

Kitikmeot

Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee



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Fall 2013 Executive Summary

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Executive Summary

The Kitikmeot Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (SEMC, 'the Committee') and the Doris North Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee met in Cambridge Bay on 20-21 November 2013.

The Regional meeting was well-attended and participants actively engaged with organizations in attendance. Governments and those companies active in the territory provided updates to the Committee on their activities and programs, followed by a discussion period for participants to ask questions on any of the presentations. Participants also engaged in a quick prioritization exercise by rating Valued Socio-Economic Components that they felt were most important based on the statistics presented at last year's meeting.

After selecting the top three areas of concern (Education, Housing, and Food Security), a second exercise was conducted to better understand the current challenges. Participants were separated into groups and asked to discuss specific topics within the areas of concern then formulate an action plan to address these challenges. The Education group wanted to further understand factors that contribute to kids leaving school. The Housing group, interested in increasing home ownership and decreasing overcrowding, wanted to know if communities have enough information and resources to understand home ownership and equity. The Food Security group was interested in looking at the connection between youth and their participation in traditional hunting activities.

The action plans that were developed are a starting point for further engagement with the organizations that have a role in addressing the Committee's concerns. In preparation for the next meeting, scheduled for March 2014 in Gjoa Haven, participants should be ready to build on the initial exercises and begin formulating a strategy to develop discussions into monitoring projects.