

APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VARY ACROSS MUNICIPALITIES

Together, we demonstrated the importance of community engagement for good governance.

The benefits of community engagement for municipalities are well-documented. However, the extent to which municipalities have integrated community engagement into their overall approach to policy development differs. In order to better understand this variation, the Research Shop worked with the City of Guelph to compare community engagement policies, practices and tools across municipalities in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States. The results showed that municipalities are often at different stages regarding policy formulation and embed community engagement in practice in a variety of ways.