



Regional District of North Okanagan
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Fraser Basin Council

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Dear Chair, Board of Directors and Chief Administrative Officer,

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) has been tasked since 2008 with delivering an exciting initiative, *Smart Planning for Communities (SPC)*. SPC supports local and First Nations governments across British Columbia in planning socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable communities.

Smart Planning for Communities — Here to Work with You

Smart Planning for Communities has established a network of *Sustainability Facilitators*, located across BC, who function as a collaborative team to support interested communities in designing and implementing integrated community sustainability planning processes (ICSP) and comprehensive community planning processes (CCP). The *Sustainability Facilitators* help identify resources (both financial and informational) and assist communities in developing their respective planning processes before taking action to implement the strategies.

We Can Help

SPC core services, available **free of charge**, include: process advice; strategic support; education and training; technical expertise; and online education and resources related to sustainability planning. All our services are described in more detail in the enclosed brochure.

New SPC Facilitators

I am pleased to introduce you to the two newest members of our team, Stacy Barter, based in Victoria, and Erin Vieira, in Kamloops.

Stacy Barter is a Sustainability Facilitator working in partnership between [BC Healthy Communities](#) and Smart Planning for Communities. Stacy has extensive experience leading and facilitating diverse capacity building initiatives, and specializes in community leadership, multi-sector collaboration, and public engagement. Her recent work focuses on public engagement on climate change, health & sustainability, neighbourhood-based engagement, and community dialogue.

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Erin Vieira provides sustainability facilitation for the Smart Planning for Communities Program in the Thompson and Okanagan regions. Erin has seven years of experience facilitating complex environmental and natural resource management issues. Her greatest interest is inter-jurisdictional collaborative solutions to sustainability issues. Erin has a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management and has an extensive knowledge of the Thompson region.

Erin and Stacy join the existing SPC team located around the province in Victoria, Prince George, Cranbrook and Williams Lake. Please have a look at the enclosed bios to learn more about all of us on the SPC team. The enclosed information also outlines both our free and our enhanced services.

Bring Us In!

Visit us online at smartplanningbc.ca for more tools, information or to contact a Sustainability Facilitator near you.

Smart Planning for Communities looks forward to continuing productive and rewarding relationships with your community in our effort to create stronger, more vibrant and sustainable communities across BC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. LeBourdais".

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Encl: SPC Information package