



**SAGKEENG**  
ANICINABE GOVERNMENT

## **VISIONING STRATEGY COMMUNITY SURVEY:**

### **WHITESHELL SITE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the Sagkeeng Visioning Strategy Community Survey! This survey is in support of a new Sagkeeng-led Visioning Strategy Project. The project's goal is to develop a community-led vision for the lands within the old Whiteshell nuclear facility.

#### ***Background***

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is finishing a draft plan for the Whiteshell site called a Land Use End State Plan. This plan will explain how they intend to manage leftover waste and what the site will look like after the old nuclear facility is shut down. It will show where, in their opinion, certain activities can safely happen on the land, and where public access will need to be restricted.

Sagkeeng has concerns about this plan and is undertaking a project to develop a community-led vision for the Whiteshell site. The project involves working with members to develop a Visioning Strategy that will focus on what's important to us, our concerns, and what we want for the future of the site. The final Visioning Strategy will guide our discussions with the Crown and CNL and help to ensure that decisions about the site's future reflect what matters most to Sagkeeng.

We will be holding in-person community engagement events about this project in Spring 2025. **But first**, we need to understand the best ways to involve you. This survey will help us learn about your priorities, what you already know about the site, and what you hope Sagkeeng will achieve through this project.

### **Who is this survey for?**

This survey is for all Sagkeeng community members. It has 19 questions. It should take about 15 minutes to complete. You can fill out the survey online by scanning the QR code below or by visiting this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SagkeengCommunitySurvey>



**As a thank you for your time and participation, we will be raffling off two (2) gift cards.** Details about the draw are provided at the end of the survey. Each person can complete the survey once and will be entered for a prize once.

You are welcome to contact the Band Office for support completing the survey or to drop off paper copies, addressed to Ariane Bruyere.

Please complete the survey and submit your responses by **April 14th, 2025**

## **CONSENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

Sagkeeng has hired a company called The Firelight Group to help administer this survey. Survey response data will be downloaded from the Survey Monkey website and safely stored on a secure, Canadian-based server that is owned and operated by The Firelight Group. At the end of the project, all collected information will be provided back to Sagkeeng.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Individual responses to this survey will be kept confidential to the survey administrators and will not be used for any purpose other than what is explained here. Completing this survey indicates that you understand this information and consent to participate. If you'd like more information about this project, what it is, and why it's happening, or if you require assistance in completing this survey, please contact:

**Ariane Bruyere, Community Coordinator, Sagkeeng Anicinabe Government**  
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## SURVEY QUESTIONS – PART ONE

### PART 1: YOUR VIEWS ON THE WHITESHELL SITE

*The following questions are intended to help the project team understand your views on the Whiteshell Site.*

1) Please identify how you **feel** when you think about the lands within the Whiteshell Site? *(please select the option that best applies and explain below)*

- Very good
- Good
- No comment
- Bad
- Very bad

*(please explain)*

2) What **concerns you the most** about the Whiteshell Site? *(please explain)*

3) What do you think is the **cause** of these concerns? *(please explain)*

4) How has the Whiteshell Site been **described to you** through shared stories or community knowledge? *(please explain)*

5) Do you hold any **other beliefs or opinions** about the Whiteshell Site that you would like to share? *(please explain)*

6) Do you have any questions about the Whiteshell Site and/or CNL's future plans for the site **that you would like the project team to ask CNL?** (*select one*)

- No
- Yes (please provide your questions below)

7) CNL has held engagement events with Sagkeeng members about the Whiteshell site in the past. **Have you ever participated in one of these previous opportunities?** (*select the answer that best applies*)

- Yes
- No (*please explain why*)

8) If you answered yes to Question 7, **how have your opinions about the Whiteshell Site changed** since the last time you participated in a CNL-led engagement event? (*please explain*)

# SURVEY QUESTIONS – PART TWO

## PART 2: THE VISIONING STRATEGY PROJECT

*These questions will help us understand what information you need to participate in the project and how we can make it easier for you to get involved.*

- 9) Do you have any **questions for the Sagkeeng project team or leadership** to help you better understand the Visioning Strategy Project? (select one)
  - No
  - Yes *(please provide your questions below)*

- 10) What **values or principles** do you want to see reflected in our process to develop a Visioning Strategy for the Whiteshell site? *(please explain)*

- 11) What do you want our **leaders and project team** to keep in mind as we move forward with the Visioning Strategy Project? *(please explain)*

12) "Visioning Strategy" is a temporary name for this project. If we were to give the project a new name, **what factors should we consider?** *(please select all that apply)*

- I'd like the name for the project and the strategy to be in Anishinaabemowin
- I'd like the new name to include cultural recognition of Sagkeeng's connection to these lands
- I'd like the new name to be more descriptive about what it aims to achieve
- I like the name the way it is
- I'm not sure now, but I'd like to circle back to this question when we are together in person during the upcoming engagement on this project
- The current name is too colonial, it should align with Sagkeeng's local knowledge and land stewardship practices
- Other

*(if you selected "other", please explain)*

13) Are you interested in **receiving future updates** about this project? *(select one)*

- Yes
- No

14) What is the **best way** to share information and project updates with you? (*select all that apply*)

- Email
- The SAFN website
- SAFN social media (e.g., Facebook, etc.)
- Community newsletters
- In-person or virtually facilitated engagement events
- Other (*please explain*)

15) In what way(s) would you **consider participating** in the Visioning Strategy Project? (*select all that apply*)

- Virtual interactive events (e.g., workshops held on Zoom)
- In-person events (e.g., community dinner and open house)
- I just want to receive project updates (e.g., reading newsletters, updates on social media)
- Surveys
- I prefer a mixture of engagement types
- None of the above (*please explain*)

16) What **time of day** during the week (Monday-Friday) are you most likely to be available to participate in a project engagement event? (*select all that apply*)

- Mornings (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- Afternoons (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- Evenings (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)



17) Which **locations** are you most likely to attend an in-person engagement event?  
(select all that apply)

- In Sagkeeng
- In Winnipeg
- In Selkirk
- Other (please identify a different location for us to consider hosting an event)

18) Would anything **prevent you from attending** engagement events in person or virtually? (select all that apply)

- I have no barriers to attending an event
- Lack of childcare
- No computer and/or internet access
- I am not comfortable using a computer
- Not enough notice
- No transportation to or from in-person events
- I have accessibility issues (e.g., hearing impaired, need a wheelchair, difficulty focusing in a busy room, etc.)
- I have difficulty reading and/or writing on printed materials
- I do not feel I know enough about the project
- Not interested
- Other (please explain)

19) Do you identify as a **registered member of Sagkeeng First Nation**? (select one)

- Yes
- No (if you selected no, please describe your relationship to Sagkeeng or why you feel interested in this project in the space provided below)

# Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Sagkeeng Visioning Strategy Project Community Survey!

This survey will remain open for a period of two weeks. The deadline for responses is April 14th and any announcements about this survey will be posted on the Sagkeeng Facebook page when they are available.

As a thank you for your time and participation, we will be raffling off two (2) gift cards to those who have completed this survey. Two winners will be identified on April 21, 2025 and will be contacted by a member of the project team using the contact information you provide below.

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

**Please note:** Any information provided here will be **used for the sole purpose of entering your name into the prize draw and contacting you if you have won a prize.** Your personal information will not be linked to any of your responses and you will not be contacted regarding any responses you provide. Each person can submit one survey and enter the prize draw once. Good luck!