

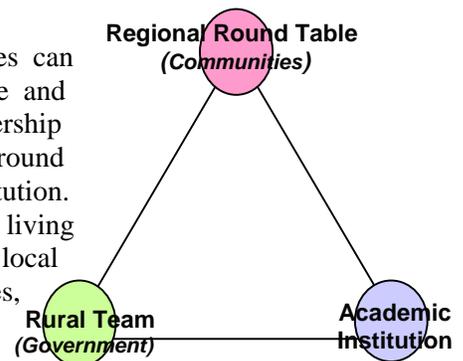
Community Collaboration Project (CCP): Empowering Communities and Building Capacity 2005-2008

Overview

Communities collaborating together in community development processes can increase their capacity to improve quality of life, better manage change and sustain long-term well-being. The *Community Collaboration Project (CCP) Empowering Communities & Building Capacity* project (hereafter referred to as the CCP model project) provides opportunities for new forms of collaboration and governance. With access to the appropriate tools, resources and information, individuals living in rural and northern communities can engage in self-sustaining, informed, local decision-making and meaningful dialogue between and among communities, organizations and governments. The CCP in Manitoba and Nunavut, initiated in 1999, was a collaborative arrangement between communities in four regions of Manitoba and the Kivalliq region of Nunavut, federal, provincial and territorial government departments and agencies, non-government organizations and Rural Development Institute (RDI) of Brandon University. Four regional round tables (RRTs) emerged from this process, each with unique and different priorities goals and projects, yet similar in how they underwent community collaboration. Outcomes of the CCP experience in Manitoba/Nunavut included: the building of relationships among CCP stakeholders; the development of trusting relationships and increased communication between the community members and government officials; leadership development within the RRTs and the steering committee; capacity building among the RRTs and steering committee members; and exploration into new models of decision-making and governance among communities and governments.

Rural Development Institute's CCP Model

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The Rural Secretariat is funding this model under the Models for Rural Development and Community Capacity Program. This program is a research program intended to gather evidence and knowledge that contributes to the understanding of what approaches (models) to community development and capacity building work in rural, remote and northern communities. The information will be used to inform all levels of government to support their decisions on programs and services for rural Canadians, as well as future policy directions.



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Regional Round Tables

WaterWolf Regional Round Table

The Waterwolf Regional Round Table (WRRT), www.waterwolf.org, was established in 2005 because there was no structure for addressing regional development issues, no consensus for planning infrastructure and development, and no regional table to encourage and facilitate initiatives. WWRRT has five committees that are working on: a governance model to provide good stewardship and oversight of development in the South Saskatchewan River valley South of Beaver Creek; potential solutions to the issue of long term stability and sustainability in providing technical oversight for water quality to small communities in accordance with provincial regulations; a process and time table for development at or near Danielson Park as a demonstration pilot for tax and investment sharing; concerning medium and long term land use planning and Make recommendations for priorities in the development of data layers within the region (in other words, what should be the priorities for GIS digitization in the region); and a framework for municipal sharing of the cost of infrastructure development and for the sharing of taxes on new regional developments.

October 23, 2006 saw the announcement of the #219 highway partnership. Under the groundbreaking agreement, a First Nation Community, rural municipalities, and the provincial department of highways have come together with resources in common cause to fund the redevelopment of #219 highway as a tourism corridor between Saskatoon and Lake Diefenbaker. WWRRT is leading the way in using GPS technology to make road data information available to emergency response vehicles to help better evaluate road conditions in case of an emergency. This system will be able to provide ambulances with a route along ploughed roads in the winter, ensuring safer transport for patients needing immediate care. As of July 2007 two rural municipalities have agreed to equip their road graders, and there are plans to expand throughout the region. The potential is to be able to track all vehicles, whether they are fire trucks, police cars, even school buses, ultimately ensuring their safety on the road.

Yukon Regional Round Table

The Yukon Regional Round Table (YRRT), www.brandonu.ca/rdi/yrrt.asp, established in April 2006, is a gathering of community representatives, both municipal and First Nations, to activate collaboration and dialogue amongst Yukon communities. The aims and guiding principles of YRRT are: collaborative economic development; networking and communication between communities; shared promotion; healthy, respectful relations; social development; and accountability and credibility. YRRT is providing an opportunity for independent, non-political exchange and collaboration between Yukon communities. From the outset members have focused on ensuring that this opportunity makes an active, concrete difference in Yukon communities.

YRRT is initiating two projects:

Tourism Marketing Partnership, which is designed to leverage individual communities' tourism marketing efforts and promote regional travel. This includes a collaborative hub tourism website that will link to every communities' own webpage, include a year-round calendar of events, local highlights, and supporting cross-promotion.

Community Asset Inventory, to build a shared knowledge base of community economic, social and partnership opportunities for strategic planning and community development. The focus is on tourism infrastructure, social economy, and social health.

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