

Developing an Indigenous-Led Fire Prescription

So, your group or community understands key terms, appreciates holistic values and has now developed a rationale—let's start developing an Indigenous-led fire prescription.

Inspired by the principles of the Balanced Scorecard, reflect on and answer the following questions:

(These questions were originally considered for the Saskatchewan River Delta, but they can be applied to your specific site.)

Community

1. What values are expected to be delivered to the community when returning, continuing, expanding or supporting uses of fire on the land?

Operations/Process

2. What are the proposed timeframes for returning, continuing, expanding or supporting uses of fire on the land?
3. What Indigenous and non-Indigenous laws, protocols, policies and practices will your group or community be working within to return, continue, expand or support uses of fire on the land?

Finances

4. What are the costs for returning, continuing, expanding or supporting uses of fire on the land?
5. How will these costs be covered?

Organizational capacity (learning and growth)

6. Who will be leading the return, continuation, expansion or support of uses of fire on the land?
7. What are the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to return, continue, expand or support uses of fire on the land?

8. What types of relationships are needed for the Indigenous-led fire prescription?
9. What strategies are in place to build relationships in developing the Indigenous-led fire prescription?
10. What strategies are in place to build relationships in implementing the Indigenous-led fire prescription?
11. What type of training or knowledge sharing is needed to ensure burning is done in an appropriate, good and safe way?