

# TALKING GOVERNANCE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**CHANGE  
AHEAD**

# Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation

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- enhances the understanding of rural issues and opportunities
- facilitates national and regional dialogues

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# GOVERNANCE

new governance is the revolution  
that no one noticed

Reimer (2004)

# governance and regional development

- » opportunity to enhance on existing relationships
- » opportunity to build on local assets
- » opportunities for place-based priorities

# new forms of governance

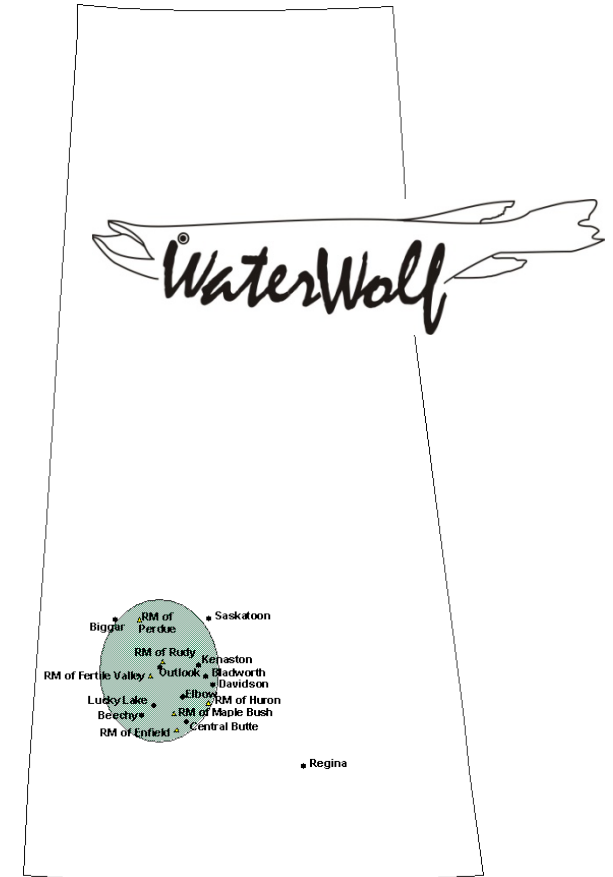
frustration with central governments

local empowerment

rise of multi-community collaboration

# WaterWolf RRT

- » established 2005
- » water technician services, regional planning, GIS, land use planning, service delivery
- » identity of local communities maintained





# Upper Madawaska

- » 6 local service districts, 4 villages
- » 58% voted in favour of creating 'Upper Madawaska'
- » 10 municipal taxes rates in the region

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+ DE RÉGIONS ▼

• ACCUEIL |  
• POLITIQUE

## Les électeurs disent « oui » au regroupement du Haut-Madawaska

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Des résidents du Haut-Madawaska réagissent à l'annonce que le regroupement municipal a été accepté PHOTO : RADIO-CANADA

**Le projet de regroupement des districts de services locaux (DSL) pour former une communauté rurale dans le Haut-Madawaska, au Nouveau-Brunswick, est finalement accepté par la population.**

Un texte de Antoine Trépanier  



**2009**

**“Government will work with regional leaders to explore collaborative forms of governance that advance regional sustainability”**

# NP 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  
development/support innovative regional collaboration

# challenges

## local communities

- competition to collaboration transition
- legitimacy concerns
- 'who' speaks for new governance
- new governance not status quo for government

## government

- assumption local has capacity
- need new 'mechanisms'
- maintaining participation
- evaluation of new governance

2009

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2016

**“By 2019, Government will implement regional governance pilot(s)”**

# suggestions for moving forward



# #1

# You are not alone!

**“The current system  
does not work –  
everyone knows it,  
yet no one will  
make a change”**

#2

re-arranging local  
governance should  
not be a mystery  
novel

#3

New mechanisms  
are required within  
government to  
work with  
communities as  
partners



SUCCESSFUL  
COLLABORATION

It only works when everyone knows their talents.

# #4 place matters

## PLACE PERIPHERAL

Place-Based Development in Rural, Island, and Remote Regions



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changes to governance  
is a long term initiative



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