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Building on Land

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Earth has a limited amount of land that can be used and it is split up mostly between living and farming.

You, Esiw and 30 others from diverse backgrounds are on the committee of urban and land use planning. You must solve some issues that the residents have with creating a better living and working environment, along with creating more spaces for people who are moving into the city. The committee acknowledges that the city is located on Indigenous land. You meet with the committee to discuss the plan on land use.

During the meeting, one member suggests that the whole city be revamped. They suggest new housing developments, new shopping centres, and new parks. They explain that this would mean buying properties and evicting residents from their homes so that they can rebuild better, more modern and more expensive homes. Many members disagree with this idea. Why?

You stand up and speak against this idea. What do you suggest could be done to revamp the city instead?

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Esiw explains that the city is located on the border of tectonic plates, which can cause earthquakes. It is important for the city to have an emergency budget for natural disasters like this that can happen unexpectedly. The city however is over budget because they're planning to add more schools, hospitals, and parks. What should they do?

The planning committee is responsible for agriculture. The current farming system they are using provides habitat for many species of wildlife. However, it is very inefficient, and the committee agrees there will not be enough food for everyone. They can change the farming method, but it will cause huge water pollution. What should they do and why?
