



Applying HIA: the People Assessing Their Health (PATH) process



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PATH network

“A network of groups and individuals sharing ideas and resources to build healthy communities...”

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PATH Process: CHIA

- Community Health Impact Assessment
 - + Citizen engagement
 - + Constructivist conception of health
 - + Focus on opportunities for health

Two different definitions of healthy community

Example 1:

<http://www.antigonishwomenscentre.com/pdfs/Final%20Canso%20CHIAT%20July%204%202005.pdf>

Example 2:

http://www.antigonishwomenscentre.com/pdfs/Pictou%20County%20CHIAT%20_Final%20-%20May%202015%202006.pdf

PATH Case Study

- Keppoch-Beaver Mountain Project (KBMP)
- Four-season recreation project in rural northeastern Nova Scotia
 - Nordic and alpine skiing
 - hiking, nature walks, etc.
- \$27 million
 - “Summit Centre” at top of mountain
 - parking for 400
 - new roads, etc.

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Powerpoint Presentation.

Case Study cont'd . . .

- KBM project sponsored by municipal government (Antigonish County)
- Significant citizen opposition due to cost, expropriation of land, disruption of rural life
- Significant citizen support due to health benefits, tourism, jobs, etc.

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- Enter **community health impact assessment!**
- Proposed by both citizens and the District Health Authority
- Used CHIA Tool (CHIAT) developed by the local Community Health Board in 2002
- Process overseen by Antigonish Regional Development Authority working with PATH Network

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- 14 citizens (one from each of 10 electoral districts plus 4 to balance)
- Commitment to 6 hours over two nights
- Facilitated by PATH Network members
- Report prepared by PATH Network members

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The end of the story:

- Council received the report
- 3 months later, announced there would be no expropriation of land
- 8 months later, announced that project was being cancelled due to lack of community support and funding issues

Effect of CHIA on municipal government?

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PATH:

*The process is as important as
the outcome.*



Questions & Discussion



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