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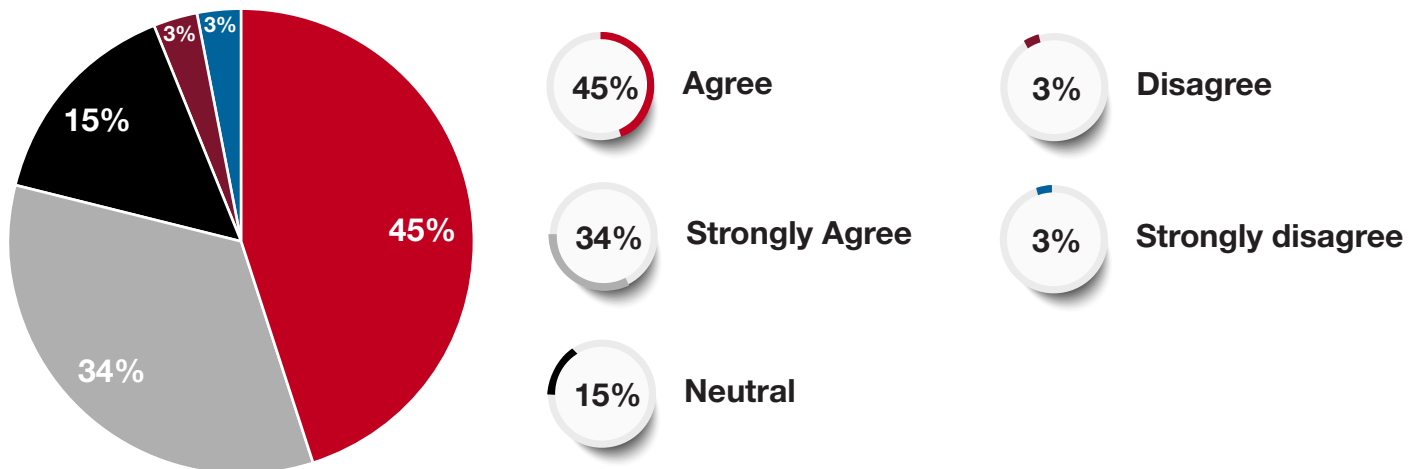
Net Zero and Emissions Reduction Dialogue with Red River Métis Citizens

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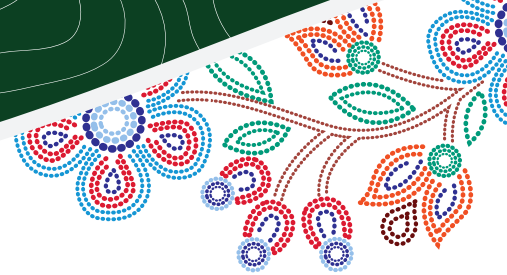
The MMF received funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to support discussions with Red River Métis Citizens about implementation of the **Clean Electricity Regulations and the path to Net-Zero Electricity**. The MMF used the funds to create a **survey** that **140 Red River Métis Citizens** answered.

Rate how much you agree with the following statement: Net-zero and emissions reductions initiatives are important



We asked Citizens about their priorities and concerns related to net-zero and emissions reduction initiatives. We asked what types of clean or renewable energy projects they view as desirable, what initiatives they would like to see in their communities, and how the MMF should be involved.

Most Red River Métis Citizens agreed (45%) or strongly agreed (34%) that **net-zero and emissions reductions initiatives are important**. Red River Métis Citizens identified their top priorities and concerns for net-zero and emissions reduction as:



PRIORITIES

- ∞ Improved energy affordability (27%)
- ∞ Addressing environmental issues (25%)
- ∞ Opportunities for Red River Métis involvement (21%)
- ∞ Economic benefits (18%)
- ∞ Improved energy reliability (9%)

CONCERNS

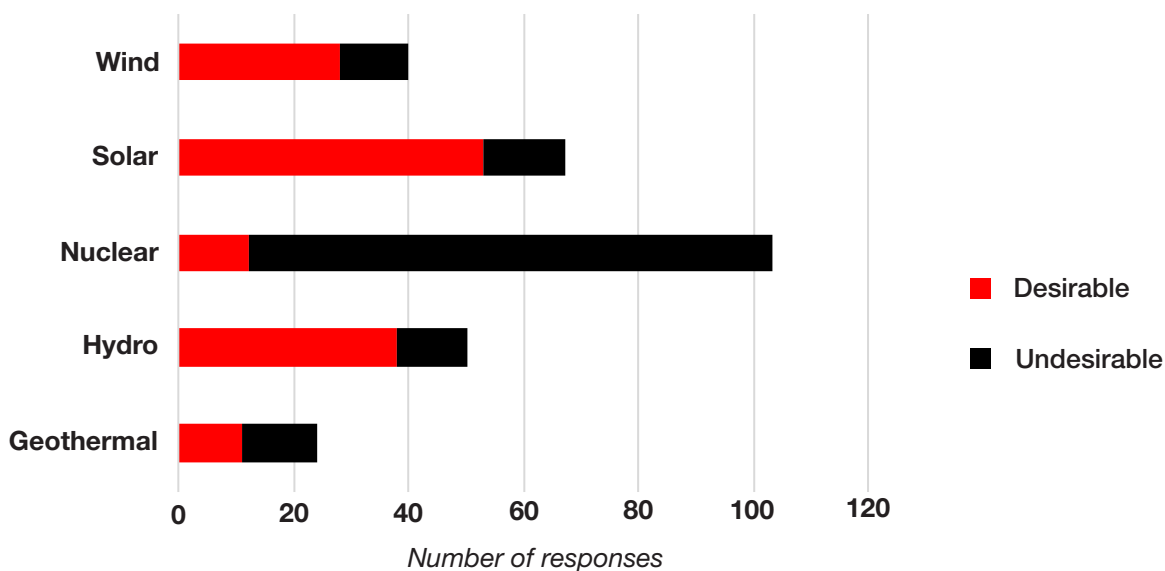
- ∞ Impacts to the environment (27%)
- ∞ Reduced energy affordability (27%)
- ∞ Economic feasibility (18%)
- ∞ Uneven distribution of benefits (17%)
- ∞ Reduced energy reliability (10%)



Red River Métis Citizens were also asked which **source of clean energy they find most desirable and least desirable**: wind, solar, nuclear, hydro or geothermal. Solar energy was the most desirable.

Red River Métis Citizens identified lower bills and energy costs, high levels of reliability given the amount of sunshine in Manitoba, and a reduced environmental footprint as the top benefits. Citizens also spoke about potential job opportunities and the benefits of being able to transition individual buildings and homes to solar power.

Which of the following clean energy sources do you think is most desirable/undesirable?

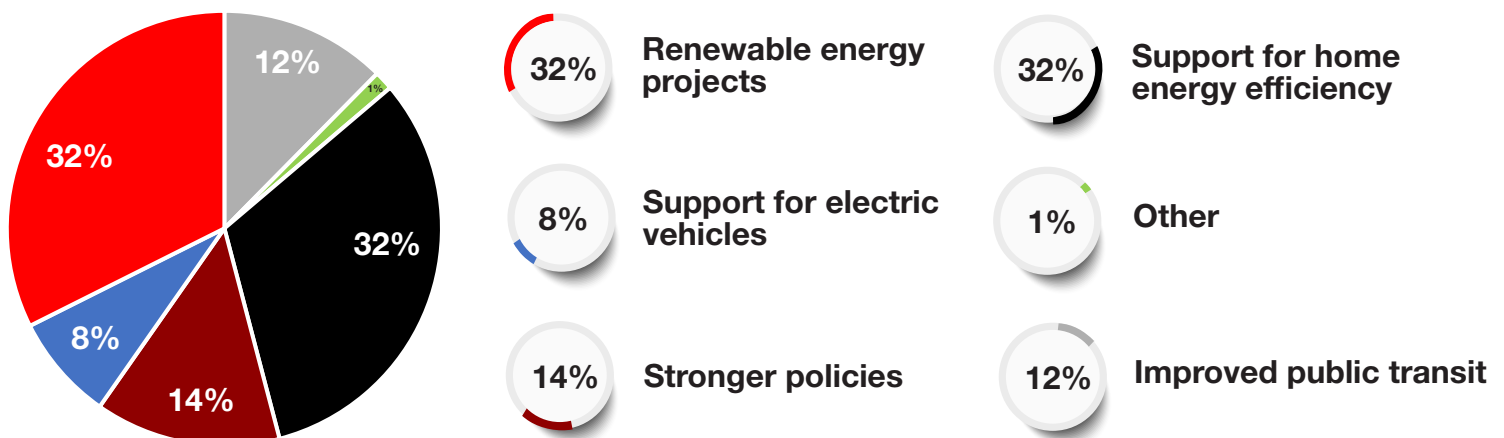




Nuclear energy was identified as the least desirable option. Red River Métis Citizens identified potential damage or contamination of the environment and wildlife, storage for nuclear waste, risk of accidents, and uncertainty related to safety as top concerns. Some Citizens also expressed concerns related to environmental impacts from mining uranium for nuclear fuel.

What transitions towards net-zero and emissions reductions would you like to see in your community?

Red River Métis Citizens also identified the **improvements towards net-zero and emissions reductions that they would like to see in their communities.**



The most popular choices were support for home energy efficiency (32%) and renewable energy projects (32%) followed by stronger policies (14%) to support emissions reductions and improved public transit (12%).

Most Red River Métis Citizens (89%) are interested in **further education and resources** about net-zero and emissions reduction initiatives, with the most popular formats being e-mail newsletters or updates (18%) and social media content (15%), with similar levels of interest in courses or training, educational videos, fact sheets and brochures, in-person community meetings, Q & A sessions, and virtual community meetings.