



*A Tamarack Webinar*

# How to End a Slow Rolling Crisis

## Lessons from the Northside, Cape Breton

*With Ed Michalik and Liz Weaver*

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# Gratitude & Acknowledgement

We begin this workshop by acknowledging that we are meeting on Indigenous land. As settlers, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet, and we thank all the generations of Indigenous peoples who have taken care of this land.

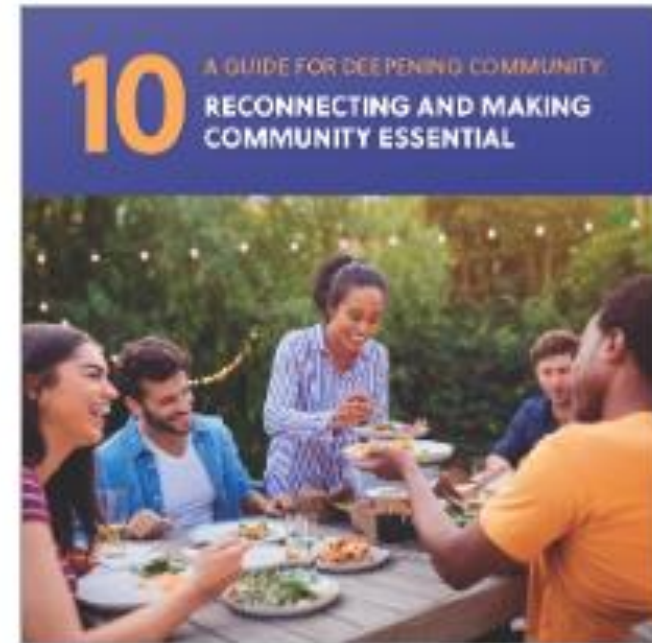
As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities.

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## Who is in the virtual room today?

- 155 individuals have registered to participate in the call today from Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and Aotearoa New Zealand
- Organization sectors represented include philanthropy, government, health, social services, family supports

## A Few Intriguing Organizations on the Registration List

- [www.Howwethrive.org](http://www.Howwethrive.org)
- [www.urbanmatters.ca](http://www.urbanmatters.ca)
- [www.northsiderising.ca](http://www.northsiderising.ca)
- [www.inspiringcommunities.ca](http://www.inspiringcommunities.ca)
- [www.thehelpcentre.ca](http://www.thehelpcentre.ca)
- [www.socialenterprise fund.ca](http://www.socialenterprise fund.ca)
- [www.shiftandbuild.ca](http://www.shiftandbuild.ca)

## Poll Question #1

Which option best describes your current organization focus?

1. My work is focused on ending poverty.
2. My work is focused on building stronger neighbourhoods and communities.
3. My work is focused on supporting young people.
4. My work is focused on navigating climate transitions.
5. My work is focused on supporting immigrants and newcomers.
6. My work is focused on supporting children and families.
7. My work is focused on addressing health and mental health concerns.
8. My work is focused on housing and homelessness.
9. My work is focused on another priority.

About Ed

**Tell us a little more about yourself.**



## A Slow Rolling Crisis

We have all been experiencing the slow rolling crisis of COVID over the past two years. What is unique about a longer term or slow rolling crisis versus something immediate like a forest fire or climate event?

## The Challenge of Complex Issues

**Why do complex issues like poverty, homelessness, mental health and addictions seem to be more difficult to shift?  
What were some of the conditions in Northside, Cape Breton which created the slow rolling crisis around mental health and substance use?**

## Community Change

How do we refocus a community, when the change they are trying to achieve seems complex and sometimes impossible to solve?

## Investing in Community Change

What advice would you have for funders who are seeking to support community efforts to address complex challenges like mental health and substance use?

## Future Possible

What might be possible when a community comes together to address a complex issue? What have you seen in your research and work with communities?

Advice

**What final reflections do you have?**

**QUESTIONS?**

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