

RE: May 15, 2018 Community Engagement Task Force Meeting – Request for provision of informal format proposal for discussion

Rough Concept - "4P Community Engagement Format"

1. We go essentially the same route as the 1st session in fielding for overall topics. We explain that after that, we're going to drill deep into the topic that is most selected and work on getting some expertise for a special panel. Once we have topics gathered, we can use a survey component for people to vote from the list. Probably the best suited one for this is an app called "Polls for Pages".
2. We utilize open space methodologies to go about the 3rd session relatively the same way as the 1st session, but with enhancements based on the feedback that has already been provided to us during the initial open houses and survey, the 1st session, and the 2nd session. Those enhancements are not included in this proposal as they have been provided multiple times; if this format is selected we can utilize the next meeting to drill down into enhancements that best fit this format and the timeframe we have.
3. We extend this event a bit; hold a focus panel at the start, then when breakouts begin - lessen the amount of breakouts e.g. (perhaps 3 tables max?), and use the remainder of tables (5) to cover the other desired topics chosen similar to last time but enhanced. 1 table set aside for wildcard.
4. Fully engage with the broad community, neighbourhood associations, rights holders and stake holders during the survey period and with encouragement to attend so that ample time is available for them to plan, and sufficient representation exists in helping determine primary and secondary topical focuses.
5. Create an itinerary/content that explains it all - this will help people understand how it will work beforehand. An example itinerary/flow would basically be - panel on topic x starts at 6, breakout sessions on that topic at 7 along with open topic tables to be finalized at the event.

The key advantages of this format are that the panel starts early for those wanting to focus on the single solution, and when breakout happens is when it doesn't just breakout about one topic - the format meets the needs of at least four types of audiences:

1. Those who want to get into a specific solution and dig deep
2. Those who want to focus on other specific topics
3. Those who want to talk about other topics not listed, and
4. Those who simply want to get a chance to speak with leadership