

BAYLINE REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE INC.

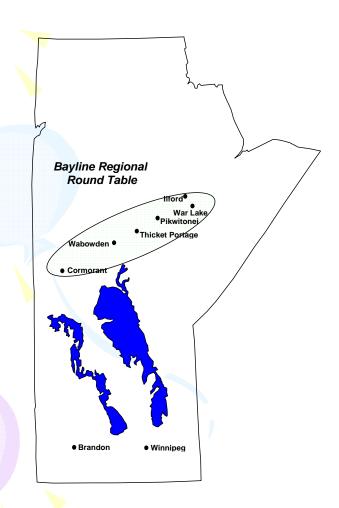
THE BRRT

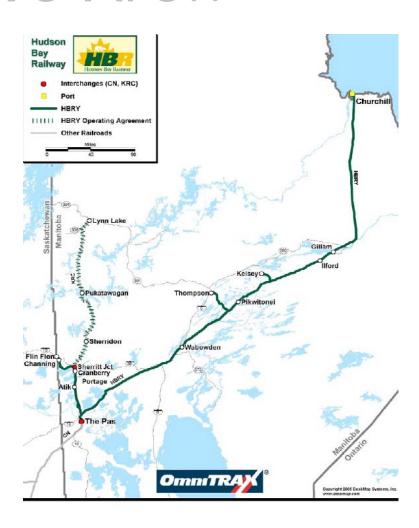
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COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN

- Formed Nov 2001
- Mayor and 1 community member/councillor

Where We Are..





Primary Focus on FOOD SECURITY...

In the near future, the BRRT Inc.
would like to expand to other areas
such as: welfare-to work diversion
project(s), Asset Mapping
(community profiles), Technology
infrastructure (high speed), and
housing

FOOD SECURITY....

has a profound impact on health because it is so closely connected with all other aspects of our lives



Affects many Departments within Government, Ie: housing, income security, agricultural, environment, health, education, etc..

PROJECT: NORTHERN FOOD SECURITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE "Partnership Building"

TO EXAMINE AND ACT ON ISSUES RELATED TO FOOD SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- To create linkages among stakeholders and increase awareness about food security issues
- To increase awareness of issues at the grassroots/community level and promote empowerment towards solutions
- To provide a central location for accessing information on Manitoba Food Security Issues

Each of these objectives will be accomplished through multiple partners and stakeholders in an overall cooperative effort to achieve sustainable food security systems within all our regions.

BRRT WILL BE COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITIES & BUILDING ON THE STRENGTHS OF INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITIES BY:

- Empowering individuals and communities
- Identifying issues & solutions
- Developing action plans decide what to do about them

BAYLINE COMMUNITY ANIMATOR, ROLE IS TO:

- Foster discussion
- Encourage action toward solutions
- Document/Record/Distribute information

AS A RESULT OF THIS INITIATIVE...

- Hope to bring all the resources available together
- Act upon recommendations as a result of studies/research done to date (More particular, Northern Food Prices Report, 2003)
- Opportunities will increase as we proceed
- Increased economic opportunities will present themselves

FOOD SECURITY EXISTS WHEN ALL PEOPLE, AT ALL TIMES, HAVE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT, SAFE AND NUTRITOUS FOOD TO MEET THEIR DIETARY NEEDS AND FOOD PREFERENCES FOR AN ACTIVE AND HEALTHY LIFEWorld Food Summit, 1996

Increasingly, definitions of food security are now emerging that also incorporate environmental sustainability.



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING....

Forums

- BRRT Forums
- Northern Visions
- Manto Sipi
- Bunibonibee
- Community Champions
- Rural Forum
 - Share ideas
 - Explore Issues
 - Plan action
 - Evaluate Progress



Rototiller project

- Provide equipment needed to develop new garden plots,
- Provide technical support & backup through partners.



Freezer Purchase Project

- Purpose to allow storage of hunt, garden & bulk purchases
- Agency bulk purchases freezers
- Families buy back over time (low or no interest)



Manitoba Food Security Website

- One-stop-shop for Food Security info in Manitoba
 - Northern, Urban,Rural & Food Charter
 - Information, surveys, calendar & contacts
 - Web training for partner agencies to input own information



www.manitobafoodsecurity.ca or http://food.cimnet.ca

Committees

- Represent BRRT & Northern Manitoba on committees related to Food Security & Northern Development
 - BHRA Food Security
 - Manitoba Food Charter
 - Food Secure Canada
 - Community CollaborationProject



Board & Staff Development

So we can work better

- Brazil: Belo Horizonte Story
- CIMnet Training
- Simply Accounting Training
- Project Planning & Evaluation
- Local, Regional and National
 Conferences
- Food Thoughtful Seminar
 (Mount St. Vincent University)



MANITOBA FOOD CHARTER

- The Food Charter is taking a provincial approach because the policies that are instrumental to shaping our food system are largely provincial in scope
- This relationship of food to poverty, to health and to our environment sets the background for a discussion of food policy.

Access To Health Care

- Partnership began in 2005 with RDI, Burntwood Regional Health Authority & NorMan Regional Health Authority,
- RDI received R&D \$ from CIHR to investigate access issues and experiences of northern residents and potential solutions to improving access to health services.
- Focus groups with service providers and community members.
- Researcher visits to communities.
- Some positive changes:
 - Guaranteed to be seen even if train is late.

Strengths of Organization

- It is direction from the community level
- The BRRT representatives are primarily community leadership
- Opportunity for community members to participate
- Strong administrative and technical skills

Partnerships

- Are necessary in order to move ahead (extend and receive benefits)
- Partnerships are from within each community and outside (community, regional, provincial, national)
- Partnerships extends beyond the bayline

THE DESIRE OF BRRT IS TO BUILD ON COMMUNITY CAPACITY WHILE HONORING THE SKILLS AND ABILITIES OF OUR COMMUNITIES

