



SMITHERS SYMPOSIUM ON MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Planning for Tourism, Amenity Migration, and Resorts

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Welcome to the post-Smithers Symposium website. Here you will find information from our 3 day event held at the Hudson Bay Lodge in beautiful Smithers, British Columbia, Canada.

We had approximately 75-80 people attend the Smithers Symposium on June 28th, 29th and 30th, 2005. Participants included local leaders, government planners, tourism planners, non-government organizations, academics and local citizens. In total, we had 20 speakers present on various topics ranging from housing in resort towns, to amenity migration, to mountain development in the Himalayas.

Our **keynote speakers** included Dr. Jack Ives, Dr. Patrick Jobes, Dr. Laurence

A.G. Moss and Dr. Adrian Tanner. A detailed list of speakers and their presentations can be found in the *Proceedings* section of this website [[click here](#)]

We would like to thank all the speakers that traveled to Smithers to share their experiences of planning in mountain communities. We are also very grateful to the local presenters who provided the Smithers Symposium with a strong sense of the many regional and local challenges facing planners. Much thanks also has to be extended to our sponsors (Real Estate Foundation of BC, Town of Smithers, Bulkley Valley Regional District, Planning Institute of BC, Hudson Bay Lodge, Stork Nest Inn, Alpenhorn Restaurant and Ironhorse Café) for their various contributions; events like these are successful when resources are pooled together. Thank you to the Office of the Wet'suwet'en for inviting and hosting this event in their traditional territory.

Lastly, we would also like to thank all of the participants that took the time to attend the Smithers Symposium. We were very impressed by the variety of backgrounds, experiences and affiliations that participants possessed. We hope to have begun (or expanded) the dialogue between planners, decision-makers and citizens regarding the development of mountain communities. There are many current and upcoming events, such as the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, that require serious thought and discussion as to how to approach development in sensitive environments found in mountainous regions.

We hope that the information found on this website is useful for maintaining the networks formed, and continuing the discussions that started at the Smithers Symposium. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us (details below).

PRESENTATIONS (PowerPoint)

The keynote speakers who presented at the Smithers Symposium on Mountain Community Development brought with them an impressive assortment of experiences and advice for planning in mountain communities.

Dr. Jack Ives - Honorary Research Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa. [Presentation: Mountains and Mountain Development.](#) [PowerPoint]

Dr. Patrick Jobes – Professor, University of New England, Australia. [Presentation: Moving Nearer to Heaven: The Illusions and Disillusions of Migrants to Beautiful Rural Places.](#) [N/A]

Dr. Laurence A.G. Moss - Director of Ecological Design & Management, International Amenity Migration Centre, Santa Fe, New Mexico. [Presentation: Managing Amenity Migration in Mountain Areas.](#) [N/A]

Dr. Adrian Tanner – Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology,

Memorial University, Newfoundland. Presentation: Local and Global Knowledge: Their Relevance for First Nations Communications and Planning.
[N/A]

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Gary Buxton – Director of Planning, City of Canmore, Alberta. Presentation: The intrusion of provincial interests into municipal planning: Impacts of the “Canmore Clause” and possible parallels with BC’s Significant Projects Streamlining Act [PowerPoint]

Dr. Raymond Chipeniuk – Associate Professor, School of Environmental Planning, University of Northern British Columbia. Presentation: Amenity migration in the Bulkley Valley [PDF File]

Jim Easterday – Outdoor Recreation Alliance, Smithers. Presentation: Impacts of Recreational Vehicles in the Alpine [PowerPoint]

Laurie Gallant - Principal, Footprint Environmental Strategies. Presentation: Protecting air quality: Case study from the Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Plan [PowerPoint]

Dr. Alison Gill - Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University. Presentation: Affordable housing provisions in mountain resorts: Challenges and initiatives [PowerPoint]

Sybille Haeussler, Kevin Kriese, Dave Wilford – Directors, Bulkley Valley Research Centre, Smithers, BC. Presentation: Establishing a knowledge institution in a mountain community [PowerPoint]

Dr. Anne Hardy - Assistant Professor, Resource Recreation and Tourism, University of Northern British Columbia. Presentation: Tourism and community development: A case study of nature-based tourism in the Daintree region of Australia [PowerPoint]

Dr. Sanjay Nepal – Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University. Presentation: Residents support to proposed resorts in a peripheral mountain community in British Columbia, Canada [PowerPoint]

Liz Osborn & Richard Overstall - Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust, Smithers. Presentation: The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust [PowerPoint]

Tim Pringle – Executive Director, Real Estate Foundation of BC.

Presentation: Natural capital, social capital, and mountain communities
[\[PowerPoint\]](#)

Dr. Jim Randall - Dean, College of Social and Health Sciences, University of Northern British Columbia. Presentation: Mountain Community Development Symposium: Themes/Concepts That Have Emerged. [\[PowerPoint\]](#)

Karrilyn Vince - Board Coordinator, Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board, Muskwa-Kechika Information Office. Presentation: The Muskwa Kechika Management Area: A model for responsible land use & resource planning & management [\[PowerPoint\]](#)

Dr. Roger Wheate – Associate Professor, GIS Lab Coordinator (Geography), University of Northern BC. Presentation: Northwest Data Sharing Network
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