



Twillingate Conference Press release Twillingate—October 2005

The Town of Twillingate will expand on October 13-15, 2005 as researchers, government officials and citizens gather for the annual conference of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF).

The conference, "Governance in Small Places, Lessons from North America and the North Atlantic Rim" will share insights, research and best practices to discuss issues of governing in rural areas and small jurisdictions and the connection to community economic, social and environmental development.

"We're delighted that next year's conference will be held in Twillingate, one of the island's many tourism destinations and centers for new economic activity," said Dr. Robert Greenwood, CRRF President and director of the Centre of Regional Development Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

For 17 years, CRRF has advanced research and education devoted to rural revitalization in Canada. One of its major research initiatives is the New Rural Economy (NRE) Project, a study of 32 rural sites across Canada funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Twillingate is one of these sites and has been part of the CRRF's rural observatory since 1998.

"CRRF has always been active in promoting conference activity in rural communities," Greenwood said, " I am confident that the conference will be of benefit to the ongoing discussions of rural governance and more specifically to the community of Twillingate."

Continuing with its commitment to building research partnerships and exchanging information, CRRF is organizing the conference with the North Atlantic Islands Program, the Twillingate-New World Island Development Association, and the Twillingate Island Tourism Association.

Fred Bridger, President, Twillingate Island Tourism Association stated that "Twillingate and our neighbouring communities have the organizational readiness and volunteer spirit to host such national events. We're delighted to work with CRRF and our other partners and look forward to Twillingate being the centre of attention in the North Atlantic next October."

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