WHO IS READY FOR NEW GOVERNANCE IN RURAL CANADA?

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ROADMAP

• “The revolution no one noticed”
• Case study of governance in rural Newfoundland
• Emerging implications - Who is ready for new governance?
GOVERNANCE

new governance is the revolution that no one noticed

Reimer (2004)
IS GOVERNANCE NEW?
WHAT IS GOVERNANCE?

“a change in the meaning of government, referring to a new process of governing; or a changed condition of ordered rule; or the new method by which society is governed” (Rhodes, 1996)

• Set of institutions and actors drawn from, but also beyond government
• Identifies the blurring of boundaries and responsibilities
• Identifies power dependence
• Autonomous self-governing networks
• Recognition of the capacity to get things done without resting on the power or command of government
GOVERNANCE AND NEW REGIONALISM

New Regionalism

- Collaborative Multi-Level Governance
- Place-Based Development
- Innovation and Learning
- Rural Urban Interactions
- Integrated Development
“Government will work with regional leaders to explore collaborative forms of governance that advance regional sustainability”

2009 Speech from the Throne
NORTHERN PENINSULA REGIONAL COLLABORATION PILOT INITIATIVE

- To provide advice to government decision-makers
- To create an inclusive forum in the region for discussions of challenges and opportunities
- To provide advice on how government can develop innovative regional collaboration
WHO IS READY FOR NEW GOVERNANCE?

- Community and Local Stakeholders
- Government Agencies
- Private Sector
WHO IS READY FOR NEW GOVERNANCE

• Recognition the status quo does not work

• Local stakeholders ready for governance … but not sure what they are signing up for

• Challenge to think and act regionally
WHO IS READY FOR NEW GOVERNANCE

• Recognition the status quo does not work → uncertain how to move forward in the current context

• Hesitations focused on legitimacy and accountability of governance initiatives

• Challenges of sharing and/or transferring power
WHO IS READY FOR NEW GOVERNANCE

- Keen to be engaged in discussions of new governance
- Small enterprises challenged to participate in governance initiatives due to lack of time
- Community and Local Stakeholders
- Government Agencies
- Private Sector
IMPLICATIONS

• Governance initiatives developed from existing organizations and relationships

• Governance does not come easily

• Challenge for communities and local stakeholders to think regionally

• Pilot Initiative was a real attempt at changing the status quo
FURTHER INFORMATION

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