Questions to ask before making decisions

*We want to make strong decisions for our community.*

*We won’t agree to a decision or action if it hasn’t been properly explained.*

*We have to talk to our community, to gather all relevant information before making a decision.*

*Before we make a decision, we will make sure to ask these questions:*

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| Who? | Who is proposing it?  Who is involved?  Who will benefit? |  |
| What? | What is it about?  What will be done in our nation or community?  What are the risks and benefits? |  |
| When? | When will it start and finish?  When will we get reports about progress? |  |
| Where? | Where will it be carried out?  Where are the places that will be affected? |  |
| How? | How will it be done?  How will we know it’s been done properly? |  |
| Why? | Why is this needed?  Why is it needed now? |  |
| Additional questions | What is the main issue?  Are there any cultural issues, values and implications that we need to take into account?  How will we address these in the decision?  Does the issue comply with policy or should it be drafted as new policy?  Will the decision affect our budget?  What options does the board / committee / community / nation have?  Are there any conflicts of interest? |  |