Rural Vitality – From Surviving to Thriving: Insights from the New Rural Economy Project

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PE/LA CF
Questions

- How do communities innovate and adapt?
- What are the major obstacles to collaboration and partnerships?
- How might they be overcome?
- Implications for PE/LA region?
Community and Regional Systems

**Stressors:** Challenges to community objectives

**Assets:** Resources to meet community objectives

**Governance:** Structures and processes to reorganize assets

**Outcomes:** Community objectives
Stressors

- Urbanization
- Machines replace labour
- Global competition
- Knowledge economy
- Environment and climate
- Immigration
- Population aging (Aboriginal pop. growth)
- Governance reorganization
New Governance

- Private, Public, Civic Partnerships
- New technologies
- Boards of directors
- Multiple tools of governance
- Flexible structure
Normative Systems

**Market-based:**
Contractual, short-term, supply and demand
E.g. commerce, labour, housing, trade

**Bureaucratic-based:**
Rationalized roles, principles
E.g. government, law, corporations

**Associative-based:**
Shared interests
E.g. recreation, charity, religious groups

**Communal-based:**
Generalized reciprocity, identity, birth
E.g. families, cultural groups, gangs

- **Market**
- **Bureaucratic**
- **Associative**
- **Communal**
Cap-à-l’aigle

18 au 20 juin 1999

Village des lilas
Bases of Understanding

**Narrative**
- Born in Vancouver
- Married to Fran Shaver in 1967
- Four grandchildren by our 2 children

**Essentialist**
- Sociologist
- Professor
- Father
- Grandfather
- White
Carcross/Tagish Nation: Virtues, Values, and Concepts

Selflessness  Honour  Respect  Courage  Integrity  Knowledge  Compassion

Balance  Self-Esteem  Love  Wisdom

Connection  Processes  Consensus

Unity
Prince Edward/Lennox & Addington
Government and Researchers

- Bear the burden of the bureaucratic requirements:
  - Fair applications and accountability
- Accommodate and respect existing social organizations
- Adjust demands to local time frames
- Share power
- Explore innovative governance arrangements
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