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The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) recognizes, acknowledges, and appreciates that we are able to live, work, and learn on the traditional territories of the First Nations and Indigenous peoples of BC and Yukon. Acknowledging the principles of truth and reconciliation, we recognize and respect the history, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all Indigenous peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our lives and our country.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year!

We are already well into early 2023 as this issue of *Planning West* hits your mailbox or screen. A new year always brings me a sense of optimism – and this one especially so as we finally start our first year following the end of most of the major disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is still with us and having impacts, however we are, in many ways, now adapting to managing it as part of our new daily life.

Following time to relax, recharge, and reconnect with family and friends over the holidays, the Board returned to Victoria in January and set to renewing and advancing a key strategic goal, started in 2020 (and limited by the onset of the pandemic later that year), of connecting regularly and formally with Government of BC ministries and senior officials. The aim of these efforts is to raise the profile of the Institute and planning profession while strengthening relationships and ongoing engagement with the Government of BC. Meetings included one with officials from the new Ministry of Housing, as well as one with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Additionally, key staff from the Province's Planning and Land Use Branch attended our Board meeting, providing an update presentation along with an opportunity for dialogue with PIBC. We look forward to continuing to stay engaged, being in a position to provide input and expertise into Provincial work and initiatives, and to provide an avenue for government outreach and engagement with professional planners, as the Government of BC works to address the critical issues of housing and planning sustainable, liveable, resilient communities.

Additionally, late last year the Board travelled to Nanaimo for a regular meeting for the first time in many years. We were able to meet on the campus of Vancouver Island University (VIU) and connect with the Master of Community Planning program at with an update from program head, Dr. Pam Shaw RPP, FCIP. While in Nanaimo, we also enjoyed an evening social and networking event organized by VIU planning students – an event also attended by other local professional members as well. It is exciting to see four successful accredited university planning programs across BC and Yukon supporting amazing, diverse students on their path to becoming future Registered Professional Planners. The opportunities for a career in our profession

are among the strongest that they have ever been and the need for quality planning education continues to be met by our accredited programs, including VIU. Our thanks are extended to the VIU program and students for welcoming us and hosting us in Nanaimo!

With the holiday season and the turn of the new year, we at PIBC were pleased to once again thank and acknowledge the many member volunteers who contributed to the Institute and the profession in so many ways over the past year. I particularly want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing *Planning West* Editor Maria Stanborough RPP, MCIP, for volunteering her valuable time and editorial expertise over the past several years, while also extending a warm welcome to our new Editor, Kristin Agnello RPP, MCIP, who takes over starting with this first issue of 2023. Thank you both.

2023 will continue to offer many opportunities for volunteering with PIBC committees, local chapters, and other activities and initiatives, as well as the continuing opportunity to serve as a mentor or sponsor for an emerging professional planner. Thanks again to all of you who volunteered in 2022. I encourage all members, whether a Certified, Candidate or Student member, to explore meaningful ways to engage and contribute in the coming year and beyond.

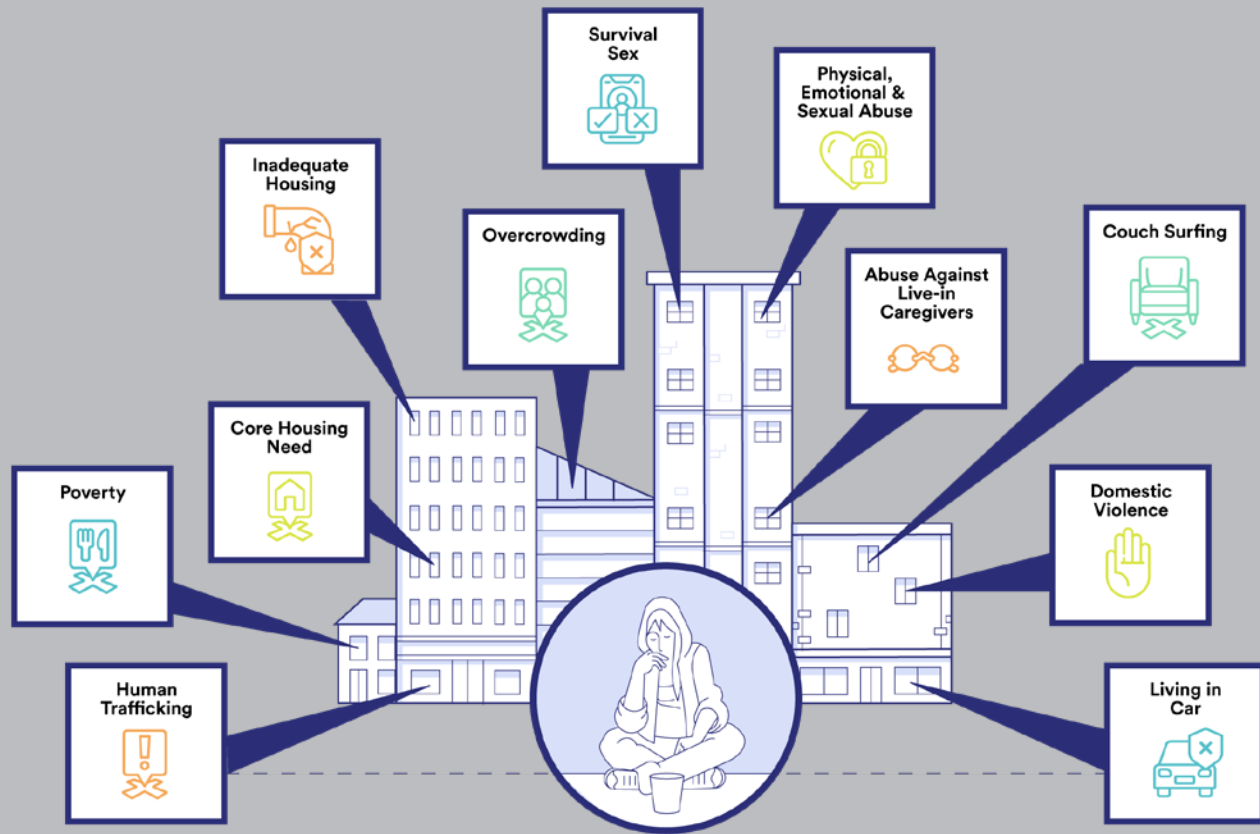
And speaking of opportunities to get involved, as we look ahead to the end of the current PIBC Board term later this year, the Governance & Nominating Committee members (and myself as Chair) may be reaching out to some of you regarding opportunities to join the Board for the next term. The nomination process is underway, and I encourage you to consider nomination for election, or forwarding the suggestion of another member for consideration. Although it's a significant volunteer commitment, I can attest that the rewards and satisfaction are worth the time and effort!

Lastly, as we look ahead to the late spring of 2023, don't miss the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, learn and develop professionally, network and meet new colleagues (and also have a bit of fun) at our next PIBC Annual Conference – *It Takes a Village* – taking place May 30 – June 2, 2023, in Sun Peaks, BC, in the beautiful BC interior. With several days of keynote speakers, conference sessions, presentations, workshops, learning tours, networking events and social activities, it will again prove to be the top annual event for planners in BC and Yukon. Save the date, register early, and I look forward to seeing you there!

David Block RPP, MCIP

OUTLINES

What's Trending?... Member in Focus...



Homelessness for women, girls and gender diverse people is a national crisis and the Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network (WNHHN) is calling for immediate political action. Image courtesy of WNHHN.

What's Trending?

by **Cindy Cheung** PIBC Communications & Marketing Specialist

When we think about World Town Planning Day and the planning profession as a whole, housing and the constant evolution of a city or town as our home is a huge part of what planning is – to create safe, secure and thriving communities for all. When the ability to do this is threatened, people and organizations around the world must work together on solutions now so that we can continue to plan for a better future. Here are two organizations trying to make a difference immediately; one to bring an invisible homelessness problem into the spotlight across Canada, and one to convert scientific knowledge into collaborative actions worldwide that can save the one place we all ultimately call home – planet Earth.

Stay Updated with PIBC e-News!

Keep up-to-date regularly with current Institute & local planning news, events and job opportunities with PIBC e-News! The Institute's electronic newsletter is emailed to members every other Wednesday. Haven't seen your PIBC e-News? Check your spam/junk email folder and be sure to add enews@pibc.bc.ca to your contacts.

Women's National Housing and Homelessness Network

<https://womenshomelessness.ca/>

The Women's National Housing and Homelessness Network shares vital research and calls on the Canadian government to help end an urgent national human rights crisis – homelessness and housing insecurity for women, girls, and gender-diverse peoples. Even before the pandemic, housing insecurity – specifically for these groups – was an invisible but extremely profound problem across many systems and services. The past two years have only accelerated this crisis and the Network is calling on all levels of government to act now to provide safe, affordable, and adequate housing to those who remain hidden in the demographics.

Read the Research

Read the Pan-Canadian Women's Housing & Homelessness Survey Report, the largest national gender-specific survey on housing need and homelessness in Canada to date. Completed by 500 women and gender-diverse people, this report highlights 10 key challenges that illustrate why and how homelessness is gendered and offers 21 recommendations for change. Read this report and access more resources at <https://womenshomelessness.ca/research-resources/>.

Human Right Claims

On June 14, 2022, along with the National Indigenous Feminist Housing Working Group, the Network submitted two Human Rights Claims to Canada's Federal Housing Advocate.

Watch the YouTube video to learn more about these submissions and how you can also take action: <https://womenshomelessness.ca/humanrightsclaims/>

United Nations Climate Change – Blog

@UNFCCC

UNCC Blog <https://unfccc.int/blog/nature-for-climate>

In December 2022, the 15th United Nations Biodiversity Conference of the Parties, often referred to as COP15, took place in Montreal, Quebec. A variety of COPs have taken place over the decades, covering a huge spectrum of topics focused on gathering the world's largest and most influential nations to set targets and sign agreements to mitigate climate change and address biodiversity, desertification, and pollution. If you feel lost in the barrage of information or are looking for shortcuts to the latest climate change resources, visit the UN Climate Change blog (<https://unfccc.int/blog/nature-for-climate>) to get a better understanding of various COP conferences and their objectives. For example, the key goals for COP15 were to ensure governments signed off on targets under the convention's three aims: conservation, sustainable use, and sharing the benefits of genetic resources.

Useful Resources

- The UN Climate Change Resources page <https://unfccc.int/resources> offers a list of 350 frameworks, documents, and tools for reference and use. Type a topic in the top SEARCH bar to help you narrow your search.
- A copy of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which includes 20+ targets focused on biodiversity, is available at <https://unfccc.int/blog/nature-for-climate>.

Planning West Call for Submissions

Spring 2023 Issue:

The Water Issue

Deadline for submissions: Mar 15, 2023

Summer 2023 Issue:

2023 PIBC Annual Conference

Deadline for submissions: Jun 15, 2023

Articles should be 1000-1200 words in length in an unformatted MS Word document. **Please note:** not all articles may be accommodated based on editorial decisions and the number of submissions received.

Member in Focus

Michelle Kam RPP, MCIP

*Grants and Special Projects Manager,
City of Kelowna*



In this issue, we connected with Michelle Kam, former PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter Chair and active PIBC volunteer and mentor. Having spent over twenty years with the City of Kelowna in different roles that ultimately led her to pursue a career and certification as a Registered Professional Planner (RPP), Michelle shares with us the valuable skills she now brings to her current role, which sits outside of the usual planner's career box. She also shares the importance of meaningful mentorship and how she'll continue her "unlearning" as a result of completing the Indigenous Canada program at the University of Alberta.

How did you get your start in the planning profession? Was there someone or something in particular that inspired you?

My career into planning wasn't a straight line. After completing my degree in Geography at the University of British Columbia (UBC), I began working at the City of Kelowna in the Environment Department and undertook work on watershed protection, environmental education, and a pesticide bylaw. From there, I moved into the Policy & Planning team, where

I focused on climate change, housing, and equity. It was at this mid-point of my career that I began the journey to becoming certified as a Registered Professional Planner (RPP). I was inspired to become a part of the process for developing solutions to complex issues and, through the RPP process, I was able to gain additional professional skills and knowledge to further support this work.

You've been at the City of Kelowna for over 25 years. You recently moved out of the Policy & Planning team and into the role of Grants & Special Projects Manager. How has being a Registered Professional Planner helped you in this role?

As the Grants & Special Projects Manager, I am no longer in a traditional planner position. My role is to strategically identify, pursue, and manage grant opportunities from senior government and other organizations. A key takeaway is that the skills and knowledge developed as a professional planner bring high value when applied to this new role. For example, aligning priorities, fostering relationships, planning strategically, and securing investments are all the skills of a planner that I also apply in my current role. Grants are often for, or require knowledge of, complex planning challenges and opportunities such as climate change and adaptation, housing, support for people sheltering outdoors, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Using a planning lens has helped to strengthen the work I am doing as Grants Manager.

You recently completed the Indigenous Canada program at the University of Alberta. What do you feel was the top take-away from the program for planners and the planning profession?

Growing up, like many going through Canada's school system, I learned Canada's history through a colonial lens. The Indigenous Canada program allowed me to unlearn and relearn Canada's history from an Indigenous perspective. The course highlights the history of Indigenous-settler relationships, the fur trade, treaties, and

Residential Schools, as well as gender identity and Indigenous women's experiences. The top take-away for me is that, as a planner, it is my responsibility to continue committing to lifelong learning, relearning, and skill development, including gaining knowledge of the perspectives and histories of other cultures.

You are a long-time volunteer with PIBC – thank you! Thinking about mentorship, what's one tip you have for other mentors and for candidate members or mentees?

I have thoroughly enjoyed giving back to the planning profession through leading committees and events, writing articles, and mentoring. I have had the pleasure of mentoring Emily Johnson, an insightful Candidate member on Vancouver Island. Through the mentorship process, we have spent the last few years meeting to discuss key planning issues and ethics, as well as supporting her career path.

The mentorship process is rewarding and inspiring for me as a mentor, as it provides an opportunity to see complex planning issues through the lens of a planner who recently completed their education and is earlier in their career.

One tip I have for mentors is to build a strong relationship with your mentee by dedicating the time to support their development. Mentoring is more than just ticking the mentorship box for the purpose of a candidate becoming certified, it is extremely beneficial to take the time to truly support your mentee who is navigating an exciting yet complex world of planning and career development.

The PIBC Annual Conference is coming back to the Okanagan Interior Chapter region in 2023 at Sun Peaks. What are you most looking forward to?

The 2023 annual conference theme is "It Takes a Village." I am looking forward to connecting with both experienced and new planners to talk about how they are navigating the complex challenges facing communities and how we can do it together – as it truly takes a village!

The years of the pandemic brought on many challenges and changes. Thinking about personal wellness, what's something nice you've done for yourself lately?

The pandemic caused many to pivot from connecting with people indoors to taking time to connect outdoors. Living in Kelowna, I enjoy many of the amazing outdoor experiences the Okanagan has to offer – from hiking different trails with my dog, biking to work along the Okanagan Rail Trail, and walking along the lake's waterfront. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends and supporting local, including trying new places in Kelowna's Brewery District! ■



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WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY GALA LOOKING AHEAD, LOOKING BACK

/ Kristin Agnello RPP, MCIP *Planning West* Editor

On November 5th, 2022, Planners from across BC and the Yukon gathered in Vancouver on the traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations to celebrate World Town Planning Day.

World Town Planning Day was first celebrated in 1949 as a way to increase public and professional awareness of urban planning. Now observed in more than 30 nations, World Town Planning Day is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous contributions of urban planning to the development of livable, beautiful, and sustainable communities. But it is also a day to reflect on the relationships, and responsibilities that accompany the privilege of contributing to the design and management of sustainable human settlements.

The planning landscape is changing at an unprecedented speed. Planners today

address not only land use, but tackle challenges relating to climate change, reconciliation, public health and well-being, equity, and resource scarcity. As PIBC welcomed 71 new full members and one honorary member, I couldn't help but reflect on the trust placed in us as a profession by the communities we serve. In recognition of World Town Planning Day, I would like to share a few reflections on the importance and future of planning in our communities.

Reconciliation

While listening to the territorial acknowledgement at the World Town Planning Day gala, I reflected on how much of our perception of place is rooted in a colonial understanding of land governance, ownership, and power. Canadian Institute of Planners President Dan Huang echoed my thoughts as he

took to the stage and reminded us of the importance of working in solidarity to advance progress toward reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

Indigenous peoples have always held the inherent right to self-govern; however, Indigenous planning power was historically taken away from communities and placed in colonial hands. It is clear today that this imbalance of power – in terms of self-determination and self-governance – has had wide-reaching impacts, affecting every aspect of community life. As planners begin to reflect on our professional and colonial history and work toward implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action (2015), we recognize that our normative practices may no longer be good enough to support our collective well-being. There is a pressing need to change planning practices and processes to recognize



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Indigenous rights, including redesigning policies, programs, and legislation to bring the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into action.

In the spirit of learning that is at the heart of World Town Planning Day, I would encourage all planners to engage with the PIBC Planning Practice and Reconciliation Committee (Planning Institute of British Columbia, 2022b). I would also urge everyone to take advantage of the webinars and resources provided by CIP (Canadian Institute of Planners, 2019) and PIBC to increase awareness of the historic harms that have resulted from colonialist planning practices and to engage with and support Indigenous communities in determining their own future.

The Planning Practice and Reconciliation Committee's Summer 2022 *Planning West* article, "Reflections on the

Past & How We Move Forward" is now available to read online.

Climate Change

As generally happens when a mixed group of people gather at a shared table, the conversation quickly turned to the weather; in particular, an unseasonably warm autumn halted by the sudden appearance of snow. Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing our profession today and, while the majority of planners are aware that planning is essential for addressing its causes and minimizing its effects, many of us find it difficult to incorporate climate-driven solutions into our daily practice.

In 2016, PIBC established the Climate Action Task Force (CATF) to "champion action on climate policy, help members understand how to take climate change into account in their planning activities

and collaborate with and advocate for progressive policy solutions by senior levels of government" (Canadian Institute of Planners, 2018; Planning Institute of British Columbia, 2022a). As a result of this work, PIBC will soon be releasing a new climate action policy.

Planning West is now collaborating with PIBC's Climate Action Task Force to include a regular feature highlighting the great climate action work going on across BC and the Yukon. With a focus on actionable solutions to climate challenges, the intent of this feature is to raise awareness of innovative practices, share knowledge and resources, and support one another in practice. The Climate Action Task force welcomes submissions from PIBC members for topics or content to include in these brief Climate Action Spotlights.

Have a look at this issue's climate feature on page 16.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS CELEBRATING AT THE 2022 WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY GALA ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022.



Partnerships

Planning could not exist without the commitment, partnerships, and collaborations of our members and those in allied professions. At the World Town Planning Day gala, PIBC recognized ten outstanding members who are celebrating 25+ years of certified membership. Their decades-long commitment to community building is a testament to the dedication of our colleagues.

This year, PIBC also welcomed Franc D'Ambrosio, Principal Architect of D'Ambrosio architecture + urbanism (DAUstudio) as an honorary PIBC member. Franc spoke about the co-dependence between the public and private realms and about uncovering the unique potential of a site based on its spatial, ecological, and historic context. He reminded us of the importance of collaboration with our



“sister professions” to ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach to planning healthy, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable communities.

As professionals concerned with the shaping of the built, natural, and social environment, planners often come to the profession from diverse backgrounds, including architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, geography, environmental studies, or social science. By leveraging the unique skills of our planning colleagues, and our colleagues in allied professions, we can produce more sustainable, beautiful, and inclusive urban forms that benefit the development of healthy, equitable, and prosperous communities.

Closing thoughts

As we gather in the wake of COVID-19, we are reminded of the importance of

communities – for health, safety, prosperity, equity, and sustainability. World Town Planning Day provides an excellent opportunity to reconsider our profession, its ideals, its limitations, and its impacts in relation to the communities we serve. Please join me in congratulating PIBC’s 71 new members, 10 senior members, and one honorary member.

Happy World Town Planning Day.

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DATES AND
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MAY 30
TO JUNE 2

PIBC 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Save the dates and plan to join us
in the stunning interior mountain
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The theme for this year's annual conference – *It Takes a Village* – is influenced by its location in this picturesque mountain community and the collaborative and community-oriented nature of planning.

Plan to join us for the planning event of the year! We will hear from a range of planners on how their planning work is embracing the village concept aspects of planning as we reconnect, network, learn and expand our professional knowledge and skills.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Engaging Keynote Speakers & Special Guests
- Diverse Conference Sessions, Presentations & Workshops
- Mobile Workshops & Tours
- Social & Networking Events and More!

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FOX IN THE HENHOUSE

/ Franc D'Ambrosio, 2022 PIBC Honorary Member

I'd like to thank the members and board of directors of the Planning Institute of British Columbia for inducting me as an honorary member of your organization. I also want to especially thank my nominators and those who kindly and generously endorsed the nomination. I am grateful and humbled by this recognition and consider this honour as a side benefit of the enormous satisfaction I get from working with all of you in what I believe to be solution-oriented and optimistic, allied professions.

Some might think that granting honorary membership to an architect is like letting a fox into the henhouse, but I don't see it that way. Urban planning and architecture converge through urban design and these interconnected disciplines – along with landscape architecture, transportation planning, civil engineering and other allied professions – collaboratively produce the aesthetic, functional, and experiential qualities of our urban, suburban, and exurban settlements. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be working in a field where one can contribute to the accommodation of growing populations and to the adaptation of our regions and cities to societal, cultural, and ecological change.

Architecture, urban design and urban planning are sister professions that have evolved from a common origin. They are services to the public and share the important role of locating and forming urban infrastructure, as well as the calibration of its impact on human settlement. Because of our chosen professional practice, we have the privilege of being instrumental in building cities, while serving as stewards of the built environment. The research conducted, concepts developed, and directives recommended are influential to the form and spatial conditions that impact people every day and throughout their lives. This responsibility is not to be taken unconsciously. It must be seen as an opportunity to thoughtfully contribute to the equitability, resilience, and livability of our regions and cities for all citizens.

I sincerely hope that, as the pressures of population growth, migration, and the consequent urbanization continue and increase, members of our professions will continue to rise to the challenge and guide pertinent public and private agencies to carefully and conscientiously make our cities and regions equitable, functional, ecologically-integrated, and beautiful settings for urban life.

Franc D'Ambrosio, Architect AIBC, FRAIC, LAI, LEED AP is the Founding Principal Architect of D'Ambrosio architecture + urbanism (DAUstudio), a trans-disciplinary architecture, research, planning and urban design practice based in Victoria, BC. In recognition of his decades-long contribution to community building in the province, Franc was named an honorary member of PIBC at the 2022 World Town Planning Day Gala.

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Franc accepting his PIBC Honorary Membership at the Institute's WTPD Gala in November 2022

TOP 5 MISTAKES MEMBERS ARE STILL MAKING WITH CPL REPORTING

/ Claire Negrin RPP, MCIP Member of PIBC's Professional Standards & Certification Committee

In the Summer 2021 issue of *Planning West*, we brought you the article: “Top 10 Mistakes Members make with CPL Reporting.” The article provided a list of common errors that were noted by the PIBC Professional Standards & Certification Committee (“the Committee”) during their 2019 Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) review.

The annual CPL review is conducted as a random audit of the previous year's CPL reports, reviewing 5% of reporting members' reports. Since the publication of the previous article, the Committee has reviewed two additional years of CPL reports and are happy to report that the number of errors is declining. The ‘Top 10’ mistakes have now been whittled down to the ‘Top 5’!

For the past two reporting years, the five most common issues identified by the Committee have been:

5

Vague descriptions of learning activities (previously #6 & #5)

This includes omitting descriptions of third-party activities and incomplete descriptions of reading materials. Remember, the more information you provide with your CPL report, the less information the Committee may request if your report is reviewed.

4

Over-reporting LUs based on recommended maximums within the CPL Guide (previously #8)

Remember that many activities are eligible for CPLs, but there are maximum Learning Units (LUs) permitted for some items. Please review the CPL System Guide for these maximums.

Organized & Structured

- Leading a guided tour, field study or mobile workshop
 - Where duration is less than 3 hours: 2.0 LUs
 - Where duration is at least 3 hours but less than 6 hours: 3.5 LUs
 - Where duration is at least 6 hours or more: 5.0 LUs
- Volunteering as a formal mentor or sponsor for a Candidate member going through the membership certification process: 1.0 LU for each contact hour with Candidate member protégé to a maximum of 4.0 LUs per year

Independent & Self-Directed

- Volunteer participation on relevant boards, committees, task forces or other professional, civic/community volunteerism (outside regular work duties) for one year
 - With less than 5 hours of total meetings/work per year: 2.0 LUs
 - With between 5 and 20 hours of meetings/work per year: 3.5 LUs
 - With more than 20 hours of meetings/work per year: 5.0 LUs

3

Reporting conference activities as a singular line item (previously #2)

A conference with multiple sessions must be entered as separate items for each session. However, please note that a single course that spans multiple days can be entered as a single item in your CPL report.

2

Incorrectly registering & reporting PIBC webinars (NEW)

In the case of PIBC-organized webinars and learning activities where registration records were available, several members reported learning units for attending webinars for which they were not registered. Through requests for more information, it was discovered that there was some misunderstanding of Single Member vs. Group registration in relation to eligibility for CPL reporting for PIBC webinars. These members were informed that:

“If multiple staff members intend to report a PIBC webinar for CPLs, the group registration must be selected and the organization name shared in registration. While there is no problem with watching sessions as a group – such a venue offers a great opportunity for discussion and continued learning – multiple members may only report CPL units where group registration is available and selected. Where group registration is not available, normally only the official registrant may report the CPL. For webinars where registrants select individual registration, only the member registered may report the learning activity. This helps ensure the integrity of the CPL program and that the Institute has accurate records for future CPL reviews.”

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Not keeping any proof of registration or attendance (NEW)

Should your CPL report be reviewed, proof of attendance and any materials with descriptions of the event may be requested by the reviewer to aid in their review.

From the CPL System Guide: *Members must keep accurate records and supporting documentation or information of their reported activities on hand for at least the most recent two calendar years of CPL activity to avoid any potential issues with review and verification.*

Honourable mention: Waiting until December 31 to complete your reporting (previously #1)

Report your CPLs as they are completed!

From the CPL System Guide: *Members are strongly encouraged to report their CPL activities and LUs throughout the year as each activity is completed to ensure timely, accurate reporting and to avoid any reporting backlog at the end of each year.*

Thank you for continuing to report your CPLs in a way that assists in the annual review. The annual review is not intended to penalize members, but to ensure that our profession is held to a high standard of knowledge, skills, and ethics of which we can all be proud.

For a complete description of how to report Learning Units, please review the [Continuous Professional Learning System Guide](#) available on the PIBC website. Remember to refer to the annual maximums permitted for each activity, as well as the categorization of activities as either Organized and Structured or Independent and Self-Directed.

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CPL REPORT REVIEW

The following table provides a summary of the CPL reviews from the past three years.

| | Total CPL Reviews Conducted (5% of reporting members) | Reports with No Issues | Reports with Minor Errors | Reports that Required Follow-Up |
|------|---|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2019 | 55 | 34 | 3 | 18 |
| 2020 | 55 | 32 | 2 | 21 |
| 2021 | 70* | 50 | 14 | 6** |

*The increase in the number of reports reviewed between 2020 and 2021 is due to the fact that, as of 2021, the CPL review now also includes all Candidate members. CPL reporting was not required for Candidate members prior to 2020, was voluntary in 2020, and became mandatory in 2021.

**The drastic reduction from 2020 to 2021 in reports that required follow-up is a good sign that members are becoming more diligent in accurately reporting their CPLs. Congratulations on a job well done!

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STRENGTHENING PLANNERS' CLIMATE CHANGE KNOWLEDGE

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Climate change has become one of the most pressing issues of our time, requiring immediate and bold action across all levels of government and sectors of society. As our understanding of the drivers influencing global climate change improves, governments are declaring climate emergencies and committing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building more resilient communities. Planners play a key role in developing and

implementing climate change strategies that influence all facets of the built and natural environment. Yet, how do planners gain this knowledge in the first place and what are the competencies needed to provide professional guidance on climate issues?

Whether planners graduated from accredited planning programs or entered the profession from a different field, understanding the intersection between climate

change and various planning communities of practice is now more critical than ever. However, it remains questionable whether new and experienced planners are receiving the appropriate training needed to provide professional guidance on climate adaptation and mitigation given the absence of functional climate-related competencies that are specifically applicable to the planning profession.

The following commentary is an analysis of issues surrounding the absence of climate change competencies in the planning profession. It presents recommendations for the establishment of a new, climate-based national minimum competency standard for all Registered Professional Planners (RPP) in Canada.

Perspectives on the Current Training Requirements

Presently there is no requirement in Canada for graduating planners to be trained on the risks, impacts, science, or policymaking of climate change. Planning graduates' level of climate change knowledge is dependent on their university's priorities and the research interests of faculty members. Depending on the planning career path an individual pursues, climate change training may be a high-level planning course or module, experiential through membership in a community of practice such as environmental planning, or not required at all.

In the absence of a provincial or national competency standard, planners are required to seek out and attain climate science and planning training from alternate sources, essentially requiring practitioners to be self-taught to stay informed on climate issues. To ensure all RPPs, regardless of specialization, can examine the potential impacts of planning decisions to achieve deep emission reductions and prepare for a changing climate, a variety of measures need to be considered that support the strengthening of planners' climate knowledge-related competencies including:

- Mandating a basic minimum knowledge level of climate change science;
- Increasing familiarity with regulatory tools used to advance climate objectives at all levels of government;
- Providing advanced skills training for integrating climate considerations,

including cumulative effects assessments, into all planning communities of practice; and

- Utilizing life cycle analysis to assess climate risks to understand the costs and benefits of climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.

While opportunities to increase climate change competencies for planners are slowly increasing in some jurisdictions¹, the time has come for structural change to our ‘business as usual’ planning model. Considering the current requirements of the planning profession’s functional and enabling competencies and the accreditation standards required for planning schools, there is a clear need to integrate basic climate change competencies into planners’ academic training and offer ongoing continuing education on climate change issues.

Climate Change Competencies for Planners

Given the absence of a climate-based competency standard at the provincial level, RPPs have looked to their national body, the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), and the Professional Standards Board (PSB) for guidance on attaining and maintaining the necessary technical skill sets. Neither the CIP or the PSB has a formal climate change knowledge competency standard for planners, though the CIP ‘Policy on Climate Change Planning’ provides some insight into potential objectives for the built, natural, and social planning landscape.

CIP’s current policy states that all planners have an obligation “to consider climate change in their practices and strives to ensure that members have access to the resources, data, training, and other support they need to do so”. Building on the CIP policy, specific examples of core skills and competencies include:

- Incorporating climate mitigation and adaptation measures into all relevant planning decisions and basing professional guidance and projections on the appropriate climate data;
- Advancing projects, policies, and regulations that contribute to science-based targets across all levels of government and planning communities of practice; and

CALL TO ACTION

The global climate is changing, leading to increased hazards, extreme weather conditions, and changes to the physical environment in Canadian communities. CIP recognizes that all planners have an ethical obligation to consider climate change in their practices and strives to ensure that members have access to the resources, data, training, and other support they need to do so. CIP is also committed to collaborating with other professions, planning associations and governments, stakeholders, and the general public to help address the climate change that Canadians are facing.

- Effectively communicating how RPP’s functional and enabling competencies will strengthen the services provided to communities while providing economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Looking Forward: Conclusion and Recommendations

The planning profession must play a critical role in fostering climate resilience at a variety of scales and as part of the transition to a low-carbon economy. Recognizing the magnitude of change being discussed and the range of interconnected issues that arise in the climate change space, it is imperative that planners in all sectors (e.g., government, industry, non-governmental and Indigenous) attain and maintain a minimum level of knowledge to ensure professional guidance is accurate, consistent and in the public interest.

Based on the foundational principles and highlighted skills discussed above, the CIP and the PSB could approach this issue by mandating the participation of provincial affiliates to ensure consistent implementation. With this in mind, the following recommendations are proposed to support and guide the implementation of a national climate change competency:

- The ‘Role of Planners’ list included in the CIP policy could identify the skills planners must be proficient in to provide professional guidance. To ensure graduating planners and RPPs are informed and remain current on the subject material, knowledge requirements should be reframed as tangible skills and competencies and integrated into both the PSB Functional and Enabling Competencies list, as well as CIP’s Continuous Professional Learning program; and
- Through the PSB’s university accreditation standard adopted in 2010, planning programs must “provide

sufficient coverage of the functional and enabling competencies to allow students to enter the planning profession.” It stands to reason, therefore, that a set of climate change knowledge competencies could be formalized and integrated into all planning school and continuing education curricula.

All planners have the opportunity to be climate-informed practitioners, regardless of specialization. There are many opportunities for planners to take climate action in their workplace and equipping all planners with the knowledge and skills to capitalize on those opportunities is key to ensuring this profession plays its part in the global effort to tackle climate change.

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¹For example, the Climate Risk Institute, in collaboration with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, recently launched a new *Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Training Program for Professional Planners*.

CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN PLANNING ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

/ Jenna Dutton, PIBC Candidate Member

World Town Planning Day (WTPD) occurs annually on November 8 to celebrate planners' accomplishments and recognize their contributions to communities around the world.

Observed in over 30 countries, the majority of planning organizations celebrating WTPD are members of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP). CAP has been connecting planners across the Commonwealth for over 50 years and represents close to 40,000 planners working across all levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental, community-based, and grassroots organizations. Members of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) are automatically CAP members, providing a great opportunity to access an extensive, international community of practice through which we can share knowledge and resources relating to all aspects of planning.

A global institution, CAP plays a significant role in promoting the profession of planning as fundamental to the development of sustainable human settlements, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and building resilient communities. One of CAP's many roles has been to provide guidance to advance gender equity in the built environment across its member countries. The planning profession has recently seen an influx of international resources and toolkits regarding gender inclusion in urban planning. For example, the *Her City Toolbox* is a collaboration between UN-Habitat and Global Utmaning, focused on amplifying the global involvement of girls in urban development to create cities that will work for young women and, ultimately, for everyone else, too. Recent research from ARUP, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the University of Liverpool incorporates the perspectives



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of a diverse array of women from 20 countries across 6 continents and highlights how sustainable cities work better for women and, likewise, how cities that are more gender inclusive also tend to be more sustainable overall. The report argues that we first need to address barriers to women entering city planning and related professions in order to effectively tackle gender bias in the lived urban environment. Despite the increasing scope and diversity of international research and guidance on gender-equitable cities, there remains an urgent need to address gender equity in urban planning practice.

To address the disconnect between research on gender equity and the realities of planning practice, CAP launched the Commonwealth Women in Planning Network (CWIP) in 2018. Guided by its internationally endorsed *Women in Planning Manifesto*, CWIP recognizes the need for strategic leadership and gender-inclusive governance models at the local, regional, national, and international levels. Similar to the approach taken by UNDP, the Manifesto was collaboratively developed by 34 female planners across 10 countries, including those living and working in urban, rural, and Indigenous communities. Through research, advocacy, and partnership-building, CWIP is dedicated to providing practitioners with a gender-based lens to examine the design and management of the built environment, advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and provide support for women working in the planning profession.

CWIP also recognizes that women's access to – and participation in – the planning profession varies greatly across CAP's member countries. For example, the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) 2020/2021 *Equity Diversity & Inclusion Insight Survey* revealed that the number of women in planning practice drops significantly as seniority increases (p.16). This means that the majority of decision-making power remains in the hands of men. Likewise, in the United Kingdom, the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) published a paper in

2020 entitled “Women and Planning: An analysis of gender-related barriers to professional advancement.” Within its pages are many critical insights, including that more than half of survey respondents felt their opportunities for promotion are limited by their gender and that women are particularly at risk of discrimination when returning from maternity leave. Through our work with planning organizations across the Commonwealth, CWIP found that the desire or capacity to ensure gender equity in planning practice is commonly insufficient or non-existent. However, CWIP maintains that there is potential to leverage existing tools and promising practices to shift planning toward more context-specific, gender-inclusive, and resilient practices.

Gender inequity in planning practice is known to spill over into the lived environment. For example, in India, women's participation in the workforce dropped from 30.27% in the 1990s to 20.8% in 2019, a trend that was compounded by unsafe public spaces, lack of efficient public transport, and available services such as public restrooms. While the connection between women's access to employment and gender equity in the urban environment has been identified numerous times in the research, we are far from reaching gender equity either within the planning profession or within the cities we plan. The decisions that planners make every day can have lasting – and compounding – impacts on the populations we serve.

While our specific titles and roles may vary, there is a need to consider how our approaches to planning impact the global community and how we may benefit from learning from those with lived experience, including our international colleagues. Whether by connecting through in-person and online events, reaching out to planners in different countries, or analyzing approaches from other jurisdictions, our collective community of practice is always improved through both sharing learnings and practicing cultural humility. Throughout 2023, CWIP will be collaborating with organizations, including Cities Alliance

and UN Women, to host events and share tools regarding embedding gender-inclusive practices into planning. Importantly, these events will be open to women, men, and gender-diverse individuals for collective learning. We value our volunteers from a diversity of CAP member countries and are always open to collaborating with any planners and organizations focused on creating more inclusive communities.

World Town Planning Day reminds us that the profession and practice of planning exist far beyond our local, regional, and national geographies. Across the Global North and Global South, planning has a major part to play in ensuring the creation of equitable futures for all.

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UNBC'S SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY: PREPARING PLANNERS FOR PRACTICE IN THE NORTH AND BEYOND

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In our previous submission to *Planning West*, we were pleased to share news about some of the recent (and exciting!) changes at UNBC's School of Planning and Sustainability – including a name change, a move into the newly-formed Faculty of Environment, and the addition of new personnel! A year later, we are again pleased to connect with readers to offer a brief overview of what makes our school unique.

UNBC's School of Planning and Sustainability has been shaped by and for its place. Over time, this has created a planning program that is both regionally relevant and internationally unique. At UNBC, students can specialize in community, environmental, and/or First Nations planning. Our students graduate prepared to serve in roles that are typical in the North. At the same time, the skills and sensitivities that they develop through our program are widely transferable. The integration of soft skills and analytical skills is valued in many places, including large urban centres, regional districts, small, rural and remote communities, and First Nations communities.

Our school has a set of values that shape our program, the practices we emphasize, and our pedagogical approach. Some, such as 'En Cha Huná (he/she also lives) and "in the North, for the North," set the foundation from which we operate. We strive to offer an educational experience that is accessible, practical, relevant, and reflective. Importantly, we value inclusiveness, respect and reconciliation, and the development of lifelong learners. Our commitment to an accessible education implies both 'employable skills' and 'reflective skills.'

At the School of Planning and Sustainability, our commitment to community engagement and experiential learning is inseparable from these foundations. This commitment links us to the communities of the North and to the empathies and multiple perspectives that are required to develop a planning practice that respects 'En Cha Huná. In doing so, students are presented with opportunities to work with communities through their coursework.

Learning through community-based projects in the North

In the winter 2022 semester, students of *ENPL 409: Advanced First Nations Community and Environmental Planning*, led by Dr. Tara Lynne Clapp and Dr. Theresa Healy, had the opportunity to collaborate with the Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nation. The Nation asked students to assess land alienations from its traditional territory through privatization and use of other tenures, as well as through provincial management of cumulative impacts and the operation of the Agricultural Land Reserve. This collaboration engaged the class in learning about – and translating between – colonial land management and traditional land obligations. Throughout the semester, students met with community members to present their work and learn what members mean by 'land,' 'law,' and their sense of relationship to the land. Students used publicly available data sources to document the ongoing privatization of Nak'azdli land under the Land Act (as recently as 2021) and to start to assemble the types of land management practices that would practically alienate aboriginal title. It was not within the project scope to gather Nation-owned data about

traditional use, so the work on cumulative impacts was general rather than evaluative.

Students shared that this project provided them with the confidence and experience to listen, learn, and adapt to the needs of the community. In working on this project, students felt they had the autonomy to engage with members in a largely unstructured way. Furthermore, students gained insight into how planning operates and this experience provided them with a better sense of the types of things planners must do when working with the community.

Our ability to have students work on community-based projects requires appropriate resources, including established relationships with community partners, time, and the appropriate space. Excitingly, this past fall, we made big moves on the latter with the opening of a new studio at UNBC's main campus. The studio will better serve planning education, as well as others at UNBC who engage in studio-based teaching and learning.

A studio space fit for planning education

For years, planning students and faculty worked in computer labs and classrooms that were designed and intended for lecture-based classes. While there are many delightful qualities that accompany being a small program on a relatively small campus, there was no classroom that could accommodate the special requirements of a studio class. Students and faculty worked around the limitations of fixed-desk computer labs and in rooms that required class time for furniture rearrangement. The absence of an 'owned space' limited the use of maps, drawings, and other mediums.

Already, students have commented on the benefits of the studio. For example, students have shared that they feel the studio provides the space needed to foster a sense of belonging and connection with other aspiring planners. Students have developed a sense of ownership in this studio space as a place to come together and build a sense of community. Importantly, the space is also equipped with the software needed to engage in modeling, which is needed to build the technical skills expected of planners.

Connecting with the professional community

As students move through their planning education, the School of Planning and Sustainability also facilitates their connections with the profession throughout the province. One way that we do this is through our engagement with the School's Planner in Residence. Finlay Sinclair, RPP, MCIP, who serves in this role, helps students to develop a vision for their future and connects our School with the professional community. Increasingly, we are able to connect students with practitioners for internship experiences, where they can engage their knowledge and bring their learning back into our courses.

Now more than ever, issues related to climate change, equity, diversity, and inclusion require our attention. Planners and planning play a pivotal role in addressing these issues within the context of space and place. At UNBC, our commitment to innovative pedagogical approaches, supported by the right physical spaces and relationships, ensures that we are preparing



1 Located in BC'S "Northern Capital," UNBC is a university in and for the North
2 A glimpse into the recently completed studio space which allows for creative thinking and collaboration

students to be successful changemakers in the communities of their choosing.

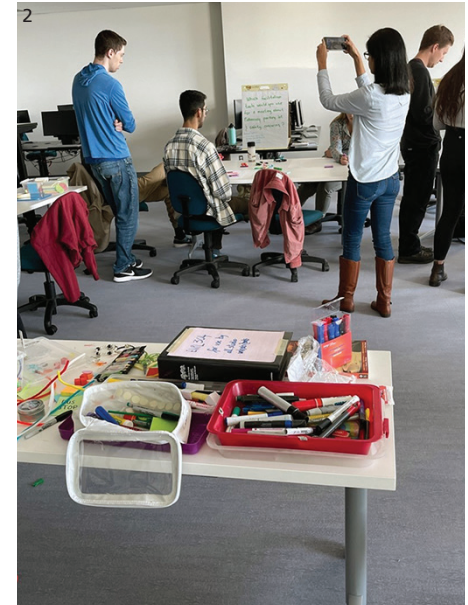
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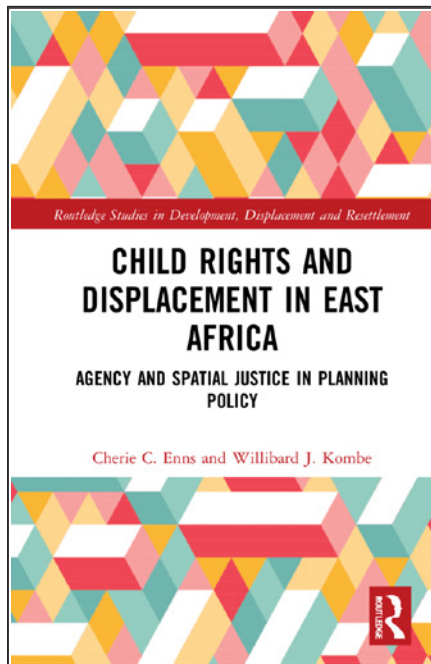
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"This book is about the power of children and the importance of children's agency & input into land use planning decisions ..."

Child Rights and Displacement in East Africa: Agency and Spatial Planning in Planning Policy by Dr. Cherie Enns and Professor Willibard J. Kombe amplifies the voices of children who are displaced refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced throughout East Africa. There are over 20 million people displaced in the region due to intersecting conflicts and, with children being "more than half the population of communities in Sub-Saharan Africa" (p.31), the need for centering children in land use planning is paramount to create communities where children thrive.

With over 25 years of lived experience and research in East Africa, the authors do not shy away from grappling with some of the world's most pressing planning problems including climate change, spatial justice, pandemics, cultural values, and community resilience. While many authors have commented on these daunting planning issues, none have explored them through the lens of child-centric planning in East Africa.

This book is about the power of children and the importance of children's agency and input into the land use planning decisions that impact their daily lives. It begins by outlining the impacts



of multiple levels of global conventions, policies, and principles on child's rights, welfare, and community impact. This includes, but is not limited to, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the East African Community (EAC) Child Policy. These legal mechanisms provide a foundation for why "including children within planning processes is based on the rights of the child as individuals, human beings, and active citizens of their country" (p.31).

Throughout the book, Enns and Kombe advocate for just planning and spatial justice, which is measured through the capacity, liveability, resilience, and security of a community for children. Just planning reflects the need for child-centric spaces that are democratic, equitable, and environmentally sound. Shadowed by the historical and ongoing impact of colonization and imported planning methodologies, the authors balance discussions of structural conditions with individual responsibility by outlining planning policy trends in Sub-Saharan Africa, cultural attitudes on participatory planning, and the

understudied implications of adult-centric community design on children.

Three case studies throughout East Africa demonstrate the co-benefits of listening to children's visions of safer, healthier, and more resilient communities. Using child-friendly qualitative research tools such as the Child Participatory Vulnerability Index (CPVI), storytelling, and community mapping techniques, the authors seek to fill the gap in practice from global conventions on child protection through the perspectives and knowledge of the children most impacted by these challenges. Each case study applies the conceptual framework of rights-based, just planning by discussing institutional factors, resource factors, communication and information factors, socio-cultural and political factors, and spatial justice factors.

The first case study takes place in Muhanda, Kenya. This rural community has a high incidence of HIV and a high number of vulnerable children. With a focus on kinship care for children displaced by the HIV pandemic, the study describes the active participation of caregivers – often grandmothers – and children using mapping exercises to envision a multi-use day center for the community. The practical design of the center was supported by care principles and the concerns expressed by children, such as education for all, treating the sick, and access to basic needs like water. This study shows the importance of integrating child-led care principles into infrastructure design.

The second case study is in the Arua, Yumbe, and Adjumani Districts in Northern Uganda. These communities have high numbers of refugee children where Save the Children is working with partners to establish child-friendly spaces. Refugee children are legally entitled to their rights while moving from their home, yet in practice, resettlement projects are rarely designed with continuing education, child-friendly social networks, and children's security in mind. The authors emphasize that, without safety and security, children are not able to fully participate in just planning processes and child rights-centred planning must be considered in resettlement contexts.

Finally, the third case study explores Mji Mpya (New City) Primary School in Mabwepande Sub-ward of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This Sub-ward community was initially established as a resettlement area for residents displaced from Suna and other informal settlement residents that were impacted by flooding. With play as an integral part of emotional development and trauma processing, accessible and safe play spaces are critical for displaced children, yet they were found to be lacking in the area. Through research participation, the children offered visionary insights into spatial planning for play spaces in Tanzania, challenging the historic cultural and institutional undervaluation of child participation.

These case studies demonstrate the benefits of child-centric participatory planning for land use in the context of intersecting crises. The authors suggest 7 necessary shifts in policy, including:

- Food security for children;
- Need for safe spaces for children;
- Integration of child social welfare policies within land use planning;
- Land use child-friendly planning framework applied to all communities;
- Spatial justice amid conflict, disease, or disability;
- Need for placemaking for and with children; and
- Inclusion of children and youth in the creation of land use planning frameworks

These policy areas reflect the book's core message of integrating and valuing children's perspectives and dreams in resettlement contexts in East Africa. Through a mindful and well-researched approach, Enns and Kombe strategically remind the reader of the agency, resilience, and power of the voices and dreams of children in East Africa and globally.

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Public Realm: The New Makers Handbook by Michael A. Von Hausen

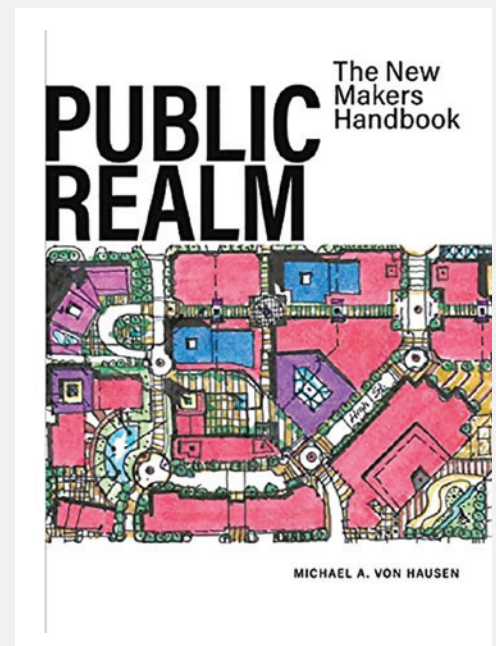
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mvhinc.com or Amazon.

"Von Hausen gives a comprehensive list of detailed strategies for creating successful places & offers his reflections on how & why certain places have been able to be created."

Public Realm: The New Makers Handbook is Michael Von Hausen's ninth book. Dedicated to his students at Simon Fraser and Vancouver Island Universities, it will be of value to already-practicing professionals and students. Sumptuously illustrated with Michael's own photos and drawings from numerous case studies, this book is pithy, compact, and inspiring as it distills forty years of urban design experience into a relatively slim volume. Von Hausen's practice, while mainly concentrated in Western Canada, also extends to other parts of the country, the U.S., Russia, China, and Mexico.

He begins by introducing key concepts in urban design – distinguishing between space and place, the importance of creating networks of spaces and places, the issue of scale (from larger to smaller), the continuum from central to local, and the transition from public to semi-public to private space. He then discusses key urban design principles, including using the public realm to foster community; viewing public spaces as the glue that holds communities together at a variety of scales; daring to be visionary, while being aware of the obsolete barriers that block the transformation of public space; and taking advantage of activist



organizations like Project for Public Spaces to spearhead and inspire change in the public realm.

Von Hausen very clearly articulates the need to get rid of dead spaces – usually shaped mostly for the convenience of cars – such as vast parking lots and big box stores that tend to possess blank walls on three sides. The resulting 'blandscapes' are usually lacking in character and are virtually indistinguishable from one city to another. To bring vitality back to our cities, he argues that we need to re-enthron the pedestrian. While he is not uncritical of the various Western European public spaces he looks to for guidance, he finds much to learn from their example. Indeed, perhaps one defect of the book is that it is a trifle Euro-centric, though von Hausen's practical experience extends to other cultural contexts. He is also concerned about the prevailing suburban uniformity in many parts of North America; communities that lack a diversity of housing types to serve a variety of income ranges and very often lack a well-developed tree canopy and adequate community and commercial facilities within walking and cycling distance.

Public Realm: The New Makers Handbook
by Michael A. Von Hausen (cont'd)

The next section of the book examines new imperatives for how we approach the design and retrofitting of the urban realm. He challenges us to not only identify what issues face our communities, but how we can approach them differently, asking:

- How do we deal with COVID-19 and future pandemics?
- How do we encourage social inclusion?
- How do we avoid people – especially seniors – being isolated at home, both from a health and a social point of view?
- How do we configure the built environment to promote adaptability and resilience in the face of climate change?
- How do we ensure that a multiplicity of human needs continue to be addressed as we densify our cities?

- How do we integrate nature into the urban fabric and stop privileging cars to the detriment of other users of the public realm?

Von Hausen questions the implications of increasing international migration and devotes two dense pages to the issue of equity, followed by a brief history of urban development in the Western context, from ancient Rome to modern urban sprawl.

In one of the most valuable parts of the book, von Hausen lays out the key ingredients of successful urban places, with examples – vibrant streetscape design, a multi-modal transportation system, and an emphasis on accessibility and safety. He follows this with useful, specific recommendations, emphasizing that amenities should exist for all groups and that attention be paid to urban ecology, for instance, by

restoring ecosystem function and habitat spaces. He also suggests the importance of cultural expression, from Chinese seniors practicing Tai Chi in parks to annual festivals like Caribana or Gay Pride.

Von Hausen gives a comprehensive list of detailed strategies for creating successful places and offers his reflections on how – and why – certain places have been able to be created. The book ends with two appendices filled with additional useful technical information. Overall, this is a superb book for new and experienced urban designers alike.

Don Alexander, PhD, is a retired PIBC Member and semi-retired professor (and honorary research associate) of Geography and community planning at Vancouver Island University.

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SEPT 19, 1988 - MAY 25, 2022



Prepared by Zoë Morrison RPP, MCIP

Amanda was a community planner in Whitehorse. She died suddenly in May 2022.

Amanda completed a Master of Planning degree at Dalhousie University in 2015 and, after graduating, moved to Whitehorse where she took a job as a planner with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Amanda found inspiration and motivation in new adventures and, over the next seven years, she thrived in Whitehorse. She loved the outdoor lifestyle that the Yukon offers and spent her days back-country skiing and mountain biking. Through her cheerful outlook on life, bubbly personality, and generosity, Amanda quickly built a large community of friends around her.

"I met Amanda when we were both new planners who had moved to Whitehorse. It was that slightly ominous time at the beginning of a Yukon winter when you know the darkest, coldest days are still to come, and we decided to spend the winter studying for our professional planning exam. The first time we met up to study, Amanda really impressed me – she had printed off all the course materials and organized them in a binder with special dividers. She had put together a study schedule and she already knew the contact information of everyone at PIBC. She made the whole process so much fun – we'd meet up to study over beers, she introduced me to all the Yukon professional planners, and we laughed a lot. In the spring, we both passed the exam and became RPPs and our friendship blossomed from there."

"Amanda was always interested in learning new things; her enthusiasm and curiosity were infectious and her thoughtful ways made her a treasured colleague and friend to many."

– Hannah McDonald, friend and study companion

After her first job with Ta'an Kwäch'än, Amanda went on to work for the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) and the Yukon government in both the Land Planning Branch and Community Affairs. In each of these jobs, Amanda made big impacts and quickly turned colleagues into friends. She was bright, thoughtful, kind, and enthusiastic – and she regularly brought in baking to share.

Amanda brought her authentic self to each of the places where she worked. With one of her managers, she jokingly made a list of "things you shouldn't say to your manager." These were often things that needed to be said and saying them often (but maybe not every single time) helped Amanda build relationships and move projects forward.

For Amanda, planning work was not just about ticking boxes. While working at YESAB, she worked on several complex and controversial environmental assessment projects. Her colleagues commented on her ability to bring parties together and keep discussions going.

"Amanda loved to help. When she began with us at Community Affairs, we were in the midst of helping to organize and implement COVID vaccine clinics in all of the communities. She loved going to Haines Junction and assisting with that clinic. She would take on any task that was asked of her and always provided quality results. She was always positive, always smiling, and would encourage others to join her for lunchtime runs. She was a quiet, positive, productive, dependable co-worker – really, the very best kind of colleague to have in your office and on your team."

– Kirsti DeVries, friend and colleague at Yukon Government Community Services Department

Amanda brought so much love, light, and energy into her community and to the lives of her friends. She was always thinking about how she could do better, both in her professional life and her personal life, and she inspired others to embrace change and strive for the life they want. Amanda is missed across Whitehorse; on the bike trails, in meeting rooms, on mountainsides, and in kitchens.

Amanda's life was tragically cut short by a brain hemorrhage on May 25, 2022. She leaves behind her parents Pamela Brewis and Russell Taylor, sister Kimberly Taylor, partner Brad Halt, and Moxie and Agon, their huskies.

Zoë Morrison RPP, MCIP, was a colleague and mentor for Amanda through the PIBC membership process.



PIBC BOARD NOTES

On **July 7th, 2022**, the PIBC Board of Directors met by at the annual conference in Whistler, BC.

It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Lil'wat and Squamish First Nations.

PRESIDENT

David Block RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities. It was noted that a number of national meetings taking place that week at the national conference in Whistler, including meetings of the presidents of the national and provincial institutes, meetings of the national and provincial Executive Directors, and meetings related to the national Professional Standards Committee and the Professional Standards Board. It was further noted that the PIBC Executive had met to discuss preliminary plans for upcoming government outreach in January 2023.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE

The Board approved an amendment to the 2022 Board meeting schedule in recognition of the upcoming National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Executive Director Dave Crossley reported on the ongoing and key projects, initiatives, and activities at the PIBC office, including final work preparing for the AGM and joint national conference in Whistler.

The Board reviewed the 2022 unaudited financial statements to May 31, 2022, for information. It was noted that the Institute continued to remain in a very healthy financial position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & BUSINESS

Membership: The Board approved the admission of a number of new members, and a number of membership transfers and changes.

Awards & Recognition: The Board unanimously approved the admission of Franc D'Ambrosio to Honourary membership in the Institute as recommended.

Other Committees: The Board discussed and provided input regarding the consid-

erations, goals and approaches that should be taken into account with the development of a new committee or task force on justice, equity, diversity, decolonization and inclusion, as envisioned by the revised strategic plan. The discussion would inform the development of proposed draft terms of reference.

INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS & BUSINESS

The Student member representatives from SFU, VIU, UNBC, and UBC each provided a brief update to the Board on activities at their respective university planning programs.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed recent legal cases decided in BC and their impacts related to requirements and expectations for the engagement of the professional services of an architect within municipal planning and development processes.

NEXT MEETING(S)

It was noted that the next Board meeting would be held in person in Vancouver on October 7th, along with a budget workshop for the proposed 2023 operating budget.

On **October 7th, 2022**, the PIBC Board of Directors met in Vancouver, BC.

It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

DELEGATION

Sarah Atkinson RPP, MCIP, Chair of the Institute's Planning Practice & Reconciliation Committee, provided update on the work of the Committee including presenting various recommendations for the Board's consideration. The Board approved the allocation of funds in support of the work of the Committee to explore approaches to acknowledge, respect, and incorporate Indigenous knowledge, learning and experience within professional planning membership certification processes.

PRESIDENT

David Block RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities. It was noted that significant ongoing work continued on the updated national professional competencies standards and framework, led by the national Professional Standards Committee.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE

The Board discussed the outcomes from a recent Board training workshop on justice, equity, diversity, decolonization, and inclusion, held in August. There was discussion of and agreement on approaches to incorporate into future training sessions.

The Board approved an amendment to the 2022 Board meeting schedule to align with a planned upcoming member event in early December in Nanaimo.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Executive Director Dave Crossley reported on the ongoing and key projects, initiatives, and activities at the PIBC office, including work on the draft 2023 operating budget, follow up from the joint national conference in Whistler, recent national meetings in Toronto, and work on the upcoming World Town Planning Day event and the 2023 annual conference in Sun Peaks.

The Board approved the schedule of membership fees for 2023, with no change to PIBC fees for the coming year. It was noted that there was a small cost of living adjustment by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) to national fees. The Board reviewed and approved the continued collection and remittance of applicable membership fees and insurance premiums for members, in accordance with existing agreements with CIP. Additionally the Board approved waiving annual subscription fees for public subscribers who are students in non-accredited programs.

The Board also approved and adopted the Institute's 2023 operating budget as developed and discussed at an in-depth budget workshop held earlier in the day, prior to the regular Board meeting. The budget as approved reflected anticipated revenues of about \$951,000 and expected costs and expenditures of around \$996,000 (reflecting an expected modest deficit for 2023).

The Board reviewed the 2022 unaudited financial statements to August 31, 2022, for information. It was noted that the Institute continued to remain in a very healthy financial position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & BUSINESS

Professional Standards & Certification: The Board approved the admission of a number

of new members, and also approved or acknowledged a number of membership transfers and other membership changes, including membership time limit extensions for certain Candidate members.

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Decolonization & Inclusion: The Board reviewed and discussed potential terms of reference for a new task force justice, equity, diversity, decolonization & inclusion. The Board approved the establishment of the task force with several suggested updates and changes to the proposed terms of reference.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

Yukon: The Chapter's 2021 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2022 annual seed funding.

South Coast: The Chapter's 2021 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2022 annual seed funding.

Vancouver Island South: The Chapter's 2021 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2022 annual seed funding.

Chapter Finances: Secretary Treasurer Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP and Executive Director Dave Crossley provided an update on work to revise and update policies and practices for the financing of local chapters, including increasing annual seed funding and streamlining internal administrative support for chapters. Further discussions on chapter finances would be taking place with chapter volunteers.

INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS & BUSINESS

The Student member representatives from SFU, VIU, and UNBC each provided a brief update to the Board on activities at their respective university planning programs.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed a personnel matter in camera. The Board approved providing recognition to Executive Director Dave Crossley for twenty years of service to the Institute.

NEXT MEETING(S)

It was noted that the next Board meeting would be held in person in Nanaimo on December 2nd, along with a VIU student social event.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY 7, 2022

Welcome New Members!

Congratulations and welcome to all the new PIBC Members!

At its meeting of July 7, 2022, it was recommended to and approved by the Board to admit the following individuals to membership in the Institute in the appropriate categories as noted:

CERTIFIED:

Eric Chow
(Transfer from APPI)

Wesley Paetkau
(Reinstate Joint with MPPI)

S. Yvonne Prusak
(Joint with SPPI)

CANDIDATE:

Tolu Alabi
(Transfer from OPPI)

Victor Cheung

Alissa Cook

Megan Hickey

Ryan Klemencic
(Transfer from OPPI)

Tanya Shah
Sara Skabowski
Neethu Siam
Kaelan Watson

STUDENT:

Willow Cabral *(UBC)*

Gabriel Pidcock
(Toronto MU / form. Ryerson)

Scott Wiltshire *(SFU)*

Member Changes

It was further recommended to and approved by the Board to grant or acknowledge the following membership transfers and changes in membership status for the following individuals as noted:

FROM CERTIFIED TO MEMBER ON LEAVE:

Eric Chow

FROM CANDIDATE TO MEMBER ON LEAVE:

Zachary Haigh

Caitlin Hinton

FROM MEMBER ON LEAVE TO CERTIFIED:

Corine Gain

Jennie Moore

Cian O'Neill-Kizoff

Sarah Sheridan

Vanessa Wong

DECEASED:

Colette Parsons (Retired)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

OCT 7, 2022

Welcome New Members!

Congratulations and welcome to all the new PIBC Members!

At its meeting of October 7, 2022, it was recommended to and approved by the Board to admit the following individuals to membership in the Institute in the appropriate categories as noted:

CERTIFIED:

Inonge Aliaga
(Transfer from MPPI)

Melissa Ayers
(Joint with APPI)

Sarah Bercu
(Transfer from APPI)

Janelle Derksen
(Transfer from APPI)

Julie McGuire
(Transfer from APPI)

Dave McRae
(Joint with APPI)

CANDIDATE:

Jean-Gabriel Chiasson

Anumeet Garcha

Annie Girdler

Eli Heyman

Marcus Jennejohn

Samantha Jung

Tara Lamothe

Dorjan Lecki

Eliana Macdonald

Mitchell Mackenzie

Melissa Pritchard

Keri Sallee

Tim Sellars

Jasmin Senghera

Jinjin (Jo) Zhu

STUDENT:

Aiaswarya Thabitha
Ashok Kumar *(VIU)*

Dustin Bright *(VIU)*

Jacqueline Costanzo
(Saskatchewan)

Sheree Emmanul *(UBC)*

Leanna Favaro *(VIU)*

Mariane Frizzi *(VIU)*

Sam Gerrard *(VIU)*

Shiming Huang *(VIU)*

Hayley Katan *(VIU)*

Justin Kim *(VIU)*

Vidhi Kyada *(VIU)*

Maureen Long *(UBC)*

Serena Manhas *(VIU)*

Adebayol Olubiyi
(Guelph – Joint with OPPI)

Milad Panahifar *(VIU)*

Molly Peters Barkowsky *(UBC)*

Taryn Plater *(UBC)*

Tharini Prakash *(VIU)*

Andrea Rudiger *(Calgary)*

Huda Suwi *(VIU)*

Alana Titerle
(Dalhousie – Joint with API)

Megan Uglem *(UBC)*

Nadine Wiepning *(VIU)*

Owen Wilson *(SFU)*

Member Changes

It was further recommended to and approved by the Board to grant or acknowledge the following membership transfers and changes in membership status for the following individuals as noted:

FROM CERTIFIED TO MEMBER ON LEAVE:

Jocelyn Black

Kerri Clark

Robin Hawker

Dana Hawkins

Danika LeBlanc

Mateja Seaton

FROM MEMBER ON LEAVE TO CERTIFIED:

Sawngjai (Dear) Bhokanandh

Ada Chan Russell

Christopher Correia

Marcel Gelein

Jessica (Jingsi) Jin

Jeffrey Long

Hailey Steiger-Tang

Erin Welk

FROM MEMBER ON LEAVE TO CANDIDATE:

Sahisna Chitrakar

Suzanna Kaptur

DECEASED:

Linda Allen

Amanda Taylor



THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 VOLUNTEERS

Throughout the year, the Planning Institute of British of Columbia relies on the volunteer contributions and efforts of our members in moving forward with the impactful projects, events and activities that advance and improve the planning profession. It is with heartfelt thanks and appreciation that we recognize our 2022 volunteer members for their contributions. Thank you!

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- Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP
- Kristin Agnello RPP, MCIP
- Karin Albert RPP, MCIP
- Andrew Allen RPP, MCIP
- Lindsay Allman RPP, MCIP
- Sarah Atkinson RPP, MCIP
- Xerxes Au
- Michelle Babiuk RPP, MCIP
- Jim Bailey RPP, MCIP
- Paula Andrea Barriga Guerra
- Robert Barrs RPP, MCIP
- Jada Basi RPP, MCIP
- Robert Batallas RPP, MCIP
- Larry Beasley CM RPP, MCIP
- Dana Beatson RPP, MCIP
- Courtney Beaubien RPP, MCIP
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CANALS OF BIKAN HISTORICAL QUARTERS, KURASHIKI CITY, JAPAN

The city of Kurashiki in the Okayama Prefecture is one of the 350 islands that flank the Seto Inland Sea in Japan. The city's name "Kurashiki" translates to "town of storehouses" and is best known for its preserved canals that date back to the Edo period (1603-1867). At that time, Kurashiki was a key distribution center for one of Japan's most important commodities – rice. The canals were built to allow boats and barges to effectively navigate between the city's storehouses (kura) which housed large quantities of rice before being shipped to Osaka and Edo. Because of the city's importance in the rice trade, Kurashiki was put under the direct control of the shogunate.

A central section of the city's former canal system has been preserved in the Bikan Historical Quarter (Bikan Chiku). With its unique townscape, characterized by the white walls of its past Japanese residences and the willow trees lining the banks of the Kurashiki River, this area earned recognition as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings. A hidden gem for tourists and locals, the former traditional storehouses have been converted into cafes, guest houses, and various well-known and impressive museums, including the Peace Memorial Museum and the Ohara Museum of Art, which houses a collection of international masterpieces.

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