

Who Should Participate in A Community Economic Development Planning Workshop?

Invite people with a positive attitude who represent a good cross section of the community, including (but not restricted to):

- Local business owners/managers (including retail, grocery, hospitality and food services, service businesses, manufacturing, etc.)
- Local business association representatives (Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, etc.)
- Municipal administration and councils (local as well as representatives from neighbouring municipalities)
- Tourism and economic development committees/groups
- Museum and library representatives
- Educators (school principal, teachers)
- Health care workers/professionals
- Recreation and parks boards; rink boards
- Community service groups such as Lions, Kinettes, agricultural society, etc.
- Sports and recreation groups (golf, curling, ball, hockey, etc.)
- Youth and senior group representatives
- People who support the community and live in close proximity to town
- New comers to the community *(It is important to have the participation of people who have moved to the area in the last five years and who were raised or have lived/worked in other communities)*
- Interested individuals
- Community leaders – people who are respected in the community

The more people who participate in the community economic development planning process, the better the “plan” will be and the more “buy in”/commitment there will be from the community at large....The most effective community economic development plans are those created for the community by the community.