

C O N F E R E N C E

WHAT'S WORKING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

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Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada

Conference Evaluation Survey Results

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (IACD)
2008 CONFERENCE EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS**

Total number of surveys returned – 115

Q1. Where are you from?

	#	%
Amherst, NS, Canada	4	3.5
Antigonish, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Bayfield, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Dartmouth, NS, Canada	4	3.5
Elmsdale, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Fall River, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Great Village, NS, Canada	2	1.8
Halifax, NS, Canada	18	15.9
Kentville, NS, Canada	4	3.5
Kings County, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Liverpool, NS, Canada	3	2.7
Lower Ohio, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Lower Sackville, NS, Canada	1	0.9
New Germany, NS, Canada	1	0.9
New Glasgow, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Pictou County, NS, Canada	3	2.7
Port Hawkesbury, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Sheet Harbour, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Shelburne, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Sydney, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Truro, NS, Canada	5	4.4
Wolfville, NS, Canada	5	4.4
Wilmot, NS, Canada	1	0.9
Yarmouth, NS, Canada	6	5.3
Nova Scotia, Canada	2	1.8
Fredericton, NB, Canada	1	0.9
Moncton, NB, Canada	3	2.7
New Brunswick, Canada	1	0.9
Mermaid, PE, Canada	1	0.9
Prince Edward Island, Canada	1	0.9
Bonavista, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Clareville, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Corner Brook, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Goose Bay, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, Canada	2	1.8
Harbour Breton, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Labrador City, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Roberts Arm, NL, Canada	1	0.9
Springdale, NL, Canada	1	0.9

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St. Alban's, NL, Canada	1	0.9
St. John's, NL, Canada	3	2.7
Québec City, PQ, Canada	1	0.9
Brechin, ON, Canada	1	0.9
Oakville, ON, Canada	1	0.9
Ottawa, ON, Canada	1	0.9
Toronto, ON, Canada	1	0.9
Minto, MB, Canada	1	0.9
Saskatoon, SK, Canada	1	0.9
Edmonton, AB, Canada	1	0.9
Fort McMurray, AB, Canada	1	0.9
Yellowknife, NT, Canada	2	1.8
Northwest Territories, Canada	1	0.9
Iqaluit, NU, Canada	1	0.9
Canada	2	1.8
Dunferline, Scotland, UK	1	0.9
Fife, Falkland, Scotland	1	0.9
Dundee City, Scotland	1	0.9
United Kingdom	1	0.9
Fort-Portal, Uganda	1	0.9
Johannesburg, South Africa	1	0.9
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	1	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q2. What region are you from?

	#	%
Africa	2	1.7
Asia	0	0.0
Europe	4	3.5
Latin America	0	0.0
Middle East	0	0.0
North America (Atlantic Canada)	92	80.0
North America (not Atlantic Canada)	16	13.9
Oceania	1	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q3. What type of organization are you representing?

	#	%
Federal/National Government	7	6.4
Provincial/State Government	20	18.2
Municipal/Town/City Government	9	8.2
Not-for-Profit Organization	31	28.2
Community Group	13	11.8
Educational Institution	8	7.3
Private Company	3	2.7
Not Representing an Organization	2	1.8

	#	%
Other – Public Health	4	3.6
Other – Health and Social Services	1	0.9
Other – Regional/District Health Authority	9	8.2
Other – Health Care	1	0.9
Other – Financial Institution	1	0.9
Other – Coop Housing Federation of Canada	1	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q4. In your role with this organization, are you primarily...?

	#	%
Policy-Maker	2	1.9
Program Manager	31	30.1
Service Provider/Practitioner	32	31.1
Teacher/Professor	3	2.9
Researcher	5	4.9
Student	3	2.9
Volunteer	11	10.7
Other – Coordinator	2	1.9
Other – Health Promotion Coordinator	1	1.0
Other – Health Promoter	2	1.9
Other – Primary Health Care Facilitator	3	2.9
Other – Executive Director	2	1.9
Other – President	1	1.0
Other – Manager	1	1.0
Other – Community Health Board Coordinator	1	1.0
Other – Community Development Liaison	1	1.0
Other – Co-Chair	1	1.0
Other – Project Supervisor	1	1.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q5. Have you ever attended an IACD conference in the past?

	#	%
Yes	6	5.3
No	107	94.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<i>Year/Location</i>	#	%
2007: Hong Kong, China	3	30.0
2006: Glasgow, Scotland	2	20.0
2005: Yaounde, Cameroon	3	30.0
2004: Budapest, Hungary	1	10.0
2003: Ithaca, United States of America	0	0.0
2003: Rajasthan, India	0	0.0
2002: Mississippi, United States of America	0	0.0
2001: Rotorua, Aotearoa/New Zealand	1	10.0
2000: Montreal, Canada	0	0.0
1999: Edinburgh, Scotland	0	0.0

<i>Total</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>100.0</i>
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Q6. How did you initially hear about this conference?

	#	%
IACD Newsletter	0	0.0
IACD Website	1	0.9
Conference/Horizons Website	12	10.5
E-mail from IACD	5	4.4
E-mail from Conference Organizers/Horizons	42	36.8
Word-of-Mouth	42	36.8
Other – E-mail from Health Promotion Clearinghouse	4	3.5
Other – NLEN E-mail Update	1	0.9
Other – Research	2	1.8
Other – Info Sent to Organization	1	0.9
Other – At an NSCC Course	1	0.9
Other – CCN Newsletter	1	0.9
Other – NS Food Security Project	1	0.9
Other – Community List North America	1	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q7. How satisfied were you with the level of information provided in the pre-conference promotional materials (i.e., pre-conference information fact sheet; registration flyer; call for presentations)?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	2	1.8
3	15	13.3
4	46	40.7
Satisfied – 5	50	44.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q8. How easy to use did you find the online conference registration system?

	#	%
Difficult – 1	3	2.8
2	1	0.9
3	9	8.3
4	37	34.2
Easy – 5	58	53.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q9. How satisfied were you with the onsite conference registration process (i.e., the services provided through the registration desk)?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	8	7.3
4	22	20.0

Satisfied – 5	80	72.7
<i>Total</i>	110	100.0

Q10. How satisfied were you with the overall value you received for your conference registration fees?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	1	0.9
3	13	11.4
4	33	28.9
Satisfied – 5	67	58.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q11. Overall, how satisfied were you with the conference?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	2	1.8
3	7	6.1
4	55	48.2
Satisfied – 5	50	43.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Please share any additional comments you have about the previous questions (Q7-Q11):

- Would of helped to have received the program information and session choices ahead of time – to much to take in and decide what to participate in all at once;
- One of our delegates did not receive any information until she asked for it;
- Would have liked more displays or poster opportunity;
- Would have been more community based to use locally produced goods – cotton bags and pen made in China;
- A list of conference delegates should have been provided – I did not receive a copy;
- Hard to keep up with changes;
- ½ sessions didn't really give enough time for questions;
- Would have liked the repetition of workshops;
- Earlier start time for workshops, so one more set of concurrent session could be fit in;
- 7 to 8 sessions to pick from, too many;
- Too many concurrent sessions to choose from (9 responses);
- Could have made the conference one day longer with fewer options (3 responses);
- Fabulous opening session (3 responses);
- Sessions were very beneficial;
- Really would have liked question and answers sessions added (3 responses);
- More time to ask questions (5 responses);
- More networking opportunities;
- Long coffee breaks were great for networking;
- Great opportunity to meet new friends;
- Great opportunity to learn new things;
- More group work and discussions;
- More practical discussions;

- More time for discussions;
- More interaction in the concurrent sessions (3 responses);
- Some presentations were short of time (4 responses);
- Too many presenters (5 responses);
- I work in health field and I apply community development principles without knowing the theory, jargon behind it – much discussions were beyond my realm of thinking – thus overwhelming sometimes. My work involves the stories, how can we learn from these in a collective way so that we don't keep repeating the stories over and over again;
- Really liked the incorporation of the arts throughout the conference (4 responses);
- Overall satisfied, well organized (6 responses);
- Intent and objectives were great;
- Nice blend of experiences, technology, and arts available for delegates;
- Like to have attended more workshops (3 responses);
- Earlier start time for workshops, so one more set of concurrent session could be fit in (2 responses);
- Workshop size was conducive for interaction as opposed to the talking heads;
- Speakers should have also had individual workshops;
- Great things most presenters had to offer;
- Disappointed that Ron Colman's presentation was cut short;
- Disgraceful Raging Grannies did not wait for Ron Colman had finished;
- Some descriptions were very misleading (i.e., Engaging Youth);
- Plenaries were great (2 responses);
- Larger names on name tags;
- Program on the back of name tags an excellent idea;
- Confusion with online registration (5 responses);
- Online registration difficult in Africa;
- Room specifications should be provided as far in advance as possible, if you are presenting;
- Festival Theatre was a wonderful space with excellent acoustics – it was such a pleasure to be able to hear the audience's question as well as the presenters;
- Would have preferred a more quiet atmosphere for J.P. Cormier's show (the Festival Theatre perhaps);
- My dorm was hard to find (Roy Jodrey);
- Would like healthy snacks at break time;
- By Monday end of lunch I noted three references to alcohol – demonstrates how pervasive is in our culture. Wonder how that might shift as we strive to create healthy communities – 1 in 5 Nova Scotians use alcohol in significantly harmful ways;
- Great opportunity to meet new friends;
- Great opportunity to learn new things (3 responses);
- Great that there were lots of options;
- Great to do it not just to hear about it;
- Great things most presenters had to offer;
- Wonderful event (2 responses);
- There was lots of "what" and not enough "how";
- Great conference from Iguana Don to socials to democracy to tons of options about Community Development, this conference was truly Community Development;
- Great organization of conference, well done organizers;
- Great conference, thank you;

- Overall satisfied, well organized;
- Still looking for a Community Development conference that gives the 201-course level – certainly had the right content, but not the right amount of time for depth;
- Excellent conference;
- Intent and objectives were great;
- Felt very comfortable;
- Really liked casual approach (2 responses);
- Felt a part it all – not just an observer;
- Very empowering;
- Horizons did a really great job;
- The dialogue was great and overall information was a great connector for me and will be used with in my organization;
- Lots of very relevant information for my position as public library branch manager;
- Lots of very relevant information (4 responses);
- Great conference (8 responses);
- Appreciated the culture, art, – really all the senses;
- Sometimes interaction was difficult;
- It was a bit too rushed from one location to another;
- Creative and engaging; and
- Great opportunity for Nova Scotia – thank you.

Q12. How satisfied were you with each of the following conference sessions?

Monday, June 23rd

Official Welcome & Conference Opening	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	1.0
2	1	1.0
3	5	4.9
4	17	16.7
Satisfied – 5	78	76.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Opening Plenary Session: Asset Based Community Development (Theatre Presentation)	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	1	0.9
3	4	3.7
4	27	25.2
Satisfied – 5	75	70.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Plenary Session: Setting the Scene	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	1.0
2	1	1.0
3	11	10.5
4	44	41.9
Satisfied – 5	48	45.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>100.0</i>
IACD AGM & Luncheon	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	4	3.8
2	17	16.2
3	37	35.2
4	27	25.7
Satisfied – 5	20	19.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Plenary Session: A Brief Update from ABCD Institute	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	15	15.2
4	41	41.4
Satisfied – 5	43	43.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Concurrent Sessions	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	0.9
2	1	0.9
3	22	19.5
4	49	43.4
Satisfied – 5	40	35.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Celebrating Community – Building Links Around the World (Celebrating Communities Squares Exercise)	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	3	3.8
2	8	10.3
3	21	26.9
4	23	29.5
Satisfied – 5	23	29.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Tuesday, June 24th

Breakfast Plenary Session: Supporting Rural & Community Development in Afghanistan	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	1	6.3
3	2	12.5
4	8	50.0
Satisfied – 5	5	31.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Plenary Session: Provocative Futures for Asset Based Community Development	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	1.0
2	1	1.0
3	2	2.0
4	45	44.6
Satisfied – 5	52	51.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Concurrent Sessions (Morning)	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	2	1.9
2	3	2.8
3	19	17.8
4	42	39.3
Satisfied – 5	41	38.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Plenary Session: Measuring Genuine Progress	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	3	2.9
4	29	28.4
Satisfied – 5	70	68.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Luncheon with Democracy 250	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	3	3.2
2	6	6.3
3	17	17.9
4	39	41.1
Satisfied – 5	30	31.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Concurrent Sessions (Afternoon)	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	2	1.9
2	1	1.0
3	22	21.4
4	35	34.0
Satisfied – 5	43	41.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Plenary Session: Building Global Networks	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	1.5
2	4	6.0
3	12	17.9
4	26	38.8
Satisfied – 5	24	35.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Conference Wrap-up & Closing	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	11	15.7
4	22	31.4
Satisfied – 5	37	52.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q13. Of the conference sessions you attended, what were the highlights of those you would consider especially successful (e.g., presentation style; content; etc.)?

- Lots of information – overwhelming too miss at times – not enough time opportunity to digest;
- Nobody had enough time – presenters were all crammed for time and rushed and by the time they got into their subject it was time to move on;
- Difficult to choose which session to attend based on how relative they would be to our practice;
- Liked the variety of topics/presentation styles;
- Interaction with others not the typical;
- Spot on presentations lots of variety, grounded in real experiences, “hands on” application in some sessions;
- Use of the arts – theatre, Raging Grannies, visual arts collage;
- Engaging speaker – creative and innovative content;
- The Monday evening Kitchen Party was great;
- Youth as community change makers – very interactive – youth participation and engagement;
- Theatre;
- I really appreciated the addition of art/creativity;
- Dancing experience (2 responses);
- Two Planks Readers Theatre and discussions after;
- J.P. Cormier;
- Theatrics;
- Loved the theatre group presentations;
- Film presentations powerful;
- Presentation style;
- GPI excellent (4 responses);
- Ron Colman GPI (4 responses);
- Content of Community Counts;
- The guy from GPI was very engaging. He had great information and made the stats interesting;
- GPI presentation with Ron Coleman, both the style and presentation were great;
- GPI session with the Raging Grannies interruption;
- I really enjoyed and learned a lot from the plenary session Measuring Genuine Progress – I would have liked to see it all was disappointed it was cut short;
- Tuesday a.m. plenary;
- I really enjoyed Ron Coleman’s and Jody Kretzman’s presentations because they introduced some new ideas;
- Really enjoyed Jody Kretzman – would have loved to have a whole session with him and just him;
- Jody Kretzman’s dialogue;
- Some presenters powerful – Judy – Ron Colman – George Parsons – much to share;

- Quality of presenters interaction;
- Soup kitchen project and survey;
- Very engaging presenters;
- Panel workshop;
- Informal, excellent presenters;
- More interactive audience participation in some of the sessions and plenary
- Session with 3 speakers (e.g., Plenary Tuesday a.m. or ABCD);
- Case study work in groups;
- Discussions of Coady;
- Heartwood – engaging presentation;
- All presentations reinforced the components/strategies utilized to ensure community development best practises;
- Wolfville sustainable presentation honest about unintended outcomes of community consultation. These things always messy and good to hear about it and share the learning on how to deal with it. Not a failure of consultations just the reality;
- Content on health promoting schools;
- Highlight of pubic good societies of Dartmouth having someone speak who actually used the source;
- Style and content;
- Excellent presentation styles (i.e., getting academics and practitioners in same sessions);
- Conversation presentations;
- Informal welcoming;
- Opening and Dinosaur;
- Opening;
- Opening session – Mi’kmaq moving;
- I loved your opening;
- Opening absolutely beautiful and peaceful;
- Opening of the conference set the tone for the conference led to anticipation of what was to come;
- Plenary sessions strong and clear;
- Plenary sessions enjoyed all;
- Plenary sessions good;
- Connecting and sharing;
- Networking – having the affirmations of the work;
- Sharing stories between presenters and participants;
- Ones that provided real tools not just project overviews;
- Where presenters were personally engaged and speaking from the heart;
- Ones that were discussions based in interactive;
- Presentations by community members, as opposed to bureaucrats and academics;
- I enjoyed all the sessions including networking opportunities with course participants;
- Asset Based Community Development Institute plenary;
- Networking;
- Networking opportunities great;
- Everything on Asset Based Community Development;
- Asset Based Community Development information sessions;
- The Tuesday plenary was great;
- Ron Hayes plenary;

- Resource list on community development is awesome!;
- Health Promotion Clearinghouse looks like a tool I could use and will;
- Resources made available;
- Community Based planning in First Nations Fishing for the Future;
- Interactive role in presentations by Peggy Duncan and Jeff Kelly “Understanding Community Development and Child Development in Rural Nova Scotia”;
- Webinar was neat to experience an alternative way of learning circle of health;
- 30 min presentations are long enough when using a PowerPoint slide show and giving audience handouts, while allowing time to ask questions;
- Speakers who truly wanted audience to understand their topic;
- The passion and enthusiasm the speakers had for their topic made me want to move toward change!
- Bringing the global perspective to local level;
- The diversity of sessions including music, theatre, different topics, speakers, panels, etc.;
- Marjorie Willison’s presentation style is a winning one;
- Interactive PowerPoint presentations that weren’t read word for word;
- Needed facilities to accomplish less PowerPoint related presentations;
- The success stories but also challenges that were shared give me energy, they show how much amazing work is being done and that we all getting closer to the “tipping point”;
- Overall success;
- Dr Hamm’s speech;
- I enjoyed the youth session I attended on Monday;
- The youth presentation, measuring genuine progress – very much hands on;
- Presentation style of Heartwood – got group involved;
- Empowering youth;
- Youth actions;
- I really like the panel presentations incorporating different views on similar philosophy;
- The variety of sessions were great;
- Easily understood;
- Well paced;
- Content was great;
- Circle of Health sessions;
- I liked the emphasis on punctuality, and the fact that scheduling allowed for walking between venues;
- The time keeper to intro and keep sessions on track really helped;
- I also liked the fair trade focus;
- Enjoyed international perspectives;
- Very interesting topics;
- The health promoting schools visual presentations!;
- Food security interesting but rushed no time for questions or intersection should be 90 min!; and
- Volunteerism, health boards.

Q14. If you could change one thing about the conference sessions you attended, what would it be?

- Less hills;
- Damn hill I walk;
- Too much moving about on campus (e.g. ,lunch breaks);
- It was not considerate of the needs for those with impaired mobility;
- Wasn't impressed with the food Chartwell cafeteria;
- Better integration of locally produced goods (conference bags);
- The laughter;
- Alternate venue for kitchen party;
- Microphones for speakers ;
- Better acoustics;
- More theoretical than I anticipated. I would have enjoyed more practical discussion on the great things most presenters had to offer;
- Perhaps 15 min longer;
- More time for presenters many were rushed;
- More time for concurrent sessions would be better to have just one presentation per block and incorporate more interaction/workshop type activities;
- More time – did not like cut off;
- Timing – facilitators all ran long – either offer fewer presentations giving more time to the ones presented or give better orientation and guidance to facilitators to respect the timeline. Everyone seems to be prepared to present a double length presentation;
- Longer times for facilitation/questions;
- Longer sessions;
- More time needed;
- More time for presenters and questions;
- Fewer sessions and more time for presentations, Q and A after, etc;
- More time especially for more dialogue but that always the case with conferences;
- Found the schedule very tight – appreciate timelines were maintained but presenters and participants also seemed rushed;
- Some where rushed;
- Disappointed that leading, linking, letting go was condensed and unable to do practical exercises – all presenters in these sessions needed 1 hr;
- Small opportunity for 90 min sessions – 60 min rarely allows enough time for dialogue;
- Some sessions seemed rushed not a lot of time for questions and answers and input form participants;
- Less rushed! Needed at least additional day;
- It was too much talking never getting to the point – ran out of time without speaking to the summary in the programs – specific to Tuesday p.m. session;
- Too many presenters with not enough time for sharing and discussion or question period – far too rushed;
- Some sessions did not have enough time;
- The number choices per concurrent sessions;
- Opportunity to attend more than three of 30 plus workshops;
- Too many sessions to choose from;
- Too many concurrent sessions to choose from at one time not enough time to attend all that I would have liked to;

- Would have split the concurrent sessions – half hour is not enough time to hear presenters – often felt like they were having to speak very fast and I wasn't getting their information;
- More opportunity for concurrent sessions;
- Fewer concurrents – lots of great choices made it hard to decide;
- Another round of concurrent sessions;
- Not enough time to delve into issues in concurrent session but never enough did provide a teaser for follow up;
- Do not put 2 presentations in a 1 hr session;
- More time for presenters – more hands on sessions reworking in community development, variety of experiential levels of community development (i.e., beginner-how to; etc.);
- More time for speakers and questions – seemed like every session was rushed;
- Longer choices for truly relevant to theme;
- Lots of sessions to choose from;
- Less input more discussion;
- One presenter per session – go more in-depth or have the 2 presenters coordinated;
- I wish I could have attended more of the sessions;
- A lot less options – are you kidding? 42 options and we can only do 3? That's foolish – too much time was wasted that we could actually have learned something useful;
- Concurrent sessions – I would only do one topic per session. The offer of sessions was extensive which was great – one got stuck with sessions (e.g., one liked one topic but not the other; it was awkward to escape in the middle of a session);
- Too many good choices for the same concurrent sessions – maybe add more concurrent sessions – fewer plenary – also if sessions had 2 presenters ½ hr not enough;
- Too little time for many presenters to adequately talk about their projects;
- I really feel that an hour or half hour is not enough time to get into a good discussion about a project/ask questions and have a decent presentation/summary of the good work going on in NS/Canada and the world;
- More networking sharing of stories and connections;
- More opportunity during session to interact;
- More opportunity at beginning of conference to meet others (i.e., café style);
- Suggestions for networking have delegates flag indicators of where they are from – viable to promote conversations;
- How to work together and not solo;
- More interactive group work;
- More time to network;
- More structured small group;
- More interactive;
- Community focus of working together – small group then shared with larger group through facilitated process;
- More interactive sessions;
- Need more hands on sessions instead of listening in a group of 300;
- Need more opportunity for small group sharing and discussion;
- Better description of presentations so I could make better choices;
- Too many choices to pick from;
- Too many choices – hard to choose;
- Less choice – maybe 4-5 sessions repeated several sessions;

- Process for attending more workshops;
- Limit the number of choices for the concurrent sessions (e.g., 9-10 choices);
- Many more topics I was interested in and couldn't attend;
- Extend the length of the conference 2-3 days;
- Next time have a 3 day conference;
- Possible 3 days;
- Spread out over 3 days;
- Possible 3 days;
- Longer;
- Make it longer (i.e., 1 more day);
- Changes to sessions at last minute;
- Would have skipped engaging youth stuff – geared towards people not already working with youth – not of much value to people who are;
- Have more booths;
- Signage outside;
- Less light so we can see PowerPoint on screen;
- There were problems with technology in one of the concurrent sessions. We were not able to see a lot of the PowerPoint presentations because of that it was harder to follow presentations for people who English is a second language;
- Not enough information provided to define the sessions – disappointing – decide to go to one of 10 sessions – find it's not really what I thought it was about based on info provided;
- Don't have speakers at lunch conference;
- In future conferences, please do not combine the AGM and evaluations sessions with meal times people need time to decompress – I network between morning and afternoon sessions;
- The sessions over lunch were hard to concentrate on with noise and food;
- Fitting things in during lunch time;
- The AGM during lunch did not work so well;
- Hard to hear;
- Start time 1st day should have been earlier and conference ending earlier;
- More experiences beyond one province – significant emphasis on one province – would have liked broader experiences;
- Have books and resources available for sale;
- Allows discussions about Democracy even if Dr. Hamm isn't there. The real value of his talk were spin off questions and conversations;
- The LCD projector beam should be blocked/covered when not in use for a presentation. We don't need the window logo displayed while presenters speak;
- The comments about our “Aboriginal friends” from the local politician made me cringe during the welcome;
- Sound 1st morning;
- Art creation/square equals interesting idea but difficult to actually produce one square;
- Missing ACORN and local food production;
- More examples of how other communities/countries are tracking community development;
- Maybe some brainstorming workshops on prime subjects;
- Content and speakers excellent;
- Better prepared speakers, some seemed to be unsure of material presented;

- Different topics, more best practises related to community development – a lot of focus on health what about community development officers;
- Gulf of Maine Institute was very poorly prepared and presented – it was very disorganized;
- Hot trendy topics offered more than once; and
- Where changes occur, give time to participate to write down – the changes were given to fast for many whom English is not their first language.

Q15. How satisfied were you with the Monday evening social (Welcome Reception, Dinner, & Nova Scotia Kitchen Party)?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	1	1.4
2	1	1.4
3	2	2.7
4	23	31.1
Satisfied – 5	47	63.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Q16. How satisfied were you with the Tuesday evening social at Halls Harbour?

	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	7	24.1
Satisfied – 5	22	75.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Please add any additional comments you have about the conference social events (Q15-Q16):

- Excellent – if we had three days we could have had optional sessions on two of three evenings;
- These were a highlight because they featured local talent and customs;
- NS Lobster experience also great for international delegates;
- Irving Building is a lovely reception centre;
- Irving Centre is a fabulous space to be in;
- KC Irving Centre was great;
- Irving room was excellent venue for the reception;
- The kitchen party location not good for sharing and networking;
- Student union bar wasn't a great venue for the kitchen party;
- Music at the reception and kitchen party were fabulous;
- Great socials;
- Great locations and variety;
- This was wonderful and relaxing;
- Excellent – had a great time;
- Good blend of timing and offerings;
- Very interactive;
- Good networking;

- Wish I could have gone (4 responses);
- J.P. Cormier is an amazing musician and excellent NS ambassador;
- Excellent choices to display local NS talent;
- Good music, really enjoyed J.P. Cormier;
- J.P. was great (5 responses);
- Intimate J.P. Cormier concert was excellent;
- J.P. Cormier – awesome;
- Lobster supper – yummy;
- I liked the theatre;
- I liked the singing by Raging Grannies especially;
- I would have liked some time to walk through the Botanical Gardens. The one hour allotted was taken up getting checked into my room on campus;
- I would have liked a more reflective and contemplative tone. Need to include more spaciousness and time in the schedule;
- Monday’s supper – yucky;
- Concerned about promoting alcohol at the event (i.e., the kitchen party), especially for those who were driving, unfamiliar with the area, etc. Also for the non-drinkers;
- Too late at night for me;
- Kitchen party could go longer; and
- It was a shame that more of the 300 participants did not choose to take part in the kitchen party.

Q17. Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:

The conference was well organized	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	5	4.4
4	23	20.2
Agree – 5	86	75.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference schedule worked well (e.g., timing; length; session order; etc.)	#	%
Disagree – 1	3	2.7
2	5	4.5
3	27	24.3
4	40	36.0
Agree – 5	36	32.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference kit information was helpful	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	7	6.1
4	35	30.7
Agree – 5	72	63.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>

The conference facilities provided by Acadia University were satisfactory	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	1	0.9
3	8	7.1
4	25	22.3
Agree – 5	78	69.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The overnight accommodations provided by Acadia University were satisfactory	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	2.9
2	0	0.0
3	4	11.8
4	7	20.6
Agree – 5	22	64.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>100.0</i>
There were a good variety of topics covered in the conference sessions	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	7	6.2
4	28	24.8
Agree – 5	78	69.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The topics covered in the conference sessions were relevant to the community development process	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	5	4.4
4	33	28.9
Agree – 5	76	66.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The topics covered in the conference sessions were relevant to my paid/volunteer work	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	2	1.8
3	11	9.8
4	39	34.8
Agree – 5	59	52.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference was a good opportunity for professional development	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	2	1.8
3	12	10.6
4	35	31.0
Agree – 5	64	56.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>

The conference increased my understanding of the community development process	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	2	1.8
3	17	14.9
4	38	33.3
Agree – 5	56	49.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference provided a good opportunity to learn about recent developments in community development	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	1	0.9
3	13	11.3
4	38	33.0
Agree – 5	63	54.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference increased my understanding of effective practices in community development	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	3	2.6
3	11	9.6
4	46	40.4
Agree – 5	53	46.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference increased my understanding of the challenges in community development	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	3	2.6
3	14	12.3
4	48	42.1
Agree – 5	48	42.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference increased my awareness of community development projects and/or organizations	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	1	0.9
3	12	10.4
4	37	32.2
Agree – 5	64	55.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>100.0</i>
The conference provided me with ideas and/or information that are useful to my work	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	2	1.8
3	14	12.4
4	41	36.3
Agree – 5	56	49.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100.0</i>

The conference provided me with useful community development tools and/or resources	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	6	6.1
3	4	4.1
4	46	46.9
Agree – 5	42	42.9
<i>Total</i>	98	100.0
The conference provided me with useful connections to others doing community development work	#	%
Disagree – 1	3	2.6
2	3	2.6
3	17	14.9
4	34	29.8
Agree – 5	57	50.0
<i>Total</i>	114	100.0
The collage exercises helped me feel more connected with other delegates at the conference	#	%
Disagree – 1	5	5.6
2	13	14.4
3	24	26.7
4	25	27.8
Agree – 5	23	25.6
<i>Total</i>	90	100.0
The social events made a positive contribution to the conference	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	1	1.1
3	7	7.4
4	32	34.0
Agree – 5	54	57.4
<i>Total</i>	94	100.0
The social events were a good networking opportunity	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	2	2.3
3	9	10.2
4	32	36.4
Agree – 5	45	51.1
<i>Total</i>	88	100.0
The conference increased my interest in IACD and its work	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	0.9
2	2	1.8
3	17	15.2
4	43	38.4
Agree – 5	49	43.8
<i>Total</i>	112	100.0

Q18. What did you like most about this conference?

- Interesting people, presenters;
- Content and expertise of most of the presenters – passion and energy of those doing the work;
- Opportunity to gather with like-minded individuals, celebrate community development, gain knowledge, have fun;
- Chance to meet people and network;
- The people, networking and assisting;
- Networking;
- The opportunity to meet other people;
- The people;
- The great connectiveness;
- Networking opportunities;
- Networking with others;
- Making new connections;
- The passions and networking;
- Good opportunity to network;
- Provides networks;
- Networking with others' of similar mind;
- Networking (4 responses);
- Networking, applying community development to my work;
- Opportunity to learn and network through sessions, social events;
- Conversations with people around the world;
- Contacts and familiar faces;
- Connecting with people;
- Variety of participants;
- Meeting people;
- The structured opportunity to interact with colleagues new and old, from near and far;
- Freedom to network and meet international delegates;
- The fact that it was international;
- Wonderful people;
- Meeting new people and reconnecting with some people;
- Meeting colleagues and new people;
- The people, the positive approach – real building on assets, ½ full, can do attitude;
- The people;
- The positive energy and flow of it all;
- Hearing speakers when the people were passionate. I love the theme and the positive focus;
- Out of the box creative sessions/very positive energy;
- Empowerment;
- The spirit that is deeper in people's hearts and their determination;
- Setting at Acadia;
- Good location;
- Excellent facilities;
- Location (3 responses);
- Location – beautiful, welcoming, fun;

- Location, food, friendly atmosphere;
- Very warm and inclusive atmosphere;
- Friendliness and hospitality of organizers;
- Great location, great food;
- Weather;
- Good location;
- Site and organization;
- Location, timing of sessions;
- Fast-paced;
- Coffee breaks;
- Great food, overall very welcoming;
- Please tell kitchen staff and caterer for great food;
- Name tags great (2 responses);
- Plenary session (5 responses);
- Plenary speakers;
- The plenary session – well thought out, relevant, creative, engaging;
- Balance between plenaries/concurrent sessions/time to walk outside to next session;
- Diversity of the plenary presentations;
- I enjoyed it all but especially enjoyed hearing the speakers at all the plenary sessions;
- Opening of the conference;
- The opening – native ceremony;
- Monday morning – excellent beginning;
- The loving details, like the dragon;
- Opening, welcome;
- Excellent opening and transitions;
- Nice combination of plenary, concurrent and theatre – enjoyed it all;
- Incorporation of the arts and physical activity;
- The variety of activities and concurrent session options;
- Range of activities;
- Variety;
- Great sessions;
- Great sessions, very interactive;
- Integration of music, arts, social into event;
- The arts;
- The theatre and arts input;
- Raging Grannies;
- Loved the Raging Grannies;
- Dancing;
- J.P. Cormier;
- Exhibitors;
- Youth being active participants;
- Youth involvement;
- The youth were awesome;
- Great to have youth here;

- Learning about community projects;
- Learning (2 responses);
- Break out sessions – liked informal and practical tools discussed;
- Variety, organization, quality, extras (contributed to high energy);
- Diversity of sessions, including music, theatre, different topics, speakers, panels, etc.;
- Good sessions;
- Variety of topics to choose from;
- Concurrent sessions;
- GPI Atlantic presentation;
- Democracy 250 presentation;
- Content, framework, international awareness;
- Topics covered;
- Number of topics;
- Good range of topics, sense of fun in some sessions;
- Information presented;
- Information;
- Information on new programs/tools, etc. for community development work;
- Range of presentations;
- All the information and hearing about what was happening around the globe;
- Global perspective – wealth of knowledge, skill, and passion;
- Connecting with international community development work and hearing about that;
- Meeting others who do work similar to mine, and hearing global perspectives on community development;
- New ideas/hearing what's happening globally;
- To learn from others, that what I am doing with my work is similar to other parts of the world;
- Great information;
- Education;
- The chance to learn more;
- New information;
- Reinforces local work;
- Some new ideas about community development (i.e., ABCD, GPI) that are inspiring;
- The mix of hand, heart, and head. I really loved the input from so many local people. It was great;
- Diversity of participants;
- The diversity, enthusiasm and passion;
- The positive energy around communities creating change;
- Learning others' experiences/challenges, discussions;
- Content was highly organized;
- Topics and conference seemed very well organized;
- Very well organized;
- The organization of it;
- The great people organizing it were fabulous;
- Everything well done – very well organized;
- The organization from start to finish, the communication was over the top;
- Well done;

- Everything well done very well organized; and
- Liked all of it.

Q19. What did you like least about this conference?

- Too short should have been a week long;
- Timing – so much to chose from;
- Not enough time;
- Not enough time for sessions and plenaries;
- Too little time;
- Some sessions rushed;
- Time lines felt rushed;
- Rushed – needed more time between sessions because networking is very important;
- The sessions felt rushed – maybe fewer sessions to allow for question time;
- Too rushed, felt like organizers were pushing us from one thing to the next because they packed in too much;
- Concurrent sessions seemed hurried;
- Not enough time for another concurrent session;
- Concurrent sessions too rushed;
- Not enough time in workshops;
- A very packed schedule! Too many “announcements and presentations” during meals/snack times;
- Plenary speakers were not given the time they needed and I wanted them to speak;
- Want time to get to the details of work on projects – more time for more things to get done;
- Tried to do too much;
- The concurrent session – too short, too many in each timeslot;
- Some sessions doubled up, left not enough time to explore either one to advantage;
- Too many topics in the concurrent sessions – could not focus on one topic and then engage in discussions and networking;
- Too many session options, not enough time;
- The sessions felt rushed, maybe fewer sessions to allow for question time;
- Not enough time in workshops;
- Too rushed;
- Would have liked more workshops;
- Not enough time for concurrent session;
- Concurrent sessions (too rushed, not practical enough);
- Location and timing of sessions;
- Too many sessions to choose from to able to go to as many different sessions as I would have liked;
- Not being able to got to all the sessions;
- Too many sessions, difficult to choose;
- Too many concurrent sessions to choose from;
- Difficult to pick a session – did not know if this would apply to my work;
- Difficult to choose concurrent sessions;
- Number of concurrent sessions to choose from;
- Too much in the concurrent sessions. It would have been good to extend conference by ½ day which would offer another opportunity to choose one more session;

- So compact, would of been good to be exposed to other presenter (i.e., poster sessions);
- Choosing the wide variety of sessions – maybe offer sessions at least twice over the conference;
- Would have enjoyed seeing and doing more – felt limited;
- Would only put one topic in concurrent sessions;
- Most sessions were not interactive;
- Would have liked more interactive concurrent sessions but room’s theatre style made it challenging;
- Set up in the concurrent sessions – not conducive to good discussions;
- Would have liked more of an opportunity at plenary to know who else was in the room (e.g., 5 minute exercise; sharing in pairs or small groups);
- Most sessions were not interactive;
- Sessions were not interactive/involving people as they could have;
- Sessions not interactive;
- The government speaker;
- Opening ceremony – Mi’kmaq opening awesome – after that it felt let down, dragged on, long and boring – needed a dynamic speaker;
- Ron Coleman session way too short;
- The interruption of Ron Coleman really bothered me – very rude;
- Unfortunate that you lost people during the final plenary on Tuesday – would have been better to do it before a break;
- Collage seemed forced – could have used the time for attendance at more workshops;
- Not sure the conference was enjoyable. Perhaps the least enjoyed activity for me was the first square activity;
- Lots of Atlantic Canada content – would have been nice to see more international content;
- I would have liked to hear more on the international level;
- Hoped to gain more tools and ideas that I could transmit in my work;
- Not practical enough – need more practical tools and learn how to use them;
- Hoped that there would be more tools shared, transferable ideas – felt it was more a showcase that a teaching conference which is okay but not what I hoped for;
- Need more practical tools and learn how to use them;
- Were our municipal leaders invited?;
- The lunchtime combinations of sessions and food;
- The lunchtime meetings – difficult for speakers and listeners;
- Need to find a way to get people to mingle, most sat with people they meet first and did not talk to but a few – perhaps give people a number for meals to mix up group more;
- The AGM was a nightmare;
- The lunch time AGM – don’t know what else you could have do but that was painful. Cari made a very good call when she facilitated the ending;
- Having the AGM over lunch – could not hear speakers or talk to other delegates;
- Being cut off when presenting;
- Microphone fiddling – all presenters should be given a briefing on microphone use so that all are heard clearly without fuss;
- Ill prepared facilitation in each concurrent session;
- Ill prepared facilitators;
- Some of the presenters seemed poorly prepared;
- Content and expertise of most of the presenters – passion and energy of those doing the work;

- Tendency to default to traditional presentations;
- Long speeches;
- Plenary;
- Gulf of Maine Institute presentation;
- Formal introductions and “thank yous” took too long;
- Swapping of presentations times meant I missed one I really wanted to attend;
- I didn’t see much youth involvement although I knew youth were at the conference. I wasn’t sure of their role;
- Noise level of line dancing made conversation challenging during the breaks;
- No good coffee available before morning break;
- More coffee in early a.m. of second day! Small thing, but I missed it;
- Need coffee at morning sessions;
- No good coffee available before morning break;
- Socializing and entertainment needs more variety;
- Dining area needed to be closer to the main venues (several people had difficulties with steepness of the hill);
- Walking up the hill;
- Walking up the hill;
- Long walk to dining hall;
- The hills;
- Too far for lunch – this would have been much worst if it had rained. I did enjoy the physical activity but didn’t have suitable footwear;
- I am fit and the hill was a bit much for many. Not accessible – perhaps a shuttle run for some would have been a good idea;
- The distance from sessions to meal;
- Humidity;
- Residence food was so-so;
- That I slept in until 7:50 and missed breakfast;
- Locked out of accommodation; and
- The bed and accommodations in residence (Jodrey Hall).

Q20. How interested are you in attending future IACD conferences?

	#	%
Not at All – 1	0	0.0
2	3	2.9
3	26	25.2
4	29	28.2
Very Much – 5	45	43.7
	<i>Total</i>	<i>103</i>
		<i>100.0</i>

Please explain your answer (Q20):

- Total fulfillment in learning;
- This was great;
- Exciting organization and subject matter;

- Excellent international connections;
- This is the first but not the last;
- Good ideas = positive change;
- Thrilled that it was here;
- I plan on attending the next conference in Australia that is how much I enjoy the work of this organization;
- Very informative and valuable;
- We will be fundraising to send two to Australia;
- Would be delighted to attend a future IACD to continue and build on the wonderful work happening in communities world wide;
- I expect I will continue to attend provided there continues to be sessions regarding youth;
- I would attend one if it was in Africa;
- I don't know if it was because of IACD, Horizons, Wolfville or what but I really enjoyed this conference;
- Great opportunity to network to make a difference nationally and internationally;
- Wonderful opportunity to get updated – hear other stories;
- I would love to attend again;
- This work is so important, this conference is so relevant;
- Excellent way to see what other parts of the world are doing;
- I love working in this field of CED, I would like to expand my area of work beyond Halifax;
- Great opportunity to learn new ideas and practices;
- They have the opportunity to do great work and it's a privilege to be a part of that;
- Cost is a huge factor;
- If I could afford to (4 responses);
- Cost and accessibility;
- I'm interested but my organization (Laval University) doesn't have the money to pay my trip and fees;
- Unlikely due to budget restraints;
- Travel costs , will go if can raise the funds (8 responses);
- Australia is not financially possible;
- Too expensive for a non-profit organization – there are not enough funds to travel to international conferences;
- A good opportunity when “in my backyard” but too difficult and expensive to travel overseas;
- If not in my province or Atlantic Canada it is difficult to find the funding to attend;
- Not sure if I could get time off work;
- Costs, if local it's ok but international is costly for non profit;
- Yes, I'd love to go, but for environmental reasons I'd rather not fly all the way to Australia. Is there any chance that the conference could be streamed live over the Internet with lots of virtual interaction opportunities?;
- Travel expenses. Can we go online to find out?;
- Can't afford a trip to Australia;
- If they are not too far away (cost);
- Pending funding approval for reimbursement from my work, community and organization;
- Making attendance a priority – there are so many competing areas closer;
- Would depend on location;

- I would like to attend future conferences, but would only be eligible to do so within North America;
- If it had not been in Wolfville it may never have happened for me. Travel to Brisbane is unlikely;
- I really enjoy learning about community development;
- Becoming more knowledgeable about how to engage community partners;
- Not a lot of opportunities solely focussed on community development, this is great;
- Only if the sessions model community engagement – no more talking heads;
- Didn't feel I learned a lot from this one;
- I was very disappointed by the lack of basic adult education approaches (e.g., small group; paired discussions; open space technology; etc.). These give opportunities to build relationships and ownership;
- Maybe depending on the way the sessions are organized. Too many plenaries and not enough small group networking;
- There should have been introduction exercises. Time should be allotted for introduction of all delegates. Does not have to be in one forum although there are methods and games to do this. May take place in workshop sessions too;
- Future conferences need to have more intentional opportunities for small group work, meeting as individuals, and building a sense of a conference community;
- I'd attend if it was a topic with a specific theme and cumulative learning component to it;
- If it was applicable to my work;
- Would be interested in looking at an agenda to see about possible points of interest;
- Depends on cost, content and location;
- Depending on timing, relevance, etc.; and
- Would depend on the speakers, etc.

Q21. Please provide any additional suggestions you have for future IACD conferences:

- Need to emphasize the practical skills in community development;
- The topics were theoretically relevant for community development but not practically relevant;
- Needed more workshops on application;
- Really liked the international perspectives;
- Need stronger interaction with audience during sessions and events;
- Need more hands on small group discussion for networking;
- Get people mixing more – maybe do some physical ice breakers to get to talk with more people;
- More community building and open space;
- Not great deal of new information;
- I enjoyed some of the sessions more than others;
- I already had experience with community development but this reinforced that;
- I learned more ways to do the work and do it well;
- Sessions were too short;
- Concurrent sessions were too short and not enough time to have discussion;
- Needed fewer concurrent sessions;
- Needed only 1 hour presentations;
- Would have been great to have more concurrent sessions – too many options it was hard to choose which session to attend;
- Don't try to cover too much at once, it's overwhelming;
- Tried to do too much;

- Longer, 2.5 days;
- Could have been ½ day longer;
- Needed more time;
- Not enough time;
- Too little time;
- Not enough time to really do learning, thinking, and discussion;
- All presentations were rushed;
- Conference schedule was rushed but we got through it;
- Fewer concurrent options per session;
- Too much to choose from in the concurrent sessions;
- Too many sessions to choose from;
- There were too many concurrent sessions to choose from;
- I can't stress enough about the time for plenary speakers;
- The calibre over these two days truly deserve more time to share as we want to learn from them;
- When planning the agenda schedule one or two specific times for voicemail checking. There are always issues back home that need dealing with;
- Conference schedule was hard with all the changes;
- Switched sessions meant I couldn't go to one I wanted;
- Should have been introduction exercises. Time allotted for intro of all delegates;
- I was dissatisfied with the provincial economic development minister's speech;
- The official welcome and opening plenaries were too long without a break;
- Official welcome and opening was too long;
- The official welcome and opening plenary was too long to sit through (but good);
- Needed a break in the first opening session;
- I was pleased that time was spent on the opening to do a respectful welcome both for participants and the performers;
- The opening was excellent – moving and meaningful;
- The opening plenary, ABDC, had too much audience commentary;
- Why did Mark Schwartz not have a presentation about the use of theatre as a tool for community development?;
- Use of theatre was good;
- The update from ABCD Institute was great but not enough time;
- Be respectful of Aboriginal involvement – discuss all aspects in advance. When the smudge shell was removed at the opening ceremony, it felt akin to someone taking away a chalice mid-communion in a white church;
- David Morse was very disrespectful to Bear Woman, Autumn Leaf, and Centre of the Heart;
- I would like to see more speakers from Africa Canadians/Americans;
- IACD AGM was tough to do over lunch;
- Difficult to hold AGM meeting over lunch;
- Didn't like the combination of AGM over lunch;
- AGM was a poorly thought out – venue and format;
- AGM was not in the right venue – couldn't hear;
- AGM was too noisy;
- AGM was hard to hear;
- Poor locale and sound for the AGM;

- The AGM was too difficult to hear – most seemed to give up and it became worse;
- I couldn't hear at the AGM and didn't want to network with others because it would interfere with the presentation;
- It was very difficult to hear the outgoing president – should have eaten first then had the talking;
- Outgoing president was very hard to hear because of background noise – maybe not the ideal setting for the AGM;
- It was difficult to hear people speaking at the AGM and I don't think some people were taking it very seriously;
- The sound system at the AGM was annoying;
- The AGM food was good but not the right setting for the AGM – too difficult to hear;
- AGM was hard to hear, however people were talking and networking which was great as well;
- The celebrating communities squares exercise on Monday was difficult to hear;
- There was too many people for the community squares exercise and too little space;
- The set up for the community squares was poor – bad location, low participation but great idea;
- The community squares exercise was a little disjointed and no time to make a square;
- I left the community squares exercise because it was distracting and the group was not engaged;
- The community squares session was unclear – was it to make the squares or look at them? Some had already done them and others hadn't;
- Much more could have been done with the community squares session;
- Second community squares session went better;
- The community squares was a bad project – too low participation;
- In the plenary session, provocative futures, it was difficult to follow the second speaker;
- The GPI plenary had very relevant information;
- The GPI plenary was fantastic, interesting, and practical;
- Too bad the GPI plenary got cut off;
- The GPI plenary should not have been cut off;
- Disappointed GPI presenter was cut off;
- GPI presenter was great but he unfortunately got cut off with more to say;
- Best session – extremely rudely interrupted;
- Wanted to hear more on the GPI presentation;
- Would have liked to have heard more on GPI;
- Always find Ron Colman interesting – could have had more time;
- Ron Colman was great;
- GPI session was excellent;
- GPI session was very interesting;
- The ABCD session (Tuesday morning concurrent) needed more sharing of information from panel members;
- The luncheon with Democracy 250 was great (the food);
- The video for the Democracy 250 session was good, but the talk was too long;
- Luncheon with Democracy 250 didn't really seem to fit – it could have been co-presented with youth;
- Should have considered a participatory framework for the Democracy 250 session;
- Food at the Democracy 250 lunch was great;
- I enjoyed the luncheon with Democracy 250 very much;
- The Democracy 250 luncheon needed time for questions;
- The Democracy 250 lunch had an excellent meal and speaker;

- All I can say about Democracy 250 session is “HMM!”;
- The lunch for Democracy 250 was great but talking, listening, and eating was hard;
- The time banking session (Tuesday afternoon concurrent) plenary needed to be more interactive);
- The Community Counts workshop was excellent;
- The Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development session was good;
- The evening with J.P. Cormier was marvellous;
- Screen LCD projector beam between presentations or else have a suitable image displayed;
- I sent my presentation but did not hear about it and it was not on the computer on which I did this presentation. Someone helped me with that but it was still slow to go from DVD to PowerPoint. So I suggest if it is possible to improve the technology or tell us in advance what we should avoid using because it has less chances to work;
- As a presenter, I found it difficult to plan and organize my session without details about numbers in my session. Also the classrooms were not conducive to providing great sessions (i.e., learning circles and group work);
- Great presentation guidelines but facilities weren’t appropriate for what we had planned. We had to redo our presentation due to the style of classroom. Be more conscious of this next time. If we are to think outside the box a tiered theatre style seating doesn’t work;
- The conference kit has excellent detail;
- Awesome that a variety of strategic approaches to community development are reflected in programmes;
- Print conference at a glance upside down for ease of looking at it (flipping it up from the name tag);
- There was scented soap in my package for a scent free event;
- There were too many “stuffers” in the kit;
- Involving local merchants was good;
- Suggestion would be to offer transportation to sites to individuals with mobility issues;
- It would be respectful to consider the needs of those with mobility impairments;
- Acadia was a great setting but hill climbing difficult for some;
- Wheelock Hall was too far;
- No bottled water was good;
- Better food;
- Better food needed;
- Food was OK;
- The set up at Acadia was fabulous;
- Impressed by the facilities;
- Hard beds in the residences;
- Would have liked to have been able to pay with credit card;
- Did not like having to use Pay Pal;
- It was sometimes hard to find the conference registration website;
- Online registration system was confusing;
- The onsite registration process was excellent;
- I would have appreciated an opportunity to buy some text books on community development;
- Would have liked information on where to access resources (i.e., web; books; university; research);
- Keep today’s conference delegates informed with outcomes, projects, contacts, etc. from this conference;
- Post material on website;

- Very important to be able to share picture from conferences on website;
- I think we need to host another conference showcasing continuing experiences;
- Set someone to start to build excitement for next conference now;
- Should continue to host these conferences on an ongoing basis to share best practices and latest research and development in this process;
- Beautiful province;
- Thanks so much, very inspiring especially in terms of future IACD conferences;
- Keep up the truly great work in putting these together;
- All was great;
- Thanks; and
- Great job to Horizons and IACD.

IACD CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS

Total number of surveys returned – 38:

- 26 for *Faces of NS*;
- 7 for *Coffee & the Arts*; and
- 5 for *Coffee & High Tech*.

Q1. Overall, how satisfied were you with this field trip?

Combined	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	3	8.1
Satisfied – 5	34	91.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Faces of Nova Scotia	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	2	8.0
Satisfied – 5	23	92.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Coffee & the Arts	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	0	0.0
Satisfied – 5	7	100.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Coffee & High Tech	#	%
Dissatisfied – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	1	20.0
Satisfied – 5	4	80.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Please explain your answer (Q1):

Faces of Nova Scotia

- I loved it! The informal networking;
- Networking was great;
- Fantastic day! The bus trip, lunch and other stops provided great opportunities to network with others;
- The smaller group allowed me to network more than any other time at the conference;
- Good company;

- They provide an opportunity to interact with other conference participants;
- It was a great day! Company was great;
- Bus hostess's were great;
- Great driver and tour guide;
- I loved it! The food;
- This field trip was excellent. The food was great;
- Great food;
- Food was amazingly delicious, thanks;
- Amazing food;
- Excellent food;
- Great food was a real bonus;
- Food great;
- Enjoyed the lunch and bear cake;
- We had a really wonderful, varied, and well-fed day;
- Enjoyed the trip to Clare and great meal;
- Lovely trip but long;
- It was great to have time to just enjoy seeing this part of Nova Scotia;
- I got to visit a part of Nova Scotia I wouldn't normally travel to;
- Scenic route was great and the Reserve great;
- Excellent. Transportation de Clare was okay;
- It was nice for us to go to the people (in their comfort zone) and their community. Shows the true spirit of community;
- Well grounded, diverse and interesting programme;
- What a wonderful day. Of course the beautiful warm sun helped, but each step was compelling, diverse, rich and tantalizingly deep;
- These rich cultural experiences left me with a sense of time and place, past, present, future, peace and interconnectedness, a vision that forms community development and gives meaning to the conference;
- They provide an opportunity to see areas of practice that are often not visible at presentations;
- Lots of learning and an outstanding personal experience;
- I appreciate the clear explanation of the Acadian culture, the singing of the anthem and the example of peace and humility exemplified at Stone Bear;
- It was very good timing – relaxed;
- I enjoyed the history of Acadia;
- I loved it! The information of the Acadian and Aboriginal communities was priceless;
- Wisdom and friendship was great! Thank you;
- We were made to feel very welcome;
- A wonderful learning experience, sharing knowledge, culture, helps to slow you down and connects you with the valuable teachings – a beautiful way to finish a great conference!;
- Valuable information sharing;
- A great learning experience;
- Shows talk in action; passion of the people involved;
- It was a learning experience about the First Nations people and the first settlers to the area;
- The guides when we arrived where wonderful – it would have helped on the bus for commentary;
- This field trip was excellent. Our guide was excellent;

- The whole experience at Bear River was excellent;
- Claredon was awesome! Stone Bear and Frank were amazing – an absolutely wonderful, welcoming community experience;
- I loved the genuine enthusiasm that was shared by Mr. Robichaud and Stone Bear – I felt moved and inspired by their stories;
- Exceptional day! Being immersed in two cultures and with two exceptional, humble, passionate community leaders – a true privilege;
- The passion of the project leaders was the driving force;
- Genuine and inspiring speakers;
- They provide an opportunity to meet the local people;
- Enjoyed Stone Bear;
- Stone Bear was a unique experience;
- I loved Stone Bear; and
- Fantastic – great presenters, very well versed on their communities and history.

Coffee & the Arts

- Appreciated opportunity to connect with people from other countries and provinces;
- Chance to enjoy each others company;
- Good group discussion;
- Wonderful chance to see the county and get to know local organizations and how they contribute to CD;
- Good to see some countryside;
- Relaxed day;
- Calm, quiet, casual relaxed day;
- Good programme content;
- Very inspiring, passionate people;
- I learned a lot about inspiring projects;
- Inspiring places;
- Very interesting;
- I thought we were supposed to have breakfast, but fortunately there was food at Just Us; and
- Would have liked to see map of NS.

Coffee & High Tech

- Coffee Shop/Fair Trade very informative;
- Great learning;
- New learning;
- Exceptional learning experience;
- COGS was superb;
- COGS applicable to many areas of Community Development;
- Great journey;
- Passion of people at the sites;
- Outstanding presenters;
- Amazing resources and expertise in NS; and
- Exposed me to important knowledge base in regard to environment.

Q2. Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following two statements:

This field trip helped me learn about community development work in Nova Scotia		
Combined	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	2.8
2	0	0.0
3	1	2.8
4	7	19.4
Agree – 5	27	75.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Faces of Nova Scotia	#	%
Disagree – 1	1	4.0
2	0	0.0
3	1	4.0
4	5	20.0
Agree – 5	18	72.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Coffee & the Arts	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	2	28.6
Agree – 5	5	71.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Coffee & High Tech	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	0	0.0
Agree – 5	4	100.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>100.0</i>

This field trip was a good networking opportunity		
Combined	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	1	2.8
4	3	8.3
Agree – 5	32	88.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Faces of Nova Scotia	#	%
Disagree – 1	0	0.0
2	0	0.0
3	0	0.0
4	1	3.8
Agree – 5	25	96.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Coffee & the Arts		#	%
Disagree – 1		0	0.0
2		0	0.0
3		1	16.7
4		1	16.7
Agree – 5		4	66.7
	<i>Total</i>	6	100.0
Coffee & High Tech		#	%
Disagree – 1		0	0.0
2		0	0.0
3		0	0.0
4		1	25.0
Agree – 5		3	75.0
	<i>Total</i>	4	100.0

Q3. Would you recommend adding field trips to future IACD conferences?

Combined		#	%
Yes		37	100.0
No		0	0.0
	<i>Total</i>	37	100.0
Faces of Nova Scotia		#	%
Yes		26	100.0
No		0	0.0
	<i>Total</i>	26	100.0
Coffee & the Arts		#	%
Yes		6	100.0
No		0	0.0
	<i>Total</i>	6	100.0
Coffee & High Tech		#	%
Yes		5	100.0
No		0	0.0
	<i>Total</i>	5	100.0

IF NO: Please explain (Q3):

Faces of Nova Scotia

- *No responses.*

Coffee & the Arts

- *No responses.*

Coffee & High Tech

- *No responses.*

Q4. Please provide any suggestions you have for future conference field trips:

Faces of Nova Scotia

- The field trip did enhance my knowledge of community;
- Would definitely recommend adding field trips to future IACD conferences;
- Depending on where the conference is held next time, if ever in Nova Scotia again the trip should include African Nova Scotia community;
- More connections/visits with the Native people of the country of the conference – we have so much to learn from them;
- Leaving at 8:15 a.m.? (or saying it leaves at 8:15 a.m., so we can leave by 8:30 a.m.);
- Stay with time schedule;
- Perhaps factor in even more time to account for delays;
- Don't try to jam too much into one trip – we did two trips in one and it was a rush all day. We could have done one or the other and still filled the day;
- One project visit and some time for interaction with members of the community;
- Plan to take twice as much time at each venue than you think is needed;
- Plan for less – it always takes longer and people feel rushed – both delegates and hosts;
- Thank you;
- This was excellent;
- Very good, keep up the good work;
- It might be interesting to have the trips integrated in the start/middle of the conference but understand that this is logistically difficult;
- Keep them grounded like today. Thank you;
- Intro exercise with all participants;
- Vital to integrate purpose of conference;
- Definitely include circle work – space to slow down and speak from highest place with listening heart; and
- Don't ask participants to fill out evaluations on the rough road to Bear River.

Coffee & the Arts

- Role of women's organizations in CD;
- Local food/sustainable agricultures and CD;
- Recreation and CD;
- Role of other types of social enterprises and progressive local businesses in CD;
- There is considerable interest in study visits/field trips;
- Form a disparate group with a common focus for a series of visits; and
- Include local history.

Coffee & High Tech

- Needed better description of trip in program so more people would have attended;
- Need to provide more precise information on each field trip to enable one to make appropriate choice;
- Not geek oriented;
- More hands on;

- A little more hands on;
- Experiential learning from the community visited;
- Opportunity to explore the location of the conference more fully; and
- Opportunity for focused, in depth learning with people in the community.

CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS (NETWORKING SESSION)

- Galvanise and build the people;
- Information – innovative idea exchange;
- Connectiveness – need to keep going through communication;
- Connect our communities via our contact information;
- E-mail each other (3 responses);
- Call each other regularly (2 responses);
- Follow-up calls to contacts made at conference;
- Phone a contact provided by another delegate;
- Visit each other;
- Go for coffee on a regular basis to touch base;
- Participate on committees;
- Utilize each other's skills;
- Driven knowledge bases with popular advocacy;
- Coordinating services we provide in a collaborative way (3 responses);
- Find more paths between our projects to connect more;
- Exchange program information;
- Share information/ideas about similar projects internationally (2 responses);
- Keep abreast of the events in each other's communities;
- Distribute flyers;
- Visit website;
- Check the Community Counts website (for statistical data);
- Provide training for community groups on Community Counts;
- Going to set up a web-based discussion forum for global learning, sharing, and advocacy;
- Follow-up on rural achievements on website;
- Follow-up on rural leadership in mid-July;
- Book appointment for meeting on Aboriginal programs (bi-regional);
- Keep in touch about school health initiatives here in Nova Scotia and in the North (i.e., Iqaluit);
- Will use Nell's information on philanthropy of community in my policy work with the government of Canada;
- Will connect with Maria Cain from Heartwood and invite her to our youth network;
- Follow-up with Anna Jacobs on networking opportunities;
- Tammy and Lindsay are going to reconnect with mutual friends;
- Geoff Brown (UK) and Ruth Mealy (Canada) will stay in touch on environmental programs and issues;
- Review conference resources (e.g., contact list);
- Learn about IACD and how it can be used as a vehicle for networking;
- Read the Community Development Journal;
- Potentially serve as peer reviewer for the Community Development Journal;
- Going to practice my French; and
- Serve local organic food in government facilities.