

# Agriculture and Food Security: Enabling the Planning Practitioner

PIBC South Coast Chapter will be exploring the challenges and opportunities facing planners and local decision makers working with the agriculture sector and facilitating food security in their communities.

Throughout BC, people and agriculture have converged, often experiencing land use conflict or concerns between farm & non-farm uses. However, the proximity (and diversity!) of BC agriculture and communities also provides opportunities for education about agriculture & food, increased community access to local foods, and growing markets for farm products.

In addition, the potential impacts of climate change to the agriculture sector are of growing concern - requiring new tools and resources to help support producers with adaptation. Mitigating these climate change impacts and building resilience requires collaboration and partnerships at all levels. The role of local governments in considering agriculture in land use decisions and policy is of increasing importance.

Through a series of short presentations offering a range of perspectives on agriculture and food security, session attendees will build their awareness and insights as to how planning practitioners can work more effectively with the agriculture sector and promote food security within their communities and professional practice.

<b>WHEN:</b> June 16th 2016 6:30pm – 8:45pm <i>Networking at 6:30pm!</i>	<b>WHERE:</b> Vancouver Public Library 350 W Georgia St. Vancouver, BC	<b>COST:</b> PIBC Members \$20 Non-Members \$25 Students \$15 <i>Prices include GST.</i>	<b>CPD:</b> Learning Units: 2.5
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**TONY PELLET**  
**REGIONAL PLANNER**  
AGRICULTURE LAND  
COMMISSION

Tony has worked with the Agriculture Land Commission for over 26 years. His principal responsibilities includes planning for agriculture in the South Coast Panel Region, including Squamish-Lillooet Electoral Areas C and D, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Fraser Valley Regional District, Metro Vancouver, the City of Vancouver and those South Coast municipalities and treaty First Nations having ALR land within their boundaries.



**CARLA STEWART**  
**SENIOR POLICY  
PLANNER**  
CITY OF SURREY

Carla has close to 20 years of planning experience with the City of Surrey, City of Brampton and City of Kamloops and recently completed a two-year term as instructor for Langara's Applied Planning Program. Carla specializes in policy development with a focus on Official Community Plans, sustainability and adaptation, agriculture, food policy and heritage planning. She received her education through UBC, U of Calgary and SFU.



**SAMANTHA CHARLTON**  
**PROGRAM COORDINATOR**  
BC AGRICULTURE & FOOD  
CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE

Samantha has been coordinating programs with the BC Agriculture & Food Climate Action Initiative since 2013. This has included working on 3 of the 6 Regional Adaptation Plans developed across the province as well as supporting implementation of dozens of farm-level and regional scale projects across BC. Samantha's previous decade of work was related to First Nations forestry co-management, and to urban agriculture/food security, two areas where she still holds a strong interest.



**JODI MUCHA**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
BC HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES SOCIETY

Jodi has a Masters in Environment and Management, over 20 years of community development experience working both at the local and international level. She also has a strong background in community-based research, social capital and public policy. She provides expertise in multi-sectoral collaboration and partnerships, systems thinking, the healthy communities approach and practical approaches to understanding the links between the determinants of health.

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