

# Rural Vitality – From Surviving to Thriving: Insights from the New Rural Economy Project

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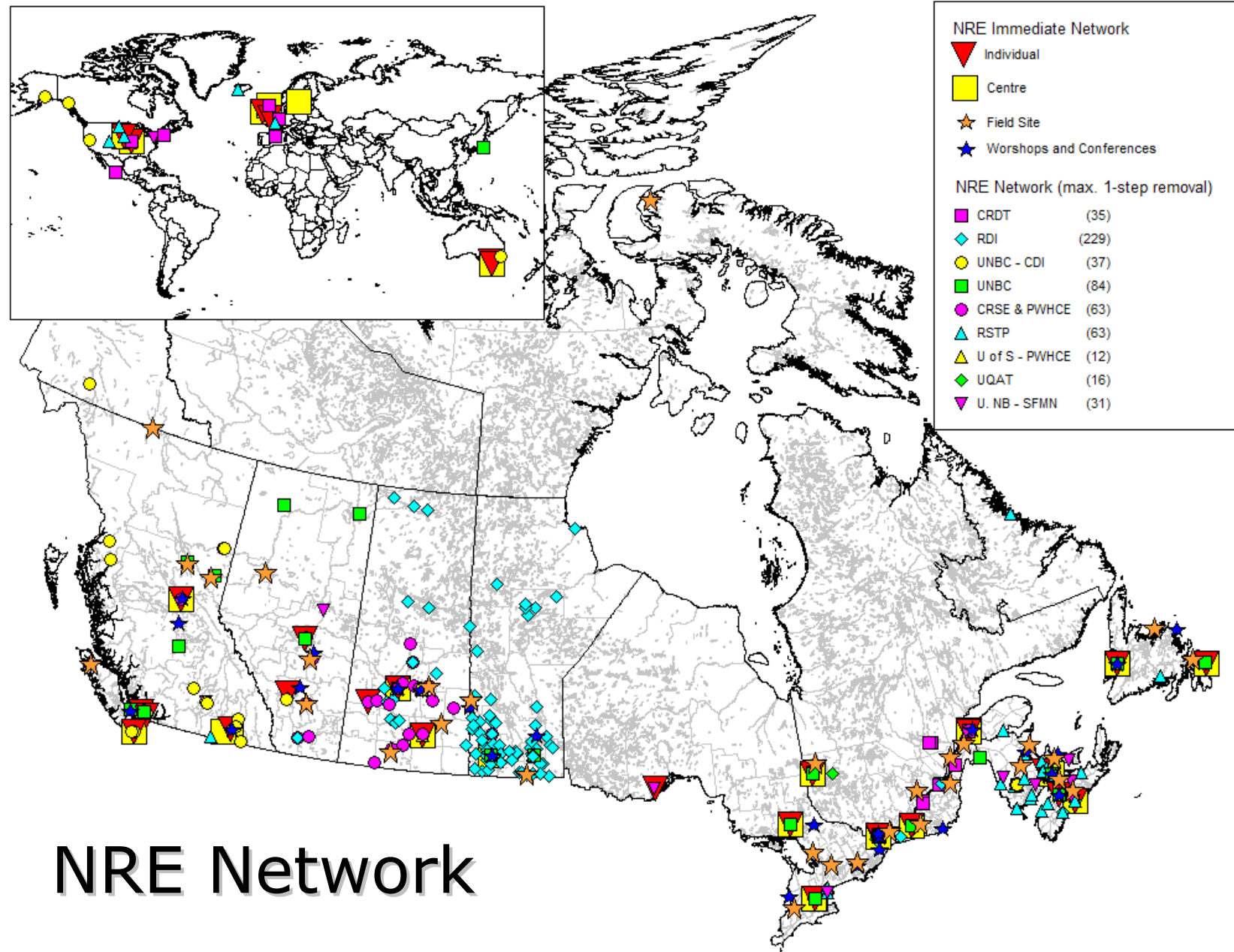
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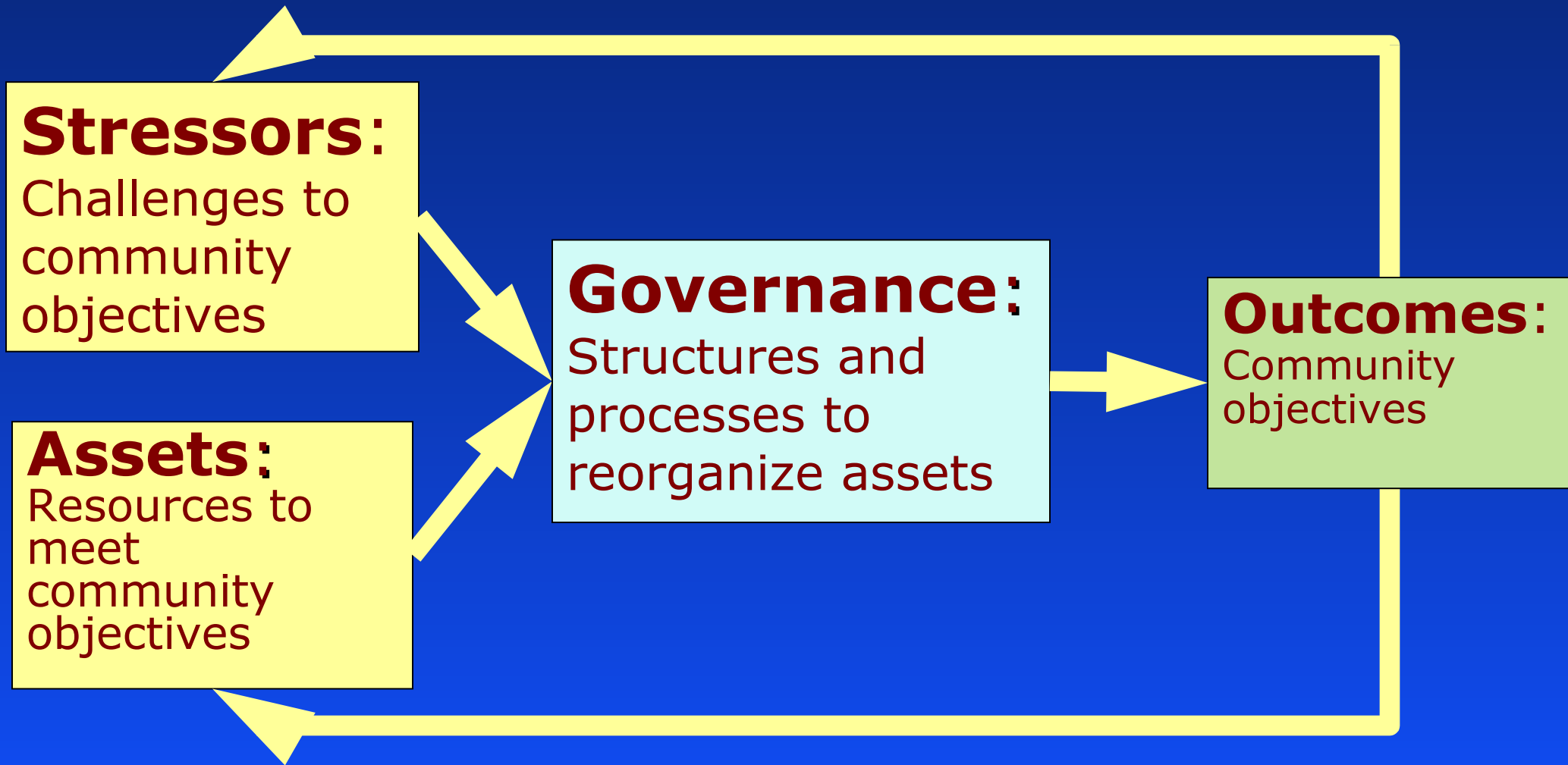


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# Questions

- 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



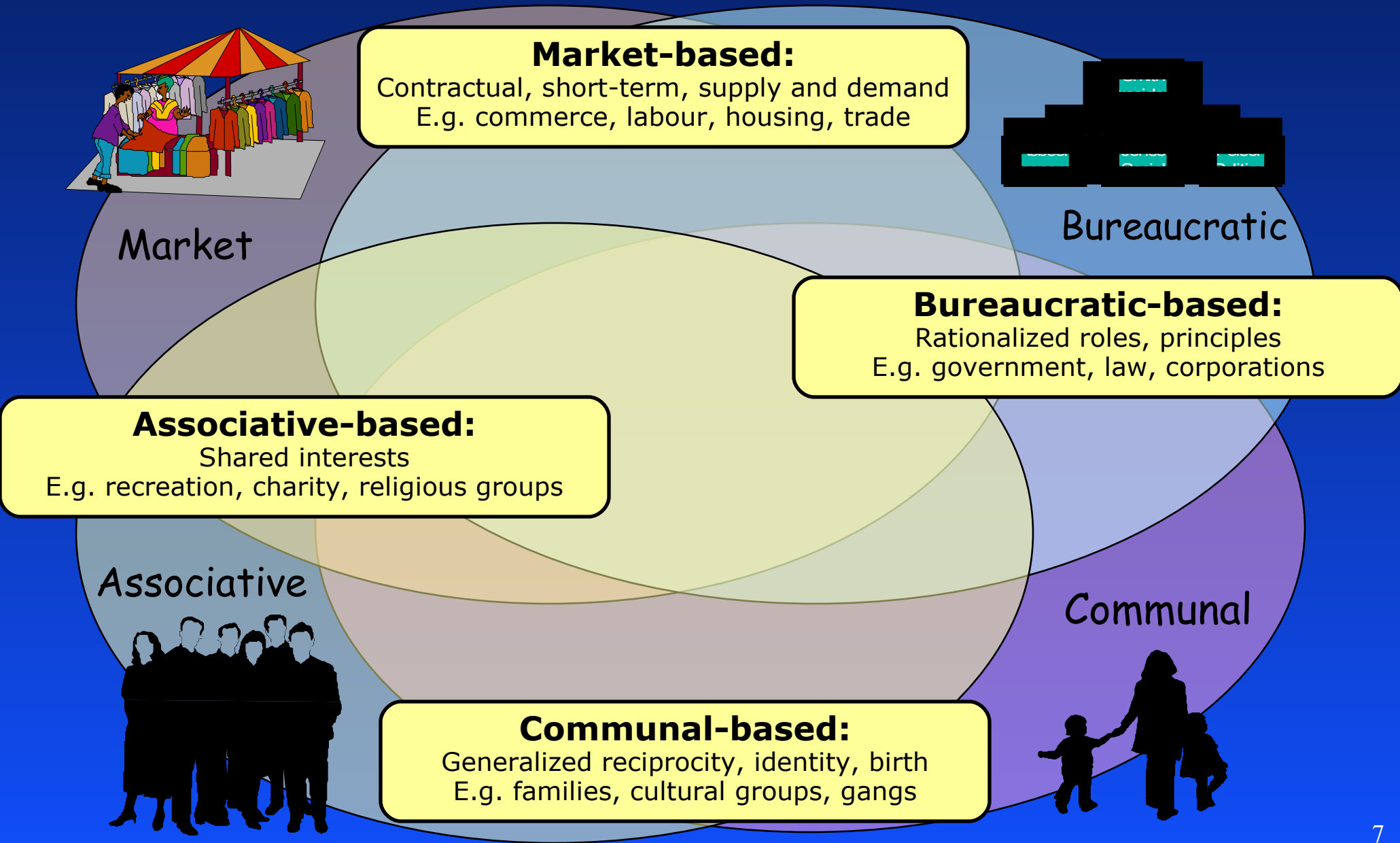
# Stressors

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

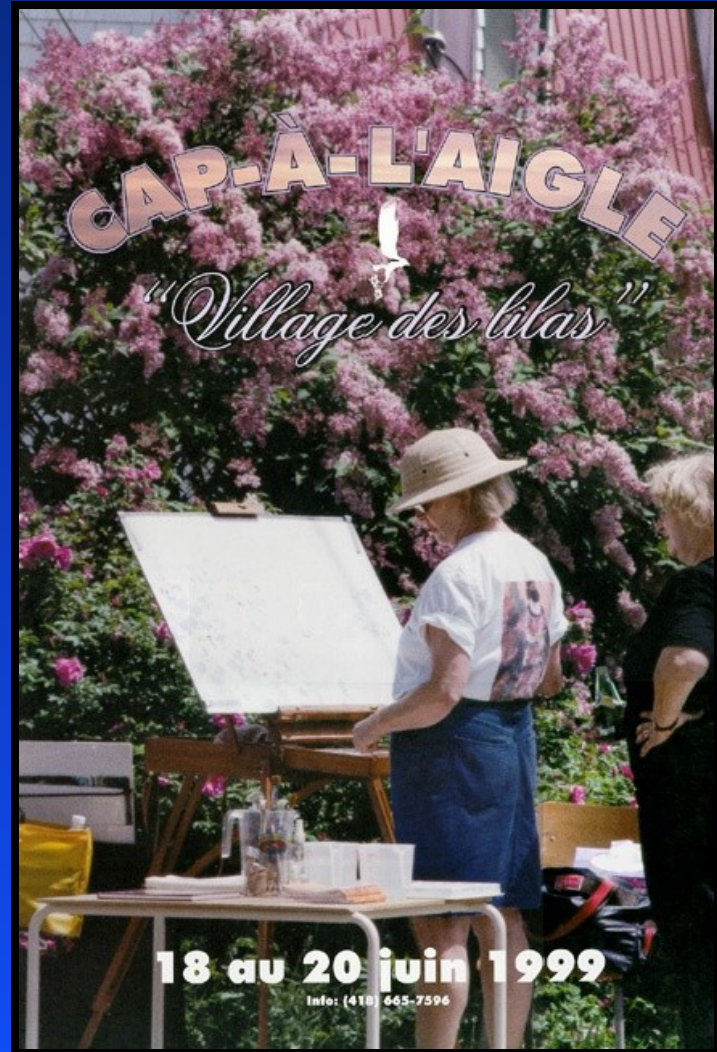
# New Governance

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

# Normative Systems



# Cap-à-l'aigle





# 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

Selflessness Honour Respect Courage Integrity Knowledge Compassion

Balance

Self-Esteem

Love

Wisdom

Connection

Processes

Consensus

Unity



# 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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