



2020 PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning

RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS IN PLANNING

HONOURABLE MENTION*

Intelligent Futures

Sparwood Livability Study

Project Partner

District of Sparwood

Project Summary

In 2018, Intelligent Futures was hired to complete a Livability Study in the District of Sparwood. This Study, completed in 2019, was an opportunity to help involve area residents in a process to guide the evolution of the community, building upon its inherent strengths and managing some of the unique challenges in this resource-rich area.



The Livability Study was managed by the District of Sparwood, with support by Teck Resources, the largest employer in the area. The process was undertaken to respond to quality of life and planning issues in the community related to Teck's application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate in 2014.

**PIBC's Awards Committee moved this submission from the "Excellence in Policy Planning" category to the "Research & New Directions in Planning" category as it demonstrated a unique approach to address challenges faced by a very small resource-based community.*