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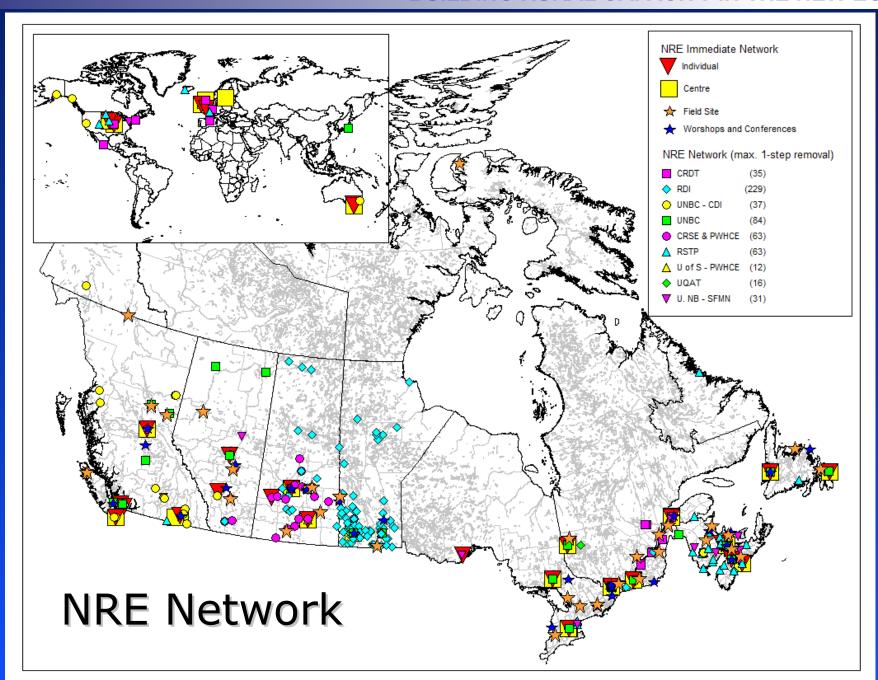




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Questions

- How do communities innovate and adapt?
- What are the major obstacles to collaboration and partnerships?
- How might they be overcome?
- Implications for PE/LA region?

Community and Regional Systems

Stressors:

Challenges to community objectives

Assets:

Resources to meet community objectives

Governance:

Structures and processes to reorganize assets

Outcomes:

Community objectives

Stressors

- Urbanization
- Machines replace labour
- Global competition
- Knowledge economy
- Environment and climate
- Immigration
- Population aging (Aboriginal pop. growth)
- Governance reorganization

New Governance

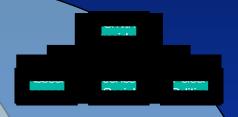
- Private, Public, Civic Partnerships
- New technologies
- Boards of directors
- Multiple tools of governance
- Flexible structure

Normative Systems



Market-based:

Contractual, short-term, supply and demand E.g. commerce, labour, housing, trade



Bureaucratic

Market

Bureaucratic-based:

Rationalized roles, principles E.g. government, law, corporations

Associative-based:

Shared interests E.g. recreation, charity, religious groups

Associative



Communal

Communal-based:

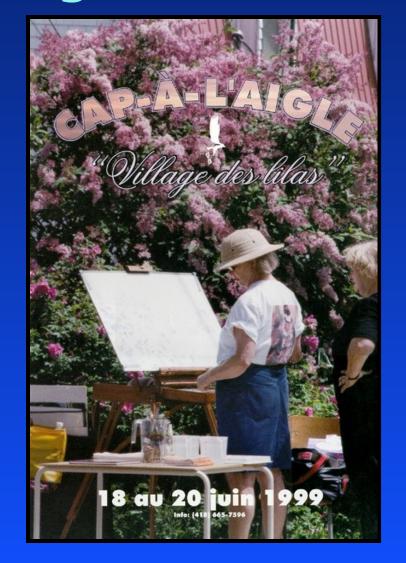
Generalized reciprocity, identity, birth E.g. families, cultural groups, gangs



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Bases of Understanding

Narrative

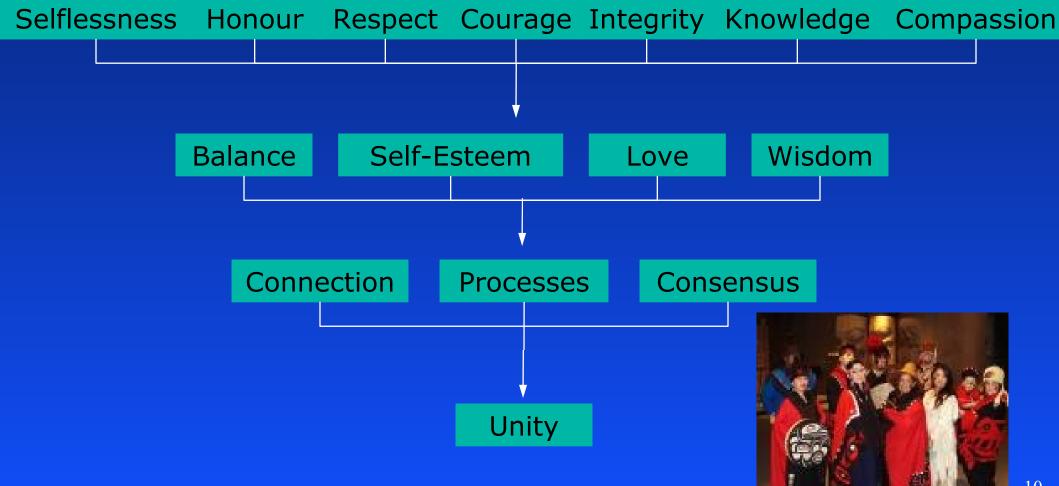
- Born in Vancouver
- Married to Fran Shaver in 1967
- Four grandchildren by our 2 children



Essentialist

- Sociologist
- Professor
- Father
- Grandfather
- White

Carcross/Tagish Nation: Virtues, Values, and Concepts



Prince Edward/Lennox & Addington





Government and Researchers

- Bear the burden of the bureaucratic requirements:
 - Fair applications and accountability
- Accommodate and respect existing social organizations
- Adjust demands to local time frames
- Share power
- Explore innovative governance arrangements

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