

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

SURVEY REPORT



Introduction and Overview

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (MITW) Administration Department posted a link on the 2023 Strategic Planning webpage to request feedback on the planning process and on the MITW Vision Statement. Within the first week, there were 13 survey responses. 12 of the 13 respondents were Enrolled Tribal members. 75% of the respondents live on the Menominee Reservation.

Survey Question Responses

Survey respondents were asked to share comments regarding the strategic plan. The responses included:

- What is going to be different this time? Betty Jo sidelined the plan Jeremy built, and the MTL fired Jonathan after he picked it up and brought it back. Why are you wasting time and money when you won't change the MTL's role in day-to-day affairs?
- Accountability once the strategic plan is finalized.
- Yes, I do have a few comments about the strategic plan for the tribe. First, I have been thinking for a couple of years about how we would start a healing program or guidance program. This would include people ranging from youth to adults that will introduce our traditional medicines and allow them to grow and be involved in the harvest process. I believe everyone within our community will take advantage of the availability of this medicine. Our future depends on the development of future generations, and we need to take action that will inform and motivate our people to want and do better.
- Basic education is important and helping those get higher education is even more important.
- Post houses that are for rent here on the Reservation.
- I'm glad the Tribe implemented this plan.
- Perhaps more information about the current gaming structure of the Tribe and an explanation as to why our Tribe has one of the lowest per capita payments not only in the state but the nation.
- Create opportunities for individuals to start businesses.
- What is the plan?
- Hopefully there will be serious and strategic planning to combat the drug problem.
- It would be great if a report was presented on the progress made in the prior Strategic Plan.

Participants were asked to comment on the Tribe's Vision Statement: The vision for MITW is: "We envision the Omaeqnomenewak (People of the Wild Rice) as a strong, healthy, and proud nation living in accordance with its culture and beliefs and possessing the resources necessary to be successful in achieving our goals."

Respondents provided the following feedback:

- "We envision an MTL focused on setting policy, appropriating funds to serve the neediest, protecting our land, and allowing hired staff to manage the day-to-day affairs."
- "We envision the Omaeqnomenewak (People of the Wild Rice) as a strong, resilient, and proud nation living in accordance with its culture and beliefs and possessing the resources necessary to achieve our goals now and for future generations."
- I like the wording.
- "Possessing and able to acquire."
- We envision the Omaeqnomenewak as a proud nation living in accordance with its culture and beliefs.
- What are the goals?