

**Economic Development Working  
Committee Work Plan 2024-2025**

<b>Goal 1: Information Sharing and Communication</b>				
Objectives	Actions Required	Lead	Deliverables/Outcomes	Cost
<p>Facilitate information sharing opportunities for the Committee and all EDOs across the 13 communities through Committee meetings and other appropriate activities</p> <p>Ongoing and specifically at working committee meetings</p>	<p>Presentations at meetings from businesses, government, and communities</p> <p>Committee member roundtable is a standing agenda item</p> <p>Supported learning events, increased capacity development supporting economic growth of communities.</p> <p><u>NS Loyal:</u> Review draft NS Loyal program eligibility criteria and provide feedback to NS Loyal program manager.</p> <p>Annual event(s) as appropriate with all 13 communities.</p> <p>Considerations for MMIWG and TRC Calls to Justice and Action.</p>	<p>Lead: Co-Chairs</p> <p>Support: All</p>	<p>Committee members and EDOs aware of initiatives and resources related to economic development and employment and share with their organizations and communities</p> <p>Events, and other appropriate mechanisms to share information / updates / funding opportunities / etc. with communities.</p> <p>Recommendations to the NS Loyal Team on Indigenous participation and eligibility criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite NS Loyal to present an update</li> </ul>	<p>Completed at regular committee meetings, no anticipated additional cost</p> <p>One or two annual events in an appropriate form: symposiums, conferences, etc.</p> <p>Will leverage funding mechanisms, including the Project Fund</p>

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<b>Goal 2: Increase Capacity of Community Economic Development Officers (EDOs)</b>				
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions Required</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deliverables/Outcomes</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Increase EDO capacity though networking with each other and the Committee	<p>Undertake outreach and research to support development of a draft business case for EDO networking model approach, next steps, and budget</p> <p>EDO check-in to share committee work and learn about the communities</p> <p>Entrepreneurship Forum to support business growth, how do EDOs support needs, tools.</p> <p>EDO Symposium 2024-25 which could include topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• EDO Network Model/Research</li> </ul>	<p>Sub-Committee Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justine Maloney</li> <li>• Tracy Menge</li> </ul> <p>Sub-Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Hepworth</li> <li>• Kim Milley</li> </ul>	<p>Research for potential EDO model including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practices from other provinces, organizations</li> <li>• Potential funding sources</li> <li>• Investigate needs of EDOs to identify requirements for capacity development</li> </ul> <p>Report on EDO model approach, business case for development, and budget to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Identify challenges / opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Entrepreneurship Forum and/or Community EDO Symposium, Project Fund Applications</p>	<p>To be determined.</p> <p>Explore if Project Fund could support Community EDO Symposium and/or Entrepreneur Forum 2024-25</p>

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<b>Goal 3: Support for Communities to Engage in Renewable Energy Projects</b>				
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions Required</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deliverables/Outcomes</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Support Communities to understand and build capacity, initiate (joint or solo), participate in, and/or assess clean and renewable energy projects	<p>Resources and information accessible and shared with Committee and other partners as appropriate.</p> <p>Explore workforce opportunities, gaps, needs, and challenges Phase 1: Understanding opportunities – EDOs (linked to goal 2) information session</p> <p>Phase 2: Work with partners (i.e. KMKNO) and industry to identify the opportunities – who they hire, what qualifications or education required, etc.</p> <p>Phase 3: funding program resource</p>	<p>Leads: Tracy Menge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All</li> <li>• Blake Robichaud(resource)</li> </ul>	<p>Invite EDOs and others to virtual webinars on clean energy topics – create an enhanced awareness such as presentations and general knowledge sharing, program info, etc. such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sector Associations</li> <li>• Indigenous Clean Energy – how they can support communities</li> <li>• Government Departments</li> <li>• NRCan</li> <li>• KMKNO (Patrick Butler)</li> </ul> <p>Clean Foundation presented to committee on June 1, 2023.</p>	TBD

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<b>Goal 4: Tourism Sector Development</b>				
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions Required</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Deliverables/Outcomes</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Support and accelerate development of tourism business in Communities, as appropriate	<p>Networking and information sharing to increase awareness of economic opportunities created by tourism</p> <p>Collaborations with NSITEN, KMKNO, ITAC etc. – ensure gaps are identified and meaningful</p> <p>Joint collaboration with Culture &amp; Heritage Committee</p> <p>Tourism will be one of the areas of focus for the EDO symposium (link to goal 2),</p> <p>Review community strategies, build upon NSITEN and Mawio'mi research to develop initiatives and additional activities.</p>	<p>Lead: Mike Rothenburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Ann MacNeil</li> <li>• Rolls</li> <li>• Carys Wood</li> <li>• Kim Milley</li> <li>• Ann Sylliboy</li> <li>• Robert Bernard</li> <li>• Keith Messenger</li> <li>• Eileen Paul</li> <li>• Valerie Bowers</li> </ul>	<p>Presentations and Awareness of sector development (i.e. NSITEN, KMKNO, etc.)</p> <p>Presentations and/or workshops to address barriers (i.e. understanding taxation, training, etc.)</p> <p>EDO tourism session to increase awareness and support EDOs to work with entrepreneurs and/or band led businesses to develop products and businesses.</p>	TBD

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<b>Goal 5: Forestry Sector Development</b>				
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions Required</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deliverables/Outcomes</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Support and accelerate development of forestry initiatives and/or business in Communities, when identified and as appropriate	<p>Understand what the interest is across communities to participate in the forest sector OR which communities are already engaged in the sector</p> <p>Explore workforce opportunities, gaps, needs, and challenges</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Ann MacNeil Rolls</li> <li>• Mike Rothenburg</li> <li>• Ann Sylliboy</li> </ul>	<p>Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative (MFI) presented to the Committee in February 2024 to provide an overview of their work and if there is a potential partnership opportunity.</p> <p>Invite MFI to return to a committee meeting to present ideas for collaboration with the Ec Dev Committee.</p>	TBD