

## Case Study Selection Process

Cases should clearly demonstrate explicit and implicit links between the four substantive “pillars” of the research project—the meaning of place; scale; diversity and limits. In addition, they will offer an opportunity to explore three interrelated research aspects, namely, networks, social capital and sustainable development.

Cases should also share several other key criteria. These criteria should reflect the larger scope of the research project and its links to social capital and sustainable development. These shared criteria and their considerations are:

- leadership: presence of identifiable leadership (from single to collaborative);
- enthusiasm: participant enthusiasm and motivation, degree of engagement (e.g. from apathy to highly driven);
- scale: clarity of a single issue or multiple related issues;
- evolution: traceable organizational evolution, for example the development of internal networks, the evolution of goals, the focusing or branching out of mandate and leadership and ideally the development of external network links to other groups.
- intervention: identifiable timing and degree of government intervention;
- diversity: 1. degree of observable or identifiable diversity of leaders and engaged participants, from visible minorities, gender balance etc. 2. Diversity of case types, e.g. government and non-government
- outcomes: does the group have clear goals? Is the project discrete or ongoing? Is there continuity of the network, from planned obsolescence to self-perpetuation;
- evaluation: observable (explicit or implicit) attempts to evaluate successes and/or failures, measures for self-evaluation or by an external agency;
- feasibility/pragmatism: cases must be accessible, feasible and “researchable” from a functional perspective. Distance, cost, background data accessibility, and openness of key leaders/participants are all factors to be considered for this criterion.

Where possible, case studies will be chosen to maintain a diversity of communities in order to produce research applicable to communities in general rather than research focused on a community type. Following the first meeting of the CRC Board of Directors, the following diversity factors will be reflected in the selection of case studies:

- a balance between rural/suburban/urban;
- a balance between between small, mid and large-scale, with an emphasis on small to mid;
- growing economies/populations-contracting economies/population;
- place-based communities and virtual communities;
- communities of place/communities of practice/communities of action;
- communities attempting to diversify either economic, social and ecological capital base, and
- communities on the leading edge of innovative implementation of sustainable development.
- A balance between underdevelopment, overdevelopment, and uneven development.

Finally, over-studied and well-capitalized communities will be avoided, unless there are key lessons that can be applied to less endowed communities.

### Case Study Grid

Case Study Community	Description	Status
Saltspring Island, BC  CRC	Lead: Ann Dale  Social capital formation to respond to community threat.	Complete
East Vancouver, BC	Lead: Ann Dale  Social capital formation to create employment and community.	Complete
Kensington Market, ON  CRC/ Infrastructure	Lead: Lenore Newman/Levi Waldron  Social capital formation to initiate a sustainable development project	Largely Complete

Craik, SK CRC/Infrastructure	Lead: Sustainable development project to counter population decline and create employment diversity	In Progress
Merritt, BC	Lead: Kevin Hanna ?	In Progress
Cortez Island, BC CRC/Infrastructure	Lead: Ann Dale/Lenore Newman ?	Preliminary
Williams Lake, BC	Lead: Yuill Herbert ?	Preliminary
St. Clair Toronto, ON CRC/ Infrastructure	Lead: Lenore Newman/Levi Waldron Social Capital Formation under community threat: a small neighbourhood attempts to oppose a city transit project.	Preliminary
Peterborough, ON	Lead: Follow up to successful Round Table Process. What were lasting results?	Preliminary
PEI Infrastructure	Lead: Yuill Herbert Investigation of PEI windpower initiative	Preliminary
Suburban Toronto, ON	Lead: Nina-Marie Lister ?	In Progress
Malany, AU	Lead: Add Dale ?	Complete
Vancity, BC CRC	Lead: Yuill Herbert Investigation of success of small funding initiatives.	Preliminary

Stratford, On	Lead: ?	Preliminary
TransCanada Trail Infrastructure	Lead: Lenore Newman  Investigation of the creation and maintenance of the cross Canada trail using small groups.	Preliminary
Okotoks, AB CRC/Infrastructure	Lead: A sustainable Suburb?	Preliminary