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Abstract

While communities throughout British Columbia seek solutions for better sustainable community development, transportation improvements, housing affordability and cultural development, other countries around the world have developed innovative responses to these challenges. This PowerPoint presentation will showcase best case examples from large and small communities around the world, which could be transferable to BC. It will include transportation ideas from Australia, Brazil, Holland and Asia; housing ideas from Eastern Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the US; exemplary community development concepts from the Philippines, India, Brazil and Dubai, (yes Dubai); and ideas on how to create more cultural and creative places from Eastern Europe, Russia and South America. As we all become more global in our outlook, there is great benefit in learning from the experience of others around the world. This presentation will appeal to both those who may not have yet had the opportunity to travel the world, as well as those who have traveled extensively, but may not have noticed some of the ideas being offered.

Speaker Biography

Michael Geller FCIP is a Vancouver based architect, planner, real estate consultant and property developer with more than 35 years experience in the public, private and educational sectors. Over the years, he has been directly involved with a number of significant community developments including the South Shore of False Creek, Bayshore, and UniverCity, the sustainable community at Simon Fraser University. After 10 years with CMHC, Michael spent 18 years as a planner and developer in the private sector, following which he joined Simon Fraser University. He has worked in both large and small communities and understands the importance of developing solutions that are appropriate to a community setting. Michael has traveled extensively, including an around the world sabbatical in 2007. He is a popular speaker and lecturer and frequent contributor to various publications .