Looking for resources in all the right places: The role of place-based development in strengthening rural regions

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Key Elements

Activity is: [ ] Year round recreation [ ] Community agencies

Characteristics

Tie with Place

Year round glacier resort spanning 110 ha (constructed 1990) [ ] Final approval by BC government in 2010

Recreation

Background:

Regional partnership Identity: Year round glacier Community agencies Success stories illustrate that initiative is First Nations International financing Sustainability Grizzly Employment Allow rural communities to diversify and Access to branding materials Chambers of Commerce Multi Tourism Industry (forestry) Succession planning, Communities Proposed in 1990 - Challenge:

Activity is: such recreation identity based itself on the Key Elements perfectly based characteristics showcased: e.g. culture, resources, human identity rooted in place, relationships, and others that combine to create a unique environment, which, in turn, influences how development proceeds. Place-based development is a holistic and targeted intervention that seeks to reveal, utilize and impose the unique values and assets of an area, and/or human capacity endowments present within a particular location for the development of the in-situ community and/or its biophysical environment. Place-based approaches have been widely discussed within the geographic and planning literature and are gaining prominence in federal policy discussions. Here, we present cases where place-based development has been undertaken in rural British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador through three distinct, yet interconnected arenas: economic development (ED), recreation, and watershed management. These initiatives illustrate how place-based development can proceed, including the kinds of practices that were most successful, as well as the challenges these communities/futures faced in their respective place-based approaches. These challenges can be found in some of the limitations of adopting place-based approaches in current Canadian policy frameworks.

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