

Fly-in/Fly-out Mobility in Source Hub Communities: Potential Implications for Community Sustainability in a Canadian Context

Leanna Butters

Candidate, Master of Arts in Environmental Policy
Environmental Policy Institute
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University

Supervisor: Dr. Kelly Vodden

Outline

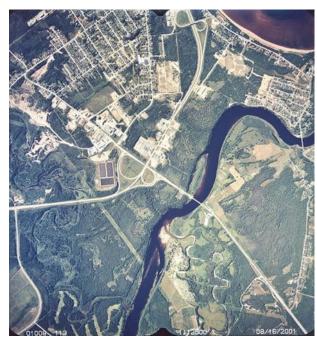


Literature Review

- FIFO
- Community Impacts of FIFO
- The Built Spaces of FIFO

Current Research

- Objectives
- Methodology
- Preliminary Findings



Deer Lake Aerial, 2001; Map Room, MUN

Fly-in/Fly-out Mobility (FIFO)





Deer Lake Airport, December 2015; Leanna Butters

- Long-distance commuting arrangement involving work in remote areas¹
- Employees transported to and from the worksite by airplane
- Food and accommodations provided for workers at the worksite²
- Employees spend fixed periods of time at the worksite and home in rotation³

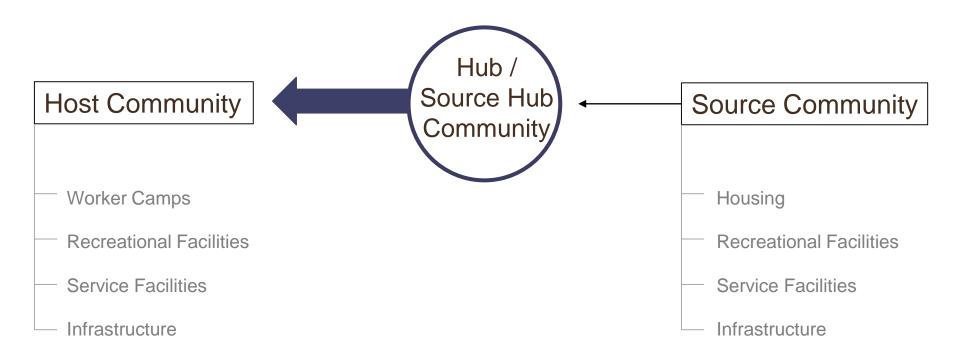
In the Literature Community Impacts of FIFO





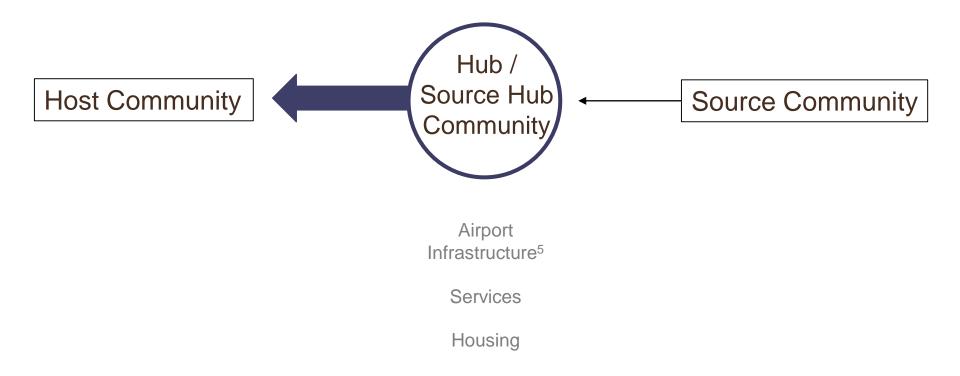
In the Literature The Built Spaces of FIFO





In the Literature The Built Spaces of FIFO





In the Literature Built Space

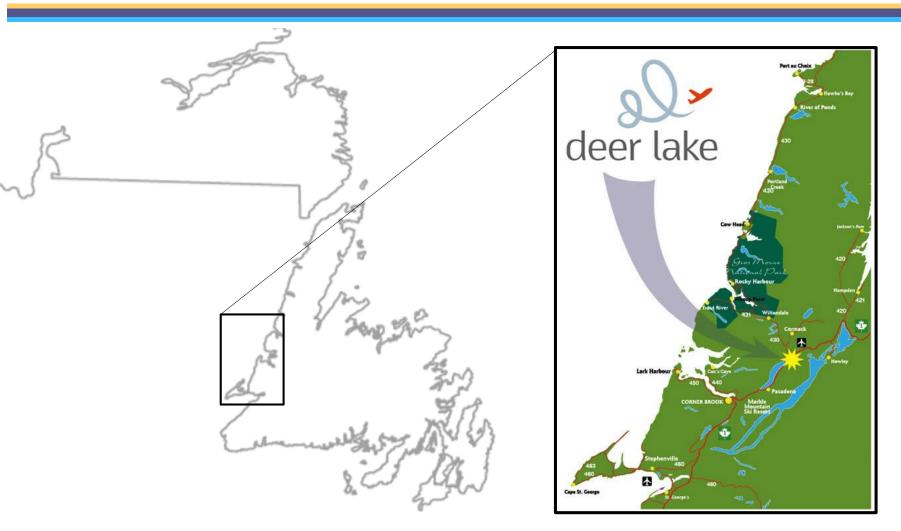


"...built spaces may be said to 'tell' stories. They have their own 'vocabularies' of building materials and their own structural relationships often understood by comparison with other spaces...the policy stories that buildings tell reflect the social issues, problems, and concerns of the place and time in which they are read." (Yannow, 1995)



Current ResearchA Source Hub Community in NL?





Current ResearchA Source Hub Community in NL?



Objectives:

- A) To determine whether Deer Lake NL may be considered a source hub community in the Canadian context,
- B) To identify changes in built space in Deer Lake resulting from FIFO E-RGM, and
- C) To identify additional environmental and/or socio-economic impacts in Deer Lake may be attributed to FIFO and demonstrated in built space

Current ResearchA Source Hub Community in NL?



Methodology: Mixed-method Case Study

Data Collection

Participant observation, semi-structured interviews, archival research, statistics, media and document review, GIS mapping

Data Analysis

Content analysis, GIS analysis







Photos from the Deer Lake Public Library







"That whole situation has spurred, I think, the growth of Deer Lake economically speaking, population-wise...I find, you drive around town and you can see the physical evidence of that. 'Cause these are high-paying jobs, they're sending their money back home...so you look around, some of the houses you're seeing are products of FIFO, directly related."

EDO, Deer Lake October, 2016









Deer Lake, 2016; Leanna Butters





In the Literature Source Hubs and Sustainability



"...the emergence of targeted source communities or natural hubs has, to a degree, effectively re-created one of the most significant disadvantages of the single-industry community." (Storey, 2016)

Significance



If source hub communities exist in NL, could this model contribute to policy and planning strategies for the sustaining of rural communities?

What planning, policy and sustainability issues does being a source hub community raise, and how might these issues be addressed?





The On the Move Partnership is a project of the SafetyNet Centre for Occupational Health & Safety Research at Memorial University. It is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council through its Partnership Grants funding opportunity (Appl ID 895-2011-1019), RDC, CFI, and multiple universities and community partners.



Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada





