

## B.C. Affordable Market Housing Webinar Series Fall 2014

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Join us for our second series of webinars focused on affordable market housing options for your community. This online forum offers an opportunity to learn from your peers, share ideas and practices, and support housing affordability where you live. The webinars are free and open to everyone.

### 2014 Fall Webinar Dates and Topics

#### **Webinar #1: Growth Pressures: Housing Needs in Communities Experiencing Industrial Growth**

Thursday October 2, 2014 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

After a decade or more of decline, some B.C. communities are preparing for a reversal of fortune as large industries explore options for development. Development, however, can pressure the local housing stock and affordability. So what is the response? Hear from a local government and a major industry player how housing challenges are being met in the District of Kitimat in northwest B.C.

##### Speakers

Gwendolyn Sewell, Director of Community Planning and Development, District of Kitimat  
Elliott Smith, Real Estate Development and Delivery Manager, LNG Canada

#### **Webinar #2: Rental Renaissance: How to Support a Flourishing Rental Housing Sector in Your Community**

Thursday October 30, 2014 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

The lack of purpose-built, affordable rental housing is a growing concern in many communities. A recent study found there's a shortage of such housing now, and the situation will worsen without concerted action soon. Hear how the City of New Westminster has responded to this challenge through its Secured Market Rental Housing Policy. As well, we'll hear from a developer about the opportunities and obstacles when working to build new rental housing in B.C.

##### Speakers

Bev Grieve, Director of Development Services, City of New Westminster  
Jon Stovell, President, Reliance Properties Ltd.

#### **Webinar #3: When the Going is Tough: Ideas for Finding Neighbourhood Support for Affordable Market Housing and Densification**

Thursday November 27, 2014 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Communities that face growing populations and dwindling land supplies are turning to higher densities and multi-unit developments to make housing more affordable. But this is often met with resistance and even hostility from neighbours. How does a community respond? Hear how an innovative online tool called PlaceSpeak offers new options for building trust and transparency in the public consultation process, and how a developer works to balance the creation of more housing with respect for community concerns.

**Speakers**

Colleen Hardwick, Founder and CEO, PlaceSpeak

Gary Pooni, President, Brook Pooni Associates

**PIBC Learning Units**

Each webinar is eligible for 1.5 PIBC Learning Units from the Planning Institute of British Columbia.

**Registration and More Information**

- There is no cost to participate but registration is required. Registration is done [online](#) and will open about three weeks prior to each webinar (please see <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=6FACA5E41D254F2FA6A1FCBC004DE97A>).
- For more information, please contact [dale.anderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dale.anderson@gov.bc.ca).

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