

Good governance for local environment and health decision-making

Insights from the Saskatoon pilot study

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public health role is to

INFORM
ADVISE
INFLUENCE



in Ontario: downloading

...the devastating impact of transferring responsibility for public health to some governing bodies whose employees lack the qualifications, insights and commitment to public health to make the best strategic choices.

~ OMA 2005

elsewhere: regionalization

... removed public health from its important links to local government and, in particular, to local government departments that have an important roles to play in improving the living conditions and the the health of the public

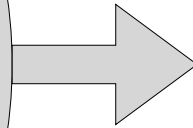
~ Hancock 2002

system of governance

organizational
sites

tools of
influence

constraints



good governance?

good at delivering results
delivers results that are good



key research questions

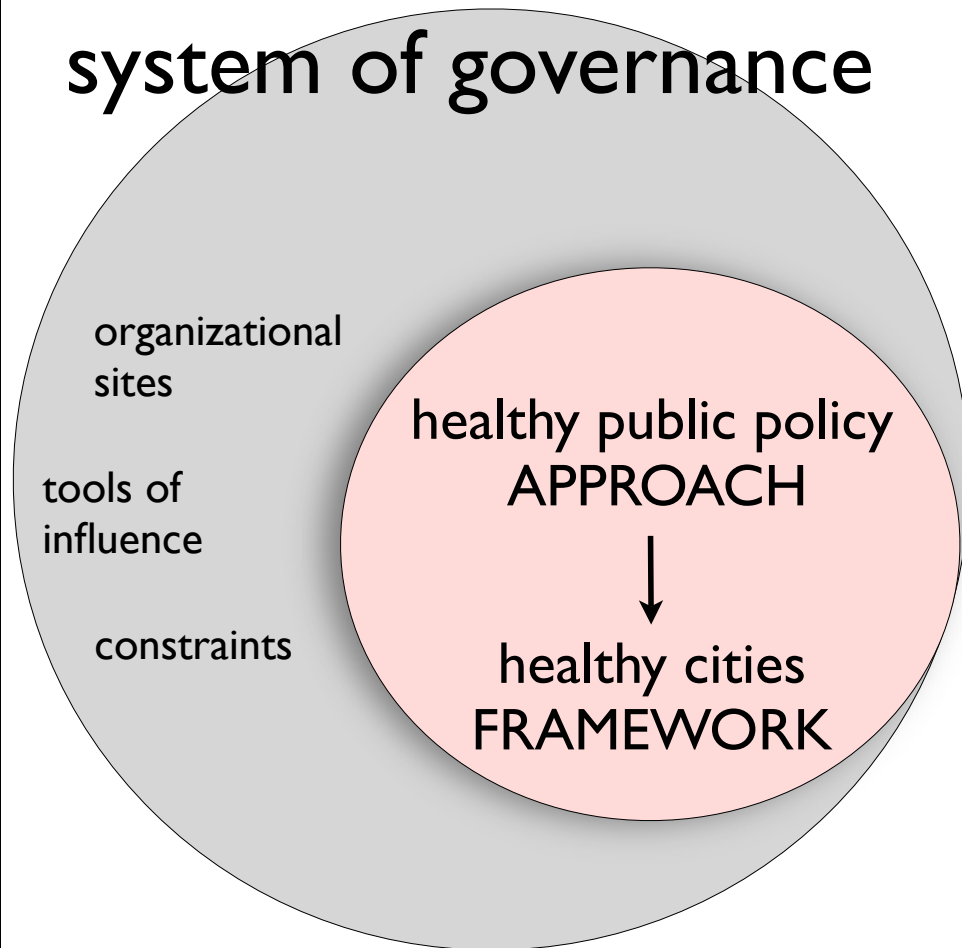
what is the governance context?

how can it be strengthened?

what are the design principles for healthy urban governance?



system of governance



context for
public health
ACTION



insights from Saskatoon:

- Thinking about “governance” is new
- Governance happens in
in many different places
drawing on many different tools, and
subject to various constraints
- Is it good? it could be better!



More support is required for the study of the design principles or grammars of successful governance, particularly outside of and in partnership with government.

It is even more important to fund governance entrepreneurs reinventing governance in communities around the world, and to support ongoing community processes of governance reinvention.