



# Energy Decisions & Canadian Cities From Opposition to Participation

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# What Drives Opposition?

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“I find this new road layout a little confusing.”





## Common Themes

- Distribution of costs and benefits
- Mayor's personal agency/motivation & local interests
- Consultation & Collaboration
- Trust

# 40%

Canadians believe Canada does a poor (22%) or a very poor (18%) job at “balancing the concerns of local communities that are affected by a local energy infrastructure project with broader regional, provincial or national interests.”

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What "seat"  
do cities  
want?

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## Calls for Reforms

### In Canada:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
...And provincial associations of municipalities

### Globally:

- Brundtland Report (1987) Chapter 9: “The urban challenge”
- Rio Earth Summit (1992)  
Local Agenda 21

“Sustainability will be won or lost in our communities, but our municipal leaders are left to respond to 21st century issues with 19th century legislation and attitudes” – Karen Farbridge (October 12, 2017)

# Types of Multi-Level Governance (L. Hooghe & G. Marks 2003)

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## General purpose jurisdictions

- Nonintersecting memberships
- Limited number of jurisdictional levels
- System-wide & durable architecture

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## Specific purpose jurisdictions

- Intersecting memberships
- Many jurisdictional levels
- Flexible design
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