

This self-assessment is for Indigenous communities.

Section A: Community Readiness	Yes	No
Does your community have an overall vision of where it wants to be in the future?		
Is your community activity involved in economic development programs and initiatives?		
Does a culture of entrepreneurship exist that recognizes and rewards new business start-ups, new ideas, innovation, partnerships and collaboration?		
Are there people in your community who are visionaries and action-oriented, and who could be recruited to serve in leadership roles?		
Are there people in your community with the necessary skills to lead economic development plans from development to project completion?		
Does leadership support development initiatives, for example, through active band council resolutions that support economic development?		
Is there a forum where Council, leadership and community members can discuss the past, present and future direction of the community?		
Does the community share best practices among community leaders? With other communities?		
Can your person responsible for economic development respond to economic development and business questions from potential investors, within 24 hours (e.g. industrial site availability, workforce, transportation and infrastructure)?		
Is there regular and effective communication among community groups to inform and involve each other?		
Have there been instances where community members have worked together to achieve a common goal?		
Is the relationship between leadership and community members a positive one?		
Do community members have a way to express their feelings of pride and attachment to their community?		
Is there a strong volunteer base in the community?		
SCORE (possible 14)		

Section B: Infrastructure Capacity	Yes	No
Does your community have broadband?		
Is your community close to a major highway?		
Does your community have rail service?		



INVESTMENT READINESS

Section B: Infrastructure Capacity	Yes	No
Does your community have access to commercial air services within 80km?		
Does your community have an official land use plan?		
Is economic development addressed in the official plan?		
Does the official plan have one general designation for each of the basic land use categories, e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, open space (institutional or industrial), agricultural, rural or traditional territory?		
Does your community have industrial-zoned land available at reasonable market rates that is ready to be built on or occupied? (leased or for sale)		
Does your community have industrial-zoned buildings available at a reasonable market rate that are ready to be occupied or renovated? (for lease or for sale)		
Are your zoning by-laws flexible enough to allow for desired development in your community?		
Is there someone familiar with the land use planning and development approval process in your community?		
Is there someone knowledgeable about the neighbouring municipalities' plans, and how these policies and land use designations may affect proposed development in your community?		
SCORE (possible 12)		

Section C: Economic Development	Yes	No
Does your community have a formal strategic plan for economic development?		
Does your community have an Economic Development Officer (EDO) or an economic development committee, office or organization?		
Is the EDO only responsible for economic development?		
Does your community have an autonomous decision-making process (distinct from decisions made by leadership) to support business development?		
Is there a sufficient budget for economic development activity in your community?		
Does your community have an up-to-date community profile?		
Does your community profile include details of a proposed business or industrial park?		
Does your community have a website dedicated to economic development?		

Section C: Economic Development	Yes	No
Do you have a database of member-owned businesses, non-member owned businesses, contractors and entrepreneurs within the community?		
Do you believe that your community is adequately knowledgeable about existing federal, provincial and municipal economic development policies, programs and services?		
Does your community have a program to engage with your businesses (including industrial, commercial, home based, etc)		
Does your community market itself to an external audience?		
Does your community work cooperatively with neighbouring communities to pool resources and information on economic development?		
SCORE (possible 12)		

SCORING

There are 38 questions. For each “yes” answer, score 1 point. At the end of the self-assessment, total your number of “yes answers.

- A score greater than 32 out of 39. Your community is **VERY READY!**
- A score of 25-31 out of 38: You’re **READY** and can still improve.
- A score of 18-24 out of 38: You’re close to being **READY** but have some work to do.
- A score of less than 18 out of 38: There are lots of opportunities for your community to ensure its readiness.

Category	Total Points Possible	Your Score	Percentage
Community Readiness	14		
Infrastructure Capacity	12		
Economic Development	12		



INVESTMENT READINESS