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Exploration of Northern Philanthropic Ecosystem in Canada



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Northern Foundations Ecosystem

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Project Timeline

Activity	Month														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Phase 1															
<i>Literature review</i>															
Hiring graduate student	x														
Literature review	x	x	x	x	x										
Collating and analyzing data	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Qualitative data analysis							x	x	x	x	x				
Knowledge mobilization activities (e.g., journal publications, summaries, conference presentations)											x	x	x	x	x
Phase 2															
<i>Analysis of ecosystem</i>															
Literature review		x	x	x	x										
Collating and analyzing data		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Qualitative data analysis							x	x	x	x	x	x			
Knowledge mobilization activities (e.g., journal publications, summaries, conference presentations)											x	x	x	x	x
Phase 3 ?															

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Background and Rationale

- Interest in landscape and ecosystem(s)
- Limited research on philanthropy in Northern communities in Canada
- Diverse definitions about the North
- Different models of philanthropy in the North?
- Commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

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Background and Rationale

- Geographical distance and low population density
- Population decline and aging communities
- Declining membership in traditional service organizations
- Small size and number of charities to receive philanthropic dollars (population size does matter after all)

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Research Questions

1. What is the philanthropic ecosystem(s) in Northern communities?
2. Is there a representation of different types of philanthropic ecosystems and subsystems in Northern communities?
3. What structural barriers exist (if any) that affects the way philanthropy is conducted?
4. What is the significance of the role played by community foundations and Indigenous-focused philanthropy?
5. Any notable differences found between private foundations and public foundations operating in the “North”?

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Relevance

- Correcting an apparent absence of research on philanthropy in northern communities in Canada
 - Rural vs. North
 - Mapping the philanthropic ecosystem in northern Canada
 - SDGs commitment by Canadian government and the nonprofit sector.
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Phase 1 - Literature Review

- Literature Review
 - Keywords
 - Databases
 - Analysis of Archival Data

 - Phase 2: Quebec and Ontario
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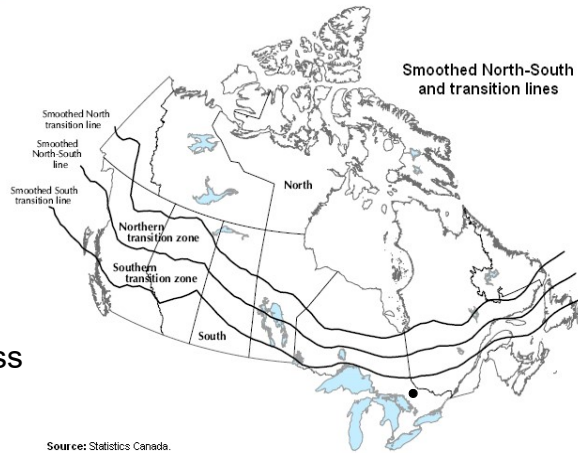
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Northern Foundations Ecosystem

■ Definitions

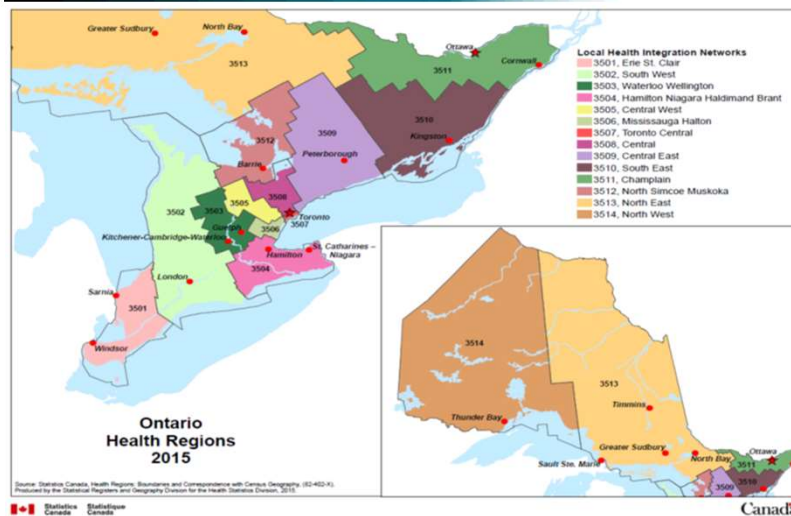
- Ecosystem
- Northern
- Remoteness
- Rural



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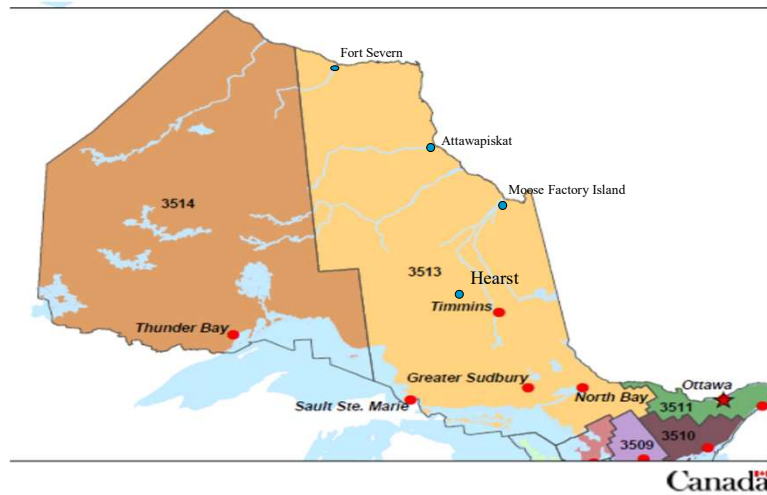
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Health Regions – The North Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)



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Conclusion

- Acknowledging no mapping
- Accessing reports from foundations?
- Database?
- Recognition of work
- SDGs commitment

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