

Strengthening Indigenous Community Economic Development Services



Catalyste+ offers capacity development through mentorship and advisory services to Indigenous communities and clients in Western, Atlantic and Central Canada to help advance economic development priorities and initiatives.

The program provides Catalyste+ services at **no cost to eligible clients**. Travel and accommodations are charged separately and paid for directly by the client.

Requests for service are accepted on a rolling basis.



Who Is Eligible?

Indigenous community organizations based in the Western, Atlantic and Central Canada regions, including:

- Indigenous governments and government offices
- First Nation collectives i.e. tribal and band councils
- Indigenous economic development corporations and Indigenous Trusts
- Indigenous-led organizations
- Community (FN/band)-owned enterprises



What Is the Process?

Contact Catalyste+ Community Relations Officer Cora Bunn to learn more about this service and request assistance.

Once Catalyste+ receives a request for assistance, we will reconfirm eligibility.

Eligible clients will then be matched with the most suitable Catalyste+ Advisor to complete the project.





Catalyste+ Advisors

Catalyste+ Advisors are Canadian senior-level professionals with extensive expertise from both the private and public sectors. Leveraging an average of 20 years of experience, our Advisors have been providing mentorship and advisory services to Catalyste+ partners and clients in a variety of sectors, including tourism, health and social services, arts and culture, and governance.

Catalyste+ Makes an Impact

The Magnetawan First Nation (MFN), an Ojibwe First Nation in Ontario, partnered with Catalyste+ on a project to assist with a peer review of their Five-Year Economic Development Plan and how to implement their economic development initiatives. Catalyste+ Advisor Ed Cornies reviewed the plan and proposals on both a gas station project and the Capital Planning Study and provided recommendations. Another Catalyste+ Advisor, Michael Ross, reviewed the inventory control of the existing gas bar so that it was ready for upgrade. Working with Catalyste+ helped the community go forward with the gas station project, which brought about the opening of a new Esso and Tim Horton's economic development venture. "We believe that the collaboration between Magnetawan First Nation and Catalyste+ is unique and innovative and will result in a solid and sustainable outcome in economic development for our community," says Chief Lloyd Myke, Head Councillor, MFN.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Interested applicants who meet the eligibility requirements should contact **Cora Bunn**, Catalyste+ Community Relations Officer, at <u>cbunn@catalysteplus.org</u> or **416-304-9314**.

