

Natural Resource Development Team
2016/2017 Work Plan – Version Date: February 25, 2017

Core Areas of Focus and Cross-Cutting Themes

Four Core Areas of Focus and four Cross-Cutting themes have been selected as the focus of this group (see Table below). Multiple topics are encompassed within and across these areas and themes, demonstrating the integration and complexity of Natural Resource Development in rural regions. *Examples in italics* in the table below demonstrate the overlap and integration.

	Land	Water	Energy	Governance & Policy
Food & Food Security <i>Agro-food systems management, food losses and waste, food security and safety, food policy</i>	<i>Land use planning, digital technologies (e.g., Remote sensing)</i>	<i>Food-energy-water-climate</i>	<i>Food-energy-water-climate</i>	<i>Food policy councils</i>
Climate Change <i>As it relates to the development and management of natural resources</i>			<i>Food-energy-water-climate</i>	<i>Climate adaptation</i>
Rural Communities <i>As it relates to the development and management of natural resources</i>	<i>Land use planning, digital technologies</i>			<i>Workforce development</i>
Industry and Trade <i>Forestry, fishing, mining, etc.</i>		<i>Impact on marine mammals</i>		<i>Workforce development</i>

1. Actions and Products

1.1. Natural Resource Development Policy Fellow

Overview

The Natural Resource Development Team has identified [Tara Clapp](#) as our Public Policy Fellow. The RPLC Public Policy Fellow initiative is designed to recognize public policy actors that are making a substantial contribution to rural policy, whether at the local, regional, provincial, national, or international scale. This initiative facilitates the engagement of public policy actors within the RPLC network and among RPLC activities. \$3,000 has been allocated to support this

position (e.g., travel costs), but is not intended to be financial compensation. Further details on the position details can be found [here](#).

Expectations

It is expected the Public Policy Fellow would work towards advancing the mandate and vision of RPLC. Within the Natural Resources Development Team, RPLC Public Policy Fellows will be appointed to work within one of the above mentioned four areas of focus. Activities will be specific to each fellow, but potential activities of a Public Policy Fellow could include:

- connecting with and/or mentoring graduate students interested in natural resource development
- identifying new natural resource development research topics
- assisting in advancing natural resource development policy
- advising on policy briefs
- helping to ground policy discussions in the perspectives of rural practitioners
- attending and presenting at prioritized conferences
- contributing to articles, blog posts, and knowledge mobilization events

Selection Criteria and Process

Team members are encouraged to circulate this call for applicants among their networks, as well as identifying and reaching out to potential applicants. The Natural Resource Development Public Policy Fellow must meet the following criteria:

- be located in a rural area
- be a practitioner in one of the four areas of focus
- have an interest in advancing the discourse on natural resource development with a focus on at least one of the core areas or cross-cutting themes

1.2. Literature Reviews – Activities and Opportunities

The Natural Resource Development Team has \$9,500 to hire students to support the completion of 4 targeted literature reviews (5 @ approx. \$1,000 - 2,000 each) related to the four core areas of focus. Literature reviews are intended to synthesize current literature to inform team members as well as a wider audience. Completed products will be shared with the team and applicable networks. Ideally, 1 review per area of focus would be completed.

Matched or supplemental funding from team members will facilitate broadening the scope of the literature review or the creation of additional products (e.g., creation of a position paper, knowledge briefs, etc.).

To apply team members must:

- 1) Submit a short (1-2 paragraph) description and justification of the proposed literature review.***

2) Fill in the application for funding (<https://forms.selkirk.ca/view.php?id=47747>).

The following criteria will be used for hiring students:

- Current graduate student in a relevant discipline
- Direct research and/or professional experience related to the topic
- Experience gathering, synthesizing, and summarizing information for decision makers and the public
- Experience writing literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, knowledge briefs, and/or other related or similar products
- Ability to work independently

Please send descriptions and justifications to sbreen@selkirk.ca and include “NRD Literature Review” in the subject line. If needed, a volunteer selection committee will review and identify which will receive funding as well as combining requests where applicable.

Members who receive funding are expected to:

- 1) Display the RPLC logo on their literature review
- 2) Share their literature review on the website

The first call for applications ended in July 2016. The second call ended January 31, 2017. **The next group of applications are due June 30, 2017.**

1.3. Policy Briefs

The Natural Resource Development Team has \$8,500 to support the completion of ~8 targeted policy briefs related to the four core areas of focus. These policy briefs are intended to identify and capitalize on policy windows using current research from team members. Completed policy briefs will be sent to the target government as a recommendation from the entire RPLC Natural Resource Development Team.

To apply team members must:

- 1) Submit a short (1-2 paragraph) description and justification of the proposed policy brief.***
- 2) Fill in the application for funding (<https://forms.selkirk.ca/view.php?id=47747>).***

Please send descriptions and justifications to sbreen@selkirk.ca and include “NRD Policy Brief” in the subject line. If needed, a volunteer selection committee will review and identify which will receive funding as well as combining requests where applicable.

Members who receive funding are expected to:

- 1) Display the RPLC logo on their policy brief
- 2) Share their policy brief on the website

The first call for applications ended in July 2016. The second call ended January 31, 2017. **The next group of applications are due June 30, 2017.**

1.3.1. General Funding

There is \$19,000 available for funding general requests (e.g., attending prioritized conferences – CRRF, ICRPS 2016, Niskamoon). ***Please see the general [funding application](#) for details.*** Applications should be submitted [online](#). If needed, a volunteer selection committee will review and identify which will receive funding as well as combining requests where applicable.

Members who receive funding are expected to:

- 1) Display the RPLC logo on their presentation (if applicable)
- 2) Share their presentation (e.g., slide deck, recording)

Members are also encouraged to write a blog post for the NRD Team website.

All final products will be made available once completed. The first call for applications ended in July 2016. The second call ended January 31, 2017. **The next group of applications will be due by June 30, 2017 or by special request.**

1.4. Communications Activities

1.4.1. Engagement and Knowledge Mobilization

- ***How to become a team member?***
 - Provide your name, contact information, and short (1-2 paragraph) biography of relevant interests and experience
 - Indicate whether you would like to be an active or passive team member
 - Send this information to sbreen@selkirk.ca
- ***Roles and responsibilities of team members***
 - Active
 - Participation in review of applications (e.g., funding)
 - Active engagement in zoom meetings
 - Moderator or presenter of webinars, Reddit Ask Me Anythings, and other forms of public engagement
 - + activities listed under passive
 - Passive (network based)
 - Attend webinars
 - Help disseminate information and news within applicable networks
- ***Key networks and methods of information dissemination***
 - CRRF newsletter
 - Columbia Basin RDI newsletter

- Any team member who has a knowledge mobilization idea (e.g., webinar) is encouraged to contact Sarah (sbreen@sfu.ca) to arrange the details.

1.4.2. Wikipedia Initiative

This initiative came from an idea to use the collective knowledge of the RPLC-NRD team to update and build the credible knowledge that exists in ‘the commons’ (e.g., Wikipedia) for people to use. A spreadsheet has been developed that inventories the interests of the NRD team and looks at potential gaps in existing knowledge on the commons. A ‘how to’ document is available to instruct team members on how to provide updates to the commons.

1.4.3. Blogging

Blog posts by each theme team have been used for multiple purposes, such as drawing attention to a particular topic (<http://rplc-capr.ca/category/site-news/>) or a particular event (<http://rplc-capr.ca/category/opportunities/conference/>). These posts were intended to share information with team members, as well as link people and groups. There are multiple opportunities for future blog posts, which, in addition to being posted on the RPLC website, will be included in an appropriate newsletter (e.g., the CRRF newsletter). For example, the results of completed literature reviews and policy briefs can be translated into blog posts. The Policy Fellow may be interested in contributing to a blog post on a particular topic of interest. Additionally, **any team member interested in contributing a blog post is asked to contact Sarah (sbreen@selkirk.ca) to discuss.**

1.4.4. Twitter

The NRD team had a @RPLC_NRD Twitter account until June 2016. The Twitter handle was maintained by the Team Lead and Team Support and used to re-post articles and follow groups of interest. However, this Twitter account was deactivated in June 2016 in an attempt to consolidate the RPLC social media accounts. A hashtag (#RPLC_NRD) has been created to allow Twitter users to specifically flag things of interest to natural resources.

2. Budget

The revised budget for 2016/2017 is:

Action	Budget	\$ Committed	\$ Remaining
Project support	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Policy Fellow (1)	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Literature Reviews (4)	\$9,500	\$3,750	\$5,750
Policy Briefs (7)	\$8,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
General Funding	\$19,000	\$7,745	\$11,255

Other / Contingency	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$50,000	\$20,495	\$29,505