

THE FREDEEN LECTURE

## PUBLIC POLICY AND CO-OP GOVERNANCE: DO MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CO-OPS NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION?

In a modern world confronted by rapid change, limited resources and a globalized economy, organizational governance is becoming increasingly complex. Organizations are beginning to integrate broader representation from relevant stakeholders to navigate this world, address the 'triple bottom line' (economy, society, environment), and garner legitimacy among diverse communities.

These same forces are playing out in the co-operative sector through the spread and growth of multi-stakeholder co-operatives, yet governments are only slowly and unevenly reflecting these shifts in public policy. In this talk, last year's winner of the Fredeen scholarship, Shylah Wolfe, explores potential legislative barriers to multi-stakeholder co-operatives and how legislative changes could lend legitimacy and utility to this model and the broader cooperative sector.

## **DECEMBER 1**

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. (CST)

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