

POST GAME DISCUSSION IDEAS

Budgeting Quality of Life

Canadians view the following as important to leading lives of value:

Government that is responsive, trustworthy, efficient, democratic and fair

Political Rights; democracy, choice, freedom and civil rights

Many job openings for secure, well-compensated, meaningful work

Personal well-being from balanced time demands

Healthy Community; free from fear

Universal Health Care

High Quality Education

Clean, Safe Environment

Adequate Social Support

Small groups will decide the importance of these qualities as a Cabinet.

Your province has six billion dollars to ensure, support and encourage everything on the list. Decide their order of importance first. Then decide as a group how many dollars to allot to each. Leave time at the end of the session to hear/see the budgets of each group. Compare with your province's real budget.

The Systems Game

The Fair Game™ tries to simplify very complex interactions. Move tables and chairs to the wall. Stand as one group in the center of the room. Without letting anyone know, each will mentally pick two other people in the group. Now all move to keep equal distance between you and the other two. Keep moving, keep equal distance. Stop after a few minutes. Did this system ever achieve equilibrium? Try having observers guess who picked who. Is it easy to understand a dynamic system in motion? Try picking only one other person. Try three. Discuss the difference between linear and exponential expansion. *from "Coming Back to Life" by Macy and Brown*

Idea Auction

Make a list of ten ideas on the board, some serious, some less so. Distribute equally 100 (or so) Trillion Bills to the group. Each now has 3 to 5 Trillion with which to bid on ideas in an open market. Bidders can join together to outbid others. Winning bidders pay on the spot for the idea they bought. If they are out of cash, they watch. Record sale prices on the board. Auction continues until all ideas are sold or the market is out of cash. What did not sell? What went for a high price and why? Return Bills back to correct numbers for their regions. *by Curt Shoultz*

Only so much Oil in the Ground

Pour all the Oilrocks into a bowl. Two rules for this game: 1. Get as many out as you can in 15 seconds and 2. any remaining are worth double value. Try it with a select group. What are the real world parallels? Is there a third rule you can make which will respect the first two rules and resolve the problem?

Are there renewable energy sources to power the economy at its' present rate? How would you represent renewable energy? *from Elizabeth May, heard on CBC*

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