

Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat
Hydrocarbons - Oil and Gas Citizen Survey



Please note that this survey is not considered consultation.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey on the topic of Oil and Gas in our territory of Gespe'gewa'gi.

This survey will help the staff of the Secretariat and the Leadership of the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi design the most effective type of consultation process for its citizens.

We have 12 questions to go through, and if at any time you wish to not answer any question or discontinue the survey, please feel free to do so.

We will be asking you some information for statistical purposes on this first page to report back on the demographics of people we spoke to. For example, number of people from each community, gender, age, etc. We are not collecting names therefore; your responses are completely anonymous.

Statistical Information:

• Age: __ 18-35 __ 36-53 __ 54-71 __ 72+

• Gender: __ Male __ Female

• Registered band member at:

 __ Gesgapegiag __ Gespeg __ Listuguj

• Which occupation best describes you (circle one):

I work for the Band, or other government organization locally (ex. Fisheries, Forestry)

I am self employed

I am a student

I work off reserve

I am currently unemployed

Other: _____

Status of Oil and Gas in the territory - Backgrounder

The topic of Oil and Gas development in Gespe'gewa'gi has become an important issue for the Mi'gmaq. This subject can be very complicated and challenging to understand for us, because it's a new industry.

Currently, the 3 Chiefs of Gesgapegiag, Gespeg and Listuguj have forced a halt to the oil and gas exploration activities in Gespe'gewa'gi, until we can establish a way to consult with our citizens. The Leadership has also passed a unanimous resolution to ban fracking throughout our territory.

These steps however, are interim measures, and the Leadership will require a more permanent strategy to put in place as it relates to government, industry, and our citizens - The citizens' input into that strategy will be fundamental.

Part I – Level of Understanding

The language and terminology used by government and the industry can sometimes be complicated and technical. Our goal in this part of the survey is to gauge your general understanding of oil and gas to determine the most effective ways to engage you as a citizen of Gespe'gewa'gi.

The terms fracking, conventional oil drilling, oil and gas exploration and/or exploitation are some of the main points talked about in our region.

This first set of questions is directed at that level of understanding in terms of the terminology and practices.

There is no right or wrong answer.

1. What is your general knowledge in regards to Oil and Gas activities by industry in Gespe'gewa'gi?
 - a) ___ None at all
 - b) ___ Somewhat limited
 - c) ___ Good
 - d) ___ Excellent

2. What is your general understanding about Quebec environmental protection regulations as it relates to Oil and Gas activities?
 - a) ___ None at all
 - b) ___ Somewhat limited
 - c) ___ Good
 - d) ___ Excellent

3. What is your understanding of hydraulic fracking?

- a) ___ None at all
- b) ___ Somewhat limited
- c) ___ Good
- d) ___ Excellent

If you answered good or excellent to question 3, can you please briefly explain what your understanding of hydraulic fracking is?

4. What is your understanding of conventional oil and gas extraction?

- a) ___ None at all
- b) ___ Somewhat limited
- c) ___ Good
- d) ___ Excellent

If you answered Good or Excellent to question 4, can you please briefly explain what your understanding of conventional oil and gas extraction is?

Part II - Economy/Environment

There are a number of environmental issues that must be protected to ensure the protection and sustainability of our resources. If development takes place, there is also an economic component that exists for industry, government and the surrounding communities (local MRC's).

This next set of questions will give us an idea of where your opinions are at in terms of the potential economic benefits and the environmental concerns for oil and gas in Gespe'gewa'gi.

5. In your opinion, what are the most important resources in Gespe'gewa'gi?

Please rate. (1 being the most important....)

- a) ___ Tourism
- b) ___ Forestry
- c) ___ Oil and Gas
- d) ___ Fisheries
- e) ___ Mining
- f) ___ Renewable energy (Wind Power, Solar, etc.)
- g) ___ Other: Please specify_____

6. Do you think oil and gas development has any place in our territory?

- a) ___ Absolutely not. It has no place in our territory at all.
- b) ___ It may have a place but I need more information to know for sure.
- c) ___ It does have a place with the right regulations.
- d) ___ I do not have enough information to answer this question.

Part III – Environmental Protection

The Mi'gmaq have a responsibility to Mother Earth, our water, air, and all living things to be the eco-stewards of Gespe'gewa'gi. The next set of questions deal with our territory and environment.

7. Please rate the following resources in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important:

- a) ___ Drinking Water
- b) ___ Access to Territory
- c) ___ Rivers, lakes and streams (and species contained within)
- d) ___ Forests /Wildlife (moose, deer, caribou)
- e) ___ Scenery / scenic view
- f) ___ Medicinal plants
- g) ___ Other, Please specify: _____

8. In your opinion, are there environmental risks associated with conventional drilling in Gespe'gewa'gi?

- a) ___ I do not know
- b) ___ Low risks
- c) ___ Some risks
- d) ___ High risks

If you answered B, C, or D to question 8, can you please explain what those risks might be in your opinion?

9. In your opinion, are there environmental risks with hydraulic fracking or chemical stimulation (High pressure stimulation) in Gespe'gewa'gi?

- a) I do not know
- b) Low risks
- c) Some Risks
- d) High risks

If you answered B, C or D to the question, can you please explain what those risks are in your opinion?

Part IV – Citizen Engagement

Citizen engagement is a priority at the Secretariat. We need to be effective when engaging our citizens on all of our work.

Keeping this in mind, please answer the following questions on what would be the best way to reach you and keep you informed and engaged in this process.

10. The best ways to reach me are (Top 3 choices):

- a) E-mail (Please provide separately)
- b) Facebook.com / Migmawei
- c) Website www.migmawei.ca
- d) Local radio: CHRQ – CHRG – Radio Gespeg
- e) Direct mail out
- f) Public information sessions
- g) Mawiomi Cafe
- h) Gespisq
- i) At home visits
- j) Other, please specify: _____

11. Would you be interested to attend public information sessions?

- a) Not interested
- b) Somewhat interested
- c) Interested
- d) Very interested

12. What time frame suits you best for public sessions? (Check as many that apply to you)

- Weekend (Saturday Sunday)
- Weekday
- AM (8:30am to Noon)
- PM (1:00pm to 4:30pm)
- Lunch hour
- Evening with supper

General Comments:
