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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

our unique and individual perspectives, experiences, and locales. This was made expressly clear to me when the Tk'emlu'ps te Secwepemc First Nation released the horrible news that the remains of 215 children had been revealed at the site of the former Residential School in Kamloops. This was shortly followed by further news of similar confirmed unmarked graves on the Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan. I graduated from high school in Saskatoon in 1984, and it is hard for me to reconcile that my 'normal' as a teenager was an experience absolutely ignorant and unaware of the realities of Residential Schools and the extreme harm and unthinkable 'normal' they forced on First Nations peoples across our country.

Several of our conference sessions this year, starting with the opening keynote address from Jessie Hemphill, provided me with a glimpse into the possible path ahead, both as an individual and for our profession. Angel Ransom and Quyaamat Elliott inspired us as young Indigenous planners who are leaders in their communities and in building relationships. Their strength and honesty in sharing their experiences, and telling their people's difficult stories, reminded us that we must start first with listening and learning.

With each changeover of the PIBC Board, important initiatives and projects – ranging from work on climate, to developing and maintaining ethics and professionalism, from enhancing member services and support, to ongoing delivery of professional development – will continue, while new initiatives and activities are also developed as the Board renews and revises our strategic plan as we go forward. As President, I am personally encouraged by the thoughtful and meaningful work the Indigenous planning working group has undertaken in the few short months since this committee was established last year. The task of listening and understanding have begun, and I am confident, that, although we are only yet crawling, the long process for our profession and communities to address and support truth & reconciliation will result in a 'normal' that will dramatically enhance all of our professional practice and personal experience.

I look forward over the coming two years to hopefully meet and work with many of you as we continue to work to move our profession forward.

David Block RPP, MCIP

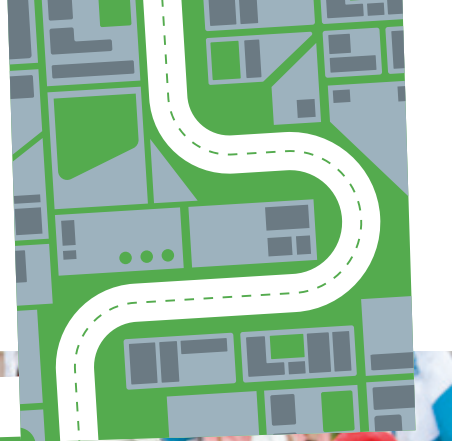
I am writing my first President's Message from the coolness of my basement in beautiful north-western BC. Summer has finally arrived with a heatwave bringing temperatures well into the 30's here in Terrace – which is quite unusual. Perhaps a notable reminder that changing climate is a real and present thing. The transition of seasons is a continuous reminder that change is often a constant in life. With spring ending and summer arriving, I take the baton (so to speak) from Lesley Cabott, and am excited to begin the 2021-2023 PIBC Board term with the newly elected and returning Board members. I can't thank Lesley enough for her leadership and vision over the past two years, and value the ongoing contributions she will continue to bring in her new role as past President.

I would also like to thank past Board Members Patricia Dehnel, Deborah Jensen and Keltie Chamberlain for their hard work, contributions, friendship, and service to our profession on the Board. Thank you all. A heartfelt welcome to the newly elected members joining the Board this year as well. Congratulations on being elected by your peers and colleagues to serve over the coming term – I very much look forward to working with you. I encourage everyone to visit the PIBC website and see later sections in this issue of *Planning West* for information about this year's AGM and everyone elected to the Board.

The past two years brought unexpected realities that changed the way we work and live in our communities across BC and Yukon. The COVID-19 pandemic was, and remains, a challenge that impacts our organization and one for which the Board, staff, and volunteers have adapted to address. We are all yearning for some new kind of 'normal' where we can gather again, travel, and interact more widely. And many in our communities wish things could be back to the way they were. Our amazing 2021 annual conference "North of Normal", much like the seasons, reminded us that change and continuous adaptation are necessary parts of life. Thank you so much to the Yukon Chapter members and the Whitehorse conference team for making us feel a little bit like we were with you there in Whitehorse through our monitors and device screens during the primarily online conference this year. This was truly a unique and excellent conference and I anticipate the day (in the near future) when we can and will come in-person! Thank you too, to the many presenters, sponsors, and participants who made this unique and different conference such a success.

We are also reminded of the need to move forward and build our physical and social places and spaces in better and different ways. This year's conference informed us that 'normal' is a social construct – one that may not always be positive – and that is experienced very differently from

OUTLINES



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



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Canada's first ever Walk for Reconciliation took place in Vancouver on Sept 22, 2013, with 70,000 participants.

What's Trending?

> **Cindy Cheung**, PIBC Communications & Marketing Specialist

In case you missed PIBC's 2021 Annual Conference: North of Normal, or just want a refresher on the highlights, check out #PIBC2021 on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to get a taste of what took place online and from Whitehorse from June 15 to 18. You'll also see highlights from this year's Annual General Meeting, Board Elections, and the presentation of the 2021 winners of the PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning.

#PIBC2021 conference sessions focused on a diverse range of topics, including important discussions on Indigenous-led planning and next steps in green infrastructure and sustainability in the face of accelerating climate change. The organizations featured are examples of those working to support these important initiatives that we will need in navigating a "North of Normal" future and beyond.



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Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops are part of the community initiatives offered across the country. These Workshops are modeled on the Indigenous circle process that encourages open and honest dialogue in a safe environment, supporting meaningful connection and relationship building between communities of differing worldviews. Together participants explore pathways to develop community-based and community-driven reconciliation action plans.

Visit <https://reconciliationcanada.ca> to learn more about Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops and to watch a video series on Building Resilience led by Chief Robert Joseph. (<https://reconciliationcanada.ca/building-resilience-with-chief-joseph-ep-1>)



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As urban migration of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people increased, the Friendship Centres began to re-organize into a national body and NAFC was officially established in 1972. In 2014, the Government of Canada and the NAFC announced the new Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS), a funding agreement aimed at ensuring the full inclusion of Indigenous peoples in Canada's economy.

Today, Friendship Centres are the country's most significant Indigenous service delivery infrastructure in urban areas and continue to offer essential programs and services to urban Indigenous people across Canada.

Learn more at <https://www.nafc.ca>.



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EFC members work with non-government organizations, community groups and other charitable organizations to develop and deliver programs that aim to make communities healthier and more resilient, with an eye on protecting vital ecosystems in nature.

A huge part of what EFC provides is shared learning. From webinars, workshops, personal development opportunities & networking as well as best practices development, EFC helps members increase impact and effectiveness when creating new approaches for building a more sustainable world.

Visit <https://environment-funders.ca> to collaborate, learn and connect.

Brad Jones RPP, MCIP

Senior Vice President –
Wesgroup Properties

Brad Jones discovered an interest in urban planning while in high school on the East coast. Today he applies his planning knowledge and real estate development expertise as Senior Vice President with Wesgroup, one of Western Canada's largest private real estate organizations. Wesgroup delivers a diverse range of mixed use, residential, industrial and commercial developments. We asked Brad about the change in public consultation processes during the past year and how he adapted to engage stakeholders.

What brought you into the planning profession and working in BC?

I grew up in Belleville, Ontario (a typical mid-sized city between Toronto and Ottawa) and I didn't really know that 'urban planning' existed growing up. I always had a strong interest in geography and in larger cities. I took an elective geography course in high school that had more of an urban geography focus and I dove into urban planning, the growing GIS field, and how it can be used in planning. I found it incredibly interesting! The concept of being able to "plan a city" at a large scale sounded like one of the most interesting lines of work one could find, which was what brought me to study Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University.

I chose Ryerson Planning because of the diversity of focus and practicality of its program. In my opinion, the undergraduate program there sets up its students and graduates to be broad urban thinkers, building on a base of knowledge and then applying it through analysis and problem solving. For me, some of the most attractive qualities of the program (which I still believe is fundamental today) is the link the program provides between planning theory and policy with economics, finance, and feasibility.

Planning West Call for Submissions

Fall Issue:
The Future of Work

Deadline for submissions Sept 15, 2021

Winter Issue:
**Celebrating the Profession –
World Town Planning Day**

Deadline for submissions Dec 15, 2021

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

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While studying, I also sought out summer employment and internship opportunities in planning. I worked at a conservation authority, the Canadian Urban Institute, and The City of Toronto which helped me identify what I wanted to do with my education. When it came time to graduate, I had a desire to be more of an implementer, as I have a very strong bias to action.

Working in real estate development melds many of my interests: you work in and around planning, policy, and government but also get to control the outcomes. While I was identifying my desired field, I decided to take the opportunity to move from Toronto to Vancouver just to do something different while I was young.

Public engagement has changed dramatically during the pandemic. What are one or two new adaptations that you think should be kept post-pandemic?

The forced adaption of public engagement has been an incredibly interesting development in the planning field during the pandemic. Generally, I think it has been very positive and opened many doors.

What I've found, working in multiple municipalities across the Lower Mainland, is that digital public engagement has brought out a more diverse audience than the traditional public hearing or public consultation session in person. The flexibility to participate through digital platforms, the ability to call into Public Hearings,

etc., has allowed for engagement to happen outside of the stipulated hours and outside of the physical location. People with other barriers to being at City Hall or during the right hours, or simply busy putting children to bed, can now participate in a meaningful way.

The other big benefit is the availability of information. Many cities have more information on specific projects or processes online now, and many proponents of applications have built detailed websites outlining project information, schedules, benefits, etc., as part of their consultation strategy.

As a planner in the private sector, working with people from local governments and communities with different perspectives can be challenging. What do you see as some key challenges? What experiences and advice would you offer for managing them?

One of the most attractive elements of my work in real estate development is the overall complexity, working with various levels of government and policy, and working in a variety of communities with different goals and desires.

With that said, the environment is becoming more and more challenging. I think two key issues today and into the future are governance and leadership. Cities today are very dynamic; the pressure to adapt is growing more rapidly than plans can be implemented. Municipalities are forced to tackle very complex regional challenges around housing and growth, economic development, sustainability, transit and transportation, and generally meeting society's needs across many spectrums. These issues require political leadership and coordination at all levels, with one of the main challenges being that these problems and solutions extend beyond terms of government, which makes the role of government officials even more important.

Many of the issues mentioned are co-dependent and co-related. They create stress for the traditional departmental structures of Planning, Engineering, Housing, Parks, etc., and require multi-faceted solutions that result from collaboration, compromise and problem solving.

What's one thing you started doing during the pandemic that you think you'll keep doing?

Asking people how they're doing...and playing more golf.



Brad and his daughter at the River District apiary (part of the River District development). Started in 2020, it is home to 19 bee colonies and proceeds from the sale of its honey support local community organizations.



What is one fun thing you are most looking forward to getting back to post-pandemic?

I imagine, like almost everyone, I am looking forward to seeing friends, family and traveling again. Both my wife's and my families are in Ontario, so we are looking forward to reconnecting and having our kids see our families in person. ■

PIBC Annual Conference *North of Normal*

Opening Keynote Speaker: **Jessie Hemphill**

/ Maria Stanborough RPP, MCIP, Editor

Jessie Hemphill is from the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations, with Métis heritage. She is a Partner and Senior Planner with Alderhill Planning.



The PIBC Annual Conference was hosted from Whitehorse, Yukon and took place online from June 15-18, 2021.

When Jessie Hemphill accepted the offer to present the keynote on the Conference theme of “North of Normal,” she was going to speak about the future of our profession and the opportunities that are emerging through Indigenous planning in BC.

Then the remains of 215 children were found on the grounds of a residential school in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops). Jessie changed the focus of her talk from the future to speak of the past, the historical experience of being Indigenous in BC, and how that history informs current planning practices.

Her presentation should be mandatory viewing for every planner working today.

Jessie explored the idea of what is ‘north of normal.’ This year’s conference was hosted by Whitehorse in the Yukon, and was held during a pandemic. It was definitely north, and it was definitely at a time that was not ‘normal,’ according to the dominant story of the past 70 years.

But, in an historical context, nothing has been ‘normal’ for Indigenous people since the 1700s. First contact with Europeans brought disease which killed 60-90% of the people living on these lands. In a pandemic framework, the Black Plague of the 1600s killed 50% of Western Europeans, and that seemed unimaginable. Contact was in essence a near genocide for the First Nations.

In 1876, The Indian Act was passed as part of a systematic approach to assimilate Indigenous people into “mainstream” (white) society. It contained policies intended to terminate the cultural, social, economic, and political distinctiveness of Indigenous peoples. This included the Indian Residential School system where children as young as 3 years old would be taken from their families to be trained to reject everything about their culture and communities, often through violence, punishment and shame.

More than one hundred years of child abuse was codified through the Indian Act, and continued to happen throughout the Sixties Scoop and now the Millennium Scoop, as more Indigenous children are currently in care, away from their parents, than at the height of the Residential School system.

**What would change if you
were to normalize Indigenous
sovereignty and title?**



Jessie's mother and nephew, building relationship for the next seven generations.

The Indian Act also took away the rights of Indigenous people to use their lands, and banned traditional ceremonies like the potlatch. The Indian Reserve system was created, as was the band council political system. 'Indians' and 'Indian land' came under the control of the federal government, a government that sought to erase what they saw as the "Indian problem".

In her talk Jessie shared that her home community, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw, was promised a reserve with housing, power, clean water and a school, only to find themselves relocated to a rocky outpost with only three completed houses. The planners working for the government who had designed the community had, in fact, never been there and didn't know the conditions people would be moving into.

Much of this may not be new to planners, but the damage that was inflicted takes time to absorb. More importantly, the system of governance and authority that it reinforced is very much the system which many planners work within today. Near the end of her talk Jessie made reference to Paulette Regan's work *Unsettling the*



Impromptu memorial in East Vancouver
photo courtesy of the Editor.

Settler Within which quotes Dean Neu and Richard Thierren's *Accounting for Genocide*:

Soft technologies such as strategic planning ... which combine legal framework, accounting techniques, and economic rationalizations with programming and funding mechanisms actually constitute violence, a slow form of genocide enacted over time.

Jessie emphasized that planning is not exempt. Her keynote is not a story about the past only, and these soft technologies are still being used to normalize harm against Indigenous peoples through the ongoing dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their land and refusal by federal, provincial and local governments to acknowledge Indigenous self-determination and title.

Despite the systematic attempts of colonial authorities to erase the presence and knowledge of the Indigenous people in BC and Yukon, Jessie is proof of their resilience.

Given this framework, what should the future of planning look like? For Indigenous communities, planning is becoming a critical tool for Nations to take back governance and chart a path forward. The opportunity exists to change their 'normal' to something that is more aligned with the past of self-governance and land stewardship.

For settler planners, Jessie makes the invitation to consider that there is nothing more important than to get out of the way and support Indigenous self-determination. What has been 'normal' is no longer good enough.

She invited settler planners (which is many of us) to consider what it would be like to fundamentally shift 'normal' so that the colonial system is no longer seen to serve anyone, settlers included. She invites planners to consider decolonizing our own planning practices, and to co-create a new normal that is as safe for Indigenous peoples as it is for settlers. Just imagine. And then decolonize. ■

Jessie Hemphill's keynote, along with other reconciliation-focused workshops, are available to view on PIBC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/PlanningInstituteBC>

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PIBC Annual Conference *North of Normal*

Keynote Speaker: **Charles Marohn** *"Strong Towns"*

/ Maria Stanborough RPP, MCIP, Editor

Charles Marohn is an engineer, planner and founder of the non-profit organization Strong Towns.




There's always a risk when inviting an American to speak on planning to a Canadian audience. There's the chance that the context for something regulatory like planning may be too different between the American model and the Canadian. Fortunately, Charles Marohn's "Strong Towns" presentation offered basic planning practices that translate across countries and communities.

Marohn contextualized his 'Strong Towns' theory in terms of the first communities that settlers built, places that grew incrementally over time. That was until governments decided to shift into suburbs, car culture and sprawl. This new form of community-building led to high infrastructure costs and displaced economic activity. As well-intentioned as it might have been, it is a form of community-building that doesn't allow for complex connections, adaptation, and gradual growth.

Marohn has a TED talk where he outlines much of the same principles as the PIBC keynote. If you are interested you can find it online. For PIBC he provided a bit more of the planning context and made two key points that I found especially significant.


First, he argued that communities need to plan for growth, but it can be done evenly and gradually. People don't adapt well to sudden, drastic change. The city I live in, Vancouver, could learn from this. The amount of change in some neighbourhoods and some areas (transit corridors) has left residents reeling, while other neighbourhoods seem wholly untouched by change.

Instead of dramatic, uncharted rezonings in specific neighbourhoods, Marohn suggests that change be built into planning, but gradual change. "No neighbourhood should experience radical change. No neighbourhood should be exempt from change," was a basic premise of his talk. Cities and towns can allow for the right to increase the use of a site within a measure of caution; change can happen – and without



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YLUPC thanks the PIBC'S Yukon Chapter and PIBC's Annual Conference Committee for organizing North of Ordinary, Whitehorse June 15 -18, 2021. This very successful event, held in the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün and Ta'an Kwäch'än First Nations, provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the great planning work being done in the Yukon and elsewhere.

Yukon Land Use Planning Council

the bureaucratic slowdown of rezonings – but they happen in ways that are more predictable and consistent across the community, and not just in selected pockets.

The second point that seemed especially pertinent was his view of how the unaffordability crisis has left people without an access point to enter the market, whether it be for housing or commercial space. This is evident in many communities where affordable housing and creative-commercial spaces are all but gone. People starting out – whether it be for a home or for setting up shop – have nowhere to go.

Marohn invited planners to think about how to lower the bar of entry. Throughout North America we have seen people look for solutions in the form of tiny houses, co-housing, shared equity homes, flexible work spaces, and pop-up shops. Marohn suggested that planners need to find ways to be better problem solvers rather than problem creators in order to make it feasible for everyone to thrive.

My favourite example was from Muskegon, Michigan. When its downtown was failing, the town bought sheds and rented them for start-up businesses. The cost of the regular commercial space was too much (despite sitting vacant), and the sheds let entrepreneurs test and grow their businesses. Since then the downtown has begun to thrive as businesses are able to succeed, grow and move into the once empty commercial spaces.

His model is simple and beautiful. It should be a mantra for all planners:

- 1) Humbly observe where people in community struggle.
- 2) Identify the next smallest thing we can do to address that struggle.
- 3) Do that thing right now.
- 4) Repeat.

Maria Stanborough is the editor of *Planning West*, and is grateful that attendance to the PIBC Conference is a perk of her volunteer gig.

"No neighbourhood should experience radical change. No neighbourhood should be exempt from change."



When the town of Muskegon, Michigan wanted to help entrepreneurs starting out, they made temporary commercial space available at affordable rents.

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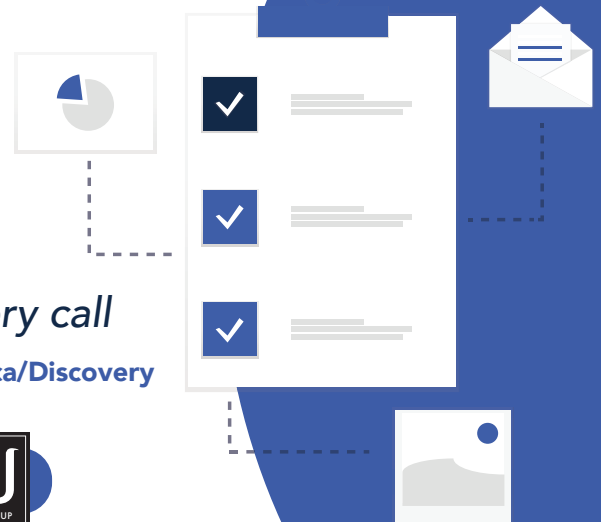
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Online Session 7

Local Governments' Evolved Relationships with First Nations

Summary by Lindsay Allman, Candidate Member

Session Speaker: Eyvette (Qwuy'um'aat) Elliott BBA, MCP Student, resident and member of Cowichan Tribes

"Our history, stories and language greatly shapes how we live and exist on the lands today"

Passion flowed through the screen during Qwuy'um'aat Elliott's presentation, proving that human connection has not been lost to the virtual platform. Qwuy'um'aat Elliott is a resident and member of Cowichan Tribes, an MCP student and owner of Ever Plan. Her presentation "Local Governments' Evolved Relationships with First Nations," explored the shifting world paradigm to re-work our present reality under the colonial system and patriarchy. Qwuy'um'aat introduced the session with the foundation, "If we take care of the Earth, the Earth will take care of us." She provided three tips to help society move forward with our journey:

1. Become a Beginner

[Take] off the knowledge hat... invite the Indigenous worldview in for how we approach planning.

2. Truth before Reconciliation

Consider what Western society identifies as "truth" in books, reports, academia research, and scientific knowledge. Spend the time to learn history, listen to Elders and re-tell the story of Canada.

3. Recognize the Paradigm Shift

Embrace uncertainty, accept newness, and allow silence.

These three tips inspire land-based learning, weaving history into the landscape to engage in Thuyt Tthu Lutem, which roughly translates to "Setting the Table." Thuyt Tthu Lutem is a concept from Qwuy'um'aat's Cowichan community based upon the emotional and spiritual importance of well-being when our community gathers to share food and engages in



story-telling. Qwuy'um'aat guided us through the four foundational ideas of Thuyt Tthu Lutem:

1. Working from the Heart

Qwuy'um'aat shared, "the greatest journey we take in our life is from our mind to our hearts." To plan for the community, we need to set our intention on the right path.

2. Slowing Down

The Indigenous worldview is to embrace conflict and work through it together, allowing community members to sit down all day if needed to say what needs to be said. This may require adaptations from the Western perspective, challenging "timelines" and allowing space for conflict and open discussion.

3. Naut'sa Mawt Sqwaluwun

Naut'sa mawt sqwaluwun roughly means "working together with one heart, one mind and one spirit." Following the first two parts of Thuyt Tthu Lutem allows for meaningful naut'sa mawt sqwaluwun to take place.

4. Incorporate Healing.

Understanding there is no timeline on grief. Each person's experience is different, and each is valuable. Qwuy'um'aat emphasized the value in Indigenous people taking up public space as people as this right was previously banned.

Qwuy'um'aat 'set the table' virtually for the room, sharing her insights as a Cowichan Member and as a planner. Reconciliation requires the gift of time, and should include informal meetings to slow down, speak from the heart, engage in deep listening, and get to know one another. Qwuy'um'aat finished the session with: "we are here to take care of our community. Take care of community, and they take care of us."

Online Session 17

Planning at the End of the Road: Lessons from the Klondike

Summary by Lindsay Allman, Candidate Member

Session Speakers: Clarissa Huffman RPP, MCIP
Stephanie Pawluk, Candidate Member

This session struck me as a reflection of what many new planners across our country experienced. During COVID-19, new planner jobs were hit the hardest so that young planners may have had to move further away from their home community to get their foot in the door. Previous Dawson City Community Development and Planning Officer Clarissa Huffman (originally from the Toronto area), and current Planning Officer Stephanie Pawluk (from the Lower Mainland) invited us into their world of planning for “the land of the extremes” - Dawson City, Yukon.

For both young planners, the idea of moving to Dawson City was one of excitement, intrigue, opportunity and growth, both personally and professionally. The opportunity to work for a smaller municipality offered a breadth of experience that a young planner may not otherwise be exposed to. Clarissa recommended to graduates when job hunting, “pick the job you want based on the description, not the location.”

Reflecting on their experiences, Clarissa and Stephanie acknowledged how new and different Dawson was compared to their previous “normal.” While overwhelming at times, the young women admired how close-knit, engaged, and devoted the people of Dawson are. In order to become a community member, the two women needed to educate themselves. They discovered to understand the heart and character of what makes a place, you have to listen and learn with an open mind.

Clarissa and Stephanie introduced session participants to four unique Dawson topics to set the stage and help us understand the context they live and work within:

1. Location & Climate

Dawson is a Northern city, and the characteristics associated with that impact the community planning. For example, due to permafrost the same methods of building further South are not always appropriate in Dawson. This can be a key issue when out-of-town architects or engineers design structures that are not practical for Dawson’s reality.

As well, the impacts of climate change are significantly more noticeable in the Northern community. The Yukon River is taking longer to freeze over in the winter, becoming problematic for residents who rely on crossing the frozen river in the winter. The municipality does not currently have a climate change specialist on staff, but the community continues to adapt and work together as the new climate change realities set in.

2. History & Heritage

Dawson City has particular design and heritage regulations in order to maintain the historic gold rush downtown. This requires “becoming a heritage planner overnight,” how the small town planner becomes the jack of all trades. And, if we are to engage in truth and reconciliation, it is imperative to take the time and effort needed to learn about the colonial history of the land and its people.

3. Patterns of Development

The two women noted that the lack of design knowledge both within the government and the community has resulted in a “wild west” when it comes to planning. For example, a site plan is rarely done by a professional and as the presenters joked, “a site plan may be submitted on a napkin!” This has created a variety of encroachment and enforcement issues. But it also makes Dawson, Dawson.

4. Mining

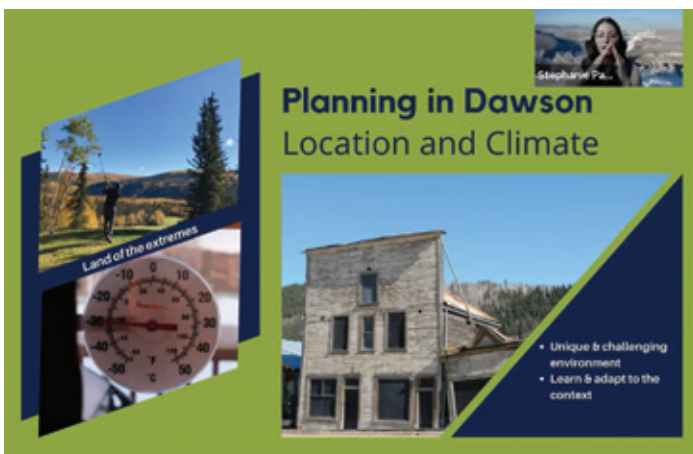
There is a large mining industry within municipal boundaries, and the Mining Act and Municipal Act often conflict with one another. Municipal regulations may be applicable to a mining interest, or not, depending on if the regulation is “in the public interest.”

Key takeaways included:

- Gain trust and respect with the public so that engagement is meaningful
- Develop local knowledge and partnerships
- Encourage creativity and open-mindedness
- Create two-way engagement to help the community understand why and what planners are doing
- Educate yourself about the role of culture in the community

Clarissa and Stephanie’s insightful and fun presentation was evidence that with the right mindset and willingness to learn, moving to a new place can open your mind to adventure and prove to be one of the best decisions of your life.

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Pre-Conference Session 2

Creating the Charrette Experience Online with Urbanarium Studio

Summary by Steffi Sunny, Student Member

Session facilitators: Kristen Elkow RPP, MCIP, Elk Community Planning and Design & Amy Nugent, Urbanarium

Urbanarium is a non-profit organization run by a board of planners, architects, landscape architects, designers, developers, municipal workers, and artists, primarily based in Vancouver. At the PIBC Conference they hosted an online design charrette. Urbanarium's Executive Director Amy Nugent says that creating this studio program has been a messy and challenging process, and extremely successful with the growth of an online audience. Amy mentioned that the online studio is like "bob ross meets improvisational theatre."

The goal of the charrette was to co-design a live-work community at a block-level that could inspire and inform future planning decisions. Participants were divided into five groups

and transferred to small breakout rooms with 4-5 participants. Each breakout room had a facilitator and illustrator to walk us through the process and present ideas accurately and clearly. A generic template was used for this design project, and the final output from each breakout room was followed by a report back and closing remarks.

The discussion was divided into three topics: building, street and amenity level design. Within breakout rooms, we talked about the challenges and benefits of the live-work situation based on our experiences from the past year. We discussed the importance of green communities, the look and feel of the neighbourhood, activities within the open courtyard, street functions and design, etc.

We also discussed shifting from car-centric streets to pedestrian-oriented streets, having play streets, turning underused green space into markets, and supporting more organic community growth in the face of regulatory barriers, such as zoning bylaws, which may prohibit it. Density, coffee shops and pubs, corner stores with housing on top, more permanent food trucks - which can be an investment within the community - were other topics of discussion for the design project. Throughout, the artists in each breakout room did a spectacular job depicting all our ideas in the form of a conceptual illustration.

After the breakout room discussion, all the participants joined together for a final mural board discussion to review each group's conceptual design and planning principles. It was fulfilling and inspiring to hear each group's ideas and rationale.

I have always found design charrettes to be an engaging and powerful tool. With COVID-19 and paradigm shifts, I was intrigued by the idea of conducting design charrettes online. Urbanarium's online studio charrette event was a great example and learning experience to keep charrettes online, exciting and accessible for the community.



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Mini-Mobile Workshop 3:

Story & Place, Story in Place: Yukon Narrative-based Projects Build Community

Summary by Steffi Sunny, Student Member

Workshop speakers: John Glynn-Morris & Kanina Holmes



This workshop presented two initiatives from the Yukon – ‘Stories North’ and ‘Yukon Story.’ In his presentation ‘Yukon Story,’ John Glynn-Morris shared his enthusiasm for community economic development and capacity building. John is a planning consultant who works extensively with the City of Whitehorse. He talked about the importance of developing a place ‘branding’ based on the values and aspirations of Yukoners, and by making a point of distinction on what makes Yukon special. He stressed the importance of unearthing a powerful story about Yukon that can be then translated to different sectors.

As a parallel to Yukon Story, ‘Stories North’ is an experiential learning initiative focused on bringing together young journalists studying at Carleton University with Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents of Yukon. Kanina Holmes is an associate professor of journalism who created a course for the purpose of learning about Indigenous cultures, histories, self-governance, and the dynamics of reconciliation. The course also covers climate change and its implications, as well as other current issues. It was inspiring to hear that ‘Stories North’ emerged as a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report from 2015. She says that this process has its messiness and challenges, but that makes it worth it.

Karina talked about **three big ideas** in her approach to work, which I think apply to planning as well:

- Be humble - being humble means being respectful, acknowledging what you don't know and having the confidence and humility to ask when you are unsure.
- Be ambitious - all the projects, initiatives and research that we do require us to be ambitious and aspirational because there is so much that we can do.
- Know that the stakes are high.

In her presentation she discussed fieldwork and storytelling as the future of education - it could be the future for planning as well. She talked about the importance of asking a set of questions before working with communities and encouraged planners and researchers to do the same:

It is important to ask 'what if' in the work we do - what if we could combine people and places and stories to create new ways of seeing and interacting and understanding.

Karina mentioned beautiful encounters with people from different communities which she refers to as, "very low key, no agenda, people getting to know each other and connecting, which highlights the beauty of community-based work."

"What comes to matter then is the creation of the best possible story we can while we're here; you, me, us, together. When we can do that and we take the time to share those stories with each other, we get bigger inside, we see each other, we recognize our kinship – we change the world, one story at a time..."

– Richard Wagamese

A story can be, a Karina says, "a way of organizing the research into something more cohesive and more accessible to a wider audience." In the field of community planning, ‘planning jargon’ often makes ideas inaccessible to the general public, which can be counterproductive, leading to miscommunication and lack of trust.

Some takeaways from the workshop were:

- **Commitment** – the importance of having a big commitment to do things differently.
- **Understanding your why?** – knowing your why, and being open about it with the people you work with can lead to better things.
- **Ways to give back** – the workshop stressed the importance of giving back to the community through public engagement.
- **Respect protocol** - while working with Indigenous communities, it is important to learn about their protocol and understand its implications.
- **Context and timing** – check with the people you want to engage with beforehand to make sure they are ready to host you or have your presence.
- **Understand what you are asking of the community members** – it's important to understand that sometimes what we think as a small ask is actually a big ask.
- **Be sensitive and be nimble** – often, our agendas don't unfold the way we want to, and that's okay.
- **Above all, Listen!**

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Top 10 Mistakes Members make with CPL Reporting

/ Claire Negrin RPP, MCIP, and the PIBC Professional Standards & Certification Committee

Every year, Certified and Candidate PIBC Members are required to complete and report 18 units of professional development (including a minimum of 9 units of organized and structured learning) in order to maintain their membership in good standing. This is known as the Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) system. Every Provincial and Territorial Institute and Association (PTIA) in Canada requires CPL reporting and conducts reviews of CPL reports. This helps to ensure that planners nation-wide are staying current and continually improving their skills and knowledge.

The CPL reporting process is relatively simple: Complete an eligible CPL activity and report the activity and associated Learning Units (LUs) to PIBC. Every year, however, we can all occasionally make small (and sometimes big) mistakes in our CPL reports. To help ensure reports are completed correctly and that we are keeping up with our professional learning obligations, PIBC and the Professional Standards and Certification Committee (the Committee) conducts an annual review of Members' CPL reports.

In 2020, the Committee completed the review of 2019 CPL reports. A total of 55 members' reports, representing about 5% of reporting members, were randomly selected by PIBC for an anonymous, more in-depth review by Committee members. Of the 55 reports reviewed, 34 reports had no issues (which is great!), 3 reports had minor errors that did not require additional follow-up, and 18 reports required some additional information or further clarification. Through this process, the Committee and the members under review learned some helpful lessons and tips regarding CPL reporting. In an effort to pass this learning along, we have prepared a list of the most common errors.

10. Preparing and Delivering Content for Public/Professional Consumption is a Structured Activity

Reporting these activities as self-directed is a common mistake. Please know that these activities (such as delivering workshops, presentations, etc.) qualify as organized and structured, and that we appreciate those planners who are delivering educational opportunities for the rest of us!

9. Miscategorization of Volunteer Activities

Volunteer participation on boards, committees, and task forces is a valued activity, but remember that these are reported as unstructured independent and self-directed CPL.

8. Inaccurately Reporting Committee Membership Hours

Any planning-related committee of which you are a member (outside of regular work) is eligible for CPL reporting, including PIBC committees, local advisory committees, etc. But remember, there are annual maximums for such CPL credit:

- < 5 hrs of total meetings/work per year: 2.0 LUs
- 5 - 20 hrs of meetings/work per year: 3.5 LUs
- > 20 hrs of meetings/work per year: 5.0 LUs

7. Formal Mentoring of a Candidate Member is a Structured Activity

If you are mentoring a current Candidate Member as part of the formal RPP Certification process, you can claim and report this time as an organized and structured CPL activity, to a maximum of 4.0 LUs per year. However, if you are providing other informal, unstructured mentorship of a student or other planner, this activity is still highly valued, but considered an independent and self-directed activity for CPL purposes, and is also limited to 4.0 LUs per year.

6. Vaguely Describing Reading Materials

Sometimes there is just not enough information or detail reported...

Poor Example: "Read 3 Planning-Related Books"

Good Example: 3 separate entries

- "Read *Investing in Place* by Sean Markey, Greg Halseth, and Don Manson"
- "Read *Small is Big* by Michael A. von Hausen"
- "Read *Cities for People* by Jan Gehl"

Critical reading of a relevant academic or professional book is eligible for up to 3.0 independent and self-directed LUs each. Critical reading of a relevant journal, academic, or professional article (like this one) is eligible for up to 1.0 independent and self-directed LU (per article read).

5. Vaguely Describing Events or Sessions

Again, sometimes there is just not enough information or detail...

Poor Example: "Presentation Skills"

Good Example: "Attended 2hr 'Presentation Skills' workshop hosted by our communications department. Included tips/tricks and participants presented for practice and to receive input. I got roasted."

4. Structured Activities That Aren't Offered by PIBC or CIP Are Still Structured

Just because an organized event or activity isn't offered by PIBC or CIP, doesn't mean it isn't structured! For example, webinars, workshops, or sessions put on by other PTIAs (APPI, OPPI, etc.), provincial or federal governments, or any other third-party organizations (such as universities, the BC Not for Profit Housing Association, the BC Economic Development Association, etc.) are all eligible to be reported as organized and structured CPL.

3. Claiming Activities That Are a Part of Your Normal Everyday Professional Work

If you sit as a representative on a committee as part of your regular job or professional duties, you cannot report that for CPL credit. But if you volunteer on a relevant task force, committee, etc. outside of your regular work time, you can report that for CPL credit as noted above.

2. Reporting A Conference as a Single Activity (Rather Than Breaking Up Reporting by Session)

We are interested in the conferences you attended! So please report each individual session or activity within larger conferences that you attended as separate activities. This way we can ensure that the content is relevant and that the appropriate hours of learning are reported (remember, breaks and social activities don't count). Don't forget to report all of the excellent individual sessions you attended at the PIBC 2021 Annual Conference: North of Normal!

1. Waiting Until December 31 to Complete Your Reporting

It is far easier to report CPL activities and LUs throughout the year as they are completed. We strongly encourage such regular reporting as activities are completed to avoid the end-of-year reporting crunch – which is more likely to result in reporting errors and forgetting to report activities that were completed and should count for CPL credit.

In 2019, only Certified Members were required to complete CPL reports. In 2020, CPL reporting was voluntary for Candidate Members, and became mandatory in 2021. Members On-Leave, Retired, Pre-Candidate, Honourary, and Student members, as well as Public Subscribers are not required to complete and report CPL.

The Committee will begin the review of 2020 CPL reports this summer. Remember, the purpose of these annual CPL reviews is not to penalize members; it is to help the Institute maintain standards and to help members better understand the CPL reporting requirements.

For a detailed explanation of how to report CPL activities and Learning Units, please review the Continuous Professional Learning System Guide available on the PIBC website. Remember to refer to the guidelines and the annual maximums permitted for each activity, as well as the appropriate categorization of activities as either organized and structured or independent and self-directed. And if

you have questions, don't hesitate to contact PIBC.

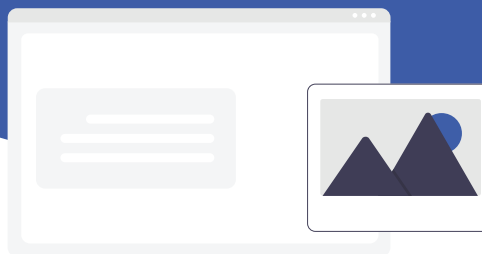
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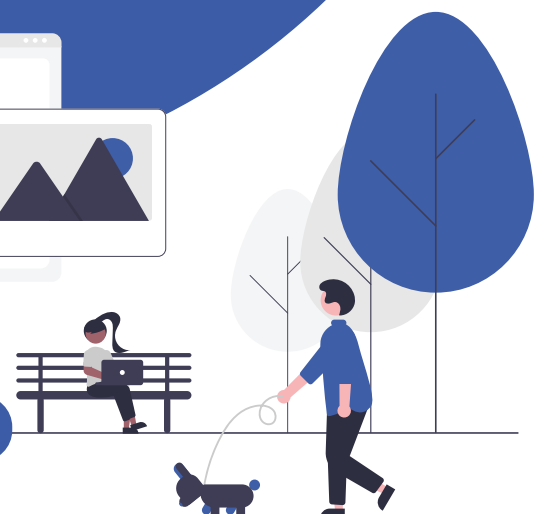
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2021 PIBC AWARDS

/ Kelly Chan, *Member Services Coordinator*

The PIBC Awards winners were celebrated on June 17, 2021, at the virtual PIBC 2021 Annual Conference: *North of Normal*. If you missed this year's award presentation video, find it online on the PIBC YouTube channel.

It was with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2021 Award winners!

EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE

Award for Excellence in Planning Practice, City & Urban Areas (Gold Winner)

Title: Heather Lands Rezoning Plan

Authors: The Canada Lands Company, MST Development Corporation, & DIALOG

The Heather Lands rezoning project aims to rezone and reimagine an 8.5 ha site near Vancouver's Cambie Corridor, on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST). The site will become *χewš tə nə šxʷtə' nə χətəl' / X a wš uÚxwumixw* / a new neighbourhood, with 2,600 homes, shops, offices, parks, daycare, and an MST Cultural Centre, organized around a forest trail reminiscent of the paths travelled by ancestors of MST Nation members. The process of planning and developing the Heather Lands is being driven by a historic joint venture partnership between Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) and MST Development, the development body for the MST First Nations. This unique partnership – both between CLC and MST, as well as amongst the three Nations

– demonstrates a commitment to reconciliation and offers a new relationship and planning model for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments across Canada.

The jury felt that this project was extremely innovative and compelling in the spirit of reconciliation that demonstrates a collaborative partnership approach which embeds First Nations culture, history, identity and expression into a new master planned community. The project is appropriately respectful, empowering, and the authentic public engagement approach was rewarded with solid input, the results of which are very clearly integrated into the final plan. The full incorporation of narrative, spirituality and landscape understanding is a great learning tool for other municipalities.



EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE (cont'd)

Award for Excellence in Planning Practice, City & Urban Areas (Silver Winner)

Title: Municipal Regulations to Deter Renovictions

Author: City of New Westminster

The City of New Westminster was the first municipality in British Columbia to tackle the issue of renovictions using municipal regulations and is considered a leader among municipalities for its bold and direct action to protect tenants. In June 2019, the City amended the Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw, which offers protection to tenants by requiring landlords to offer temporary accommodation to those tenants displaced by significant renovations and the first right of refusal to reoccupy the same unit at the same rent. Following adoption and a robust public awareness campaign delivered

to both landlords and tenants, the number of renovictions in the City decreased dramatically.

The jury felt that this was a very topical and innovative approach which demonstrates courage in tackling a controversial issue. This initiative showed creative and original thinking in how to use municipal regulatory tools effectively in the frontline trenches in the face of a relatively new phenomenon and showed measurable results. The jury believes that this approach demonstrates the power of development planning and can be mobilized by many other municipalities.



Award for Excellence in Planning Practice, City & Urban Areas (Honourable Mention)

Title: New Westminster COVID-19
Pandemic Response: Transforming
Planning Practice and Saving Lives

Author: City of New Westminster

Partners: Over 20 faith-based and non-profit organizations involved in the collaborative framework, including umbrella organizations New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society and New Westminster Inter-Ministerial Association. Funding from the City of New Westminster, the Reaching Home Program, the United Way, and the Vancouver Foundation.



EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING

The New Westminster Planning Division created a collaborative framework involving over 20 faith-based and non-profit organizations, developing equitable and targeted responses to address their unique and diverse needs during the pandemic. This responses enhanced livability and improved health outcomes.

The jury felt that this submission was very timely and serves as a template for other municipalities in addressing emergencies.



**Award for Excellence in Policy Planning,
City & Urban Areas (Gold Winner)**

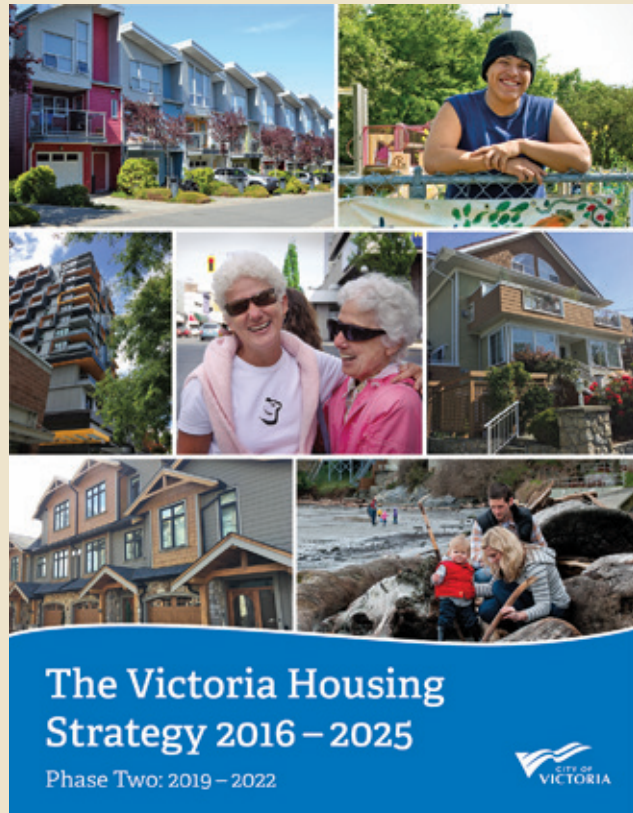
Title: Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two 2019-2022

Author: City of Victoria

The Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two 2019-2022, envisions a future where everyone has access to an affordable home that meets their needs. Phase Two provides a comprehensive action plan to respond to the housing crisis and is the second part of a 10-year roadmap. It identifies housing as a human right and asserts that every Victorian deserves a safe and affordable home. Through the Strategy, Victoria will advance 44 actions, based on existing community feedback, current and meaningful evidence, promising practices and innovation. The Strategy includes measurable outcomes that embed accountability and responsiveness throughout its implementation. This

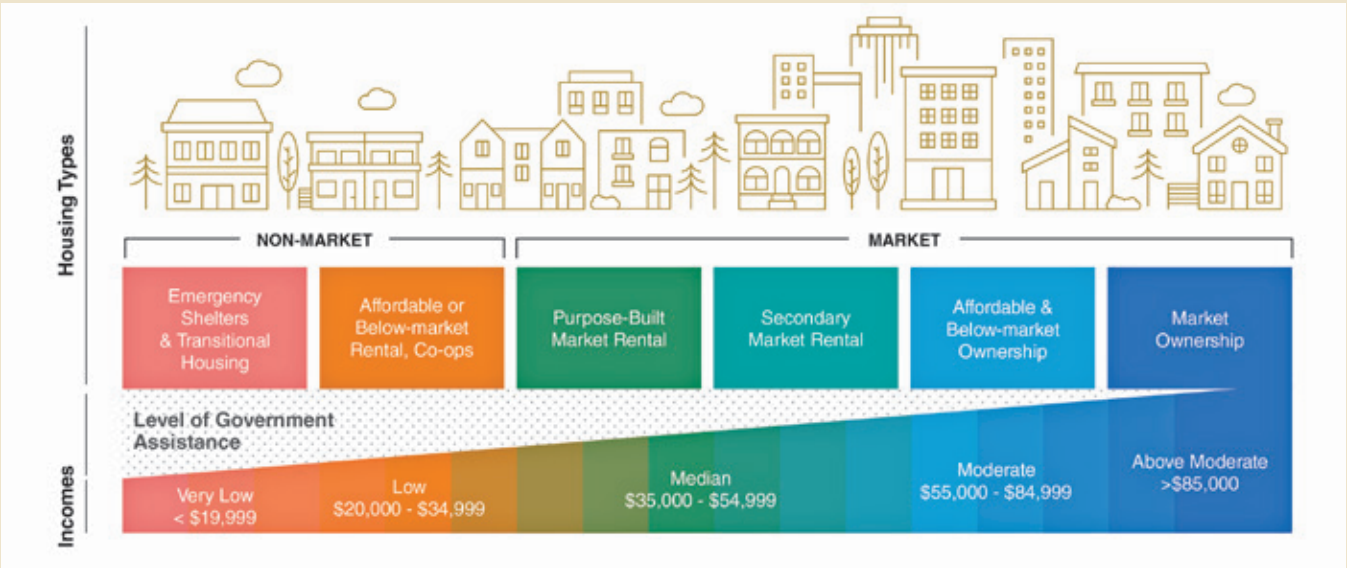
was evidenced in the first year of implementation, where actions were refocused to address mounting housing insecurity exacerbated by the onset of COVID-19.

The jury found this to be a very comprehensive approach to the development of a housing policy framework, with a clear understanding of the current and future housing situation in Victoria. This strategy offers a wonderful road map for other municipalities with an aggressive approach to the housing crisis that addresses the full spectrum of housing need. At the very heart of Planners' responsibilities, it shows what we can do even if other sectors are not stepping up.



EXCELLENCE IN
POLICY PLANNING (cont'd)

Award for Excellence in Policy Planning,
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Award for Excellence in Policy Planning,
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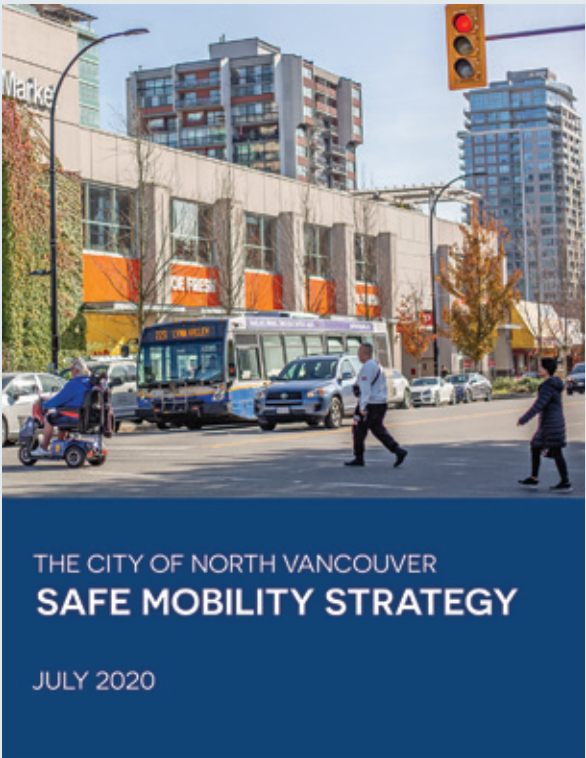
Title: Safe Mobility Strategy

Author: City of North Vancouver

Partners: Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Vancouver Coastal Health, North Vancouver RCMP, and North Vancouver City Fire Department

The Safe Mobility Strategy is the City's practical "playbook" to guide transportation planning, design and investment decisions in support of achieving a consistent, year-over-year reduction in the rate of collisions on our streets that result in serious injuries or fatalities, no matter what way people use to get around.

The jury felt that this submission was very innovative, illustrating simple and executable strategies to achieving Vision Zero while increasing network connectivity and encouraging active transportation and micro-modal options. The playbook provides low barriers for improving cities and urban areas and is a unique way to mobilize this initiative. The jury also appreciated the articulation of the importance of streets to urban health, the community-wide focus, and the analysis at a human scale.



Award for Excellence in Policy Planning, Small Town & Rural Areas (Gold Winner)

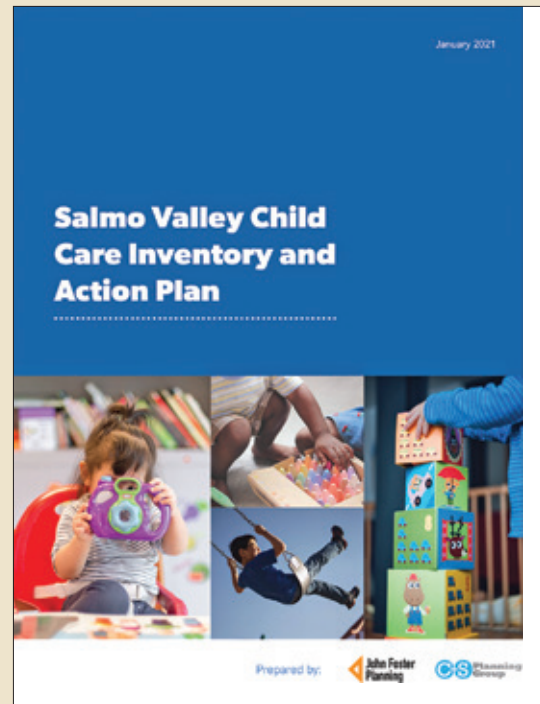
Title: Salmo Valley Child Care Inventory and Action Plan

Authors: Salmo Valley Early Childhood Advisory Committee, C+S Planning Group, John Foster Planning, Splash:Design, & Licker GeoSpatial Consulting

The Salmo Valley Child Care Inventory and Action Plan is a 10-year strategic document to address the needs for childcare in the Salmo Valley, including the Village of Salmo, Ymir and Area G. The Salmo Valley has experienced an influx of young families moving to the area and the demand for childcare as well as the cost of housing has increased exponentially. These two factors have led to a strong demand for new spaces for quality, affordable and accessible childcare. The goal of the Plan is to support universal childcare for all families in the Salmo Valley in a way that would best reach local residents and work most effectively with existing organizations, amenities, and policy directions. The ground up approach was successful in garnering support from both local governments – the Village of Salmo and Regional District of Central Kootenay.

The jury felt that a rural childcare plan setting an aspirational target of universal childcare is laudable and truly inspiring. The impact of this study is very well defined as a high proportion of childcare needs are not currently being met and the report demonstrated a lot of empathy to those living with childcare struggles. The jury also felt that the positing of the planning process as an opportunity to lead education around the importance of childcare advocacy and support demonstrates that planning is much more than land use considerations.

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Thank you PIBC for recognizing the Salmo Valley Child Care Inventory and Action Plan with a Gold Award for Excellence in Policy Planning – Small Town and Rural Areas.

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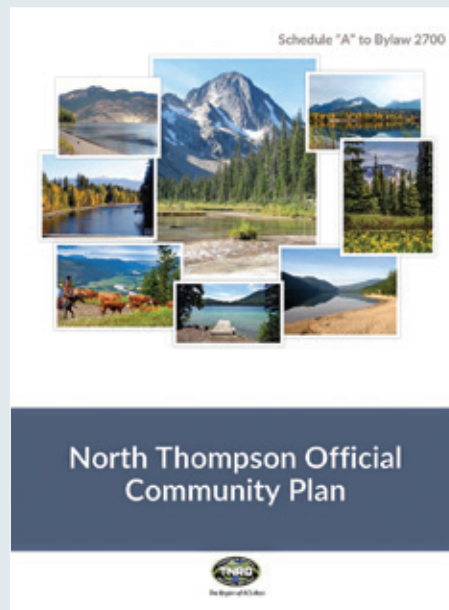
Title: North Thompson Official Community Plan

Author: Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Partners: The residents of Electoral Areas A, B and O, OCP Advisory Group, Simpcw First Nation, and Urban Systems (Kamloops)

The North Thompson Official Community Plan (OCP) provides a new path forward for an evolving economic and demographic reality in the Plan area, specifically a growing outdoor recreation economy, rural population decline, and a diminished resource sector. The macro-regional approach used in this OCP will help enable a new rural economy that nurtures a broader, more inclusive way to embrace future change, challenge historic norms, and celebrate connectivity across the whole area. Rigid land use designations were replaced with simple, flexible, and defensible policy for each Community Node, Rural Settlement Area, and the outlying Electoral Areas. Natural amenity appreciation must now equal resource extraction as the basis for resident/business retention and attraction.

The jury felt that dealing with population decline is a really unique challenge that was tackled well by this OCP with solid First Nations and public consultation. The concept of amenity migration in a rural context was a great lens of analysis and the inclusion of temporary use permits for RV living was very unique. The OCP leads in establishing development permit areas for environmental protection with policies to downzone and limit growth, which supports redevelopment over new development.



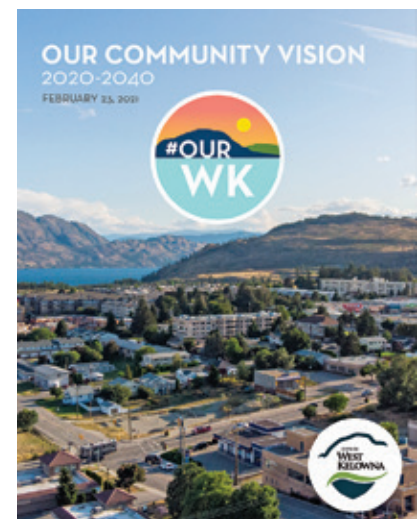
Award for Excellence in Policy Planning, Small Town & Rural Areas (Honourable Mention)

Title: West Kelowna's Community Vision, #OurWK a Vision to 2040

Authors: City of West Kelowna & Lanarc Consulting

The #OurWK Community Vision is the first of its kind for West Kelowna and provides clear direction for Council and the public on where the community wants to go in the future. With an outlook to 2040, the Vision provides directions on key priority areas for the community: Our People, Connectivity, Adaptability, Prosperity, and Places. The Vision is supported by Signs of Success which are to be revisited to ensure that the #OurWK is implemented and holds value in the community as West Kelowna continues to grow and develop.

The jury appreciated the novel focus on developing a strong vision before diving deep into the OCP process. Despite the challenges from COVID-19, there was excellent success with engagement and the connections with youth aged 19 and younger were impressive.



RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS

Award for Research & New Directions (Gold Winner)

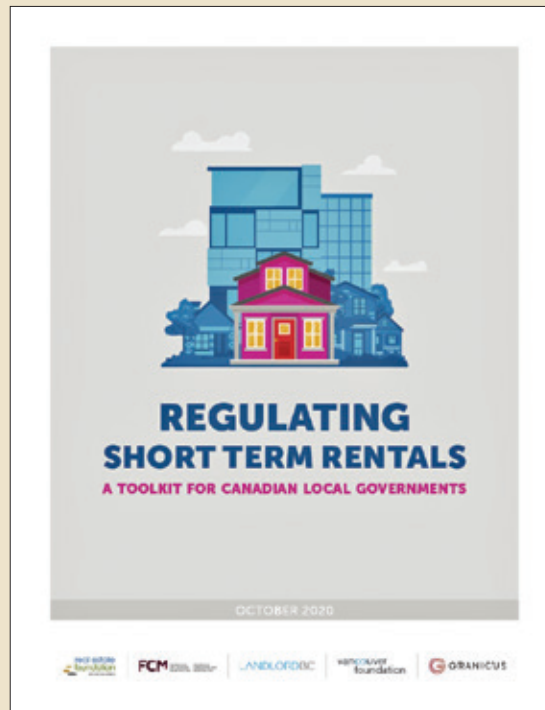
Title: Regulating Short Term Rentals: A Toolkit for Canadian Local Governments

Authors: Third Space Community Planning & Generation Squeeze

Partners: Funding from the Real Estate Foundation of BC, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, LandlordBC, The Vancouver Foundation, and Granicus.

This toolkit is a practical resource for local governments who are considering, designing or evolving their short-term rental (STR) regulations. It is of service to local governments in a range of contexts pursuing a variety of STR policy objectives, from protecting housing for residents to encouraging tourism growth to creating regulatory equity. Divided into 4 parts, it includes a background which details the history and rise of STR, an in-depth section that explores the impacts of STR on housing availability and affordability, a step-by-step guide on how to develop effective STR regulatory and enforcement programs as well as snapshots of the 17 most common regulatory tools that local governments employ (e.g. business licensing, principal residence requirement).

The jury felt that this toolkit is an accessible “grab-and-go” resource with a lot of useful research and built-in flexibility for a range of community goals. The enforcement angle is often overlooked in planning, and the jury appreciated that this was addressed. An incredible document, it handles a hot topic for planners and local governments, is practical and contains a balanced discussion on the pros and cons of suggested approaches.



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RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS

Award for Research & New Directions (Silver Winner)

Title: Child in the City: Planning Communities for Children and their Families

Author: Plassurban Consulting Inc

Partner: BC Housing

This publication presents a holistic, inclusive and implementation-centered approach to planning and designing child-friendly communities. Child and family-friendly communities acknowledge that an environment which addresses the needs of children – who have limited independent mobility, experience, and autonomy – is one that is friendlier and more inclusive to people of all ages and abilities. To plan our cities in a way that enables all residents to be co-authors of their own communities is key to a sustainable and inclusive future.



The jury was very excited to see such a comprehensive and well-conceived study. Applicable to today's interests in planning areas, there are many tools that can be used by planners and community champions to try to advocate for better child planning in their communities. In addition, the proformas were very helpful in demonstrating impacts of development scenarios. Relevant, well-researched and well-written, it is a great tool for planners with toolkits that are transferable to jurisdictions outside of planning.



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STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

2021 Annual Student Fellowship Award Winners

Author: Myfannwy Pope
Simon Fraser University, School
of Resource & Environmental
Management

Presentation: Indigenous Housing
Governance: Lessons from a First
Nation's Housing Needs Assessment
Off-Reserve

SFU researchers in partnership with Metlakatla Stewardship Society performed a housing needs assessment to support Metlakatla First Nation's Cumulative Effects Management (CEM) Program. Pope demonstrates how data collection for housing need can be embedded in a community governance framework with specific focus on the process involved in tailoring the report to community goals. The Metlakatla CEM Program is a resource management system for monitoring the status of priority Metlakatla values and proactively responding to cumulative change in Metlakatla Traditional Territory over time. This process highlighted important considerations for developing and using a housing needs assessment to address needs where no formal mandate is recognized.

Author: Sarah Foulkes
Vancouver Island University, Master of
Community Planning program

Presentation: Planning for
Sustainable Seaweed Aquaculture on
Vancouver Island

Maintaining and "growing" localized food sources is evolving as one of the wicked planning issues of the 21st century but there is a food production method which may offer some hope along BC's Pacific Coast. Foulkes takes a deep dive into the issues surrounding seaweed aquaculture, from the potential seaweed aquaculture has to address food insecurity, the impacts the practice has on local economies in coastal communities, and the factors planners should consider when determining regulations around this growing industry.

Author: Dawn Smith
University of British Columbia, School
of Community & Regional Planning

Presentation: Implementing UNDRIP
to Support First Nations-led Planning

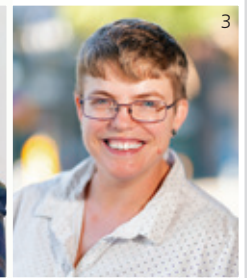
Across BC, local governments, provincial agencies and planners are discussing how the new UNDRIP legalization can and should change our programs, policies and plans. While many want to support First Nations led planning, clarity about what actions to take and what skills to develop is needed. Smith discusses what UNDRIP is, how UNDRIP relates to planning and what skills planners need to undertake work to align with UNDRIP. Smith offers a tangible example of how housing policy can incorporate UNDRIP principles.



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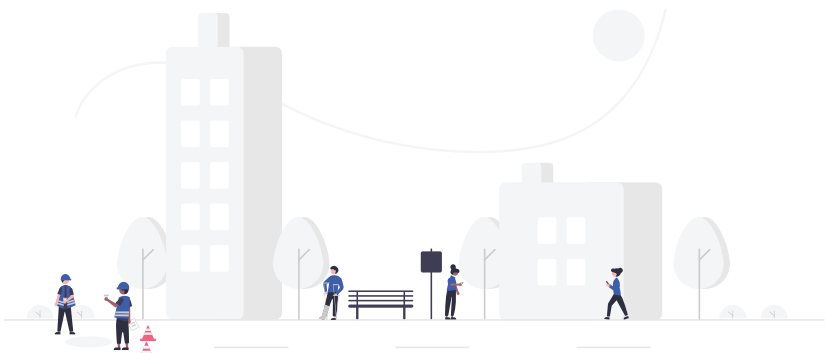
1 Myfannwy Pope 2 Sarah Foulkes 3 Dawn Smith

Students awarded this year presented their projects online during the PIBC 2021 virtual annual conference. Their presentations – *Post-Conference Session 01: Research & New Directions from Tomorrow's Planners* – are available on PIBC's YouTube channel.

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Planning Creativity in Challenging Times: A Window on SCARP at UBC

/ Chelsea Krahn
and Michael Hooper RPP, MCIP

This article marks the first in a series of brief insights on ideas emerging from British Columbia's planning schools – the University of British Columbia (UBC), Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Island University and the University of Northern BC. Over the coming year, each university's faculty and student liaisons to PIBC will provide a window into some ideas and intellectual currents emerging from their program.

In this update from UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP), we wanted to highlight a few of the intellectual and professional contributions faculty and students have made over recent months. These provide just a glimpse of the range of the school's work, and touch on some of the most pressing planning issues facing the province, country and planet.

Exciting Faculty Additions

One recent change in SCARP is the addition of three new faculty members, some of whose contributions will be showcased here. The new faculty members are Julia Harten, a PhD graduate from the University of Southern California (USC), James Connolly, previously Co-Director of the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability, and Michael Hooper, previously Associate Professor of Urban Planning at Harvard.

All three will expand the school's already diverse research and teaching.

Intellectual Creativity

Responding to the global housing crisis, new faculty member Julia Harten's research focuses on understanding how people navigate precarious shelter situations. She has received accolades for her research on shared rental housing in China, including the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning's Polenske Award. Her winning paper – "Housing single women: Gender in China's shared rental housing market" – examines how women navigate economic opportunity and shelter insecurity in an extreme form of housing – bed space rentals.¹

In China and elsewhere, house and room sharing are increasingly common, with up to 50 people sharing a four-bedroom apartment (Figure 1). Julia's research combined web-scraped online data with fieldwork in Shanghai. The paper finds that, as they trade personal space for access to employment opportunities, women face gendered challenges – from landlords' preference for young male tenants to a need for women to pay considerably higher rents for safer and less crowded housing. Needless to say, Julia's research is relevant to many other contexts facing the global housing crisis, including BC.

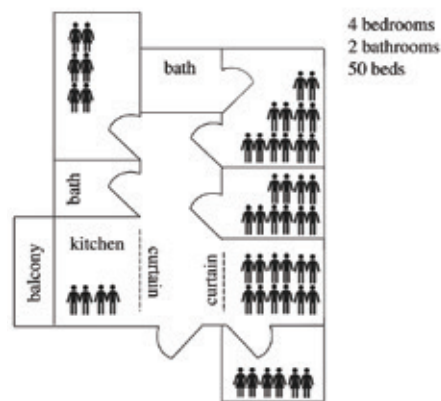


Figure 1

Other faculty have also published papers over the past year which respond to some of planning's biggest challenges. Faculty member Martino Tran collaborated

with colleagues from UBC's School of Population and Public Health (including lead author J. Yu, and M. Brauer). Their paper uses mixed methods to identify BC populations that are vulnerable to climate change-related health hazards (Figure 2).² By developing indicators – including an index that can be used to map vulnerability to extreme heat, flooding, wildfire smoke and ground-level ozone – the research gives planners and communities information to better respond to climate-related health risks.

Another of the school's recent intellectual outputs is research published by faculty member James Connolly entitled "Three histories of greening and whiteness in American cities." This paper examines the relationship between greening – including creation of new parks, greenways, community gardens, recreation areas and nature preserves – and race/ethnicity across nine US cities. It finds that cities with declining growth had racialized neighbourhoods with uniformly low levels of greening. Connolly argues that understanding this association between greening and race/ethnicity is essential for developing race-conscious planning models to enhance urban ecosystems.

Connolly's interest in urban equity is shared by faculty member Maggie Low, who joined the school in 2019. Maggie, who serves as Co-Chair of the Indigenous Community Planning (ICP) concentration, is a team member on a new project called "Transforming Cities from Within." This project works with social innovators in Canadian municipalities to envision new ways of tackling pressing issues of climate change, equity and decolonization.

In this challenging year, SCARP students have also made strong intellectual and professional contributions. As part of the ICP Practicum, the *sísqe?* (Siska Indian Band) partnered with students Alexa McPhee and Tecla Van Bussel to support the *sísqe? cúkwukw pi?éłcítw qwámest* (Siska Comprehensive Community Plan [CCP]). The partnership focused on relationship building and knowledge sharing, including creation of an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap showcasing *sísqe?* history from time immemorial to the present. They also partnered on development of monitoring and reporting

tools to support implementation of the sísqe? CCP.

Among other excellent student projects, in SCARP's studio course, students Elsabe Fourie, Yette Gram and Sarah Marshall worked with West Coast Environmental Law on a project titled "Exploring Urban Rights for Nature: Possibility, Praxis, Pathways." The project reimagines how planning processes in Vancouver could place the intrinsic value of nature at the heart of decision making.

In another studio project, "A Way Forward: A 5-year Plan - Youth for BC Climate Solutions Network," students Yasaman Mohaddes, Helen Garbiec and Lihwen Hsu worked with the Fraser Basin Council to conceptualize a program to engage BC youth on climate change issues. Recognizing that youth are seldom included in climate policy decisions, the project used an equity lens and was created with youth participation.

Despite the many challenges posed by the pandemic, SCARP students, faculty, and staff have been busy over past months and the school has been a hub for intellectual and professional creativity. We invite you to read more about the projects mentioned in this article on the SCARP

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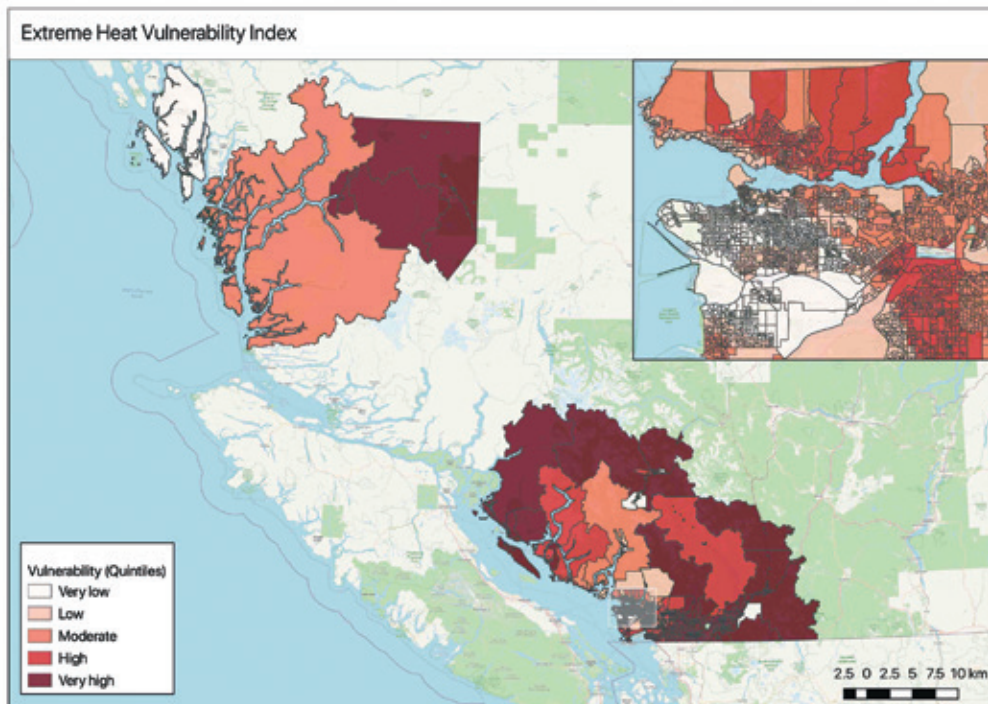


Figure 2

website, with links to each project and where you can also read about the wider work of the school (www.scarp.ubc.ca).

Chelsea Krahn is a second year in UBC'S Master of Community and Regional Planning program and SCARP's student liaison to PIBC.

Michael Hooper is an Associate Professor in SCARP. Michael is the SCARP faculty liaison to PIBC.

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Metro 2050: Planning for the Future in the midst of a Pandemic

/ Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP, and Erin Rennie RPP, MCIP,

In 2019 Metro Vancouver began a process to update *Metro 2040* the regional growth strategy (RGS). When the pandemic struck, staff paused to reconsider how this global event might impact both the process and the outcome of long range regional planning.

Metro Vancouver is the province's most populous region, with 53% of British Columbians calling the area home. Over the next thirty years, Metro Vancouver is expected to increase by another million residents (to 3.8 million people), 500,000 new households, and almost 500,000 new jobs. The rapid pace of growth and its impacts and opportunities mean thoughtful and collaborative long range planning is imperative. *Metro 2050*, Metro Vancouver's updated RGS, is intended to guide that growth in a way that supports livability, sustainability, and prosperity for all over the next 30 years.

How can we plan at a time like this?

Even before the pandemic, long-term growth planning was being tested by trends such as the increasing pace of technological innovation and climate change. Throw in a global pandemic, with rapidly-evolving public health directives, shifting personal behaviours, and uncertain long-term impacts, the future looked even murkier.

Some stakeholders asked how we can possibly prepare a 30-year RGS amidst so much uncertainty. How could we feel confident in our growth projections when pandemic impacts may be dramatic and long-lasting? With many differing opinions being shared on this, you are likely asking yourselves the same questions we were:

- Will there be a mass urban exodus as people seek larger suburban or rural homes where they can work from

home? If so, do we need to continue densifying cities?

- Will transit ridership recover? If not, do we need to continue planning for transit service expansion?
- Will demand for urban office and retail space recover? If not, do we need to continue directing office and commercial growth to centres and corridors?

While the pandemic has brought these concerns into focus, most of these changes are actually the result of ongoing technological and societal trends that have simply been magnified and accelerated by the pandemic.

Sprawl, growing commute sheds, telework and new mobility, and shifts in demand for commercial space are not new trends, and they will continue to evolve and surprise us years after the pandemic is over.





In the face of uncertainty, we have chosen to focus on the core regional planning principles that have served this region well for many years, such as growth in centres and transit corridors, and providing housing and transportation choices.

Nevertheless, this pandemic has things to teach us. As planners we know that planning and public health are interconnected. History has shown us that within most public health crises are lessons about planning for healthier human settlements. Some of the lessons for region-building emerging from this pandemic include:

- Social inequality contributes to the vulnerability of the region as a whole. Consider how different forms of social inequality - like employers that didn't provide access to sick days - contributed to the spread of the virus.
- Providing transportation choices supports our climate change and social equity goals. Consider how communities with good walkability and cycling connections helped to support safe mobility during the pandemic.
- Providing affordable housing choices benefits of all communities and supports resilience. Consider how residents with secure and affordable housing tend to have stronger social connections and the ability to call on a neighbour for help in a crisis.
- It's possible to make traffic improvements and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions when transportation demand is managed. Consider how traffic and GHG emissions in Metro Vancouver dropped significantly in the early months of the pandemic.

In 2020, Metro Vancouver undertook a number of special studies to support a better understanding of some of these emerging issues and how they could be integrated into *Metro 2050*. These included

a study of resilience, a study of social equity and regional planning, and a project to model the greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed to achieve a carbon neutral region by the year 2050. This research helped to inform the following key themes in *Metro 2050*:

- **Climate Change** – Actions to reduce GHG emissions have been integrated throughout the strategy, and many policy tools - such as the Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and Urban Containment Boundary - also have climate change benefits. New GHG monitoring actions are being introduced to clarify how the region will meet the regional target of carbon neutrality by 2050. The new Major Transit Growth Corridor map was also informed by the carbon neutral region modelling study.
- **Resilience** – In recognition of the multiple natural hazards and climate change impacts the region is exposed to, *Metro 2050* emphasizes prevention and adaptation by encouraging local flood hazard policies, discouraging new development in known hazard areas, and the need to prepare a regional multi-hazard risk assessment and map. These and other new resilience strategies were informed by research into resilience best practices, done in partnership with TransLink.
- **Social Equity** – *Metro 2050* policies supporting greater social equity in the region include actions related to housing affordability, tenant protection, the expansion of green infrastructure, the provision of child care, climate change resilience, expansion of tree canopy cover, and the development of complete communities. Metro Vancouver's recent research to identify opportunities to enhance social equity in the region through regional planning helped to inform these policies. In particular, housing affordability and security of

tenure were identified as priority social equity concerns in this region and so the policy content related to housing has been expanded in *Metro 2050*.

Developing *Metro 2050* during the pandemic created an opportunity to re-confirm the validity of our core regional planning principles while addressing some of the region's structural vulnerabilities. It's our hope that the pandemic helps garner public support for a regional response to social equity, climate change, housing affordability, and resilience – all which will benefit present and future generations.

Metro 2050: A shared vision for a better tomorrow

While *Metro 2050* is a 30-year plan, it is meant to evolve over time through regular reviews and amendments. If the pandemic does 'change everything' we will be watching and ready to recalibrate as necessary over the coming years.

Metro 2050 is a bold and optimistic vision of a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable region. It protects what we value and builds on the strategies that have worked well. At the same time, it is innovating and responding to the need for action on key issues like housing affordability and climate change. Most importantly, it is a shared vision reflecting the diverse voices and communities that make up the vibrant and growing Metro Vancouver region.

Open for Comment

A draft version of *Metro 2050* is available for comment between July and November 2021. Learn more at www.metrovancouver.org/metro2050

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Gerard F. Farry

PIBC Life Member

October 16, 1928 - January 15, 2021

by David Baxter RPP, MCIP



Life Member Gerard Farry at PIBC's World Town Planning Day gala, November 2014.

I was privileged to have had Gerard Farry as a colleague and a friend for almost all of my adult life. I hope this is appropriate as an introduction to this remarkable person for those who did not know him, and as a tribute to those who did.

In the professional context, his accomplishments speak loudly: during his half century of service to communities in British Columbia and Canada, Gerard was at the foundation and the forefront of the practice and profession of planning.

He was in the first graduating class from the School of Community & Regional Planning at UBC (SCARP), then worked at the first planning departments for both the City of Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) – now Metro Vancouver. He was one of the first members of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC), and played a fundamental role in the establishment of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).

He led the research on and implementation of the Livable Region strategy; guided the practice of regional growth management and regional transit planning for the GVRD; and kept regional planning alive (albeit in closeted form) from 1984 to 1988 after the BC provincial government of the time removed it from regional districts' functions. Gerard led the development of the region's transportation modelling, the establishment of planning for LRT lines, and the adoption of region wide 9-1-1.

In 1988, after 35 years of employment in the public sector, Gerard moved to the advisory and consulting sector. He shared counsel and wisdom with communities on land use and transportation planning projects for almost a decade.

These examples merely suggest the vast scope of his many professional contributions, which were acknowledged by PIBC in 2014, when he became its first 'Life Member' honouree. To know Gerard it is necessary to go beyond a (long) list of accomplishments, and talk about the person who did so much. Gerard lived, deeply and fully, with respect, honesty, grace, nobility, and faith.

Decades before diversity and inclusivity in the workplace became important, Gerard made it happen by putting together teams built on mutual respect. His teams included folks who wrote novels and folks who wrote code; whose heritages were deep in the region, in Canada and in the world; people of orientations both known and just being explored; and of appearances and temperaments richly diverse – people working together with the shared goal of the common good in a livable region.

Gerard respected people and their differing opinions, and enjoyed learning about them. What really got him excited were ideas, and especially evidence-backed ideas. He was interested in what people believed, but as deeply interested in what they knew; in analysis and exploration, particularly factual exploration.

After hours of frustrating meetings and presentations that were often derailed by politics, when some of us were angry and exhausted, Gerard calmed and grounded us with his wisdom and his dignity, his wit and his humour, his patience and his thoughtfulness – ensuring that we all stayed focused on our purpose, while he dealt with the problems. On at least one occasion, he restrained me from committing what I still think would have been justifiable mayhem.

For a person who could be loud, volume-wise, Gerard was a deeply calm person – there was no need for talk when with him, one could just be still; but when the conversation began, it was rich, nuanced, honest and enlightening.

He was deeply and affectionately proud of his family – of Elizabeth, his partner and wife for 64 years; of his children, David, Andrew and Patricia whose accomplishments he celebrated, and whose lives he celebrated constantly; of his grandkids, Angela, Julia, and Ben, whose ventures and adventures made him proud, and

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whose very being brought him joy; and of his extended family of relatives, colleagues and friends, with whom he shared his warmth and generosity.

Gerard's faith was acceptance, but not simple acceptance: while he was deeply committed to his church, attending mass every week, he was as committed to exploring the questions of faith, unorthodox in his orthodoxy. His priest was his confessor, but also his conversant and his friend, and the principles of his faith - humility, compassion, trust, honesty - guided his every step.

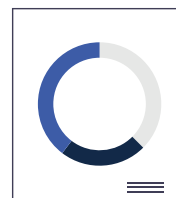
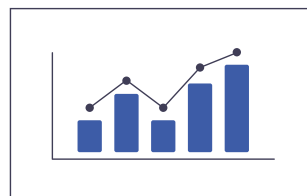
While perhaps this is more personal than professional, it is necessary to know the kind of person Gerard was in order to understand the kind of professional he was. Although I am vastly different from him (except perhaps for a fondness for charts), I learned much from him, about life and how to conduct oneself in life. I miss him as a friend and as a guide, and will always.

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PIBC BOARD NOTES

On **March 12th, 2021** the PIBC Board of Directors met by online videoconference.

While the meeting was held remotely, it was acknowledged that we are able to live, work, and learn on the traditional territories of the First Nations and Indigenous peoples of BC and Yukon.

PRESIDENT

Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities, including work with the Governance & Nominating Committee – including Board nominations; participation in recent CIP-coordinated diversity & inclusion training, updates on professional planning regulation and legislation in Atlantic Canada, and work on helping to organize the 2021 Annual Conference.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE

The Board reviewed and discussed progress on various goals and tasks from the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan. A number of ongoing initiatives and tasks were reviewed and discussed.

Various committee chairs and liaisons also provided brief updates on the work of their respective committees, including from the Member Engagement Committee, the Professional Standards & Certification Committee, the Policy & Public Affairs Committee, and the Continuous Professional Learning Committee.

The Board also confirmed scheduling an additional Board meeting in April to review the 2020 auditor's report and draft financial statements.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Executive Director, Dave Crossley, reported on ongoing and key projects, initiatives and the activities at the PIBC office. This included work on the 2021 annual conference, work supporting the completion of the 2020 financial audit, and work with the Professional Conduct Review Committee, among other activities.

MEMBERS PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

Executive Director, Dave Crossley, reported on preparations for the 2021 annual conference, North of Normal, hosted by the Yukon Chapter from Whitehorse. It was noted that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions, the conference will be held primarily online, with certain elements and activities live from Whitehorse.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

The Board reviewed and endorsed proposed revisions to sections of the national Membership Policy Standards Manual finalized by the national Professional Standards Committee (PSC).

David Block RPP, MCIP also provided a brief update on the continuing work of the PSC to review and update the profession's competency standards.

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.

Governance & Nominating Committee:

The Governance & Nominating Committee reported, for information, the nominees put forward to the Secretary-Treasurer for the upcoming Board elections. It was noted that online voting would commence in the coming weeks.

Member Engagement: The Board reviewed the report from the Committee and approved the proposal to establish a Student Internship Program Committee, including approval of the new Committee's terms of reference. The Committee will be responsible for implementing a new student internship program for student members over the coming year.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

South Coast: The Chapter's 2020 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2021 annual seed funding.

Okanagan Interior: The Chapter's 2020 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2021 annual seed funding.

Sunshine Coast: The Chapter's 2020 annual report was reviewed. The Board approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2021 annual seed funding.

INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS & BUSINESS

Student Member Representatives: The Student member representatives from the accredited university planning programs at UNBC, VIU and SFU provided brief updates regarding activities at their respective schools and programs.

NEXT MEETING(S)

It was noted that the next Board meeting would be a special meeting held on Friday, April 30th, 2021, by online videoconference, and that the next regular Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 by online videoconference, prior to the start of the online 2021 Annual Conference.

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PRESIDENT

Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities, including sponsorship work for the upcoming online 2021 Annual Conference, ongoing work with the Institute's Indigenous Planning Working Group, liaison nationally with the Professional Standards Committee regarding its future workplan, and work with CIP.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE

Various committee chairs and liaisons also provided brief updates on the work of their respective committees, including from the Member Engagement Committee, the Policy & Public Affairs Committee, the Professional Conduct Review Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, and the Governance & Nominating Committee.

The Board also formally confirmed scheduling the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Friday, June 18th, 2021.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

The Institute's final 2020 audited financial statements and auditor's report from the auditing firm of Tompkins Wozny CPA were reviewed and approved. The audited statements will be presented at the upcoming 2021 Annual General Meeting. The Institute's internal, unaudited 2021 year-to-date financial statements (to Mar. 31st 2021) were also reviewed and received for information.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed draft 2022 workplan prepared by the national Professional Standards Committee (PSC). Addi-

tionally, Patricia Maloney RPP, FCIP provided a brief update on the work of the national Professional Standards Board (PSB) Professional Education & Examination Committee (PEEC).

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.

Policy & Public Affairs – Indigenous Planning Working Group: The Board reviewed and discussed an update report from the Indigenous Planning Working Group, endorsing the group's approach, proposed direction, and activities, and confirming the group's lead role representing the Institute in matters of truth and reconciliation.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

Sunshine Coast: The Chapter provided a brief update on the Chapter's activities and upcoming plans.

INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS & BUSINESS

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NEXT MEETING(S)

It was noted that the next regular Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021, by online videoconference, prior to the start of the online 2021 Annual Conference, and that the Annual General Meeting would be held online on Friday, June 18th, 2021.

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES

The Institute's 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on **Friday June 18th, 2021**, by online videoconference.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

President Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP presided over the AGM and welcomed members and guests attending. It was noted that voting for

the Board elections had now closed. The process for the online proceedings, including electronic voting, was reviewed.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Volunteer scrutineers were appointed to assist and observe the compilation and reporting of the Board election results.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETINGS

Copies of the Institute's 2020 Annual Report, including the minutes from the November 6th, 2020, AGM, held by online videoconference, were distributed digitally and are available on the Institute's website. The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved as presented.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD & COMMITTEES

President Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP presented highlights from the 2020 Annual Report on behalf of the PIBC Board of Directors and the Institute's various committees. The Annual Report, including the audited Financial Statements, is available on the Institute's website. Key sections of the report included:

- The President's Report
- The Executive Director's Report
- The Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- The Professional Standards & Certification Report
- The Professional Conduct Review Report
- The Governance & Nominating Report
- The Policy & Public Affairs Report
- The Member Engagement Report
- The Continuous Professional Learning Report
- The Communications Report
- The Awards & Recognition Report
- The Local Chapters Report
- The National Affairs Report
- Committees & Volunteers – Thank You
- 2019 Audited Financial Statements

2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Secretary-Treasurer Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP presented the audited Financial Statements for the 2020 fiscal year. A copy is also available as part of the Annual Report. It was noted that while the Institute's finances, in terms of both revenues and expenditures, were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute maintained an overall healthy financial position with a net surplus earned in 2020.

The Institute's auditors – Tompkins Wozny LLP, Chartered Professional Accounts – were reappointed as auditors for the current (2021) fiscal year.

REPORT OF BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

President Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP reported the results of the Board elections. It was reported that the following members had been elected to the PIBC Board of Directors for the 2021 – 2023 term:

President-Elect: Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP

Certified Members: Sawngjai (Dear) Bhokanandh RPP, MCIP; Lui Carvello RPP, MCIP; Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP; Patricia Maloney RPP, FCIP; Sara Muir-Owen RPP, MCIP; Angel Ransom RPP, MCIP; Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP; Andrew Yan RPP, MCIP; and

Candidate Member Representative: Marjan Navab-Tehrani

It was also noted that incoming President David Block RPP, MCIP assumed office automatically for the 2021 – 2023 term. Additionally, the immediate past President, and Student member representatives from each of the four accredited university planning programs in BC and Yukon participate at the Board as non-voting guests.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lesley Cabott RPP, MCIP thanked outgoing members of the Board and those that stood for election, as well as the many members who volunteered on behalf of the Institute over the past year and thanked everyone for attending the online AGM.

Incoming President David Block RPP, MCIP also thanked members and welcomed the new Board. It was noted that the next annual conference would be held jointly with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) in Whistler in 2022. The meeting adjourned.

FOR REFERENCE: 2020 ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the complete 2020 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements are available online at: www.pibc.bc.ca/official-documents

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 12, 2021

Welcome New Members!

Congratulations and welcome to all the new PIBC Members!

At its meeting of March 12, 2021, 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:

Louisa Garbo
(Transfer from MPPI)
Connor Smith
(Joint with APPI)

CANDIDATE:

Kimberly Brunet
Zachari Giacomazzo
(Transfer from OPPI)
Krysten Hogan
Nikita Kheterpal
Alex Rowley
Benjamin Daly
Jessica Stuart

RETIRED:

Gary Noble

PRE-CANDIDATE:

Jessica Ball
Chris Dudley
Jacob Woeller
Richenda Woods

STUDENT:

Fadi Azamtah
(Waterloo –
Joint with OPPI)
William Canero (UBC)
Lauren Malo (UBC)
Nur Azlan Shah Nur
Saidy (UBC)
Courtney Stover (UBC)
Katherine Turriff (UBC)

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:

Laura Beveridge
Deborah Herbert
Jennifer Meurer

FROM CANDIDATE TO MEMBER ON LEAVE:

Sherry Adjenim-Boateng
Graeme Buffett

FROM MEMBER ON LEAVE TO CERTIFIED:

Teresa Mahikwa
Jim Rule

RESIGNED:

Nadia Carvalho
Peter Clark
Theresa Harding
Sean Lee
Annie Mauboules
Larry Orr
Steve Shannon
Heather Shedden
Anna Sokolowski
Simon Tremblay
Robert White
Morganne Williams
Peter Williams

April 30, 2021

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CERTIFIED:

Scott Bagg
Rhiannon Barbour
Mark Barsevskis
Patrick Bell
Jocelyn Black
Samantha Bohmert
Tara Lynne Clapp
Bethany Dobson
Bradley Dollevoet
Andreanne Doyon
Jessie Gresley-Jones
Lia Gudaitis
Devon Harlos
Shannon Jamison
Arlene Janousek
Sara Jellicoe
Jingsi Jin
Susan Lightfoot
Peter Lipscombe
Andrew Macaulay
Scott Mackie
(Joint with APPI)
Anur Mehdic
Robin Millis
(Reinstate)
Lucas Ozols-Mongeau
Joanna Patton
(Joint with APPI)
Jamieson Pritchard
David Sametz
Hsuan-Ju (Rosa) Shih
Lainy Stevenson
Geoffrey Sugar

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:

Jacqueline Arling

FROM MEMBER ON LEAVE TO CERTIFIED:

Lisa Krebs
Nicole Ronalds

Aaron Thibeault

Jason (Tuan) Tran
(Transfer from APPI)
Elliott Turnbull
Blair Underhill
Lillian Wilson
Dayna Wlasoff
Frances Woo

CANDIDATE:

Michael Angrove
Matthew Blakely
Ruby Carrico
Tyler Caswell
Adam Cseke
Ian Dunlop
Sarah Freigang
Angela Jarvis
Iain Marjoribanks
Mark McNaughton

RETIRED:

Raymond Young

PRE-CANDIDATE:

Marla Bondar
Robert Lee Ordelheide

STUDENT:

Jaeten Gosal (Queens)
Patrik Hunter (UNBC)
Fiona Ko (UBC)
Chelsea Krahn (UBC)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

SAVE THE DATES!

Fall 2021 CPL Webinars

We are working hard to bring you a timely, informative and exciting selection of webinars this Fall!

Save these dates for the PIBC Fall 2021 Webinar Series:

The Future of Employment: Where Will We Work?

September 29

Join us as we explore what the future might look like for transportation, institutions, corporations and downtowns.

The Zero-Net City: What Is It and How Can We Achieve It?

October 27

The world can reach net-zero by 2050 but it will require some huge changes. Find out what we are already doing and what more needs to be done.

Revisiting Affordable Housing in British Columbia

November 24

Catch up on programs and policies, case studies and new innovations.

Provincial Planning Outlook 2022

January 26, 2022

Join us for a succinct overview of the vital information that real estate and planning professionals need "to get the job done". Start the year off right with the economic, demographic, housing and industrial/commercial market information that will help you formulate a strategic planning perspective for 2022.

For current webinar information, registration, and the latest details on other CPL webinar offerings, please visit www.pibc.bc.ca/pibc-webinars.

INTRODUCING THE NEW PIBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2021-2023

PIBC held its bi-annual elections in conjunction with the 2021 Annual General Meeting on June 18, 2021, and is pleased to introduce the new 2021-2023 Board:

President



David Block RPP, MCIP

President-Elect



Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP

Members



Sawngjai (Dear) Bhokanandh
RPP, MCIP



Lui Carvello RPP, MCIP



Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP



Patricia Maloney RPP, FCIP



Sara Muir-Owen RPP, MCIP



Angel Ransom RPP, MCIP



Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP



Andrew Yan RPP, MCIP

Candidate Member Representative



Marjan Navab-Tehrani

There is also non-voting guest participation at the Board by the immediate past President, **Lesley Cabott** RPP, MCIP and representatives of the Institute's Student Members from the four accredited university planning programs in BC and Yukon: **Chelsea Krahn** (UBC), **Santana Patten** (UNBC), **Deanna Cummings** (SFU), and **Sadie Chezenko** (VIU).

For more information about the PIBC Board of Directors visit <https://www.pibc.bc.ca/pibc-board>



Kwanlin / Miles Canyon Whitehorse, Yukon

In lieu of being able to travel in person to Yukon for the PIBC 2021 Annual Conference: North of Normal, our Worldview will take us to one of the most beautiful places in Whitehorse – Kwanlin / Miles Canyon.

Although Yukon is known for its cold climate, millions of years ago basaltic lava spread over the landscape and the location of what is now downtown Whitehorse before its current glaciated state. Kwanlin / Miles Canyon, the majestic cliff that stands hovering over the “fast-moving ribbon of turquoise” known as the Yukon River, is one of the most beautiful landmarks for both locals and visitors.

Named after an American military general in 1883, Miles Canyon has had many names. First Nations who used nearby Canyon City as a fishing camp call it Kwanlin for “running water through canyon.” During the Gold Rush in the late 19th century, prospectors used it as the main thoroughfare when travelling North.

In the summer, many take self-guided hikes through the extensive trail network or join interpretive hikes offered by the Yukon Conservation Society. *Created at the Canyon*, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this July, is an interactive event inspired by the Canyon’s natural surroundings, and features artists creating original art and music onsite during the special weekend.

Looking ahead to when we can travel to Yukon in person, we can add Kwanlin / Miles Canyon to our list of “must visit” places for a future PIBC Annual Conference or any visit to Whitehorse.

Learn more the Canyon through the Yukon Conservation Society <http://yukonconservation.org> and Travel Yukon <https://www.travelyukon.com>.



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