

# PIBC South Coast Chapter

## Perspectives on Laneway Homes: Getting them approved and built



The PIBC South Coast Chapter is pleased to host a panel discussion on laneway homes. We all know that laneway homes are a great addition to any city – they are a way to add density without disturbing established neighbourhood character and fill a niche in the “missing middle”. Vancouver is a North American leader in laneway homes, but how does a municipality go about encouraging them? How do they develop policy, zoning, design guidelines and a processes that makes them easier to build? And is everything about them great, or are there challenges that we haven’t solved yet?

This panel discussion will provide perspectives from a municipal planner, laneway home developer and local laneway homeowner.

**Learn how to encourage laneway homes in your municipality!**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Meeting Room 1  
YWCA Metro Vancouver  
535 Hornby Street  
Vancouver, BC V6C 2E8

CPD Learning Units: 2  
Cost (including GST): Members \$20, Non-Members \$25

### Panelists:

- **Michael Epp** is Director of Planning for the City of North Vancouver – Michael is a land use and community planner whose work has ranged from neighbourhood planning and visioning projects in New York City neighbourhoods, to managing the planning department in Gibsons, BC to his current role as Director of Planning for the City of North Vancouver. The current focus of Michael's work is ensuring that transportation and development are coordinated as the City plans for growth and works to create new housing opportunities for families, seniors and renters.
- **Jake Fry** is Founder and Principal of Smallworks – Jake started Smallworks in late 2005 and became a strong advocate for the introduction of laneway housing. He established Smallworks Studios and Laneway Housing Inc. and worked with the City of Vancouver and other municipalities to help develop zoning by-laws based on his experience and interaction with literally hundreds of potential small home clients. Jake not only wanted to build small, but to build sustainable.
- **Michi Miserre** – Professionals, Michi and her husband, decided a few years ago to add a laneway home to their property as a mortgage helper and to add to their retirement plan. The home is located in the Douglas Park, in South Cambie area of Vancouver. They have found it a beneficial experience that Michi will share with you.