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Rethinking Planning & Social Justice

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Framework for the future

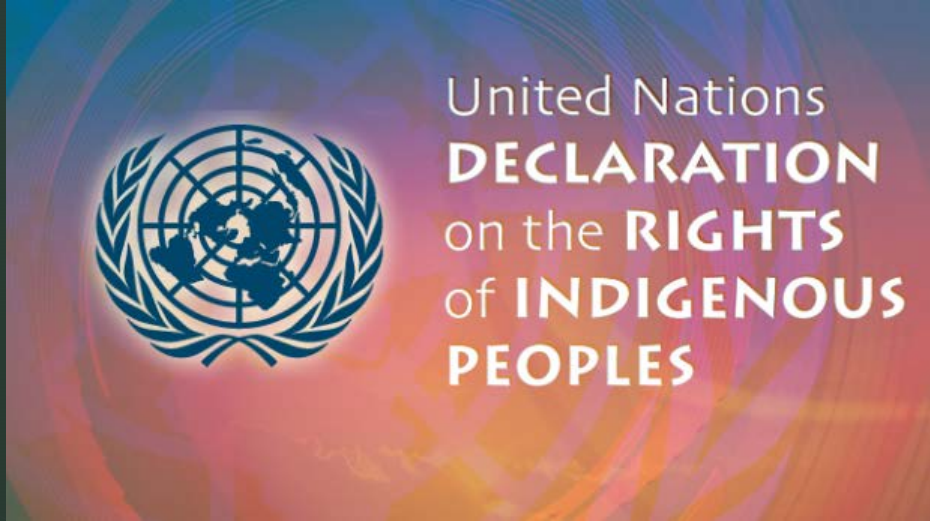
Indigenizing Planning:

Presentation to
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Institute of
British
Columbia
Forward
Thinking
Shaping
Communities

By: Gwen
Bridge

Overview – reconciliation in planning

- 1. What do we need to know –
 - how to reconcile our worldviews and ways of knowing
- 2. Why do we need to know it –
 - it's the right thing to do and may offer us insights and opportunities to guide to improve relationships (history of inclusion of indigenous planning in BC)
- 3. What happens when we know it –
 - we practice open-mindedness and creativity to provide guidance towards a future with more equalized economic and societal benefits
 - We “indigenize planning”



UNDRIP - 2007

- Highest level of international guidance endorsed by indigenous peoples – not legally binding
 - Canada endorsed in 2016
 - US endorsed with caveats in 2010
 - BC passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) in 2019

UNDRIP

- States to:
 - 1. acknowledge and recognize rights
 - 2. protect those rights
 - 3. pay to protect, redress, mitigate impacts to, those rights

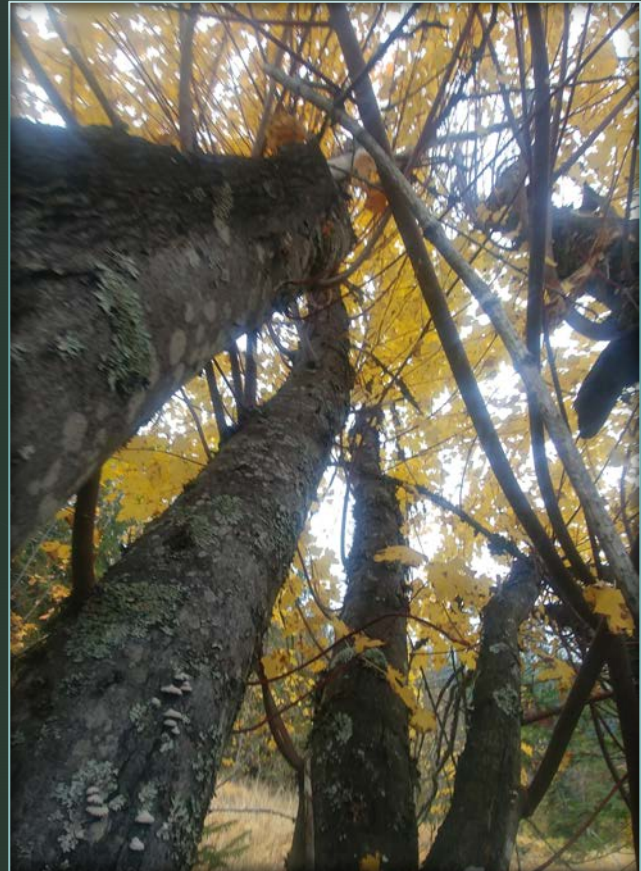
Specific references



Meant to guide governments

- Article 18 The right to participate in decision making and to develop indigenous decision making institutions
- Article 25 The right to maintain and strengthen unique spiritual relationships with, and **responsibilities to, traditional lands, waters, and other resources for current and future generations**
- Article 27 To establish and implement, with indigenous peoples, a system whereby **indigenous people's laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems are recognized and indigenous rights can be adjudicated.**

- Article 29 “Indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and **productive capacity of their lands**”, and that “states shall establish and implement assistance programmes for indigenous peoples for such conservation and protection, without discrimination.”

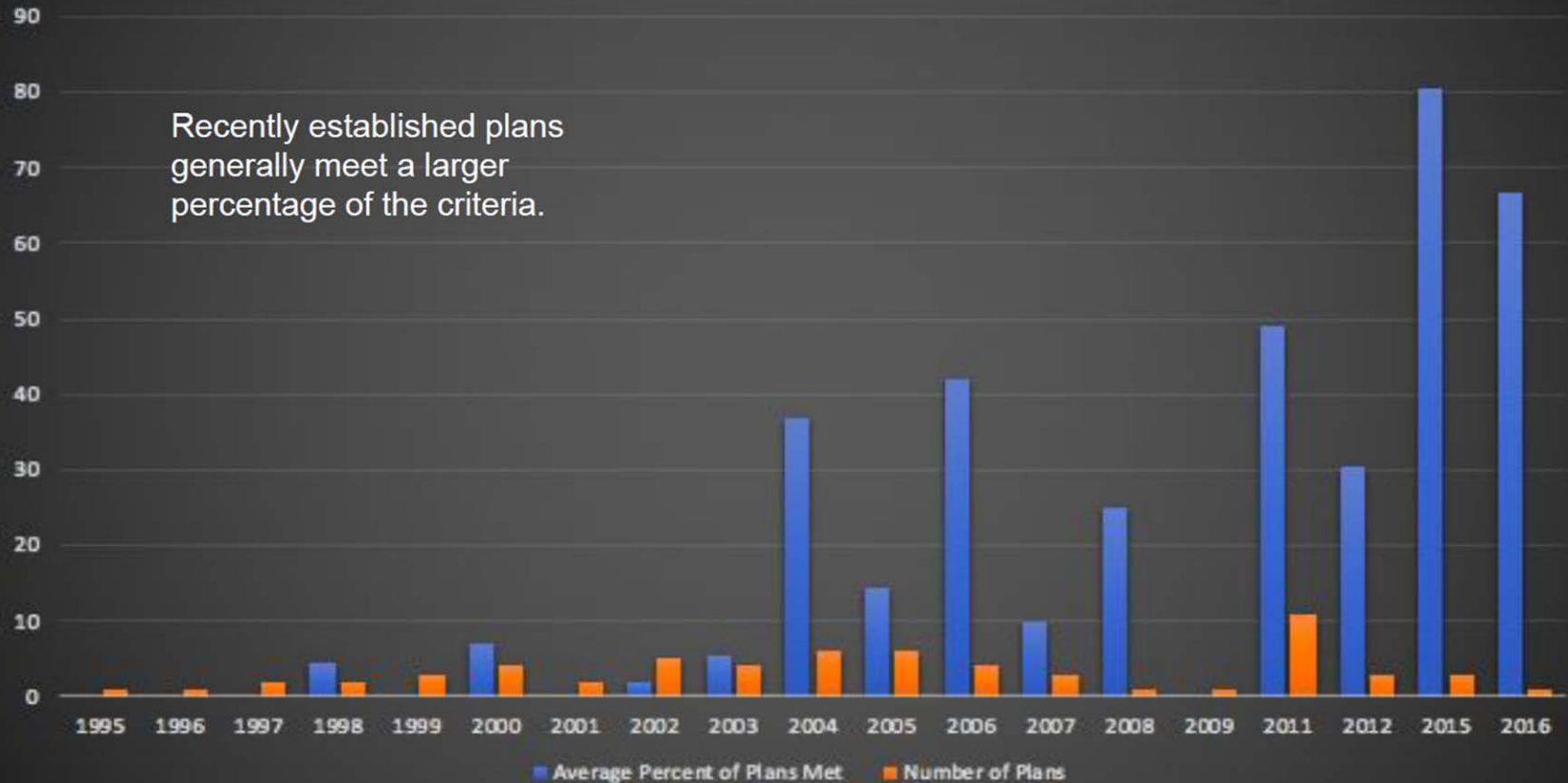


- Criteria for analyzing planning
- *add economic benefits

1. FN signatory
2. FN dispute resolution meth.
3. FN interests identified
4. Adaptive Management considers IK
5. Long term shift – IK
6. IK included (from FN perspective)
7. Ongoing research considers IK
8. FN language included
9. FN have role in planning process
10. FN have role in implementation
11. Scientific methods/analysis/results accessible
12. Climate change considers IK/FN insights
13. IK guiding ecosystem management principles

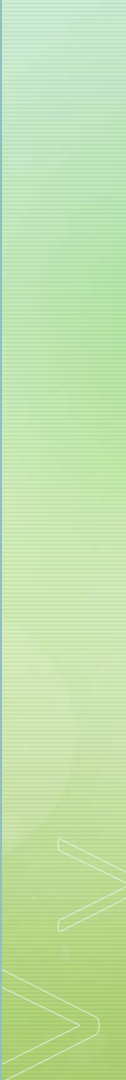
Percentage of Total Criteria Met by Year

Recently established plans generally meet a larger percentage of the criteria.





Reconciliation

- Canada, Truth and Reconciliation Commission 2015
 - 94 calls to action
 - To reconcile, the first relationship that must heal is the relationship of indigenous people to their land
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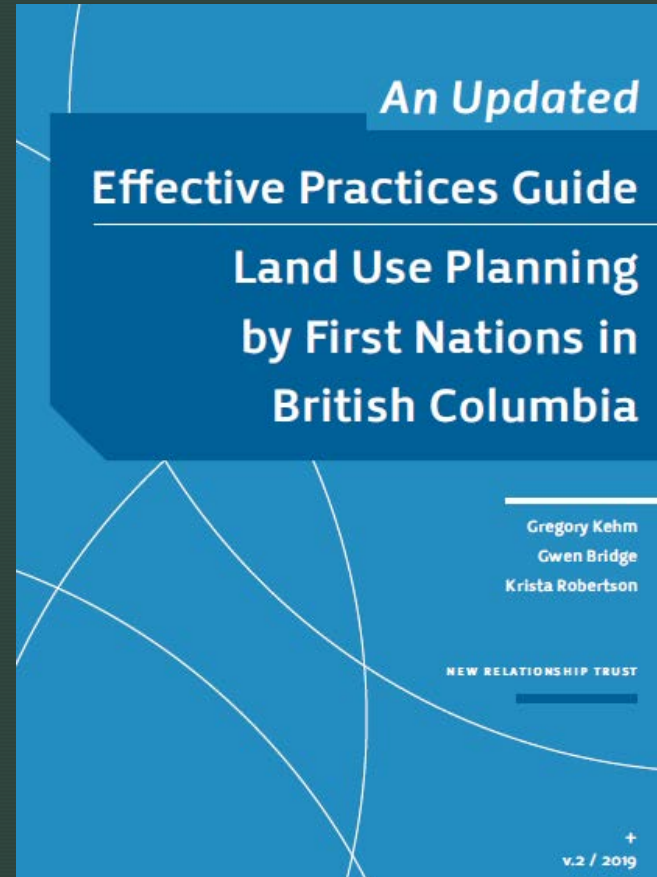
What should we do to implement UNDRIP

Legal

Policy

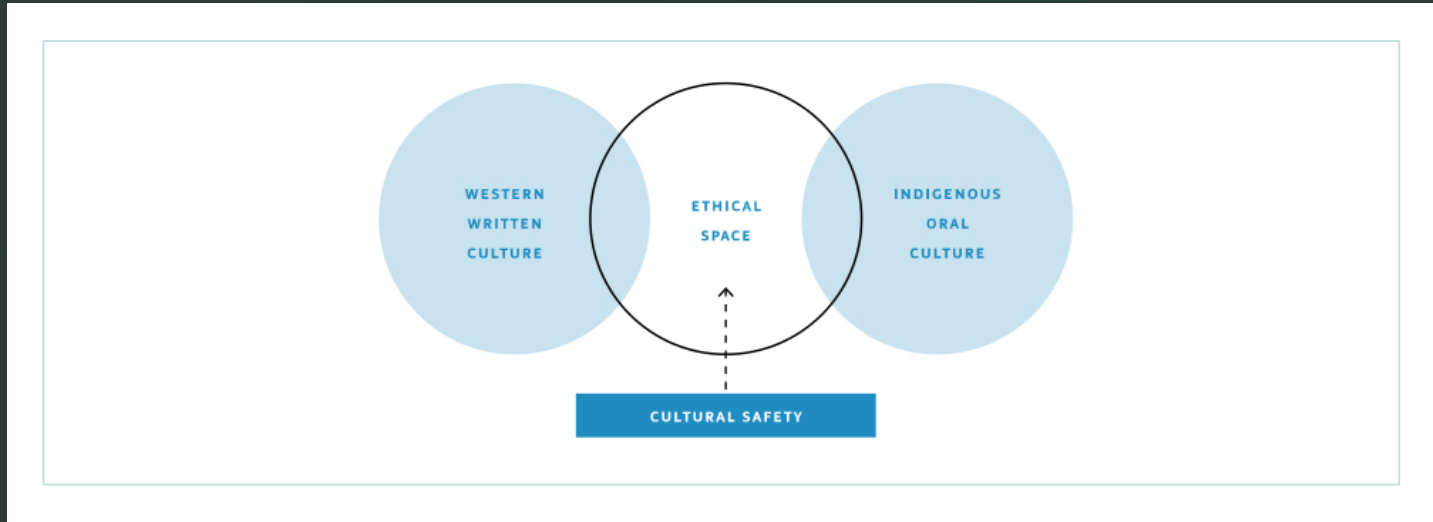
Practice (reconciliation in planning)

http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Web-version-FINAL-Kehm_Bridge_Robertson-Updated-NRT-Effective-Practices-Guide-for-Land-Use-Planning-by-First-Nations-in-BC.pdf



Best Practice

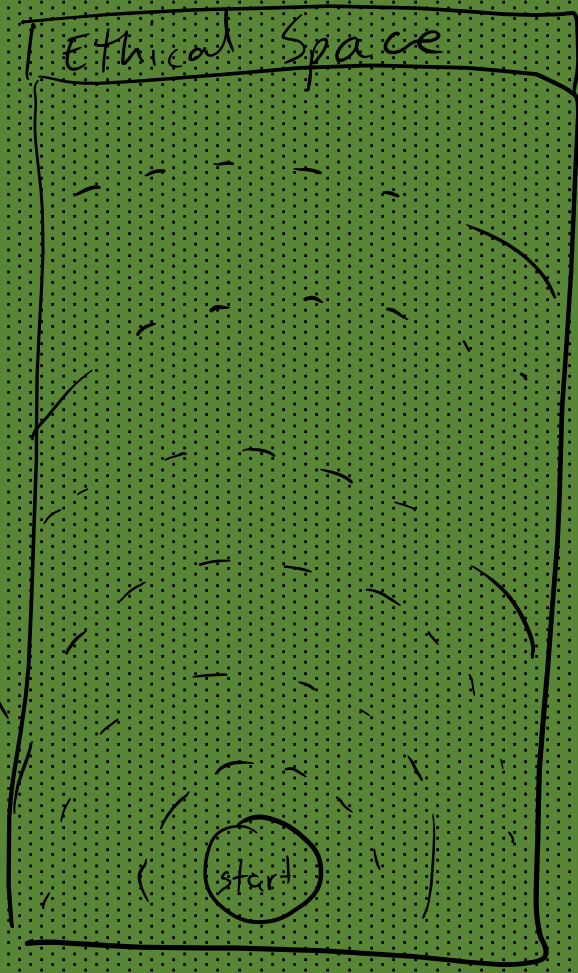
- Ethical space based dialogue – e.g. Forums
 - Deep Understanding
- Principle based intentions – e.g. MOU's
 - Open-mindedness and assessment of where we are as organizations in our readiness to engage (RRRA™)
- Creativity – e.g. Plans, agreements,
 - What can we create, how do we make it better, NRT guide



Reg Crowshoe, Voices of Understanding, Alberta Energy Regulator

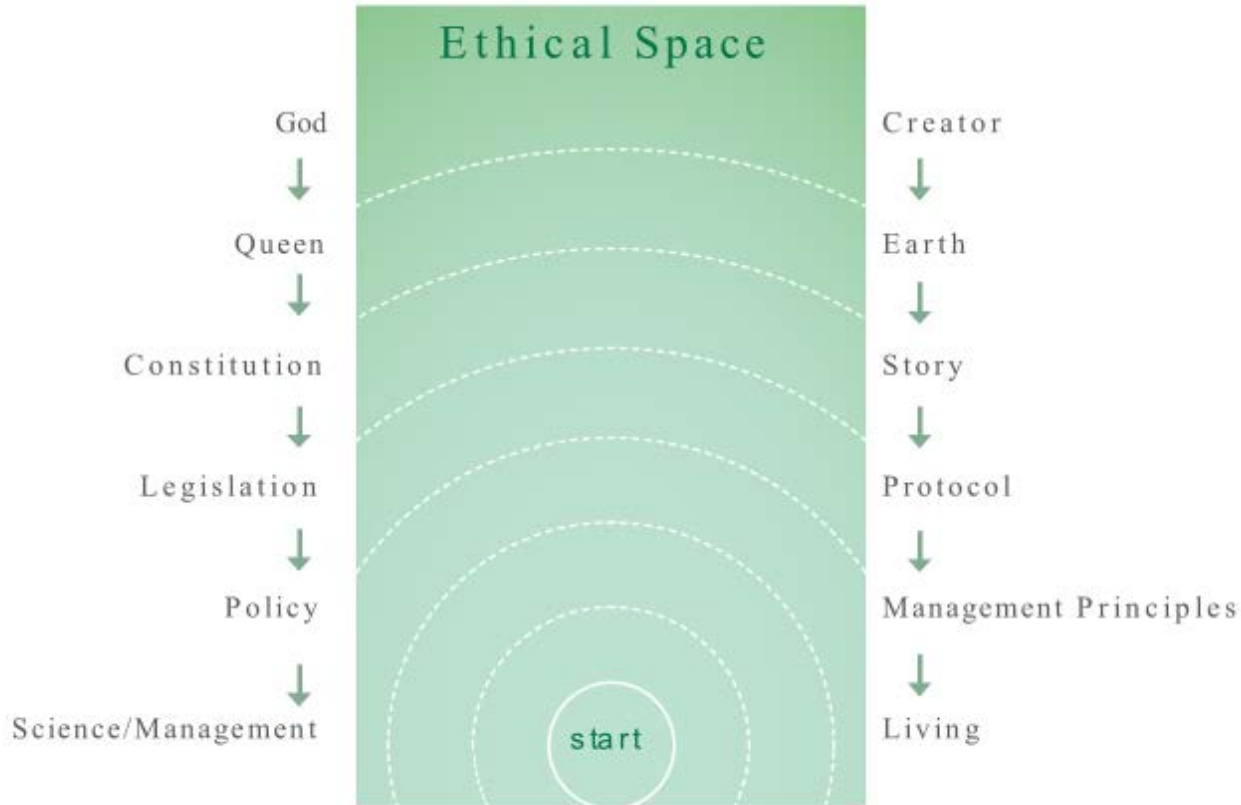
Ethical Space frameworks

God
↓
Queen
↓
Constitution
↓
Legislation
↓
Policy
↓
Science mgmt



Creator
↓
Earth
↓
Story
↓
Protocol
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mgt Principles
↓
Living

ETHICAL SPACE AND RECONCILIATION



What is in these systems?

Planning and decision making processes

Regional and Organizational Strategy

- Typical Planning - Theory of Change
- Ethical Space
- Creation stories and protocol

decisions

influence
systems

Common
goals

exploration
of assumptions

challenges

systems
taught us

→ decision
making
takes systems
guidance into
account
....

Pragmatic approach

- What level are we working at? I understand the system
- Principle based approach, I understand the significance of the knowledge
- Project visioning and planning processes clarification (“land relationship planning”)
- Capacity, challenges and supports?
- Community engagement
- Trust and time.

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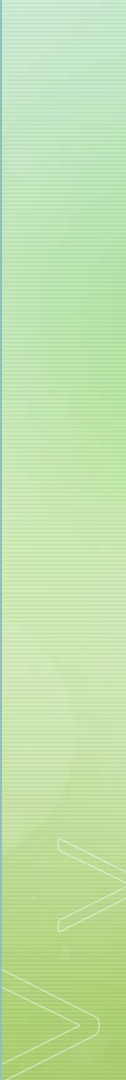
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What's the end game?

- Decisions made which benefit indigenous peoples and their interests
 - Evolution of planning thinking and practice, creative legacy work
 - Practice in the process of co-creating a fairer society
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Social Equity in Regional Growth Management

JURISDICTIONAL SCAN

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Today

- Metro Vancouver Regional District
- Making the Connection: Equity and Planning
- Phase 1 Study
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Findings
- Phase 2 Study
- Reflections for Practitioners



Metro Vancouver Member Jurisdictions

21 Municipalities,
1 Electoral Area, and
1 Treaty
First Nation

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A
LIVABLE REGION



Metro Vancouver Services

REGIONAL SEWER &
DRAINAGE SERVICES

REGIONAL
WATER SERVICES

SOLID
WASTE

HOUSING
CORPORATION



MVRD

REGIONAL SERVICES

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- AIR QUALITY & CLIMATE CHANGE
- E911 SERVICE
- GENERAL GOVERNMENT
- REGIONAL EMPLOYERS SERVICES
- REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- REGIONAL GPS
- REGIONAL PARKS
- REGIONAL PLANNING
- REGIONAL PROSPERITY

SUB-REGIONAL SERVICE

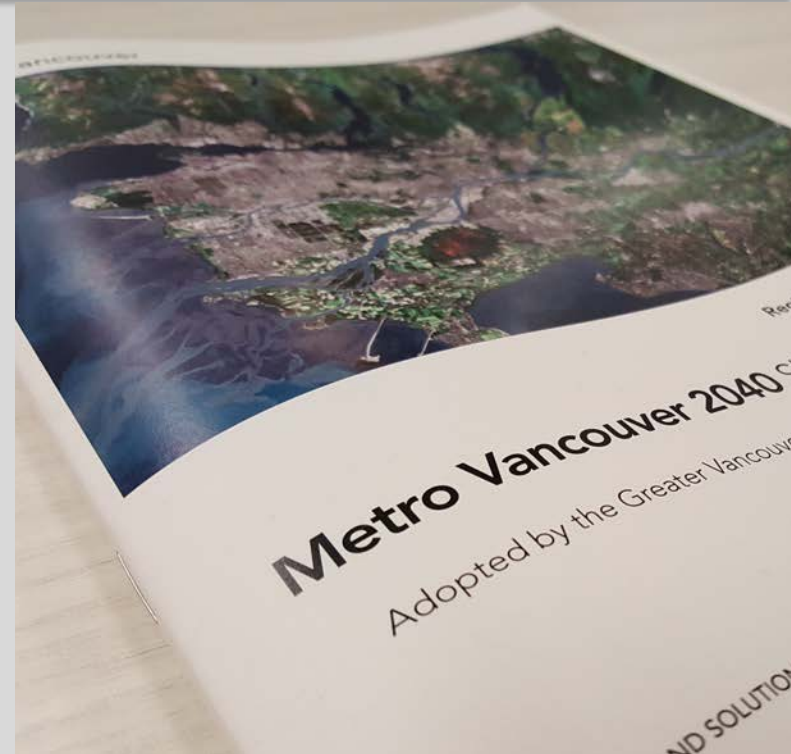
- SASAMAT FIRE PROTECTION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- ELECTORAL AREA A SERVICES

Metro 2040: the regional growth strategy

- Adopted in 2011 by member jurisdictions, FVRD, SLRD, TransLink and MVRD Board
- Strong and effective long-term vision for collaboratively managing anticipated growth to the region



Metro 2040



Goal 1 Create a Compact Urban Area



Goal 2 Support a Sustainable Economy



Goal 3 Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change



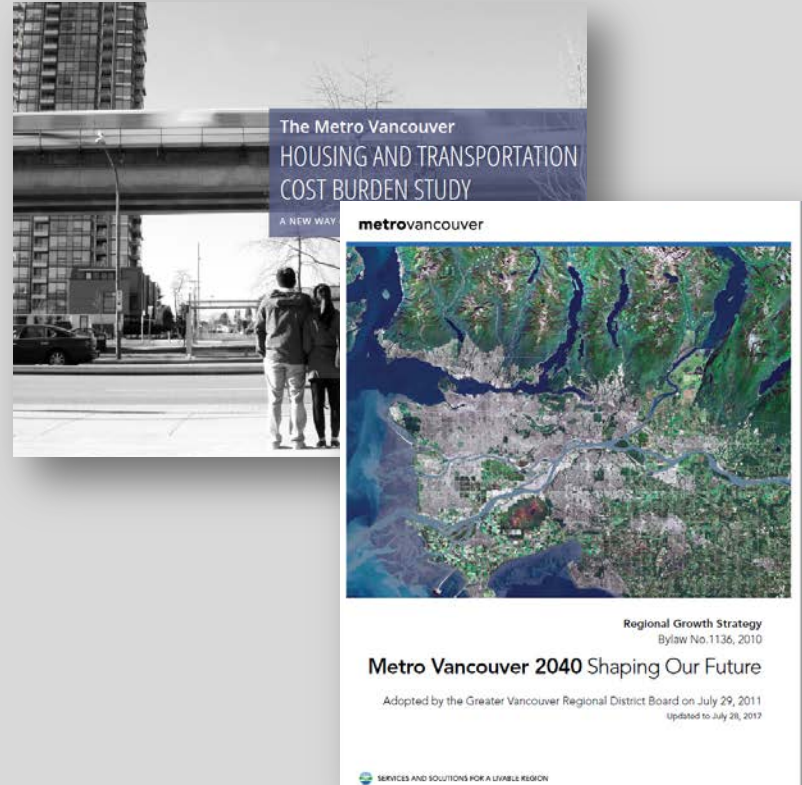
Goal 4 Develop Complete Communities



Goal 5 Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

Equity implicit in *Metro 2040*

- Strategy 4.1 Provide diverse & affordable housing
- Strategy 4.2 Develop healthy & complete communities
- Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study
- Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Study



Regional Growth Management

- Goals + Strategies
- Policies + Actions
- Performance Measures + Targets

Equity Issues

- Income inequality
- Access to opportunity
- Housing and child care affordability
- Health inequities



Equity considerations



Equity considerations



The Curb-Cut Effect

“Laws and programs designed to benefit vulnerable groups, such as the disabled or people of color, often end up benefiting all of society.”

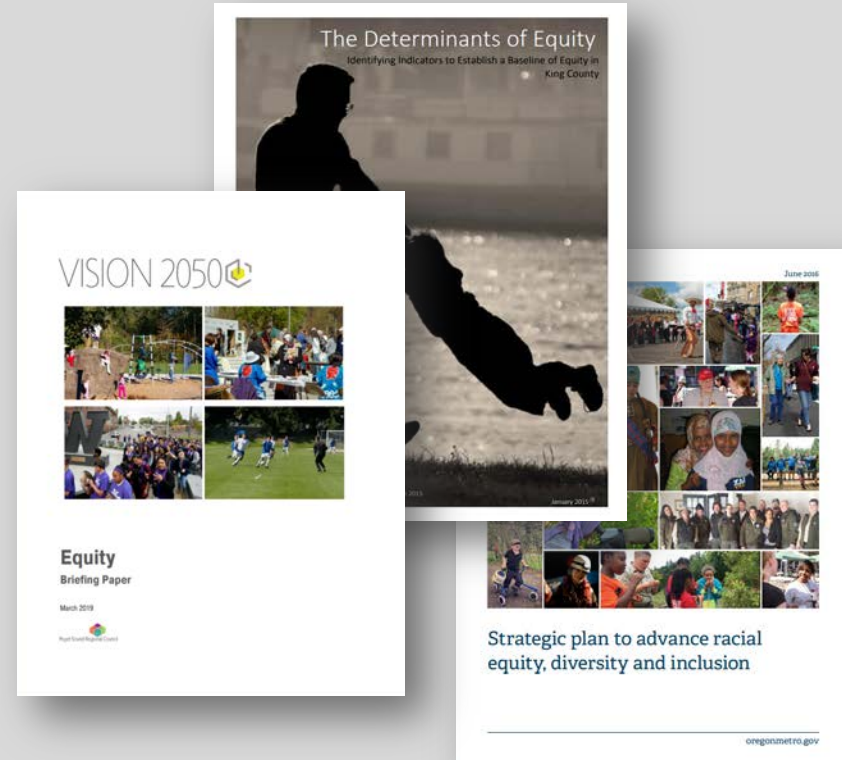
-Angela Glover Blackwell



Social Equity in Regional Growth Management Study (Phase 1, 2019)

Purpose

- Explore how other government agencies are defining and embedding equity in their land use and transportation policy, plans, and practices;
- Outline gaps and opportunities in *Metro 2040*
- Identify potential performance measures



Working Definition for Purposes of this Study

***Social Equity:** The promotion of **justice and fairness** and the **removal of systemic barriers** that may cause or aggravate disparities experienced by different groups of people. This can include the **many dimensions of identity**, such as socioeconomic status, ethnicity, sex, age, disability, gender, sexuality, religion, indigeneity, class, and other equity related issues.*

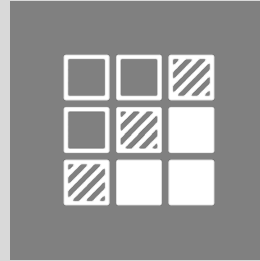
➤ *Definition to be refined through the course of Study*

Study Methods



Desktop scan

Working definition of equity



Equity evaluation
framework



Review other
jurisdictions policy
documents (12)



Interviews with selected
candidates (9)



Review and gap
analysis of *Metro 2040*

Academic Research – Key Themes

- Process and outcomes
- Social equity supports economic growth
- Organizations must consider their role in perpetuating exclusion
- Avoid silos
- Integrate Indigenous perspectives and work towards Reconciliation
- Measure and monitor equity indicators
- Mainstream an equity approach



Lessons Learned from Recent Practice - Interviews

- Both urban growth and no-growth policies have impacts
- Governments – legacies of inequity
- Define “social equity”
- Data as a foundation
- Inclusive engagement practices
- Targeted investment



Review of 12 Peer Jurisdiction Plans

- Auckland
- Toronto
- Minneapolis
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Stockholm
- San Diego
- New York Metropolitan Region
- Saskatoon
- Metro Vancouver
- Sound Transit
- Nanaimo Regional District
- Greater Golden Horseshoe
- LA County Metro



Recommendations for Regional Policy

- Define social equity (in context)
- Integrate social equity into all aspects of regional policy
- Acquire data on key disparities in the region
- Targeted policies and investments to address inequity
- Use data to understand and mitigate for the uneven harms that may be caused by growth
- Social equity performance measures
- Working group and collaboration with regional partners

Phase 2 Study – Scope (2020)

Consider the concept of social equity in relation to growth management and develop an approach to apply an equity lens to regional policy.

Three Tasks

1. Equity Baseline Data Report
2. Stakeholder Engagement
3. Approach for Applying an Equity Lens to regional policies



Reflections for fellow practitioners





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