the new rural realities

WEALTH, GOVERNANCE, AND INNOVATION

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

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wealth

» natural resources royalties rarely stay in the site of extraction

» need to understand wealth and its movement

» role of philanthropy in rural development
rural dividends

» returns a portion of the revenue created by rural-based resource industry activity to the regions that supply the natural assets

» re-investment should be decided by regional communities to maintain social, economic and environmental well-being.
governance

» community as partner, not client

» new relationships required
hudson bay neighbours

» 12 communities and First Nations

» to secure a strong, self-reliant Region containing self-sufficient communities.

» information sharing, collective advocacy, and joint projects
innovation

» understanding of place and its value

» recognition of rural innovation vs urban innovation

» how to support innovation
chatman’s bakery

» Charlottetown, NL

» from 1 part-time employee to 20 full-time employees

» no preservatives, no trans-fats
THE DIFFICULTY LIES NOT SO MUCH IN DEVELOPING NEW IDEAS AS ESCAPING FROM OLD ONES

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