## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Upsizing Impact by Empowering People

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# WHATWE'LL COVERINTHIS SESSION

What and why of Community Engagement

Engagement
Continuum and
Stakeholder
development

Authentic vs. Inauthentic Engagement

Community
Engagement
Examples

Questions?



Stakeholders (peoples or groups)

#### ENGAGEMENT

Including stakeholders in processes and supporting meaningful contribution

## ENGAGEMENT CONTINUUM

INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	SHARED LEADERSHIP
<ul> <li>Some community involvement</li> <li>Communication flows from one to the other</li> <li>Provides community with information</li> <li>Entities coexist</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More community involvement</li> <li>Communication flows to the community, and then back, answer seeking</li> <li>entities share information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better Community         Involvement         </li> <li>Communication flows         both ways, participatory             form of communication         Involves more             participation with             community on issues         </li> <li>Entities cooperate with         each other     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community Involvement</li> <li>Communication is bidirectional</li> <li>Forms partnerships with community on each aspect of project from development to solution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong Bidirectional Relationship</li> <li>Final decision making is at community level</li> <li>Entities have formed strong partnership structures</li> </ul>
Outcomes: Optimally, establishes communication channels and channels for ourreach	Outcomes: Develops connections	Outcomes: Visibility of partnership established with increased cooperation	<b>Outcomes</b> : Partnership building, trust building	Outcomes: Broader outcomes affecting broader community. Strong bidirectional trust built.

## ANOTHER LENS...

01.

**Length of Engagement** 

How long will communities be involved in the engagement?

02.

**Breadth of Engagement** 

How broadly will the community or communities be engaged?

03.

**Depth of Engagement** 

Will communities be engaged only in a shallow way— occasional consultation, for example—or in more profound ways, such as partnership?

#### STAKEHOLDER DEVELOPMENT

- Know the community, its constituents, and it's capabilities
- Establish positions and strategies that guide interactions with constituents
- Build and sustain formal and informal networks to maintain relationships, communicate messages and leverage resources
- Mobilize communities and constituents for decision-making and social action



## INAUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT IS ABOUT REMAINING IN CONTROL IT'S ABOUT TOKENISTIC GESTURES.



#### AUTHENTIC

VS.

INAUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT

## APPLICATIONS

01.

02.

03

**Alumni Reunion** 

City of Guelph

**Wicked Problems** 

## BOLDNESS IS ESSENTIAL



## QUESTIONS?

Send me a message at sleblanc@lcs.on.ca if you have questions.