



Awards for Individual Achievement
Award for Leadership in Advocacy & Innovation:
Kim A. Fowler RPP, MCIP

Kim received her Master of Science in Planning degree from the University of Toronto and has had an exemplary career as a practicing planner over the last 30 years. She is the Manager of Long-Range Planning, Energy & Sustainability at the Regional District of Nanaimo and has a rich history of working in a variety of jurisdictions focusing on a diversity of planning topics. As an innovator and advocate for constructive change, four of the areas where she has excelled include:

- Providing sustainability leadership at a local and regional level;
- Helping initiate and carry out climate action;
- Introducing a Triple Bottom Line approach to development planning; and
- Being involved in social, affordable, and integrative housing.

Kim has also worked on a Lifecycle Infrastructure Cost Tool, assisted with adding a sustainability component to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Asset Management program, and represented PIBC on Asset Management BC for over a decade. Kim is an innovator who refuses to accept conventional wisdom and ways of doing things and strives to push the envelope and take planning to a higher level.

Annual Student Fellowship
Award Winners



AUTHOR: Jasmin Senghera. UBC, School of Community & Regional Planning

PRESENTATION: The 15-Minute Suburb: Determining the Accessibility of Amenities in the City of Surrey

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the 15-minute city concept back to the forefront. While there has been considerable discussion on the potential of the 15-minute city in many cities around the world, there is a lack of research on the feasibility of this concept in the Canadian suburban context. This research study hones in on the City of Surrey as a case study to address this gap and explore the feasibility of the 15-minute suburb, specifically for the seniors in the city.



AUTHOR: Chris (Crystal) Oberg, Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning

PRESENTATION: Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Certificate – Building Capacity for Professional Planners in BC

The IISAAK OLAM Foundation and Vancouver Island University have the first post-secondary program specializing in lands, natural resources, and conservation: Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs). The IPCA Planning Certificate will help educate a new generation of planners with the skills, knowledge, and capacity to support the establishment and stewardship of IPCAs and other Indigenous-led conservation initiatives in the BC context. This research shared how the certificate was developed and how it can enrich planners' practice.