

Planning Podcasts

In this issue, we hear directly from BC’s Minister of Housing on the biggest housing challenges facing the province and his vision as the first Minister dedicated to housing. You can also tap into the friendly conversation between two friends, who are also American urban planners, discussing the Next Urbanism and what it takes to “urbanize the grid” in North America.

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A Conversation with British Columbia’s Minister of Housing, Honourable Ravi Kahlon

Run time 21:00

Podcast summary by Kali Holahan RPP, MCIP, PIBC Communications Committee Member

Let’s Talking Housing: A BC Housing Podcast

Host: Sara Goldvine, Vice-President of Communications and Public Affairs, BC Housing

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Podcast link*

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/bc-housing/episodes/S3E1---A-Conversation-with-British-Columbias-Minister-of-Housing--Hon--Ravi-Kahlon-e2a87mj>

Podcast Summary

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, shares his thoughts on the biggest housing challenges facing British Columbia and the efforts being made to address them. Sara also speaks to Minister Kahlon about what it means to be the first Minister dedicated to housing, his approach to leadership, and what he has learned in his first ten months in this role.

Why Planners Should Listen

This podcast offers great insights into the goals and drive of the Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. His love for sports and athletic competition has shaped his outlook and he gives credit to the opportunities he’s had in sports as a great influence on his leadership.

Minister Kahlon feels the urgency to get people houses as fast as possible, but he offers that patience is required to see success. He notes that seeing and hearing success stories offer hope and

shows that the Province is making progress. In order to balance concerns of communities and those that require housing now, Minister Kahlon brings a new perspective to the housing crisis and has identified the disproportionate effects of the housing crisis on Indigenous and racialized communities.

He also addresses the establishment of BC’s Office of the Human Rights Commissioner to help address inequality, discrimination, and injustice. Minister Kahlon talks about investing in First Nations’ housing on reserve, a federal jurisdiction; highlighting that all partners (i.e., private, not-for-profit, Indigenous, municipal, provincial, and federal) need to be part of the solution.

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The Next Urbanism

Run time 65:00

Podcast summary by Kali Holahan RPP, MCIP, PIBC Communications Committee Member

The Messy City Podcasts

Hosts: Kevin Klinkenberg, urban designer, planner, and architect in Kansas City, USA.
Guest: Howard Blackson, Urban Design and Planning Studio Director, AVRP Skyport Studios, San Diego, California

Podcast link*

<https://kevinklinkenberg.substack.com/p/the-next-urbanism>

Podcast Summary

Howard Blackson and Kevin Klinkenberg spar over the American city grids and urban design issues, including Howard’s intriguing concept of the Next Urbanism.

Why Planners Should Listen

Howard Blackson talks about the grid pattern cities, a vital topic of New Urbanism. A monotonous grid of US city streets has been established purely for ease of subdivision. New Urban ideas were created to reimagine and transform the way that we build our cities and towns and navigate our daily lives, such as a walkable urban areas. These environments allow for the use of automobiles, but do not require the use of a vehicle to accommodate daily needs. The compact, 15-minute city form and the use of alternative transportation modes encourage an urban pattern that supports sustainability goals. As walking and biking is integrated in our communities, design and placemaking issues associated with the grid patterns are emerging. This podcast is embedded in how to urbanize the grid.

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