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Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation E-Newsletter

January 2019



January is Membership Renewal Time!

renew your membership

The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF) is a member-based organization. Now in its third decade, CRRF is a proven rural resource, dedicated to active collaboration, undertaking, facilitating and

Upcoming Rural Events

[Economic Developers Council of Ontario Conference](#)

January 31, 2019
Toronto, ON

[Buy Social Canada Summit](#)

February 5-6, 2019
Gatineau, QC

advocating research for the ongoing development of Canada's rural communities and environments. As an informal, volunteer-run organization dedicated to the welfare of rural Canada it provides a host of benefits to an expanding membership.

CRRF offers both a one-year membership (\$30) and a five-year membership (\$100), with membership running from January – December. [To check out if your CRRF membership is up to date, please click here.](#) Thank you to those individuals who have recently updated their memberships. If your membership has lapsed, you can you [click here to renew your membership.](#) Our membership platform recently migrated to a new system. We believe all the 'bugs' are out of the system, however, if you encounter any difficulties in registering please contact CRRF at crrf-fcrr@live.com.

A New Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development

On January 14, 2019, Bernadette Jordan (MP for South Shore-St Margarets) was appointed Minister of Rural Economic Development in the federal government. At the time of appointment, the Prime Minister stated that rural economies drive our success as a country. As Minister of Rural Economic Development, Minister Jordan will oversee the creation of a rural development strategy to



spur economic growth and create good, middle class jobs in rural Canada. She will also take action to bring high-speed internet to more rural households and businesses, and work with municipalities, provinces, territories, and Indigenous partners to meet the unique and diverse infrastructure needs of rural communities.

Prior to being elected in 2015, Minister Jordan was a Development Officer for the Health Services Foundation in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, where she spent eight years as part of a team raising millions of dollars for health care in the region. Minister Jordan has been involved in her community for years, holding positions such as President of the Atlantic Community Newspaper Association, and member of the board of directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is a proud alumna of St. Francis Xavier University, where she completed a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

Stay tuned for more information.

Statistics Canada Seeks Input for 2021 Census of Population

Statistics Canada is conducting a public consultation on the 2021



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[Ontario Good Roads Association \(OGRA\) Conference](#)

February 24-27, 2019
Toronto, ON

[Central Ontario Agricultural Conference](#)

February 28 - March 1, 2019
Barrie, ON

[Rural Symposium](#)

March 13, 2019
Guelph, ON

[Island States/Island Territories: Sharing Stories of Island Life](#)

March 26-29, 2019
Aruba

[Ontario Farmland Trust Forum](#)

March 28, 2019
Niagara, ON

[The 27th Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Course, Coastal Connections](#)

April 4-6, 2011
Halifax, NS

[Rural Tourism Symposium](#)

April 11, 2019
Peterborough, ON

More rural events can be found at www.crrf.ca/events

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Census of Population from January 15 to March 31, 2019. We encourage you to participate in this online consultation and forward information about the consultation to other census data users.

The online consultation questionnaire is designed to give data users an opportunity to provide feedback on dissemination strategies used for the 2016 Census of Population product and service line. Your feedback will help Statistics Canada measure user satisfaction and gather suggestions to provide input into the 2021 Census of Population dissemination product and service line and release strategy.

To provide feedback to Statistics Canada please click this link: <https://surveys-enquetes.statcan.gc.ca/form-formulaire/en/login-connexion/load-charger/eqgs92d9632c9b00470aa4b1fad02a635320>

Call for New and Emerging Researchers Profiles

Each year, the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation devotes the February issue of the newsletter to showcasing new and emerging rural researchers and new rural initiatives being led by community organizations. This is an opportunity to raise the profile of new and emerging research to national and international audiences. Further, the research profiles also facilitate new connections to other people interested in similar topics. Previous editions of the New and Emerging Researcher newsletter can be found here: [2018 edition](#) and [2017 edition](#).



To submit a profile, simply click here: <http://crrf.ca/emerging-rural-researcher-submission-form/>. The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2019.

Indigenous Economic Impacts in Manitoba: RDI Report

Indigenous people in Manitoba make strong contributions to the provincial economy, which have been detailed for the first time in a comprehensive report released today.

Indigenous spending in Manitoba totaled \$9.3 billion in the year 2016, the equivalent of contributing 3.9% to the provincial GDP —



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Contribute to the E-Newsletter

Do you have a story about rural or regional development? A new publication, toolkit, or website? CRRF would love to hear about it! We continually look for new ideas and stories to share. Send your ideas to crrf-fcrr@live.com.

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greater than oil and gas (including mining), food and accommodations, or manufacturing.

“That impressive number begins to show the scale of ongoing Indigenous impact here in Manitoba,” said Bill Ashton, director of Brandon University’s Rural Development Institute (RDI), which partnered with the Southern Chiefs’ Organization Inc. (SCO) and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) to produce the report.

The report provides a snapshot of Indigenous economic contributions for a single year as well as looking at possibilities to unlock even more potential in the future.

“The data is clear, Indigenous economic impact has enormous growth potential,” Ashton said. “Indigenous populations are some of the fastest-growing in Manitoba, and Indigenous economic impact will grow alongside it. Also, there is a lot of opportunity to increase economic development right now, both on-reserve and off-reserve, but also by expanding the opportunities provided by urban reserves.”

A copy of the full report can be found at www.brandonu.ca/RDI/Projects/Indigenous-Economy.

[Story from Brandon University News](#)

Call for Proposals: 2019 CRRF-NAF Conference



The 2019 North Atlantic Forum and the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference will bring together practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and researchers interested in rural sustainability issues. This conference is a unique opportunity to share your own successes, learn from other, and to hear the latest on issues that matter to communities and people who live and work in rural regions

The conference organizing committee will accept abstracts for oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions, and posters for 2019 conference until **March 31, 2019**. The conference theme is Sustainable Communities, with a focus on:

- Labour Market and Labour Mobility, The Future of Rural Work
- Food Security (Agriculture, Fisheries, Aquaculture)
- Drinking Water in Rural and Remote Communities
- Cultural and Heritage Industries – Rural Identity, Tourism, Social Enterprise

- Rural Engagement

For further information on the conference visit <http://northatlanticforum.org>.

Housing Research Workshop: An Invitation to Your Rural Community

In 2015-2016, community partners in Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, decided to conduct a comprehensive study of the rental housing market, in conjunction with local homelessness counts.

This research was recently acknowledged by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for excellence (the Gold Roof Award for Housing Research Excellence), and members of the local team have received funding to deliver 'how to' workshops for free in four communities across the country. If your community has limited data available regarding the rental housing market, you may find the workshops particularly helpful.

A few of the critical findings from this study include that:

- much of rental housing is 'hidden' and often expensive
- there is a significant lack of housing options for one-person households
- there is a severe lack of accessible housing

The workshop would be delivered free of charge by a research team member. Host communities would be responsible for inviting and registering participants, providing a venue with adequate seating and AV equipment (listed on the following page), and any fees related to room rentals and providing refreshments.

For more information, please contact Bridget Horel at housing.research.workshop@gmail.com.

9th Quadrennial Rural Geography Conference



The 2019 Quadrennial Rural Geography Conference is being held in Vermont in July 2019. The theme is *Working Landscapes and Livable Communities*. A group of rural geographers from the UK, Canada and the US has been meeting every four years since the 1980s. It rotates between the three regions. The last event was in Wales. The 2020 will be hosted by the Canadian contingent. If you are interested, please go to the conference web site: <https://blog.uvm.edu/cemorse-ruralquadrennial2019/how-to-apply/>

New Rural Routes Podcasts



What does it mean to live rurally in the 21st century? The third season of Rural Routes Podcasts is well underway. Details of the new episodes are listed below.

- [Episode 3: The Country Mouse and the City Mouse](#)
- [Episode 4: Islands and their Universities](#)

Rural Routes is a [Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development](#) and [Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation](#) initiative. This show was supported through a [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada](#) Connection grant.

Check out the Rural Calendar of Events

Keeping your finger on all the rural events taking place can be time consuming. The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation's website is simplifying the process!



The CRRF website contains an inventory of upcoming rural events, conferences, workshops, and webinars. The inventory contains rural events from all corners of Canada and internationally. The events cover a diversity of issues relevant to rural communities, such as entrepreneurship, sustainability, economic development, and public policy. The calendar of events welcomes additional submissions. There is no charge to post your upcoming rural event to the online calendar of events. [Simply submit the details of your rural event here.](#)

Check out the rural calendar of events at www.crrf.ca/events. The calendar of events is supported by the Policy Fora Team of the [Rural Policy Learning Commons](#).

Got a Question? Ask an Expert in the CRRF Network

Can't find the answer to a rural specific question? Perhaps it is a question related to best practices or about funding programs? Maybe your question is about finding a connection to another organization that has



started a similar initiative to yours. Regardless of the topic, send your questions to the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation! We can pose your question to over 2,000 members and supporters from across Canada. Our stakeholders represent local development practitioners, government policy and program officials, researchers, and private businesses. We are sure someone in our network will have an answer or be able to point you in the direction where you can find more information.

To submit a question click here: www.crrf.ca/ask-an-expert/.

Rural Reports and News from Around the Country

[Parliament passes proposal calling for development projects in least developed rural areas \(Eleven\)](#)

[Eligibility criteria changed for Canada Summer Jobs program \(The Peterborough Examiner\)](#)

[Marystown 'aggressively' pursuing economic development, says mayor \(The Western Star\)](#)

[Building community networks for rural First Nations communities in Canada \(Rising Voices\)](#)

[Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MP welcomes Canada Summer Jobs program \(Inside Ottawa Valley\)](#)

[The small towns that refuse to die: Schemes to woo new blood about more than just staying alive \(Financial Post\)](#)

[Oil, dairy supply management paradox \(Yorkton this Week\)](#)

[Fast-expanding seafood giant joins Irvings, McCains as N.B. business royalty \(National Post\)](#)

[Bernadette Jordan takes on new cabinet role overseeing rural development \(CBC\)](#)

[Farmers' mental health on the radar for provincial government, says Ontario Minister of Agriculture \(Guelph Today\)](#)

[Regional bus service finally set to roll \(Innisfail Province\)](#)

[Qui paiera le prix du compromis? \(Courrier du Sud\)](#)

[Building wind turbines where they're not wanted brings down property values \(National Post\)](#)

[Rural mayors frustrated by gas tax allocation \(London Free Press\)](#)

[Groups call on townships to oppose province's Bill 66 \(Observer\)](#)

[Indigenous people contributed \\$9.3 billion to Manitoba's economy in 2016: report \(CTV\)](#)

[Funding in hand, Perth East council gives go-ahead for creation of Youth Action Council \(Stratford Beacon Herald\)](#)

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