



RCIP Rural Policy Forum - February 17-19, 2005

Detailed Agenda

The purpose of the Rural Policy Forum is to work with rural communities to understand and influence public policy.

Specifically by:

- 1. Exploring issues and public policies affecting rural communities in NS;*
- 2. Developing policy change strategies that include community engagement and the use of social science research; and*
- 3. Making plans for the future of the RCIP Project.*

Thursday February 17th

5:00 - 7:00PM

- **Registration and Check-In**
- **Light Supper (5:30-6:30pm)**

7:00PM

- **Official Opening and Welcoming**
 - *Renée Lyons (AHPRC) - Co-Director of Rural Communities Impacting Policy Project*

7:10PM

- **Introduction of Presenter**

Moderator

- *Arthur Bull (CCN) - Co-Director of Rural Communities Impacting Policy Project*

7:25PM

- **Presentation: *The Rural Policy Challenge - A Discussion Paper***
 - *Rick Williams - Praxis Research and Consulting Inc.*

8:00PM

- **Open Discussion:**
Do we need a comprehensive policy framework for sustainable rural communities?

8:45PM

- **Reception**
Snacks and cash bar



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7:30AM - 8:30AM

- **Breakfast**

9:00AM

- **Welcome - *Malcolm Shookner - RCIP Project Coordinator***
 - Overview of the day's agenda
 - *Key themes:* Policy change, community engagement, using research, the future of RCIP and healthy and sustainable communities
 - Review participant kits

9:10AM

- **Introduction of Speaker - *Ishbel Munro - Coastal Communities Network (CCN)***

9:15AM

- **Presentation: The National Rural Policy Framework**
 - *Wayne Easter - Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development*

9:45AM

- **Policy Change in Nova Scotia - Project Updates**
 - Wharves and Harbours - *Ishbel Munro, Coastal Communities Network*
 - Coastal Zone Planning - *Jen Graham, Coastal Issues Committee - Ecology Action Centre*
 - Food Security - *Christine Johnson, Participatory Food Security Projects*
 - Sustainable Fisheries - *Marc Allain, Canadian Council of Fish Harvesters*
 - Rural Health - *Andrea Caven, Coastal Communities Network*
 - Healthy and Sustainable Community Development - *Malcolm Shookner, RCIP Project & Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre*

10:45AM

- **Break (Coffee, tea, juices and snacks)**



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Friday February 18th (cont'd)

11:00AM

- **Concurrent Workshops Begin**
 - Wharves and Harbours
 - Coastal Zone Planning
 - Thought About Food? Food Security and Influencing Policy
 - Sustainable Fisheries
 - Rural Health
 - Healthy and Sustainable Community Development
 - A Comprehensive Policy Framework for Sustainable Rural Communities

12:30PM

- **Lunch**

1:45PM

- **Concurrent Workshops Resume**

3:15PM

- **Workshops Conclude & Break (Coffee, tea, juices and snack)**

3:30PM – 5:00PM

- **Plenary Session - *Next Steps for Policy Change and the Future of RCIP***

Moderator

- o *Malcolm Shookner - RCIP Project*

Plenary Session Outline

- o Highlights from workshops
(Each group reports on preferred policies, policy change strategies and action plans)
 - Sustainable Fisheries
 - Thought About Food? Food Security and Influencing Policy
 - Coastal Zone Planning
 - Wharves and Harbours
 - Rural Health
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- o Input towards agenda for RCIP planning session



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Friday February 18th (cont'd)

6:00PM

- **Reception**
Snacks and cash bar

6:30PM

- **Dinner**

8:00PM

- **Speaker: *Making Room at the Table: Food as a Human Right***
 - o *Cherise Adjodha - Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG)*

8:30PM

- **Local Entertainment and Dancing**
Snacks and cash bar



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Saturday February 28th

7:30AM - 8:30AM

- **Breakfast**

9:00AM

- **Welcome - *Renée Lyons* - Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre (AHPRC)**
 - Friday highlights
 - Overview of the day's agenda
 - Work groups - the next 12 months and 5 years

9:15AM

- **Work Group Meetings - *A Call to Action***

Those who do not 'officially belong' to a Work Group are welcome to join a group whose subject area interests them the most.

 - Policy
 - Community Training
 - Student Training and Research
 - Community Data

10:45AM

- **Break (Coffee, tea, juices and snacks)**

11:00AM

- **Talking Circle - *Ishbel Munro* - Coastal Communities Network (CCN)**
 - How did the Forum go for participants?

12:00PM

- **Lunch and Adjournment**