

new relationships old partnerships

EXPERIENCE OF 'NEW' RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
IN A PERIPHERAL REGION OF NEWFOUNDLAND

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road map

» why communities are searching for new governance?

» new governance arrangement

» lessons learned from experiences in new governance

new forms of governance

frustration with central governments

local empowerment

rise of multi-community collaboration

rural nl reality

594 'communities' in NL

276 incorporated municipalities

182 local service districts

136 unincorporated areas
lack of human & financial capacity

local government challenges

increasing local responsibilities

high reliance on natural resources

low democratic participation

growing number of inter-municipal collaborations

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

northern peninsula

51 communities
population of 13,140



purpose of new governance

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

at the table

municipalities

economic development actors

regional council

provincial government representatives

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

lessons learned

local communities



government



- competition to collaboration transition
- legitimacy concerns
- 'who' speaks for new governance
- new governance not status quo
- assumption local has capacity for government
- need new 'mechanisms'
- maintaining participation
- evaluation of new governance

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assumption capacity is at local level

old 'baggage' doesn't disappear

challenge seeing old partners in a new light

acknowledgements

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