



Breakout Session:

Sustainable Development

Use these questions to help gauge the sustainability of a major development proposal and make climate-informed choices:

1. What is the project? How do you ensure that your community, committee, staff and leadership understand exactly what the development proposal is intended to be?
2. Is the integrity of the environment assured during construction and operation? What processes and laws under your Land Code can help you determine and manage these potential impacts over the long-term?
3. What role does your community's traditional knowledge play in assessing the project design?
4. How would you determine the most suitable location for the project?
5. What are the potential greenhouse gas emissions that will be released during construction and operation of the project? How would you find out? How does that align with your community goals?
6. What are the project's social impacts on the community? How can you identify the social impacts the project may bring (e.g. traffic, demographics, pollution, noise, etc.), and how can they be mitigated?
7. Will people's well-being be maintained or improved? What benefits will come to the community in addition to jobs and lease revenue? Where would you look to find out what kind of amenities the community is in need of?
8. Is the economic viability of the project assured over the long-term? Will the community and regional economy be better off as a result of this project? How can you find out?
9. How do you ensure transparent, accountable and participatory decision-making?
10. Does the community need to vote to approve the project? Why or why not?
11. How do you ensure there is ongoing compliance with your Laws and that operational issues have consequences and are dealt with swiftly and effectively?