


# Community/Government Non- Profit Partnership in New Brunswick

New Brunswick's  
Journey Towards  
Building a Better  
Tomorrow



# Background

- A new vision for New Brunswick
- Announcement of the Premiers Community Non Profit Task Force
- Policylink NB and the Canadian Volunteerism Initiative
- The release of “**A Blueprint for Action**” led by Mme Claudette Bradshaw

## Description...

- The Task force met with over 900 non profit organizations in all 55 provincial ridings
- Participants were asked to identify not only the issues they face but to offer solutions
- The main objective of the Task Force was to supply government with a “Blueprint for Action”

## ...Description

- The Task Force report has made six major recommendations and over 150 significant considerations for new and innovative policies
- In the fall of 2007 the Premier took the first important step and announced the appointment of Minister Robichaud and Deputy Chris Baker to lead the government team

# Moving Forward

- With the support of staff and in partnership with the voluntary sector, government is now developing an action plan and full response to the Task Force Report
- In March of 2008 the Minister will announce a strategy in the Legislature and will set an agenda for moving on the task force recommendations
- In partnership with the voluntary sector the Minister and her staff have begun to set new frameworks and strategies for change in New Brunswick

## 4 Guiding Principles

- Stabilization of funding
- Respect and recognition
- A culture of volunteering
- Revitalization of the partnership

# Key Recommendations

- A regional, lateral, integrated approach to community-based services
- An attitude shift and an investment strategy
- The stability to allow non-profits to work at the level of root causes rather than symptoms
- A transformation from “civil service” to “public service”
- Investment in community-based economic development
- Recognition of the value of volunteering as a means of engagement, and a strategy to encourage it

# Key Learning

- As with any initiative there will be challenges . Competition for resources is a constant issue but challenges can be met
- This initiative and partnership will be successful if there is positive change in policy and if progress is made on addressing the recommendations contained in the Task Force report
- Many lessons have been learned from other initiatives. This Counterparts Summit will add to the knowledge and expertise needed to move change in New Brunswick