

BENEFICAL GOVERNANCE!

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It is very important to citizens to have a voice when it comes to the province that we live in. We also need someone representing the people. Someone who has the power to make a difference.

One of the best governance practices would be fairness when it comes to making decisions. This includes having someone who will listen to our needs and determine if they are reasonable then be fair when deciding the best outcome. A good example would be our community of Westport needing pavement. After requesting this and showing how this would benefit us we ended up getting pavement.

Fairness is also necessary when it comes to money. It should be given to the ones who need it not rich people, so that these people can buy food, water, clothes, houses and medicine. Example people in Africa and places like that have nothing. I think the government should be giving money to the poor very often. They need a lot, especially food, because they are over in Africa digging in garbage cans and on the roads looking for food scraps and I think that that is not fair.

Time is also important. A representative should consider all issues and resolve them within a responsible time manner. Good governance also means communicating with the people. In order to allow the public to see what they do, how they spend money, and where the money is being spent. Example the government releases a budget report that allows the public to see in detail how monies will be distributed.

Good government needs to create laws to protect us and we the public also have to respect decisions that are made and the laws that are enforced. Examples of this might be obeying speed limits, and wearing a seat belt. These rules also have to include everyone even police. Just because police help enforce the law, doesn't mean they should be able to break the law and get away with it.

By looking at the examples discussed above it is easy to see that our government of NL has shown good governance in the past.