke about the need for partnerships between communities and for community champions. Participants also noted the need for the IFMO to address community needs and to be aware of the differing community needs from region to region, remote to non-remote.

GOVERNANCE MODELS

Participants at the Québec City community engagement session could not seem to come to a consensus on one model — there were discussions for and against each model. However, of the four models presented, more people seemed to prefer policy governance.

Question: Of the models that the IFMO has suggested, which one might best serve communities?

- > Security and sustainability are important. The new structure has to last.
- > One spokesperson with regional reps: Policy Governance Board.
- > Policy governance: one voice, coming to a consensus.

Question: What might you advise the IFMO to consider when shaping the organizational structure, model and roles?

- > They need to have an expert or professional brought in before they make a decision about a board.
- > Non-Indigenous and Indigenous worlds should both be satisfied.
- > Consensus gives weaker people an out when decisions have to be made.

Question: Of the Principles of Good Governance, which two or three do you feel are most critical to follow?

- > Transparency.
- > Accountability.

Question: Are there aspects of these models that you feel might not be well accepted or understood, trusted or followed? Please tell us why so that your input can be fully considered in any further designs.

- > I don't like the cooperative governance model because the executive director has all the say.





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Question: In what ways do you see yourself or members of your community being actively involved in these structures?

- > The ones with the fire departments will have a voice. If you don't, who lobbies for you? The IFMO will have to reach out or you will have to have a community champion.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Question: Of the near-term priorities presented by the IFMO, what might you see as missing from the list?

- > Consultation with the tribal councils.
- > IFMO has to use the provincial associations as a liaison for partnerships.
- > Be less scared of the Federal government.

Question: Although you might not feel your community will benefit from the near-term offerings, can you see your needs being addressed in the mid-term and longer-term plans?

- > IFMO needs to have a checklist of who they have reached out to and keep reaching out to other communities.
- > AFNQL – regional meeting presentation. Would be a great opportunity for a 45 min slot for an IFMO presentation.
- > Maybe we have to go back to our council tables and inform them of initiatives like this one, rather than pointing the finger at them for not attending.

Question: What might you say that you are surprised to NOT see on this list of Programs and Services?

- > Have to start from somewhere. Do it slowly, one step at a time.
- > We did not expect to have services already in place - they are in development phase.





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MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Question: What surprises have you seen based on what you thought might be possible?

- > No surprises.
- > It takes time to move something forward.
- > Nice job with this consultation.

Question: Which elements of the timeline seem unreasonable?

- > Timelines are part of the planning process and objectives.
- > When you are pressured to make a timeline that is when you make mistakes.
- > Does the IFMO have the luxury of time?

Question: Which elements of the timeline seems reasonable?

- > It seems like things are moving at a reasonable pace.

Question: What might be other priorities or more immediate-term needs that are missing in this timeline from your perspective?

- > What is your role, responsibility? Should probably have workshops for everyone to know their role within the IFMO.
- > Would it be up to council to implement? Or the housing and fire department?
- > The expertise that needs to be brought in such as investigators.

