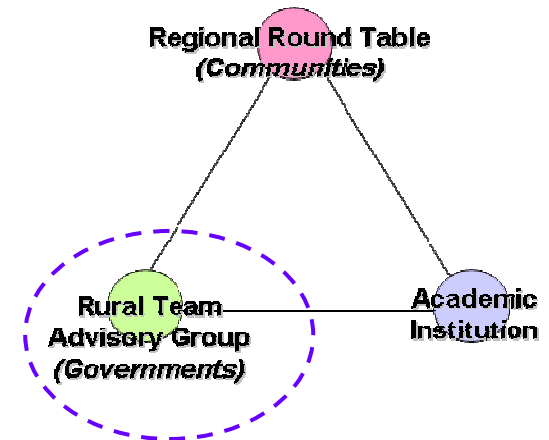


The Yukon Regional Round Table Advisory Council

The advisory council is comprised of Federal and Territorial government departments. It supports the work of the Yukon Regional Round Table.

Advisory council members help the Round Table to identify relevant government programs and discover new opportunities for funding, research and collaboration.





Roles and Responsibilities

- Create and maintain an Advisory Group of federal and territorial government representatives – Federal/Territorial challenges
- Share information between and within communities and government
- Support the objectives of the Yukon Regional Round Table
- Assist with capacity building among YRRT members
- Identify relevant funding opportunities for YRRT initiatives
- Ensure YRRT are aware of other Yukon initiatives and organizations with similar interests and projects
- Identify opportunities, challenges, and barriers in communities and the Yukon region
- Identify existing and potential resources within communities
- Collect feedback from communities on government programs and policies to reflect opportunities and challenges in Yukon communities and First Nations



A New way of Engaging with Communities

- The Community Collaboration Project model was ‘transplanted’ into the Yukon in Dec. 2005 -- communities were approached by the Rural Development Institute and the Rural Team with ‘process dollars’ to assist them in developing regional priorities.
- Advisory Role can be challenging for government representatives –Working outside comfort zones...
- Capacity of government departments in the North is limited.
- Participation in Community visioning processes and YRRT meetings helped the Advisory Council to gain an understanding of community challenges and opportunities.
- Through the YRRT, communities have a better understanding of the parameters that government operates in.

Lessons Learned: Governments

To effectively partner with regional round tables & academic institutions, governments need:

- to move from funding deliverables to supporting capacity development
- to better manage complex accountability structures
- to better manage files horizontally
- government representatives to have mandates and reporting structures that are flexible enough to work with communities & regions in non-traditional ways
 - move from *“under the radar”* to *“in the radar”*
- flexibility, creativity and innovation in program and accountability structures to fit with and adjust to community interests
 - permission to be creative to accomplish agreed-upon goals

