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The Student Internship Program Committee, working with Institute staff, is responsible for the oversight, coordination, direction, and implementation of the Institute's Student Internship Program. Board member Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP continued as Chair of the Committee in 2024.

PIBC-LED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

The Institute's Climate Action Sub-Committee engaged two student interns under the program (Namuun Bat-Urnult from UNBC and Brooke Clark from UBC) to support the Institute in achieving climate resilient operations. The interns were responsible for developing a baseline inventory of estimated greenhouse gas emissions for Institute operations, exploring tools for ongoing monitoring, researching best practices for, and making recommendations on potential actions to achieve carbon neutral operations. This year-long internship concludes in early 2025, and it is expected that, in addition to the final report and recommendations to the Climate Action Sub-Committee, an accompanying article will be drafted and published in a future issue *Planning West* to report on the project.

STUDENT-LED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH:

The Committee launched the call for student-led internship applications in July 2024. Of the proposals submitted to the Committee to review and consider, Isabel Espanol from UBC was selected for the project, "Food Accessibility in Burnaby". It is expected an article will be drafted and published in *Planning West* in 2025 to report out on the project.

The selected interns from the 2023 internship program cycle reported back on and summarized their work in the Summer 2024 issue of *Planning West*. The articles were entitled: "Evaluating Equity and Justice in Vancouver's Sea2City Design Challenge", by Tira Okamoto, and "Rural Challenges in Agricultural Policies in the Cariboo Region", by Matt Henderson.

COMMITTEE THANKS:

Thanks are extended to the professional, academic, and student members who volunteered and contributed their time and effort to this committee in 2024. Appreciation is also extended to staff for their support of the work of the Committee. Thank you.



PIBC STUDENT PLANNER SOCIAL EVENT FROM OCTOBER 2024.