

Triangulating Evidence for an Improved Public Health Governance Framework

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Introduction

- How do we describe and analyse a structurally fragmented and inequitable public health system?
- To study Canadian public health governance we conducted and analysed a broad range of research among public health workers, practitioners, and officials, legal scholars, policy makers, social scientists, bioethicists, epidemiologists, and importantly, underserved and marginalized communities.

Methods

- Literature review of 149 articles on Canadian public health 2020-2024;
- Secondary analysis of 137 interviews, 25 focus groups, 641 surveys, recoding for: values; evidence and data use; policies and services; deliberation;
- Focus groups (7 across 5 jurisdictions) with representatives of marginalized communities, grassroots experts, and frontline health workers across Canada;
- Scoping review of public health statutes, programs, and actors in select jurisdictions across Canada;
- Local, national and international deliberative workshops with public health, regulatory and legal scholars, advocates, and policy actors.

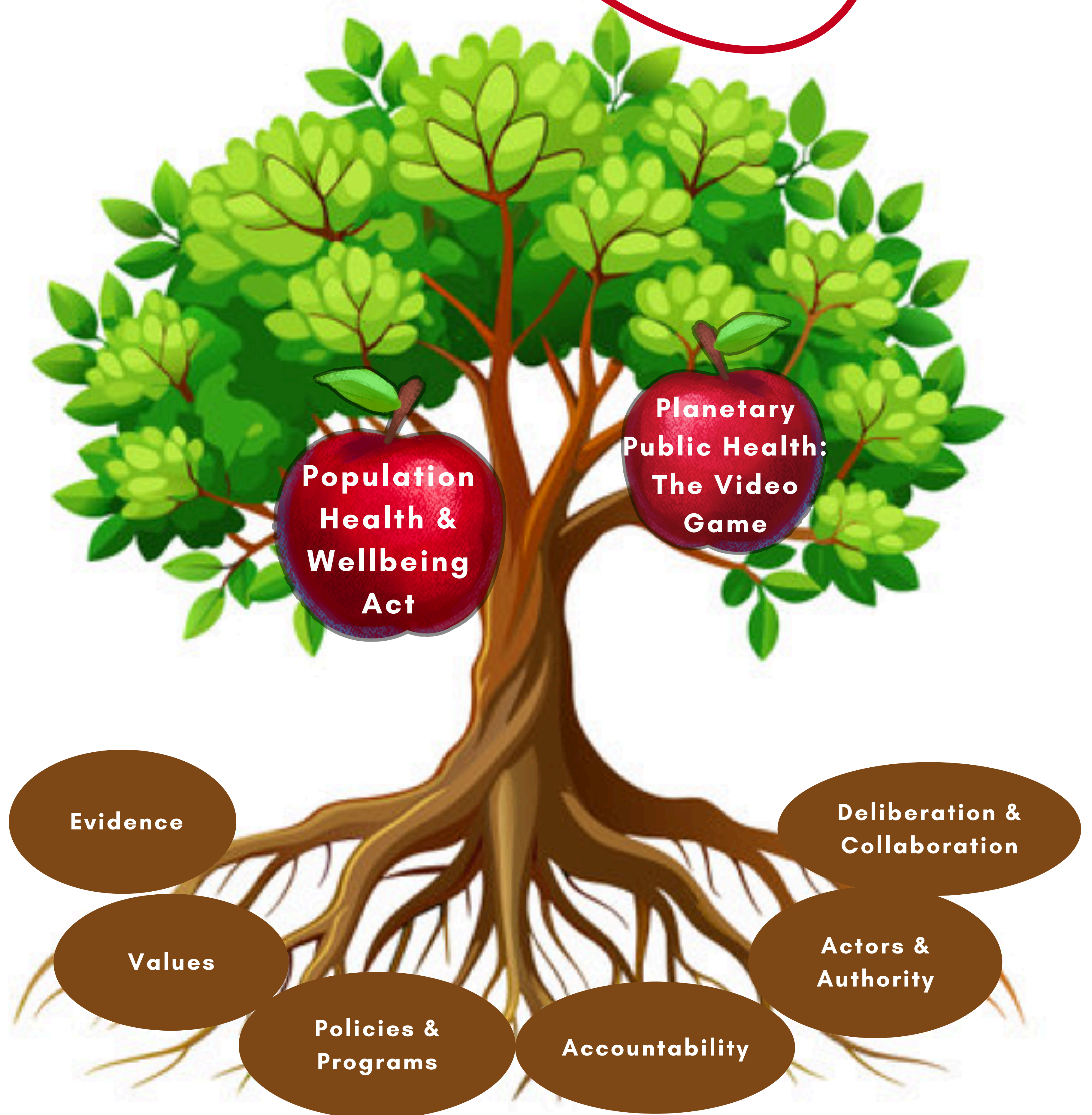
Discussion & Conclusion

- The Public Health Governance project is building a framework for a more effective public health governance structure by including the experiences and suggestions of marginalized people affected by inequities;
- These perceptions and experiences negatively impact trust in public institutions, including Public Health;
- Including and analyzing multiple data sources for key governance aspects of real material and socio-cultural importance to those experiencing hardship in underserved communities;
- These knowledges and understandings are integral to constructing a more equitable legislative framework to benefit the health of all;
- We continue to address the challenge of qualitative secondary analysis for Canadian health researchers given Tri Council Policy Statement (TCPS) research ethics guidelines.

Next Steps

- These research results have been presented to international and national groups of social scientists, public health experts, legal and policy scholars, and diverse communities across Canada for feedback and discussion as we draft a Population Health & Wellbeing Act framework;
- Findings will also contribute to the design of a video game to increase awareness and understanding of the important role of public health governance in complex planetary health challenges.

Results



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