



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

REGION 2: LOWER MAINLAND

**CRITICAL SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN ENGAGEMENT**

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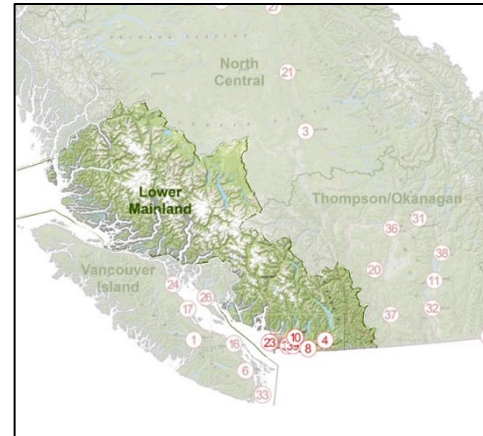
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REGION 2 – LOWER MAINLAND

Region 2: Lower Mainland BC is home to six (6) Métis Chartered Communities including:

- Chilliwack Métis Association (Chilliwack)
- Fraser Valley Métis Society (Abbotsford)
- Golden Ears Métis Society (Pitt Meadows)
- North Fraser Métis Association (New Westminster)
- Waceya Métis Society (Langley)
- Surrey Delta Métis Association (Surrey)



REGIONAL MÉTIS POPULATION

The following table presents the available population data for Region 2.

	Citizens*	% Total Citizens	Total Métis Population **
Chilliwack Métis Association	768	14%	4,566
Fraser Valley Métis Society	679	12%	4,037
Golden Ears Métis Society	711	13%	4,229
North Fraser Métis Association	2,676	48%	15,913
Waceya Métis Society	691	12%	4,110
Surrey Delta Métis Association	40	1%	238
Region 2: Total Population	5,565	100%	33,090

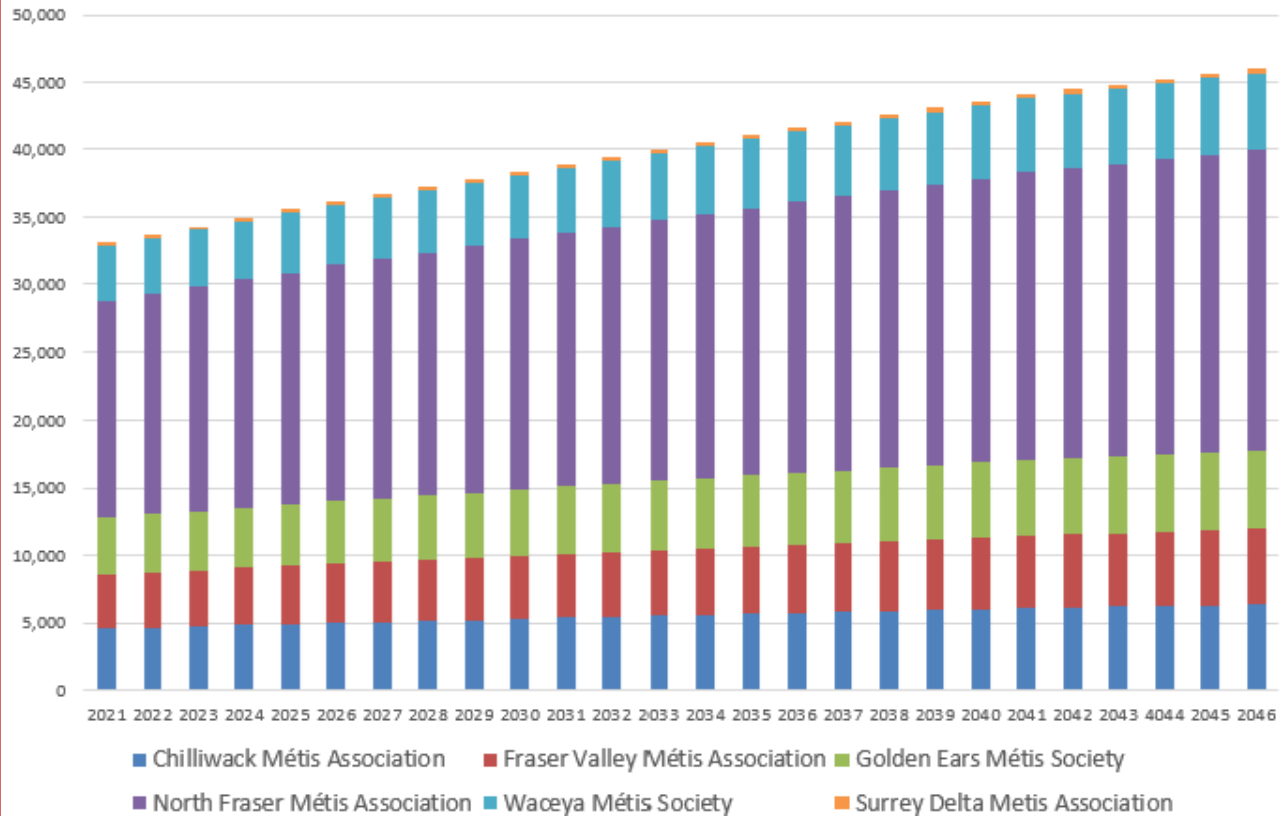
*The number of Registered Citizens by Chartered Community (Citizenship Data for Housing – June 2022)

**Total Métis Population is an estimate that includes both MNBC Citizens and Total Métis. The starting point was the number of people in this Region who identified as Métis on the 2021 Census (9,530). That total was then distributed across the Region's Chartered Communities based on the percentage of MNBC Citizens in each Chartered Community (per the June 2022 MNBC Registry data).

Sources: MNBC and Statistics Canada

Population Projections

As illustrated in the chart below, it is anticipated that the Region’s Total Métis population will increase at an average rate of 1.6%¹ per year over the next 25 years; from a population of 33,090 to 45,990. This sustained population growth will create continued demand for MNBC housing, programs, facilities, and services.



Engagement

To meet the objective of engaging MNBC Citizens, a comprehensive engagement effort was undertaken in all Regions. MNBC Citizens were offered the following opportunities to offer their perspective on Critical Social Infrastructure (CSI) needs in their communities:

- Leadership Engagement – Leadership (Presidents and Vice Presidents) workshops were held via Zoom in October and November 2022; two (2) representatives from Region 2 attended.
- In-Person Workshops – An in-person workshop was held in Langley, BC on January 4th and 5th, 2023; 23 MNBC Citizens from Region 2 were in attendance.
- Online Workshops – Online workshops were held on January 9th and 20th, 2023; five (5) Citizens from Region 2 attended the online workshops.
- Survey – 298 MNBC Citizens from Region 2 responded to the survey.

¹ Based on BC Stats growth projections for Mainland/Southwest Development Region

Critical Social Infrastructure Priorities

Citizens identified CSI priorities through the survey and workshops. The following summarizes the top CSI priorities by category for this Region (additional detail is provided below):

- Affordable housing and rent or income supplement program
- Community education and training spaces, cultural gathering places, and paid office staff
- Financial assistance with internet or cell phone bills access to personal computers and access to high-speed internet
- Financial assistance with the purchase of groceries, community gardens/greenhouses, and traditional food harvesting opportunities
- Métis culture (language, arts, harvesting and hunting) and job skills and training programs
- Personal budgeting and financial wellness programs
- Health and wellness programs and transportation to health care services

The percentages in the charts below have been developed based on the survey responses from Region 5. The bullet points underneath reflect feedback and comments gathered at the in-person and online workshops and have been organized into two categories (in some instances the survey outcomes and workshop outcomes contradict each other):

1. Priorities from the workshops - A summary of the top three CSI priorities Citizens identified in their in-person sessions and online sessions
2. Other top needs from workshops - A summary of the group discussion from in-person sessions, Jamboard™ information from online sessions, and information from leadership sessions²



Word cloud containing terms: affordable, health, transportation, housing, mental, including, senior, extended, specific, community, benefits, metis, cultural, supports, spaces, medical, services.

This feedback has been used to formulate the CSI priorities for Region 2.

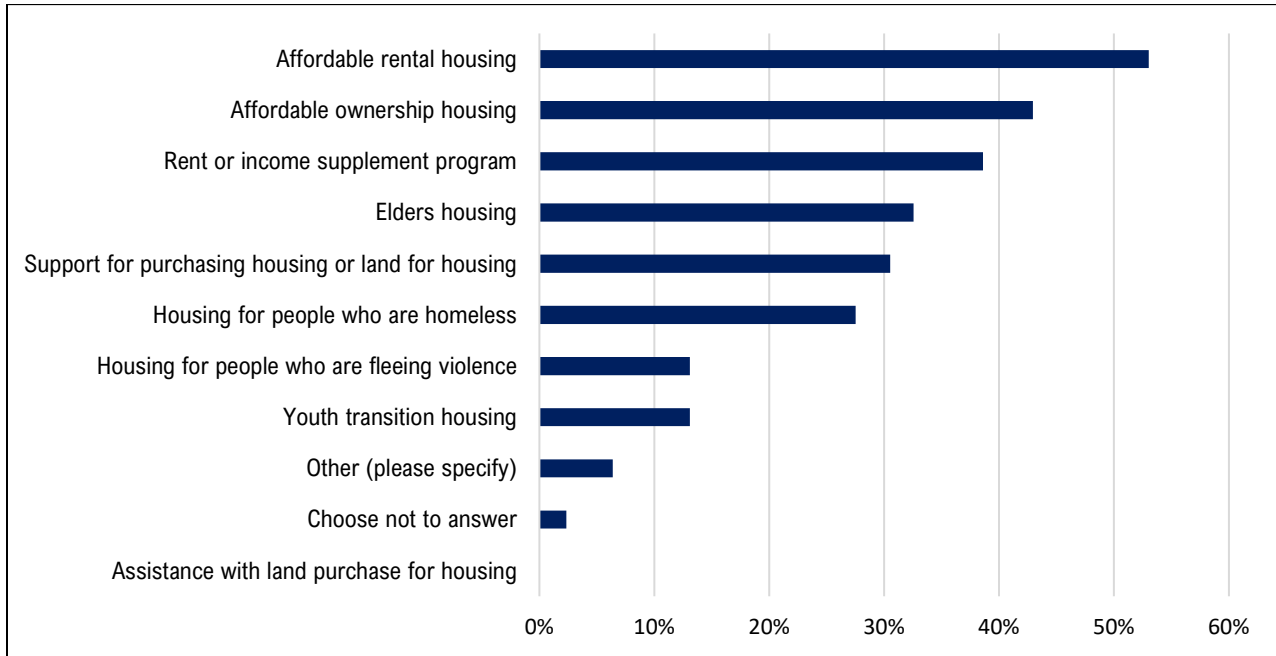
The photos above were taken at in-person workshops in the Lower Mainland.

² Jamboard™ is a digital whiteboard that lets participants collaborate in real time using a web browser or mobile app. During online sessions, Citizens used Jamboard™ to provide comments and feedback on a variety of CSI-related topics.

Housing



Top housing priorities from the survey include affordable rental housing, affordable ownership housing, and rent or income supplement program.



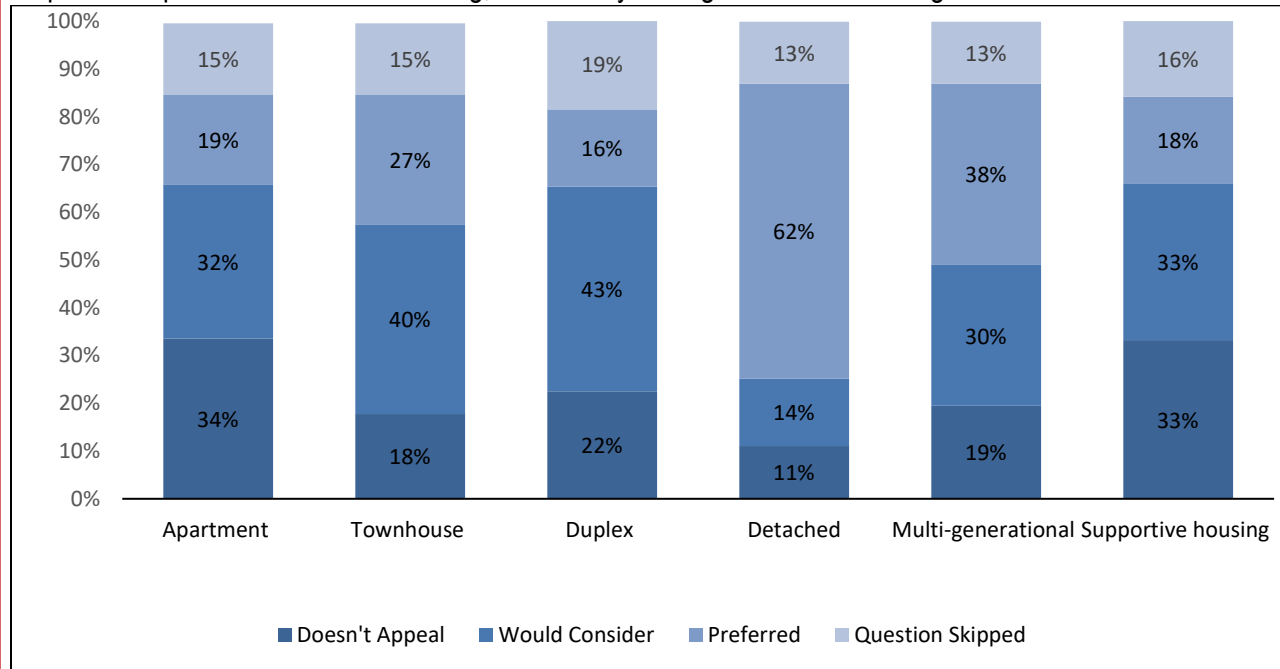
Priorities from the workshops include:

- Affordable housing options including rental and co-op housing stock
- Métis specific Elders housing and multigenerational housing with integrated health support for Elders
- Land-based housing provision -prioritize connection to land and access to nature
- Mixed use housing and cultural spaces

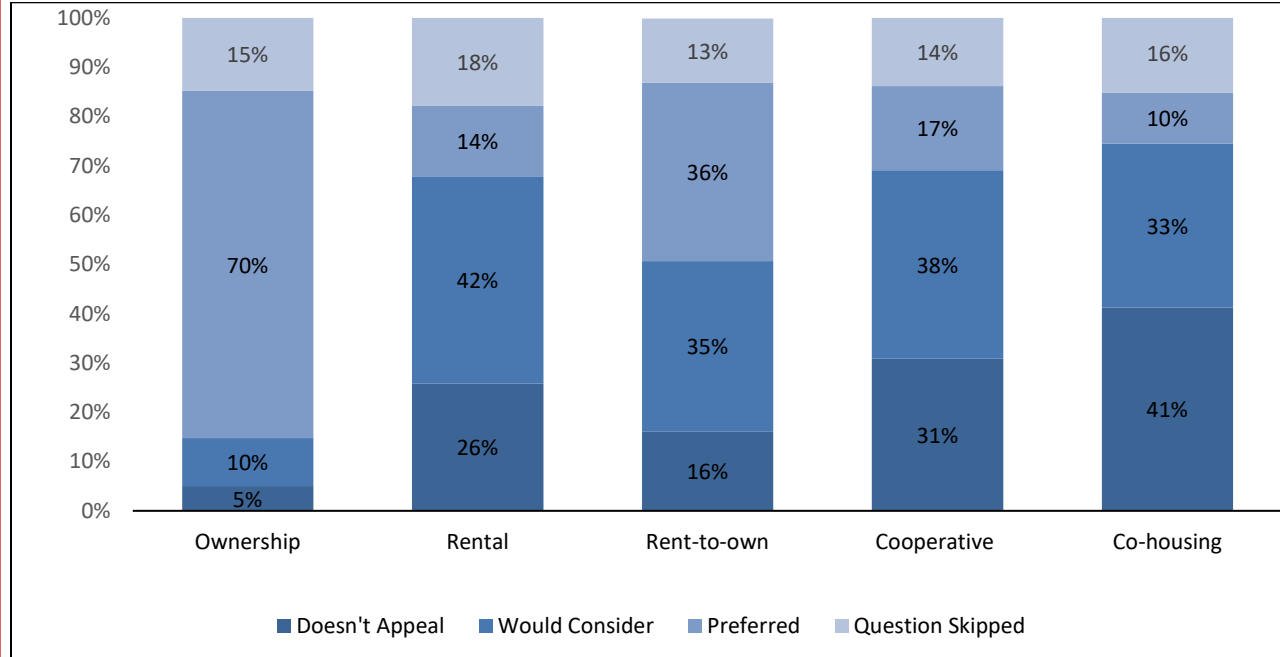
Other top needs from workshops include:

- Housing with support services for mental health and substance use
- Housing that accommodates pets
- Hub housing that incorporates cultural aspects including a museum, community gathering space, cultural centre, and daycare
- Repairs and renovations programs and support

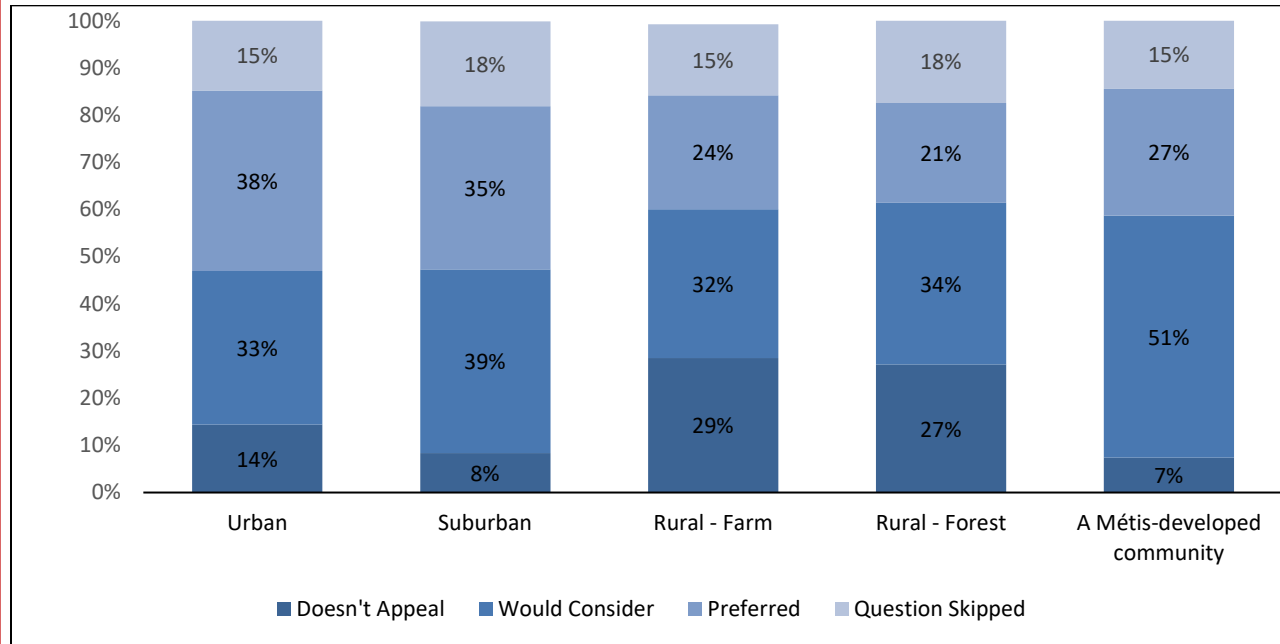
When asked to rank types of housing based on how well they would meet their family's needs, survey respondents preferred detached housing, followed by multi-generational housing and townhouses.



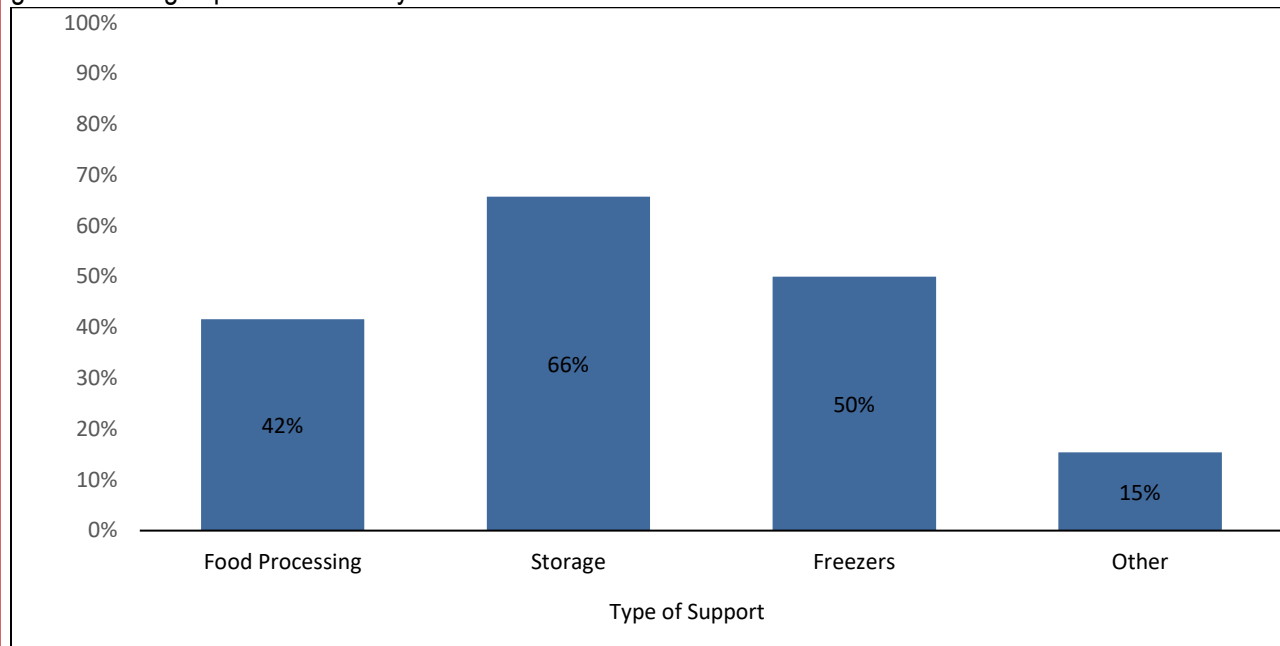
When asked to rank ownership/rental models to meet their family's current needs, respondents were more likely to select ownership and rent-to-own housing.



When asked which locations their family would prefer to live, respondents were most interested in urban and suburban locations.



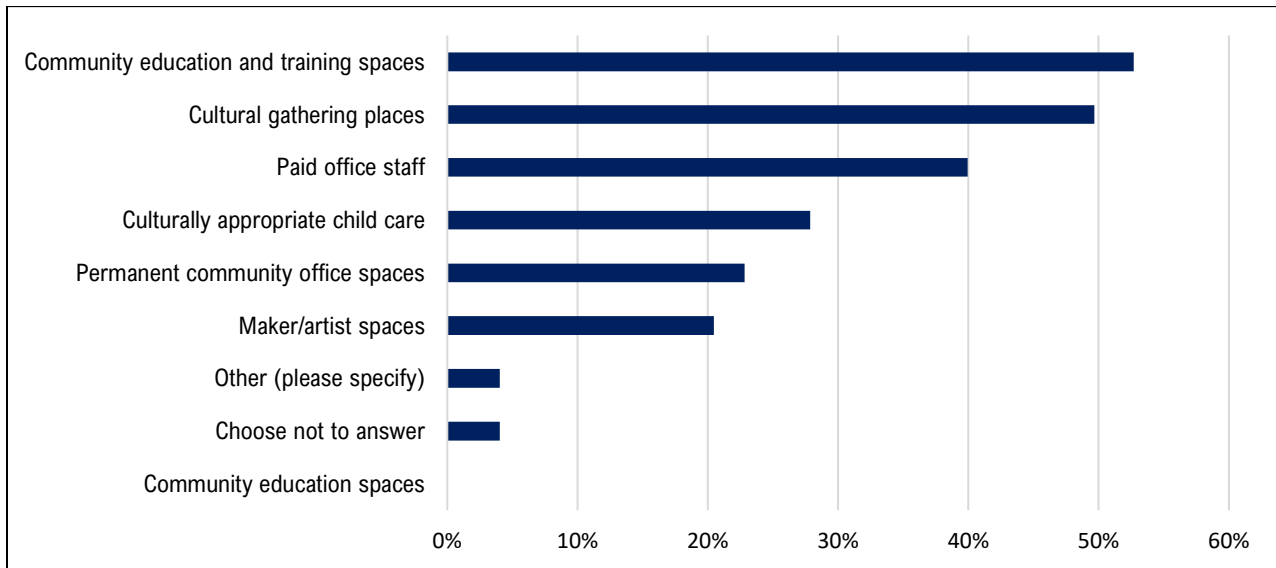
When asked what they would want in or near their home to best support their family, respondents preferred general storage space followed by freezers.



Cultural/Community Spaces



Cultural/community space priorities from the survey include community education and training spaces, cultural gathering places, and paid office staff.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- Centralized community spaces for various uses including education and events (cultural centre, community centre, community Métis house)
- Outdoor gathering space
- Affordable daycare and after school programs
- Rehabilitation treatment facility

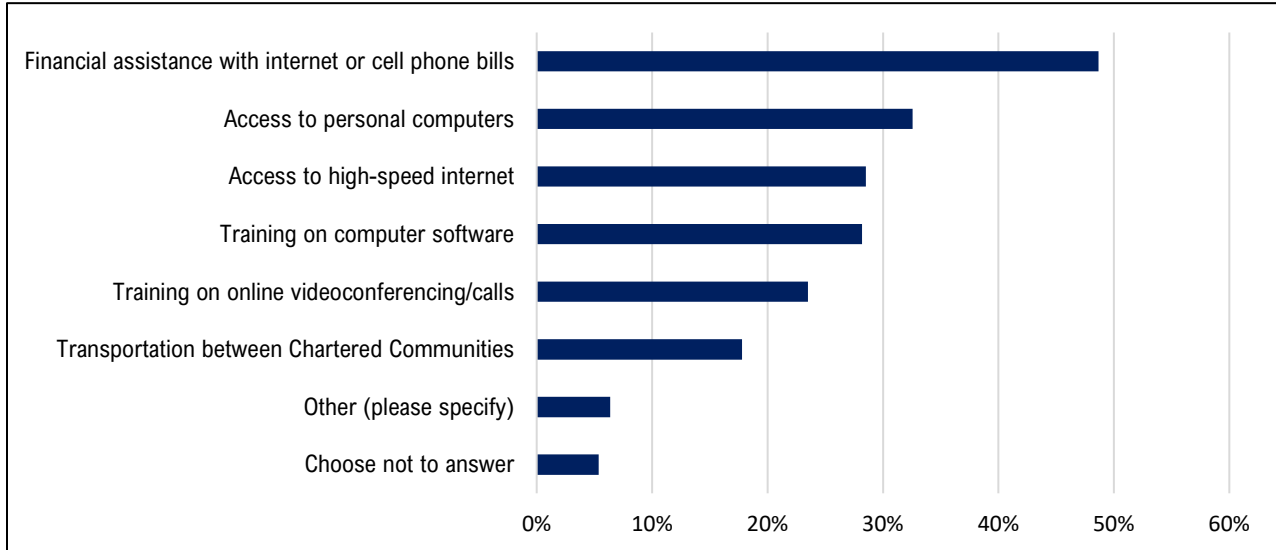
Other top needs from workshops include:

- Permanent community office/co-working spaces to host meetings and gatherings
- Métis gathering space that acts as a place for people to explore their culture and encourage them to participate in the community
- Mixed use cultural centre/hub with housing, healthcare, kitchen, etc.
- Culturally appropriate end of life spaces and services

Connectivity/Transportation



Connectivity/transportation priorities from the survey include financial assistance with internet or cell phone bills followed by access to personal computers and access to high-speed internet.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- High-speed internet infrastructure for communication
- Transportation services including buses, carpool, rideshare, and shuttles for medical appointments and travel
- Technology education and support for Elders and seniors

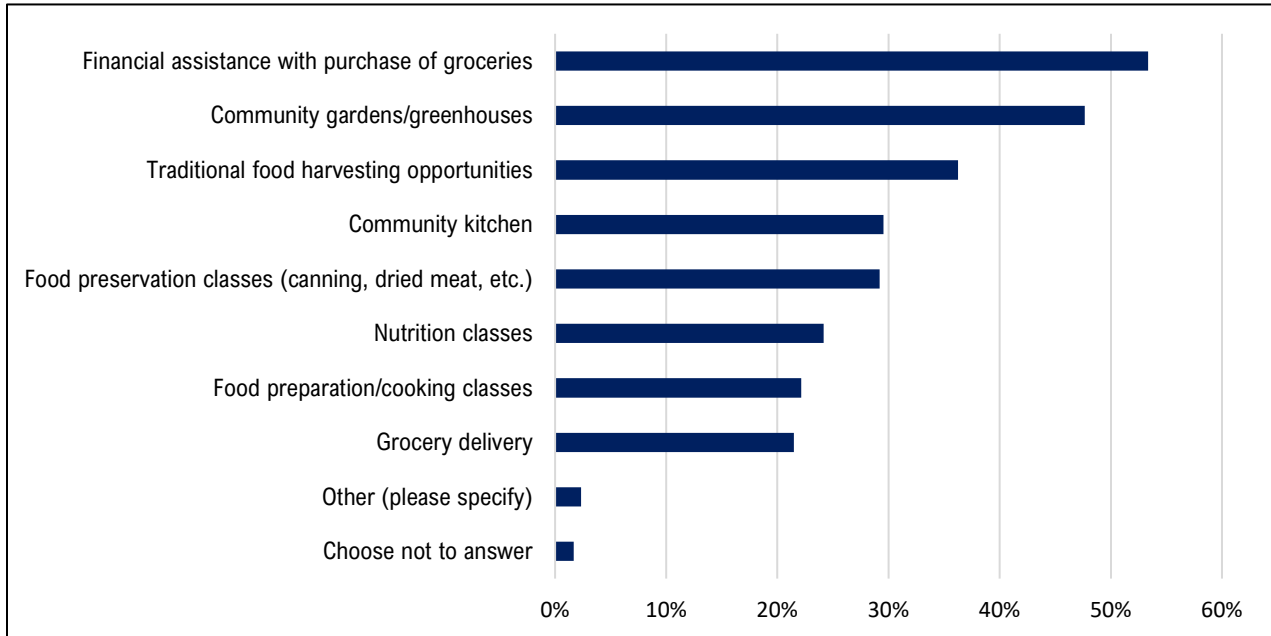
Other top needs from workshops include:

- Driving service to help Citizens go to appointments
- Financial assistance for transportation costs including transit passes and gas gift cards
- More opportunities to bring Métis people together both in-person through events and online through social-media platforms
- Support for Elders and seniors including gathering spaces and transportation support

Food Security



Food security priorities from the survey include financial assistance with the purchase of groceries, community gardens/greenhouses, and traditional food harvesting opportunities.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- Community kitchen
- Food purchasing co-op
- Community garden, farm/growing dome, and medicinal garden with youth programs
- Financial support for healthy foods

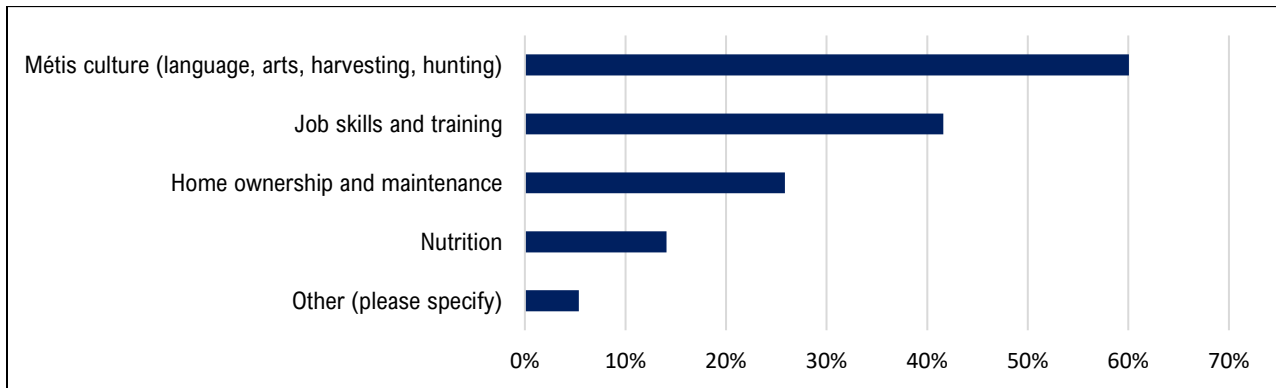
Other top needs from workshops include:

- MNBC food co-op, bulk purchasing and distribution to Chartered Communities
- Community food storage facility
- Food delivery assistance and financial support for purchasing food
- Connect Citizens with Métis farmers

Cultural/Personal Development Programs



Cultural/personal development program priorities from the survey include Métis culture (language, arts, harvesting and hunting) and job skills and training.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- Métis knowledge keepers in schools
- Cultural programs for youth to transfer knowledge to younger generations and instill a sense of pride
- Cultural personal development programs including Michif language classes and educational books
- Hire a community coordinator and cultural mentor

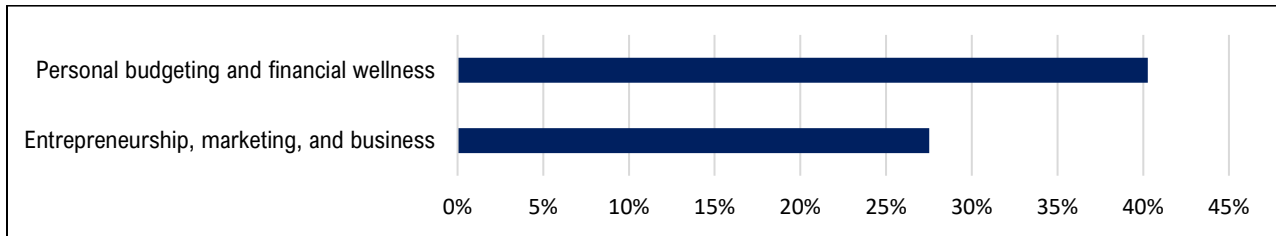
Other needs that Citizens highlighted include:

- Increase connection to land, space to access our culture
- Wrap around services for our people
- Cultural food introductions and preparations programming
- Paid staff to run programs to lessen reliance on volunteers

Economic



Providing personal budgeting and financial wellness is the top economic priority from the survey.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- More Métis owned businesses, including marketing and strategy support for businesses (artists and traditional knowledge keepers)
- Funding opportunities like an art fair

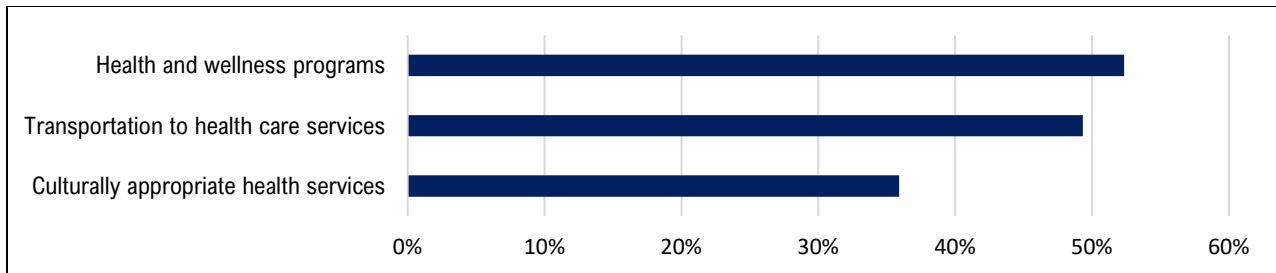
Other needs that Citizens highlighted include:

- More diverse ways to generate our own money including purchasing land and renting it to other users
- Re-assessing eligibility requirements including income caps
- Financial sustainability for MNBC including financial literacy education
- Childcare subsidies

Health



Health priorities from the survey include health and wellness programs followed by transportation to health care services.



Priorities from the workshops include:

- Culturally informed care and facility that offers mental health services
- Physical health including gym access
- Dental and prescription assistance
- Senior's program with online and virtual support to assist those with accessibility barriers

Other needs that Citizens highlighted include:

- Mobile health clinics/outreach nursing
- Métis health centre with comprehensive care (doctors, dentist, spiritual healing)
- Better advertising/communication to let people know what services MNBC provides
- Naloxone training and support for substance use

Health

What health supports/programs do you think are most needed in your community?

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HOUSING

Are there specific types of housing and/or housing support programs that would best support your community as a whole?

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CULTURE/COMMUNITY SPACES

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CONNECTIVITY/TRANSPORTATION

What transportation/connectivity supports do you think are most needed in your community?

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The photos above were taken from in-person and online workshops. Post-it notes were used by Citizens to record their priorities.

Appendix 1 – Engagement Summary

REGION 2 – Lower Mainland

New Westminster, BC
January 4th, 2023

CONNECTIVITY/ TRANSPORTATION

- Discount for compass, bus passes
- Uber and tech/ taxi funding
- Carpool for medical appt. / travel
 - Subsidized Gas Cards
- Community Service hours for university students
- Real opportunity for youth and seniors
 - Paying bills online. (Need in person) or notification → Not everyone can pay online. → Through phoning/ support
- BC gov, has still not recognized Métis people
- Credit card support/ places won't take cash
- School board → funds for attending school for Métis students – SQUAMISH NATION puts program on
- High speed internet → tech set-up to support hybrid passenger bus Nam Seniors → Belcora → Uber fund
- Intranet from CC's to MNBC → More secure.
- Geek Squad to set-up tech (Cell Phone | Computer | Other IT equipment)
- CC coordinator
- Placement of infrastructure
- Ramps
- Braille
- Accessible facilities
- Voice commands
- Andeble
- Tech support for elders + seniors

HOUSING

- Mixed use housing and cultural spaces
- Affordable multi-generation housing within community centered areas. Affordable housing (co-op subsidy)
- Community housing → Co-op, multi-generational community + cultural spaces medicine garden
- How to empower those with barriers through engagements process (another meeting for region 2 so that we can hear from more people)
- Particularly family and middle income
- Specific foster housing/ similar to group homes (Métis)
- Seniors/ Citizen only housing
 - Seniors' centers for communication/ community
 - BIG AND FLASHY Métis facility
 - Sign and message to the world
 - "Widows Pensions" when spouse passes

- More living funds for seniors
- Multi barrier housing – European projects
 - Transition housing (women, youth transitioning)
 - Community spaces (Daycare, senior centre)
 - Below market housing
- Mixed uses/ tenures – with childcare, community centers
- Gathering place, “little Village”
- Subsidies, mixed tenures
- Number of rooms mixed
- Youth Housing
- Accessibility to diff’abled
- Métis specific housing – learn policy from it
- Development with other corporations
- Grassroots relationships
- Green technologies, net zero, solar panels

FOOD SECURITY

- Food Back – Couldn’t figure out how to do food bank. Métis partnership to food back
- Financial Assistance
- Food Delivery Assistance (Save-On) or something
- Living wage → NOT MIN WAGE
 - Food Banks – Oil – and Banks → Cheaters
 - Under valuing employees
- Community gardens: indigenous woman
 - Hunt for hunger funding
- Get more youth into trades

CULTURE/ COMMUNITY SPACES

- Libraries → all age groups and community
- Social Spaces – meetings, informal meeting spaces
 - Commercial kitchens to cook/ bake
- Baking and Cooking classes, beading, drum making (Land to Betty) → Need space.
- Reconciliation: OWN LAND NOT LEASE
 - Make enormous difference
 - Make profit by renting out land/ space as rec/ hall on nights not used
- Community Garden (can do canning)
 - Seniors/ elders electronic support (Physical mail out)
- Financial Literacy

HEALTH

- Mental Health – Seniors, youth
 - Counselling, wellness, culturally specific
 - Language, access to medicines, access to ceremony, sweats.
 - Seniors' mental health – isolation → bring joy back with technology, iPads, give one out, can facetime family. Virtual Reality → For senior's farm, fishing etc.
- Focus on women's health – reproductive, sexual, mental health, culturally sensitive, traditional medicines
- Chronic health/ congenital health focus
- Covering those medical expenses
- Accessibility – Getting people to appointments, check-ins, wellness – compassion
- 2LGBTWQIA – 2 spirited community
- Health care continuity – same person, confidentiality, protection for single mothers/ trauma-informer
- Mental Health Wellness (culturally informed)
- Women, youth + gender-diverse health and wellness
- Medical care → Culturally sensitive, community health checks, women's health, sexual health
- Priority on health assistance for elders, children (as in drivers to appointments, subsidize transportation to)
- Culturally specific health care center or services accessible to Métis communities (Including mental health)
- Extended health: dental care, RX, glasses, mental health coverage. Mobility and hearing aids
- Métis Health and wellness center
 - Doctors/ Nurses
- Nutrition education
- Fitness
- Canoe trips
- Wellness trips/ sessions
- Youth physical education ongoing
- Nutritional supplements

CULTURAL/ PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- School funding for attendance K-12.
- Funding for youth programs.
- Community coordinator
- Cultural mentoring, Métis youth working with elder. Elders working at children
- Métis Knowledge keeper in schools
- 3D virtual for seniors
- Each community should have an office (Physical space)
- Community center for each chartered community
 - Multipurpose

- Intergenerational
- Education
- Cultural
- Steps
- Spaces for various uses including seniors to youth child knowledge transfer and events or safe spaces
- Métis identity in community signs
- Involve chartered communities for more support
- Affordable or subsidized culturally specific childcare centers
- Office Staff
- Métis owned communities open to all events
- Community coordinator
- Outdoor facility
 - Cultural
 - Gardening
 - Camping Events
- Education support and equitable education funding
- Strong education programs (Includes infrastructure)
- Subsidized Utilities, phones, Wi-Fi, taxi/ uber (medical) → Gas to get to work/ school
- Arctic Acres growing dome for community gardens
- Cultural food introductions & preparations
 - Knowledge transfer and connection
 - Cooking class
- Kapote. Beading, sash making/ weaving, seniors' lunch, mothers + children group lunch, computer literacy support program (Partner with other orgs to offer programming) (Other point illegible, please see image "Cultural and Personal Development Program)
- Bus services to take people grocery shopping/ etc.
- No friendship/ community center in tri cities community spaces for knowledge transfer
- Grow relationships with other FN + other
 - Sensitive b/c of pipeline

ECONOMIC

- Partner with library to have (Internet) learning programs
- Properly fund students (Not equitably distributed)
- Transportation costs support programs
- Housing Métis Business → cultural events instore, Ground floor = retail, healthcare, Métis space, instead of rent, work in shop
- Childcare subsidies (Mental subsidies)
- Education of finances, personal banking, tech literacy, financial wellness
- Support for artists, coop for artists
- Traditional language carriers

SIDE NOTES, ECONOMIC

- Housing with seniors
- Established home → help elders to stay in home with subsidies
- Cultural center (Other illegible text, please see image “Side Notes Table 2 – 1 of 2 and 2of2”)
- Transportation to Grocery stores or other services → Shuttle bus
- Home renos for university students in senior homes

FOOD SECURITY

- Food Distribution location choices
- The types of food – Canned → No space to keep perishables
- MNBC foods back with refrigeration
- Community garden plots → like in south Burnaby
 - Outreach to connect the extras with those in need. → Saturday food days to give extra food or items with covid money
- Growing our own food
- Hunting gathering land to provide food for the nation.
- Community kitchens
 - Canning
- Ten Year plan

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (STICKY NOTES)

- Subsidies for elders rent
- Bus service for people in need
- Robust communications infrastructure (Includes, A/V equip and high speed internet)

Appendix 2 – Engagement Summary

REGION 2 – Lower Mainland

Langley, BC
January 5th, 2023

FOOD SECURITY

- Food purchasing co-op
- Growing options
- Community gardens
- Foods sovereignty
- Métis food banks/ community kitchens
- Métis farm
- Storing food, sufficient storage
- Food at cost (Bulk order to distribute through chartered communities)
- Card → Certain discounts @ organic + Medicine store, Métis have health issues, purchasing co-op
- Support Métis Business owners
 - Milk from Métis farmer etc. Mennonites
- A.B. Métis Farmer → Buffalo Farms
- Fishing Local
- Work on Métis specific Health issues.
- Access/ support for will creation/ estate classes
- Knowledge sharing
- Focus on culture with children where they can learn to transfer knowledge
- Not talking about culture, we need to start, instill sense of pride in the children. Focus on culture compared to material world
- Medicine wheel teachings and bring community together to recognize our inner spiritual being
Restore the balance

HOUSING

- Affordable housing (owning and renting)
- Housing – All ages living together (Families, elders, singles – with support)
 - To transmit culture and provide info and support
 - Elder housing
- Youth cannot access nature L.M. → land connection in Chilliwack → Hunt, fish, tanning hides, cultural aspect and teachings
- Hope, Adventure Park → Educational teachings. Stop the sandbox fighting → Culture sharing
- No land base, need to access
- Building land base for cultural co-op food, decide what we want, → negotiate rental of greenhouse
- Programs subsidized housing programs (Resident managers/ authority)
- Fort Langley – housing + Museum/ cultural center (Something like this for Métis)
- Community center for kids to go to are on their own after school (Connection for kits + youths)
- Repairs + renovations programs
- Financial support → Getting into the market whether it be rental/ homeownership

CONNECTIVITY/ TRANSPORTATION

- Internet infrastructure for communication
- Connectivity/ transportation: help for seniors disabled with transportation
- Events and Facilities to bring people together
- Intranet/ social media platform so people can connect virtually (ex. Métis Nation Version of Facebook, Instagram)
- Mobile health clinics/ outreach nursing
- Footcare nurse (Senior services)
- Connect all groups together (During emergency)
 - Communication
- Shuttle service, rent vehicle, gas gift cards, volunteer drivers
- Phones → Senior Friendly → Available → Teaching how to use
- Hearing aides → How to buy equipment
- Tutorials for seniors/ those that need help
- Keeping simple with tutorials
- Exports (for citizens) → IT contract for tech support
- Community and Staff
- Churches for sale – buy them
- Computers → teach seniors/ elders basic rules and how to get information

CULTURE/ COMMUNITY SPACES

- Culture and communities' growth – support curriculum in school → spiritual/ educate regarding who Métis are
- Métis specific funeral/ end of life services (Culturally appropriate)
- Senior center → visible as Métis folks
- Land base for offices → Gathering areas
- Outdoor community centre to learn about tradition
 - Mixed-use. Cultural centre could have housing, healthcare, lots of stuff together
- Chartered community office space/Community centre/hub

CULTURAL/ PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Michif classes
- Cultural: program for youth to be involved. Money for 8–14-year-olds
- Cultural personal development program. Our history, education, program content availability
- Educational books designed to educate and promote culture
- Culture traditional learning
- Camps for youth to teach Métis culture
- Heritage Culture

- Cultural personal development programs
- Spiritual identity
- Community – Senior, youth, children support – Liaison mentoring
- Spiritual Authority
- Spiritual – Historic + education
- Economic development – ways to generate our own money and not rely on gov/ colonial funding
- MNBC co-op. group buying power
- Not developing our youth, need to find ways to engage with youth
- Lack of communication
- Indigenous programs in school → Need Métis presence in the schools
- Need for education
 - o Language education → in-person language classes
- Go to cultural sites
- Bigger space, kitchen, full kitchen etc.
- Wacey office shares
- Better internet options
- Genealogy courses
- Children’s program/ childcare (funding for)
- MNBC – programs – 60 scoop

HEALTH

- Healing/health centre. Spiritual healing centre
- Family doctors, health centers, dentist (One stop shop for health Métis Hospital)
- Group health benefits
 - o Dental, eyewear, RX, prescription assistance, Elder centre assistance
- Funds to join a gym and fund to go to recreation centre
- Travel for sport
- Narcan training → Naloxone training
- Transportation to and from appointments
- Diabetes – Health
- Nutrition education
- Support for youth substance use
- Health/ telemedicine – for home and foot car
- Health – Doctor
- Senior program
- Why isn’t there a senior’s program