

*Building Vibrant Rural
Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge
and Informing Policy*



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Welcome Messages

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee, welcome to the *Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy* conference in Guelph, Ontario. This is the 28th Annual Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference and we hope you learn from the diversity of delegates and sessions, create lasting relationships to mobilize knowledge, and ultimately help build vibrant rural futures across Canada and around the world!

- Heather Hall, Conference Co-Chair, University of Waterloo and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Board Member
- Ryan Gibson, Conference Co-Chair, University of Guelph, Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Board Member and Rural Policy Learning Commons
- Valencia Gaspard, University of Guelph
- Sarah Minnes, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Board Member
- Al Lauzon, University of Guelph and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation President
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THE CANADIAN RURAL REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

Ganohon:yok,

On behalf of Six Nations Elected Council, I would like to welcome you to the traditional territory of Six Nations of the Grand River and to the 28th Annual Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference.

For many years First Nations have co-existed in peace and friendship with other Nations, sharing the lands and natural resources found within the traditional territory of the Onkwehonwe people. This same partnership exists today between the communities of Six Nations and Guelph located within the Beaver Hunting Grounds, also known as the lands of the 1701 Nanfan Treaty.

At great sacrifices the people of Six Nations – Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, Onondaga and Tuscarora – have helped to make Canada a proud and prosperous country.

Since its establishment in 1989, the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF) has contributed to the revitalization and sustainability of rural Canada. Through the exploration of a diversity of issues that impact the life and livelihood of rural Canadians, the CRRF has been a great support in identifying opportunities for the welfare of Canada's rural communities and environments.

May you enjoy your visit, and benefit from the knowledge and insights shared at this year's "Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy" Conference.

Sincerely,

Chief G. Ava Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River



Lloyd Longfield

Member of Parliament for Guelph



Honoured guest,

I would like to personally welcome you to Guelph and to the 28th Annual Conference of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF). As a member of both the Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food as well as the Committee for Industry, Science and Technology I understand how crucial organizations such as the CRRF are to invigorating Canada's rural economies.

The theme for this year's conference, "*Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy*" is a very appropriate choice as it will directly inform the future of farming in Canada. Agriculture has always been at the heart of Canada's rural communities, but if these communities are to unleash their full economic potential we must work to bring new technologies into Agricultural practice. These technologies will also require satisfactory infrastructure such as wireless internet connections to provide farmers access and use of data collection software.

The Committee for Industry, Science, and Technology is currently undertaking a study on manufacturing and while the study is still ongoing, the importance of rural manufacturing and its close relation to the success of agriculture are very much in the mind of the committee. We are also preparing to study the problems surrounding access to the internet in rural areas, which is a crucial element if Canadian farms are to move into the 21st Century.

However, the needed improvements are not necessarily cutting edge technologies. Often, and this is particularly true of Canada's rural aboriginal communities, what stands in the way of success is the lack of access to suitable roads or even suitable drinking water. Basic infrastructure improvements will put these communities on track to stability and economic self-sufficiency.

Together farmers, aboriginals, community leaders and government representatives, such as myself, must work together to integrate electronic data collection, modern technology, and agriculture that we may put Canada in the forefront of Agricultural innovation.

I would like to thank you for your taking the time to attend this important event as the future of rural Canada is in many ways the future of Canada as a whole. I await with great anticipation the results of this year's CRRF AGM.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Longfield
Member of Parliament—Guelph

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LIZ SANDALS, MPP

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The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference

Dear Conference Delegates:

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the city of Guelph and to the 28th Annual Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference.

Since its establishment in 1989, CRRF/FCRR has done an outstanding job of promoting the concerns and interests of rural Canadians and contributing to the sustainability of rural Canada. The theme of this conference “Building Vibrant Rural Futures : Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy” is a very relevant and important one for our times. All of us will benefit from the knowledge and insights that will be shared at this conference.

Congratulations and thanks to the organizers who have given a great deal of time and effort to arrange such a meaningful conference.

I hope that you enjoy your visit to Guelph and return home with many happy memories and lots of new ideas for implementing in your area.

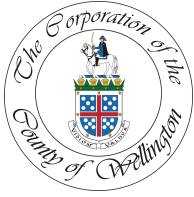
Sincerely,

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Honourable Liz Sandals,

MPP, Guelph

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Welcome to beautiful Wellington County!

As Warden of this great community, I welcome the delegates of the 28th Annual Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference.

Wellington County is the place to be with its intriguing mix of heritage and culture. It has a vibrant economy, is one of the safest communities in Canada, and is uniquely positioned geographically to provide easy access to major centres such as Toronto, London and Hamilton.

During your stay, I hope you take time to explore some of the rich history, culture, and natural beauty our County has to offer.

Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

George Bridge
Warden, County of Wellington



October 2016

Greetings and welcome!

On behalf of the City of Guelph, I am thrilled to welcome all delegates to our city for the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation's 28th Annual Conference. A special welcome to those who are visiting from across Canada.

While you are in Guelph, I hope you will have time to explore all our city has to offer – from our historic downtown, to our riverside parks and trails. Please enjoy your stay with us.

While Guelph has grown into a mid-sized city, it has proud agricultural roots. Those roots remain vital to our city, which is home to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; the University of Guelph and Ontario Agricultural College; and a wide network of agricultural and agri-food businesses and organizations. We are proud to be the host community for this national conference on rural issues and opportunities.

All the best for a terrific conference!

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI), it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to this year's Building Vibrant Rural Futures Conference in our home of Guelph, Ontario. As ROI's work ensures the development of leaders across rural Ontario, we are pleased to partner with OMAFRA, OAC, RPLC and CRRF to bring this exciting conference opportunity to students, leaders and community members.

ROI advocates for rural communities in our province by getting rural and agricultural issues on the map through effective stakeholder engagement, communication with decision makers and strategic recommendations to build strong and vibrant communities. We are pleased to share this enthusiasm for rural issues and ideas with you over the course of this conference.

The 2016 conference program reflects the dynamic nature of rural in Ontario. From rural water to rural data collection, the conference provides an outstanding environment to meet peers, build relationships and exchange ideas. I hope this conference speaks to each of you and inspires you to bring innovative ideas back to your own rural communities.

Have a wonderful conference experience,



Norm Ragetlie
Director, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the University of Guelph. I am confident that you will find our campus -- known as Canada's food university -- an ideal venue for discussing rural issues.

Your conference theme is an important topic for all of us in rural and urban Canada alike.

"Building Vibrant Rural Futures" meshes with U of G's own longtime mandate in teaching and research in rural matters.

The Ontario Agricultural College – a co-organizer of this year's event on campus – became one of our founding colleges in 1874.

Drawing on deep roots, OAC and the University of Guelph have become recognized leaders in education, research and service in agriculture, food, environmental sciences and rural community development.

From economic development and labour force training to climate change impacts and sustainability to rural data and aboriginal issues, U of G affords a wealth of knowledge and insight into the issues and opportunities that you will discuss here this week.

I encourage you to explore our campus and learn more about what Guelph has to offer. Together, we can help build vibrant futures for all of us.

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Franco J. Vaccarino, PhD, FCAHS
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A Message from the Honourable Jeff Leal

I am pleased to welcome you to the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation's 28th annual conference.

I appreciate the importance of making decisions and developing policies that are evidence-based as well as research and data driven. That is why I'm pleased to see researchers, policy developers and community organizations from across Canada and elsewhere come together for conferences like this one.

The theme for this year's conference is Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy. I trust there will be a wide variety of meaningful discussions on topics such as local and regional economic development, climate change, labour force development, and explorations on how Indigenous communities are building on economic and social opportunities.

Ontario is listening to the needs of our rural residents. By investing in rural communities, our government is delivering on its economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority: to grow the economy and create jobs. In June, I hosted the 2016 Rural Ontario Summit, which brought together youth, municipal leaders, business leaders, community organizations and representatives from Indigenous communities. We had meaningful discussions on the issues and opportunities facing youth in rural Ontario.

The province is also supporting small, rural and northern communities with funding through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF). Through OCIF, we are helping to build and repair important infrastructure and providing rural communities with economic development tools, resources and advice to help boost their capacity to grow and prosper.

I wish you the very best for an informative and successful conference.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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Welcome Message from Dr. Bill Reimer, Rural Policy Learning Commons

We are delighted to join with CRRF, OAC, ROI, and OMAFRA to bring you the “Building Vibrant Rural Futures” conference. For 28 years, CRRF has championed rural and northern issues through conferences, workshops, webinars, research, and policy initiatives. I particularly appreciate how they have taken these activities to rural people and places, creating a record of events in smaller places from Nelson, BC, Inuvik, NT, Humbolt, SK, and Gimli MB in the West to Goderich, ON, Coaticook, QC, West Prince County, PE, and Twillingate, NL in the East. In each case, they left a legacy of knowledge, networks, and new initiatives involving researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, and citizens. You will see this process at work here in Guelph.

The Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) is also part of that legacy. This seven-year SSHRC-funded partnership project is rooted in the collaboration born out of CRRF’s experience, participants, and networks. We share the desire to build rural and northern vitality through research, education, and collaboration and we do so by working with existing people, organizations, and networks in a mutually-supportive fashion. Check out our website via <http://rplc-capr.ca> and you will find a wide range of resources and opportunities to connect with others, answer questions, mobilize initiatives, and build your personal and collective abilities to enhance rural and northern capacity. We would love to work with and learn from you.

Feel free to say hello to me or one of the other RPLC participants if you wish to know more about our activities – or to let us know about yours. We welcome you to the stimulating program which the organizers have prepared for us this year and look forward to working with you in the future.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Reimer'.

Bill Reimer
Project Director, RPLC



Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation
Fondation canadienne pour la revitalisation rurale

On behalf of the board of directors of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation/Fondation canadienne pour la revitalisation rurale (CRRF/FCRR) I would like to welcome everyone to the Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy Conference here in beautiful Guelph, Ontario. This conference is an opportunity for people who care about rural to come together, dialogue, learn from one another, and share ideas about building the vibrant futures of rural places.

CRRF/FCRR was founded in 1989 with the idea that through processes of research, dialogue and knowledge, sharing rural places could be revitalized and sustained. This is important for rural Canada, not only economically, but is foundational to our identity and psyche as Canadians. This conference will now become part of the CRRF/FCRR legacy and its ongoing efforts to sustain and build a vibrant rural Canada.

CRRF/FCRR also turns its gaze outwards, to the global rural community, as this organization exists through the profound belief that much is to be learned from outside of our country's borders. In the days to come, I excitedly await interacting with colleagues from home and around the globe. Let us all take this conference as an opportunity to reinvigorate ourselves as stewards of rurality.

In this time of excitement, we would like to express gratitude to our many partners, members of the organizing committee, sponsors, presenters, and participants for making these days in Guelph possible. May you all, community leader, development practitioner, policy-maker, student, and researchers alike, enjoy these days of dialogue and learning. My hope is that you leave inspired and renewed in your work on behalf of rural places and the many vibrant people who call them home.

Sincerely,

Al Lauzon, Ed.D

President, Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation/ Fondation canadienne pour la revitalisation rurale
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lives of rural Canadians.

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des Canadiens des régions rurales.

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Conference at a Glance

	October 12 th (Wednesday)	October 13 th (Thursday)	October 14 th (Friday)	October 15 th (Saturday)
7:00 – 8:30am	Registration & Community Fieldtrips	Registration All Day	New Researchers Forum	
8:30 – 10:00am		Keynote Session: <i>Lessons Learned in a Remote First Nation Community During a Unique Reconciliation Trip in Their Homes</i> by Andrée Cazabon & Angelica Mckay	Concurrent Session	Plenary Participatory Workshop: <i>Rural Development through Regionalism?</i>
10:00 – 10:30am		Break & Poster Session	Break & Poster Session	Break
10:30 – 12:00pm		Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Session	Plenary Participatory Workshop: <i>Rural Development through Regionalism?</i>
12:00 – 1:00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:30pm		Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Session	Plenary Workshop: <i>Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) Dialogue Session</i>
2:30 – 3:00pm		Break & Poster Session	Break & Poster Session	
3:00 – 4:30pm		Concurrent Session	Keynote Session: <i>Talking to ourselves: Why rural people need to communicate within and between their communities and how the system is breaking down</i> by Keith Roulston	
4:30 – 6:00pm		CRRF Annual General Meeting		
6:30 – 9:00pm	Keynote Session: <i>Climate Scientists: Searching the Golden Mean Between Pencil Pushers and Activists</i> by Erlend Moster Knudsen Local Tasting Event		Banquet & Entertainment (starts at 6:45pm) Music: Eric Bolton Performance: Tribal Vision	

Keynote Speakers

Erlend Moster Knudsen

Erlend Moster Knudsen is a Norwegian climate researcher and science communicator. He has a PhD in Arctic climate dynamics and works as a PostDoc at the University of Cologne (Germany). He is also the Deputy Director of the international climate awareness campaign Pole to Paris. For the latter, he took on a 3000 km run from the Norwegian Arctic to the climate summit COP21 in Paris last fall. Along the way, he gave talks in schools, universities and open events, shared climate information via traditional and social media, and met with politicians and members of rural communities.

Andrée Cazabon

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Andrée Cazabon completed her fifth film in 2010, *Third World Canada* on the impact of living conditions for children and families on First Nations reserve. Tasked by K.I. (Kitchenuhmayoosib Inninuwug), the community featured in her film to 'make the invisible – visible to Canadians' Andrée Cazabon put her film career on hold to dedicate ten years of her life to reconciliation. She continues to bring the film and its reconciliation toolkit to various sectors and circles in Canada to raise awareness and results.

Angelica Mckay

Angelica McKay is a proud member of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (kitchen-ooh-may-koo-sib I-nni-noo-woog – or K.I. for short) on Big Trout Lake in north western Ontario. A grade 11 student at Queen Elizabeth School in Sioux Lookout, Angelica continues to be one of the organizing Youth Leaders for the reconciliation trip held annually in her community. The trips are featured yearly in the *Toronto Star*, inviting Canadians to spend a week in the family homes to build bridges of friendships and break down misconceptions through immersive education and daily teachings. Angelica and the Youth Leaders were responsible for bringing the first ever overnight Royal visit in an Indigenous community worldwide in 2014 with the Countess of Wessex and the Premier of Ontario. In 2016, the Youth Leaders and their partner, Productions Cazabon brought the reconciliation trip along with trip guest, Mayor John Tory to another remote fly-in community, Bearksin Lake First Nation. Angelica McKay was honoured for her service and leadership by receiving one of the highest recognitions at Bearksin Lake, the white eagle feather. In 2017, the Youth Leaders will be hosting their 5th reconciliation trip.

Keith Roulston

Keith Roulston grew up on a farm near Lucknow, Ontario, attended elementary school in the village and was in the last graduating class of the local high school before it was closed. He studied journalism at what is now Ryerson University and began his career with the Clinton News-Record, part of a small chain of newspapers. In 1971, at the age of 24, he and his wife Jill bought the Blyth Standard. On his first week in the village he discovered the wonderful but run-down theatre in Blyth Memorial Hall and ended up bringing together the team that founded the Blyth Festival in 1975. In 1979 he left publishing to become the theatre's first full-time general manager. He returned in 1985, setting up a community-owned newspaper to serve Blyth and Brussels and surrounding area. The Citizen was chosen best newspaper in Canada in the 1,000 to 1,999 circulation category in 2016. He is a former director of the Ontario Community Newspaper Association where he initiated a special task force for independent newspapers. He lives in the country near Blyth.

Conference Information

Registration:

Wednesday, October 12	7:30am-6:30pm
Thursday, October 13	7:30am-4:30pm
Friday, October 14	7:30am-4:30pm

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Session Information:

A full program with session descriptions can be downloaded at www.guelph2016.crrf.ca

Posters Sessions:

Poster presentations will be ongoing throughout all of the breaks on Thursday & Friday

Downtown Restaurant Discounts:

Several downtown restaurants are offering discounts to conference delegates. Please see the conference registration table for more details.

What is rural in the 21st century?

Rural Routes Podcast provides listeners with a weekly podcast featuring an interview with somebody who has something to say about what it means to live rural in the 21st century. Rural Routes talks to academic researchers, farmers, artists, entrepreneurs and fishermen. You will hear stories from across Canada and maybe even a bit further afield. We'll tackle everything from what it's like to live on a small, rural island, to what are alternative models of financing available to rural communities.

Tune in online at www.ruralroutespodcasts.com. Rural Routes is a partnership between the Leslie Harris Centre and the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation.

Wednesday, October 12

7:30am – 6:30pm Registration

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

8:00am – 4:30pm Community Fieldtrips (Optional)

Conference delegates who are registered for a fieldtrip will receive an email with more information on meeting times and locations. Information will also be available at the conference registration table.

6:30pm – 9:00pm Opening Keynote & Local Tasting Event

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Welcome

Phil Monture, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory
Heather Hall, Conference Co-Chair, University of Waterloo
Ryan Gibson, Conference Co-Chair, University of Guelph

Keynote Speaker: Erlend Moster Knudsen

Climate Scientists: Searching for the Golden Mean Between Pencil Pushers and Activists

Moderator: Kelly Vodden, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Local Tasting Event: Please join us after the keynote for pub snacks and a local tasting event with Dixon's Distilled Spirits (<http://www.dixonsdistilledspirits.com>) and Sleeman Breweries (<http://sleeman.ca/en>). ***A cash bar will also be available***

Thursday, October 13

7:30am – 4:30pm Registration

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast

Location: Elements on Stone

Please note there is a **fee** for breakfast for conference delegates **not** staying at the conference hotel. Breakfast is **free** for conference delegates staying at the hotel.

8:30am – 10:00am Welcome & Keynote

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Welcome: Al Lauzon, Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation

Keynote: Andrée Cazabon and Angelica McKay

Lessons Learned in a Remote First Nation Community During a Unique Reconciliation Trip in Their Homes

Moderator: Bill Reimer, Rural Policy Learning Commons

10:00am – 10:30am Break & Poster Session

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part B

Poster Presentations

- I. ***Huron County Healthy Rural Policy Lens (HCHRPL) - Encouraging Implementation***
Presenter(s): Sheila Schuehlein, Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health; Huron Business Development Corporation
- II. ***“Parade of Horses”: Artists, Industry & Community Engagement Project***
Presenter(s): Susan Powell, Artist; Vicki Sword, Headwaters Equine Leadership Group
- III. ***Emergency Medicine (EM) Training for Rural Family Physicians (FPs)***
Presenter(s): Michelle Hunter, ROMP; Peter Wells, ROMP; Carly Visentin, ROMP

- IV. ***Rural Recreation Infrastructure Sustainability and Effects on Population Retention and In-Migration in South West Manitoba***
Presenter(s): Michael Blatherwick, Rural Policy Learning Commons
- V. ***Creating the BC Rural Dividend Program: Big Opportunities for Small Communities***
Presenter(s): Kathleen Van Ekris, University of Victoria
- VI. ***Assessing the Effects of Corporate Social Responsibility Activities on Beneficiaries***
Presenter(s): Michael Adiyia, Brandon University
- VII. ***Entrepreneurship: A Financial Support Approach***
Presenter(s): Orthist Adu Gyamfi, Brandon University
- VIII. ***Facilitating Rural Policy Connections***
Presenter(s): Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph; Logan Horrocks, Saint Mary's University
- IX. ***Planning for Agricultural Systems in Ontario***
Presenter(s): Laura Schreiner, University of Guelph

10:30am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Sessions

T1. Planning & Development

Room: Galt

Chair: Sarah Minnes

- I. ***Unconventional Shale Gas Development: Challenges for Policy and EA Practice***
Presenter(s): Nonita T. Yap, University of Guelph
- II. ***Bioregional Design for Multiple Aggregate Extraction Site Rehabilitation in the Oak Ridges Moraine, Ontario***
Presenter(s): Karen Landman, University of Guelph; Heather Schibli, University of Guelph
- III. ***Discursive Framing & Community Mobilization: The Melancthon Mega Quarry***
Rebecca McEvoy, University of Guelph; Presented by John Devlin, University of Guelph

T2. Agricultural & Rural Sustainability

Room: Brock Room

Chair: Ruth Mealy

- I. ***A Decade of Direct-Farm Marketing Data***
Presenter(s): Suzanne Ainley, The Ainley Group
- II. ***Increasing Agricultural Capacity and Food Production in Labrador: Conversations with Farmers***
Presenter(s): Ewa Dabrowska, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- III. ***Measuring Rural Sustainability to Mobilize Regional Partners***
Presenter(s): Brennan Lowery, Memorial University of Newfoundland

T3. Panel - Regional and Rural Broadband in Canada: A Longstanding Dilemma with Unfettered Optimism

Room: Tweedsmuir

Organizer

Helen Hambly, University of Guelph

Panelists

Helen Hambly, University of Guelph

Wayne Kelly, Brandon University

Ivan Emke, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Campbell Patterson, CPC Associates

T4. Capacity Building Session - *Social Enterprise: A strategy for enhancing social networks and activating a labour force in ageing rural communities*

Room: Trillium

Organizers

Michele Murray, Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre

Julie McKercher, Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre

T5. Capacity Building Session - Good Data and Analysis--A Key Ingredient for Effective Rural Economic Development

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Organizers

Michael Florio, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Darren Shock, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

T6. Panel - *Partnerships in Aboriginal education, Labour Force and Economic Development*

Room: Wellington

Moderator

Kelly Vodden, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Panelists

Heather Hall, University of Waterloo

Kim Postma, Huron Small Business Enterprise Centre

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Welcome: The Honourable Liz Sandals, President of the Treasury Board & Member of Provincial Parliament

State of Rural Canada Update by Sean Markey

Moderator: Heather Hall, University of Waterloo and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation

1:00pm – 2:30pm Concurrent Sessions

T7. Community Improvement Planning & Business Improvement Areas

Room: Brock Room

Chair: Al Lauzon

- I. ***Innovative Approaches to Upper and Lower Tier CIPs***
Presenter(s): Nancy Reid, Stantec Consulting
- II. ***Quantifying the Return on Investment of Ontario's Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) and their Stakeholders***
Presenter(s): Kay Matthews, Ontario Business Improvement Area Association; John Kiru, TABIA; Craig Stevens, City of Barrie BIA

T8. Community Engagement & Mobilization

Room: Tweedsmuir

Chair: Bojan Furst

- I. ***Community-University Partnerships to Enhance Research Impact: Mechanisms for Engagement***
Presenter(s): Caroline Duvieusart-Déry, University of Guelph; Karen Nelson, University of Guelph
- II. ***(re)Visiting Your Future***
Presenter(s): Heather Mair, University of Waterloo
- III. ***The Case of Inverness County: Initial data from the Capacity and Resilience project***
Presenter(s): Marguerite Cassin, Dalhousie University; Markus Sharaput, Dalhousie University

T9. Technology in Rural, Northern & Aboriginal Communities

Room: Galt

Chair: Heather Hall

- I. ***Digital Technology Adoption in Remote and Northern Indigenous Communities***
Presenter(s): Brian Beaton, University of New Brunswick
- II. ***Telecommunications Policy to Support Remote Indigenous Communities***
Presenter(s): Susan O'Donnell, University of New Brunswick
- III. ***Rural Communities and ICT: Comparisons from the Community Informatics Experience***
Presenter(s): Eduardo Villanueva-Mansilla, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

T10. Panel - Feeding ourselves: food systems management in rural regions

Room: Trillium

Organizer

Terri MacDonald, Selkirk College

Panelists

Terri MacDonald, Selkirk College

Sarah Breen, Selkirk College

John Devlin, University of Guelph

Philip Loring, University of Saskatchewan

Matteo Vittuari, Università di Bologna

T11. Panel - Accessing Rural Data Part I

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Organizer

Ray Bollman, Brandon University

Panelists

I. *Operationalizing ‘Self-contained Labour Areas’ as a standard geography for disseminating Statistics Canada data*

Presenter(s): Alessandro Alasia, Statistics Canada

II. *The methodology for preparing annual population estimates for each community (census sub-division) in Canada*

Presenter(s): Patrick Charbonneau, Statistics Canada

III. *Annual administrative socio-demographic and income data for individuals and families for sub-provincial areas in Canada: Issues of quality and data access*

Presenter(s): Brian Murphy, Statistics Canada

T12. Capacity Building Session - Experiencing Arts-Based Knowledge Mobilization

Room: Wellington

Organizer

Georgia Simms, University of Guelph

2:30pm – 3:00pm Break & Poster Session

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part B

Poster Presentations

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Presenter(s): Laura Schreiner, University of Guelph

3:00pm – 4:30pm Concurrent Sessions

T13. Rural Youth, Sports and Recreation

Room: Tweedsmuir

Chair: Joshua Barrett

- I. ***Pathways to Success for Rural Youth Employment: A Provider's Perspective***
Presenter(s): Carly Heck, University of Alberta; Lars K. Hallstrom, University of Alberta; Rebecca Purc-Stephenson, University of Alberta
- II. ***Sustaining A Rural Youth Centre through Social Innovation and Institutional Entrepreneurship***
Presenter(s): Al Lauzon, University of Guelph
- III. ***Locating Sport and Recreation in Rural Community Development***
Presenter(s): Kyle Rich, Western University; Laura Misener, Western University; Municipality of Powassan Recreation Committee

T14. Rural Labour Market Development & Trends

Room: Galt

Chair: Sarah Breen

- I. ***Precarious Employment in Rural Ontario***
Presenter(s): Valencia Gaspard, University of Guelph
- II. ***A Community-Based Approach to Rural Workforce Development: Insights from the US Great Plains***
Presenter(s): Carolyn J. Hatch, Purdue University
- III. ***Rural Community Green Career Profiles***
Presenter(s): Suzanne Ainley, Nottawasaga Futures

T15. Climate Change & Food

Room: Wellington

Chair: Sean Manners

- I. ***Food (Waste) and Energy Nexus: Resilience, Challenges and Opportunities***
Presenter(s): Matteo Vittuari, Università di Bologna
- II. ***Rooted Well-Being: Reducing Climate Change through Emphasizing Plant Proteins***
Presenter(s): Kathleen Kevany, Dalhousie University
- III. ***From Government Regulation to the Open Market: A Study on the Effects of Regulation Change in the Dairy Industry in Australia, Ireland, and Canada: A Case Study Analysis***
Christine Zwart, University of Guelph; Presented by John Devlin, University of Guelph

T16. Panel - Bridging the Knowledge Deficit: Infrastructure Renewal for Rural Canada

Room: Trillium

Organizer

Sean Markey, Simon Fraser University

Panelists

Sean Markey, Simon Fraser University
Lars Hallstrom, University of Alberta
Kelly Vodden, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Laura Ryser, University of Northern British Columbia
Wayne Kelly, Brandon University

T17. Panel - Accessing Rural Data Part 2

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Organizer

Norman Ragetlie, Rural Ontario Institute

Panelists

- I. ***Labour Mobility: Income Trajectories of Individuals Who Move***
Presenter(s): Paul Knafelc, Community Benchmarks
- II. ***Helping communities help themselves with community data***
Presenter(s): Nelson Rogers, Community Ingenuity; Bob Leitch, Sonoptic
- III. ***Where to find community-level data available from Statistics Canada and other federal departments***
Presenter(s): Ray Bollman, Brandon University

T18. Panel - Community-Based Radio as a Tool in Rural Community Development

Room: Brock Room

Organizer

Ivan Emke, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Panelists

Mark K. Watson, Concordia University

Stephen Agluvak Puskas, Inuit Visual Artist & Community Member

Sara Breitzkreutz, Concordia University

Bojan Fürst, Harris Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland

4:30pm – 6:00pm CRRF Annual General Meeting

Room: Oakwood Ballroom

Description: All conference delegates are invited to attend the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Annual General Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to review the activities of CRRF over the past year and look forward to the upcoming year. More information on the CRRF AGM can be found at: www.crrf.ca/agm

6:00pm Experience Guelph!

Conference delegates are encouraged to experience Guelph! Several downtown restaurants are offering discounts to conference delegates. Please see the conference registration table for more details. Information on public transit, restaurants, and tourist attractions are also available at the conference registration table and on the conference website.

Friday, October 14

7:30am – 4:30pm Registration

7:00am – 8:30am New Researchers Forum

Location: Elements on Stone

Co-Hosted by the Rural Development Institute, Brandon University and CRRF

Facilitator: Bill Ashton, Rural Development Institute, Brandon University

All conference delegates are welcome to join in a lively discussion about research methods, methodologies, and approaches. Breakfast will be provided.

8:30am – 10:00am Concurrent Sessions

F1. Aboriginal Transformations

Room: Trillium

Chair: Heather Hall

I. *The Saskatchewan First Nations Technical Services Co-operative: Unique Challenges, Unique Solutions*

Presenter(s): Darcy Overland, University of Saskatchewan; Kevin McLeod, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) & Saskatchewan First Nations Technical Services Co-Operative (SFNTSC); Murray Fulton, University of Saskatchewan

II. *Aboriginal Transformations and Issues: Whose Transformation? Whose Issues? Cultural and ecological survival in a world of Western hegemony*

Presenter(s): Stephen Paul Booth, University of Guelph

III. *Rural and Indigenous Economic Development: Adding the Fourth Business Model*

Presenter(s): Merle Massie, Co-operatives First/Centre for the Study of Co-operatives; Darcy Overland, University of Saskatchewan; Kyle White, Co-operatives First

F2. Responding to Climate Change

Room: Tweedsmuir

Chair: Sarah Breen

I. *Toward a More Holistic Understanding of an Arctic Climate System in Rapid Transition*

Presenter(s): Erlend Moster Knudsen, University of Cologne

II. *Community Self-organization and Social Resilience to Natural Hazards in Rural Indonesia*

Presenter(s): Arini W. Utami, Oregon State University

III. *Using 'Living' Green Infrastructure (GI) to Combat Climate Change and Build Resilient Rural Communities*

Presenter(s): Paul Kraehling, University of Guelph

F3. Rural Open Data

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Chair: Wayne Kelly

- I. ***Celebrating Rural Information Seeking and Use***
Presenter(s): Angela Pollak, University of Western Ontario
- II. ***The Digital Basin: Open Data for Open Government in Rural BC***
Presenter(s): Terri MacDonald, Selkirk College
- III. ***Big Data for Small Places – Assessing the Outputs and Impacts of Ireland’s National Spatial Strategy on Rural Sub-Regions***
Presenter(s): Brendan O’Keeffe, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick

F4. Regional Economic Development

Room: Brock Room

Chair: Ryan Gibson

- I. ***Including Regional in Local Economic Development: A Next Step in Manitoba***
Presenter(s): Bill Ashton, Brandon University
- II. ***Evolution of the Headwaters Region (Caledon/Dufferin/Erin & King) as a Centre of Equine Excellence: From Strategy to REAL Regional Economic Development & Creative Community Engagement***
Presenter(s): Michele Harris, Headwaters Tourism Association; Susan Powell, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Vicki Sword, Headwaters Equine Leadership Group
- III. ***Collaboration and Rural Regional Economic Development in Ontario's Agri-Food Sector***
Presenter(s): Julie Welch, University of Guelph; Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Alliance; John Devlin, University of Guelph

F5. Panel - Collaboration - A lot of Work but it Works!

Room: Galt

Organizer

Jamie Reaume, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

Panelists

Bill Hodgson, Regional Councillor Niagara Region

Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

Mark Head, Manager, Integrated Planning Division Region of Peel

F6. Panel - Moving In and Out of Rural Communities: Beyond Internal and International Migration Binaries Part I

Room: Wellington

Organizers

Belinda Leach, University of Guelph

Philomena de Lima, University of the Highlands and Islands-Inverness College & Rural Policy Learning Commons Migration Theme Team

Panelists

- I. ***Home is “Here”; The Impact of (Im)migration, and Rural versus Urban Locale on One’s Sense of Community Belonging in Canada***
Presenter(s): E. Dianne Looker, Mount Saint Vincent and Acadia Universities
- II. ***Money Matters: Mobile Workforces and Local Economic Development in Source Communities***
Presenter(s): Joshua Barrett, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- III. ***Motivations of Mexican Workers to Participate in Canada’s Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, and the Impact of Remittances on Mexican Farms: An Empirical Analysis***
Presenter(s): Lidia Carvajal Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México; Thomas Johnson, University of Missouri; Judith Stalman, University of Missouri

10:00am – 10:30am

Break & Poster Session

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part B

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IX. *Planning for Agricultural Systems in Ontario*

Presenter(s): Laura Schreiner, University of Guelph

10:30am – 12:00pm

Concurrent Sessions

F7. Rural Water & Resource Governance

Room: Tweedsmuir

Chair: Sarah Breen

I. *First Nations Water Security and Pathways for Collaboration*

Presenter(s): Sheri Longboat, University of Guelph

II. *Enhancing Source Water Protection in Rural Regions: Exploring the Role of Governance and Capacity Building*

Presenter(s): Sarah Minnes, Memorial University of Newfoundland

III. *The Need for Aboriginal Forest Tenure in Northern Manitoba*

Presenter(s): Ryan Bullock, University of Winnipeg and Julia Lawler, University of Winnipeg

F8. Rural Data

Room: Brock Room

Chair: Wayne Kelly

I. *Measuring Farmland Conversion in Ontario*

Presenter(s): Sara Epp, University of Guelph; James Newlands, University of Guelph; Wayne Caldwell, University of Guelph

II. *Mapping Community Assets and Capitals*

Presenter(s): Valencia Gaspard, University of Guelph; Scott Brown, University of Guelph; Renee Leroux, University of Guelph; Lissel Hernandez Gongora, University of Guelph

III. *"REAP"ing Data in Manitoba*

Presenter(s): Ruth Mealy, Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade

F9. Panel - Considering Climate Change in Rural Planning and Policy

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Organizers

Sean Manners, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Nick Mercer, PhD student, University of Waterloo

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Hope Olusanya, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

F10. Capacity Building Session - Asset Mapping for Food and Farming

Room: Galt

Organizer

Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

Janice Janiec, Asset Mapping, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

Marilyn Bidgood, Ontario East Asset Mapping, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

F11. Capacity Building Session - Entrepreneurship from a Community Perspective: A Workshop on Visual Storytelling as a Pathway to Engage Community Leaders and Inform Policy and Practice

Room: Trillium

Organizers

Joelena Leader, University of Saskatchewan

Dazaway Landrie-Parker, University of Saskatchewan

F12. Panel - Moving In and Out of Rural Communities: Beyond Internal and International Migration Binaries Part II

Room: Wellington

Organizers

Belinda Leach, University of Guelph

Philomena de Lima, University of the Highlands and Islands-Inverness College & Rural Policy Learning Commons Migration Theme Team

Panelists

I. *New Mobile Realities in Mature Staples-Dependent Resource Regions: Local Governments and Work Camps*

Presenter(s): Laura Ryser, University of Northern British Columbia; Greg Halseth, University of Northern British Columbia; Sean Markey, Simon Fraser University; Marleen Morris, University of Northern British Columbia

II. *Intergenerational Family Stories of Mobile Labor: Initial Findings From Families of Mobile Oil Workers in PEI and Cape Breton*

Presenter(s): Doug Lionais, Cape Breton University; Christina Murray, University of Prince Edward Island; Ashlee Cunsolo Wilox, Cape Breton University

III. *Fly-in/Fly-out Mobility in Source Hub Communities: Potential Implications for Community Sustainability in the Canadian Context*

Presenter(s): Leanna Butters, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

F13. Panel - Digital Communications for Organizational Development: The Case of Rural Networks

Room: Oakwood Ballroom Part A

Organizer

Wayne Kelly, Rural Policy Learning Commons

Panelists

Sarah Cook, Rural Policy Learning Commons

Wayne Kelly, Rural Policy Learning Commons

Michael Blatherwick, Rural Policy Learning Commons

Bojan Füst, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Bill Reimer, Concordia University

F14. Adapting to Climate Change & Emergency Planning

Room: Brock Room

Chair: Karla Uliana

I. *Adapting to Climate Change: The Case of Municipal Climate Change Action Planning in Nova Scotia, Canada*

Presenter(s): Brennan Vogel, University of Western Ontario

II. *Digging Fireline to Digging for Oil and Gold, Rural Emergency Planning in Canada's Rural Industrial Sectors*

Presenter(s): Greg Bartlett, RPLC, RDI and WASP Manufacturing

III. *Building Small Island Resilience to Global Climate Change: Outcomes from an International Symposium*

Presenter(s): Laurie Brinklow, University of Prince Edward Island; James Randal, University of Prince Edward Island

F15. Rural Revitalization, Resilience & Innovation

Room: Tweedsmuir

Chair: Valencia Gaspard

I. *Revitalization - A Community Economic Development Initiative*

Presenter(s): David Felker, Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation

II. *Building Resilient Rural Communities: how the 4-H community learning approach contributes to human capital for rural contexts*

Presenter(s): Heather Sansom, University of Guelph

III. *Community Resilience through Innovation Networks: An Agent Based Approach*

Kristen Wright, University of Waterloo; Presented by David Robinson, Laurentian University

F16. Capacity Building Session- Supportive Policy for Rural Social Enterprise Development

Room: Galt

Organizer

Mary Ferguson, University of Guelph

F17. Panel - Crossing Streams: An Interdisciplinary Panel on Rural Water

Room: Trillium

Organizers

Sarah Minnes, Memorial University of Newfoundland of Newfoundland

Sarah Breen, Simon Fraser University

Panelists

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Don Sturge, Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation

John FitzGibbon, University of Guelph

Sheri Longboat, SEDRD, University of Guelph

F18. Panel - Moving In and Out of Rural Communities: Beyond Internal and International Migration Binaries Part III

Room: Wellington

Organizers

Belinda Leach, University of Guelph

Philomena de Lima, University of the Highlands and Islands-Inverness College & Rural Policy

Learning Commons Migration Theme Team

Panelists

I. *Agricultural Temporary Foreign Workers in Rural Areas or Small Cities: The Invisible and Ignored Regional Actors*

Presenter(s): Linamar Campos, Université de Montréal

II. *Rural Youth Migration in the Context of Rural Labour Shortages*

Presenter(s): Ray Bollman, Brandon University

III. *Internal and International Employment-Related Geographical Mobility in Rural Canada: Insights from the On the Move Partnership*

Presenter(s): Barbara Neis, Memorial University of Newfoundland

2:30pm – 3:00pm

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3:00pm – 4:30pm Keynote Speaker

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Keith Roulston

Talking to Ourselves: Why Rural People Need to Communicate Within and Between their Communities and How the System is Breaking Down

Moderator: Wayne Kelly, Rural Policy Learning Commons

Closing Remarks: Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph & Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation

6:45pm

Conference Banquet & Entertainment

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

Music: Eric Bolton

Performance: Tribal Vision

Moderator: Valencia Gaspard, University of Guelph

Announcements

Libro Professorship, Stephen Bolton

CRRF Lifetime Members Award, Al Lauzon, University of Guelph and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation President

2017 CRRF Conference Announcement, Terri Macdonald and Sarah Breen, Selkirk College and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Board Members

What is the State of Rural Canada?

If you are interested in rural issues, you need to join the 16,000 people who have read the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation's (CRRF) "The State of Rural Canada 2015". With contributions from over 41 people from across the country, key findings show that rural Canada is facing a mix of demographic, economic, and social challenges including an aging population and a need to provide new development opportunities for younger workers. However, rural Canada has proved itself to be highly innovative in terms of responding to the pressures of low-cost global competitors. With limited resources, but drawing on strong social ties, rural regions and local organizations are models of innovation, doing more with less and achieving positive impacts for their communities.

For the complete list of recommendations and findings, you can find the executive summary and the full book at: <http://sorc.crrf.ca>. The publication was a partnership between CRRF, the Rural Policy Learning Commons, and the Rural Development Institute at Brandon University.

Saturday, October 15

8:30am – 12:00pm Plenary Participatory Workshop

Room: Oakwood Ballroom

Organizer

Kelly Vodden, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Rural Development through Regionalism? A participatory workshop to share lessons and chart a future for rural Canada

8:30am – 10:00am Plenary Participatory Workshop – PART I

SI. The View from Policy Makers

Room: Oakwood Ballroom

Presentations

Kelly Vodden, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Grenfell Campus

Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph

Panelists

Scott Duff, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Bruno Jean, Université du Québec à Rimouski

Manuel Hackett, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (Newfoundland and Labrador office)

10:00am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – 12:00pm Plenary Participatory Workshop - PART II

S2. The View from the Frontlines

Room: Oakwood Ballroom

Panelists

Terri Macdonald, Selkirk College

Peter Emon, Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus

Donald Sturge, Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation/Central Health Newfoundland

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch

Location: Oakwood Ballroom

1:00pm – 5:00pm Rural Policy Learning Commons Dialogue Session

Rural Policy Learning Commons – Advancing Rural and Northern Agendas

Room: Oakwood Ballroom

Organizers: Bill Ashton & Bill Reimer, Brandon University

Online Calendar of Rural Events

Keeping your finger on all the rural events taking place can be time consuming. The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation and the Rural Policy Learning Commons created a website to simplifying the process!

The Online Calendar of Events contains an inventory of upcoming rural events, conferences, workshops, and webinars. The inventory contains rural events from all corners of Canada and internationally. The events cover a diversity of issues relevant to rural communities, such as entrepreneurship, sustainability, economic development, and public policy. Check out the rural calendar of events at www.crrf.ca/events.

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