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2022 SPPI CONFERENCE

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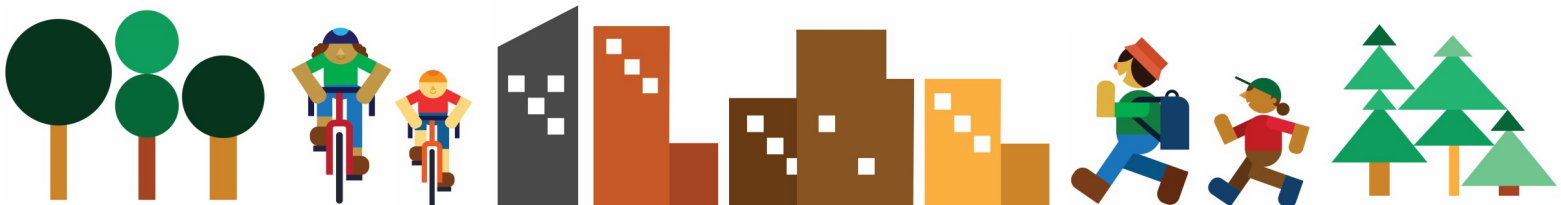
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# President's Message



**Ian Goeres, RPP, MCIP**  
2020–2022 SPPI President

Welcome to this year's annual conference of the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute. After the challenges of the last few years, I am excited to be able to see people in person. This year's conference offers interesting sessions, mobile tours, and social events to allow the type of networking you can only find at an in-person event. I am glad so many people are able to join us for our first in-person conference since 2019.

This year's conference would not be a success without the hard work and dedication of our conference co-chairs, organizing committee, and executive director. In my six years on SPPI Council, I have always been amazed by the extraordinary work these people commit to making every conference a success. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of last year's virtual conference. This was a significant shift from what has been previously presented and I am grateful for all those involved.

This also brings to an end my term as president of SPPI. When I assumed the role of president-elect, I did not imagine we would experience an event that would have such a fundamental impact on our lives. As a result, I was not able to complete all my goals but I believe SPPI came through setup for success in the future.

Thank you and enjoy the conference.

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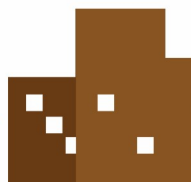
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# Message from the Conference Co-Chairs



**Aimee Bryck, RPP, MCIP**

2021/2022 Conference Co-Chair



**Janine Fletcher**

2021/2022 Conference Co-Chair

Welcome to People, Planning, Placemaking, 2022 SPPI Conference in Regina, SK! Thank you for attending this year's conference. As co-chairs, we are very excited to host the first SPPI conference held in-person since 2019. We hope this conference provides SPPI members, planners, and associated professionals with the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends, meet new people, and advance knowledge of current planning practices and trends. We would like to thank all of the volunteers on the Conference Planning Committee, SPPI Council, our amazing sponsors, and last but not least the incredible speakers. This conference would not be possible without all of you.

We hope you enjoy this year's conference and gathering in-person once again!

Sincerely,

Aimee Bryck & Janine Fletcher

## 2022 CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Janine Fletcher, 2022 Conference Co-Chair

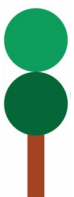
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# Pre-Conference Social

***Sunday September 25 @ 7:00pm***

***Baller's Rec Room***

***2044 Dewdney Ave, Regina***

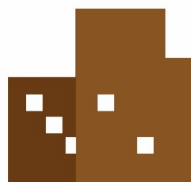
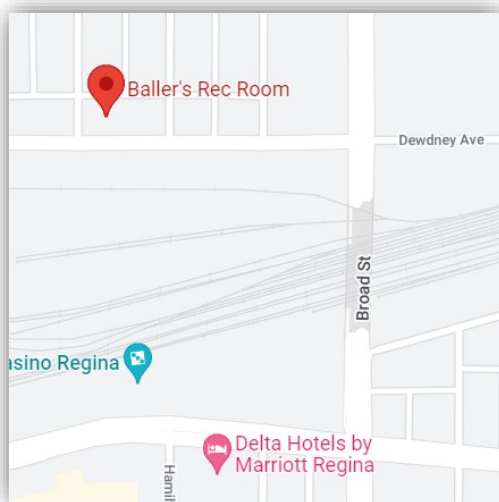


Kick-off the 2022 SPPI Conference with a bang!

You're invited to a night of fun at Baller's Rec Room. Come out to network with conference delegates and enjoy trivia, drinks, games and more!

Just a short walk from the Delta Hotels Regina.

Hope to see you there!



# Banquet Event

***Monday September 26 @ 6pm***

***Delta Hotels Regina in the Umbria Room***

***You are cordially invited to the 2022 SPPI Banquet***

Join us for a night of food, drinks, celebrations, and entertainment!

Reconnect with colleagues and celebrate the accomplishments of SPPI and its members during the awards ceremony.

**Supper served at 6pm**

**Cocktail Hour at 7pm**

**Entertainment at 8pm**

We are happy to have **Canada's Most Dangerous Mind, Jeff Richards**, providing entertainment at the banquet!



Thank you to our generous banquet sponsor

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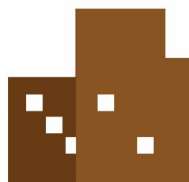
## *Intuition, Reason and Social Media: From Fake News to Global Warming and Beyond*



### **Dr. Gordon Pennycook**

#### ***Associate Professor, University of Regina***

Gordon Pennycook is an Assistant Professor at University of Regina's Hill/Levene Schools of Business. His expertise is human reasoning and decision-making, with a particular focus on the distinction between intuitive processes and more deliberative reasoning processes. He obtained his PhD in Cognitive Psychology in 2016 at the University of Waterloo. Prior to starting at the University Regina in 2018, he held a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University. He has published 85 peer-reviewed articles in journals such as Nature, Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Nature Human Behavior, and Trends in Cognitive Science. He has received several awards, such as the Governor General's Gold Medal, Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network "Researcher of the Year", Vincent Di Lollo Early Career Achievement Award from the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science, the Psychonomic Society's Early Career Award, and the Association for Psychological Sciences "Rising Star" award. He was elected to the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists in 2020.







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- Subdivision applications
- Official community plan & zoning bylaws  
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asset & civic address mapping)

- **Municipal Admin. Consultation**

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# At-a-Glance: Monday September 26

	Trentino Room (Main Room)	Campania Room/Mobile Tours	
8:00	Registration & Breakfast		
8:15			
8:30			
8:45			
9:00			
9:00	Opening Remarks		
9:15	KEYNOTE  Intuition, Reason, and Social Media: From Fake News to Global Warming and Beyond Dr. Gordon Pennycook		
9:30			
9:45			
10:00			
10:15			
10:30			
10:45	Health Break <b>Sponsored by Wallace Insights</b>		
11:00	Redesigning Design Guidelines Neal LaMontagne	Place-Based Adaptations for a Changing Climate Brenda Wallace	
11:15			
11:30	North Riel Industrial Site Plan USask Plan 446 - Student Group <b>Sponsored by Crosby Hanna &amp; Associates</b>	University Heights Corridor Plan USask Plan 446– Student Group <b>Sponsored by Prairie Wild Consulting</b>	
11:45			
12:00	Lunch		
12:15			
12:30			
12:45			
1:00			
1:00	Land Codes and Decolonization Ken Cossey	MOBILE TOUR  Living Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action: Building Saskatchewan’s Residential School Memorial Jenna Schroeder	
1:15			
1:30			
1:45	PANEL DISCUSSION  Culture Connects... Rethinking Third Places and Spaces Moderated by Lenore Swystun & Samantha Mark <b>Sponsored by Government of Saskatchewan</b>		
2:00			
2:15			
2:30			
2:45			
3:00	Health Break <b>Sponsored by GeoVerra</b>		
3:15	Partnering for Growth: How Five Saskatchewan Municipalities Found Shared Ground Brad Toth, Rebecca Row, & Bonnie Gorelitza	MOBILE TOUR  Beer Making & Planning Practice: Walking Tour of Craft Breweries in Regina’s Warehouse District Dr. Vanessa Mathews  <b>Sponsored by Urban Systems</b>	
3:30			
3:45			
4:00	From Place-making to Place-keeping Jennifer Fix		
4:15			
4:30			
4:45			
5:00			
5:15	Break Before Banquet		
6:00 to 11:00	Banquet, Awards, and Entertainment <b>Sponsored by Northbound Planning</b>		

# At-a-Glance: Tuesday September 27

	Trentino Room (Main Room)	Campania Room/Mobile Tours
8:00	Registration & Breakfast	
8:15		
8:30		
8:45	Annual General Meeting	
9:00		
9:15		
9:30		
9:45	Health Break	
10:00	Planning for Health and Equity Workshop Dr. Ana Karinna Hidalgo  <b>Sponsored by RM of Corman Park No. 344</b>	Including People During Planning to Achieve Placemaking Yvonne Prusak
10:15		
10:30		
10:45		
11:00		Reconciliation Connects People, Planning & Placemaking Ray Gosselin
11:15		
11:30		
11:45		
12:00	Lunch	
12:15		
12:30		
12:45		
1:00	Closing Remarks	
1:15	City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival Site– Shuffling the Deck	Meewasin Valley Authority and a Potential National Urban Park
1:30	Marilyn Gould & Mark Bauche	Mike Velonas & Ryan Walker
1:45	Health Break	
2:00	Urban Canvas: The Engagement of Arts and Culture in Downtowns Judith Veresuk	MOBILE TOURS Living Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action: Building Saskatchewan’s Residential School Memorial Jenna Schroeder
2:15		
2:30		
2:45		
3:00		<b>OR</b>
3:15		
3:30		Evaluating and Protecting Neighbourhood Character Adefemi Adegeye, Alan Wallace, & Aastha Strestha <b>Sponsored by City of Regina</b>
3:45		
	Thank you for attending Safe travels	



# Speakers



## **Brenda Wallace, RPP, MCIP, CP3**

*Principal, Wallace Insights*

Brenda Wallace recently worked in partnership with the Climate Risk Institute to develop a Prairie Region-specific Climate Adaptation training program for Planners. Her 29-year career in environmental planning, economic development, community engagement, and project management, spans the municipal, non-profit, and private sectors. She is a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and Registered Professional Planning in Saskatchewan, a Certified Public Participation Professional, and has recently completed the requirements of her Master's Degree program in Sustainability Leadership at the University of Cambridge, UK.



## **Neal LaMontagne, RPP, MCIP**

*Faculty Lecturer, University of Alberta School of Urban and Regional Planning*

Neal LaMontagne MCIP RPP is a city planner and academic focused on policy planning and urban design. He is a full time faculty lecturer at the University of Alberta School of Urban and Regional Planning and a PhD candidate at UCLA focused on design review and governance. Born in Saskatchewan and raised in the prairies, Neal worked as a planner in San Diego, San Francisco and Vancouver and taught planning and design at the New School of Architecture and Design, UC San Diego, Langara College, UBC School of Community and Regional Planning and School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the SFU City Program.

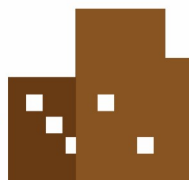
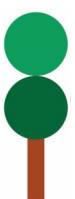


## **Dr. Ana Karinna Hidalgo**

*Professional Associate, Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan*

Ana Karinna Hidalgo is an urban planner and designer passionate about the built environment and health. Her interdisciplinary research focuses on improving mental health in winter cities through natural landscapes and design. In addition, she loves teaching and engaging with her students in urban and design projects. She has presented her research and teaching outcomes at local, national and international conferences.

Designer and planner by training, Ana Karinna has a doctoral degree in Environmental Design (2019) and a Master of Planning (2013) from the University of Calgary. Before living in Canada, she obtained a Master of Higher Education and Educational Research and a Bachelor in Design.





**Ava Dulos**

*U of S RUP Student*

Ava is a 4th year student studying Regional and Urban Planning at the University of Saskatchewan. She has a special interest in design and hopes to pursue a master's degree in urban design or architecture. In her free time, she enjoys drawing and cooking.



**Gavin Blondeau**

*U of S RUP Student*

Gavin is a 4th year Métis student at the University of Saskatchewan studying Regional and Urban Planning. Gavin's professional and academic interests focus primarily on planning with Indigenous communities. He hopes to bring positive changes to the indigenous communities of Saskatchewan using skills learned in planning.



**Alexandre Bratty**

*U of S RUP Graduate*

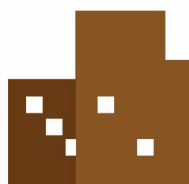
Alexandre is a 4th year planning student at the U of S with a marked interest in urban design. He hopes to help plan and develop better communities. When he isn't working on academic or professional endeavors, Alexandre enjoys cycling and movies.



**Maria Levkovytska**

*U of S RUP Graduate*

Maria is a 4th year Urban Planning student at the University of Saskatchewan. She recently switched to the planning program and it has become her passion. She plans on pursuing a master's degree in architecture after graduation.



# Speakers



**Derek Vangool**

*U of S RUP Student*

Derek is a fourth year Regional and Urban Planning student at the University of Saskatchewan. Being from rural Saskatchewan, Derek has an interest in using sustainability to create equitable, interesting, and economically viable development in rural areas across the province.



**Carmen Larson**

*U of S RUP Student*

Carmen is a student at the University of Saskatchewan set to complete her undergraduate in regional and urban planning in late 2022. She is from Chitek Lake, Saskatchewan and is a member of Pelican Lake First Nation. Using sustainable planning strategies to tackle environmental issues and socially empower communities is her passion and interest.



**Ryan Bateman**

*U of S RUP Graduate*

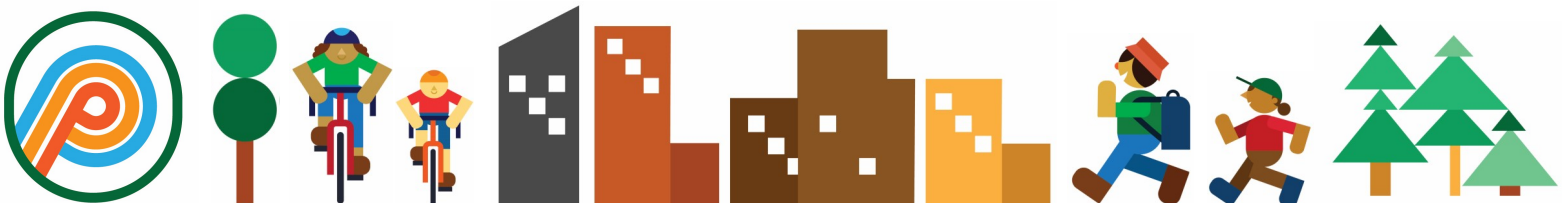
Ryan completed her undergraduate degree in Regional and Urban Planning at the University of Saskatchewan in Spring 2022. Currently she is taking her masters in Nordic Urban Planning Studies through a joint program between Roskilde University, Malmö University and UiT the Arctic University of Norway. She is hoping to focus on the creation of inclusive public spaces for the betterment of social and physical health.



**Josh Barry**

*U of S RUP Graduate*

Josh Barry is from Saskatoon, and completed his Undergraduate at the University of Saskatchewan in Regional and Urban Planning in 2022. His interest in planning comes from an introduction to cartography at a young age and exploring how geography and planning shapes the lives of the public.





## **Ken Cossey RPP, MCIP**

*Principal, KWC Planning Services*

Ken Cossey is a graduate from the University of Saskatchewan and has been working in the community planning field for and with First Nation governments and local governments since 1987. Ken has various First Nation government clients in BC, Saskatchewan and Ontario and has performed various land use planning tasks for his respective First Nation clients. This includes implementing the requirements of a First Nations' Land Code, performing a capacity analysis for the creation of a new Land Department, and creating various planning tools to assist the First Nation on their restored land use approvals process. Ken resides in the overlapping territories of the Saanich Tribes and the Cowichan Tribes, in Shawnigan Lake BC. Ken is a member of the Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) Planning Practice and Reconciliation Committee.

As an RPP Ken also volunteers his time to the PIBC as an exam marker. In 2005 until 2011, Ken represented the Shawnigan Lake Area on the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board. While on the Board he was a member of various committees; the Transit Committee, the Parks Committee, the Electoral Area Services Committee, the Regional Services Committee and was Chair of the Engineering and Environment Committee. Ken was the President of Oak Transit, a Duncan based company that provided handyDart Bus Services across the Cowichan Valley region.



## **Jenna Schroeder, RPP, MCIP**

*Executive Director, Provincial Capital Commission*

Jenna Schroeder is the Executive Director of Saskatchewan's Provincial Capital Commission. Jenna is a Registered Professional Planner with more than 12 years of experience in leadership; legislation, regulation and policy development; community planning; and stakeholder relations. Over the past 11 years as a public servant, Jenna has built collaborative relationships with stakeholders throughout the Government of Saskatchewan, the municipal sector, private industry, and the not-for-profit sector to advance community, regional, and land use planning across Saskatchewan and Canada.

Jenna has served three years on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute of Planners. For the past two years, she has had the honour and privilege to serve as Vice President and Chair of the Governance Committee. She also served five years on the Council of the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute, with two years as President. Jenna holds a master's degree in public administration from Queen's University and a bachelor's degree in environmental studies, specializing in planning, from the University of Waterloo. In her spare time, Jenna enjoys gardening, dog walks, and spending time with family and friends.





# Panel Moderators



## **Lenore Swystun, MA, RPP, MCIP**

*Principal and Founding Director, Prairie Wild Consulting*

### **Panel Moderator**

Lenore is the Founding Director and Principal Partner with Prairie Wild Consulting. Lenore is a planning and research professional with over 30+ years of experience in community engagement, facilitation, indicator development, strategic and action planning, Indigenous planning, marketing, business development, comprehensive policy development, diversity communities, and community and regional land use planning. Lenore has guided and mentored a collaborative-based team and network of Prairie Wild associates who work together to deliver projects drawing from their various skillsets, experiences, and passions. Lenore is on faculty part-time at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic teaching Sociology and related community development, planning and cultural studies courses.

Currently, Lenore is involved with a number of local, provincial, national, and international organizations including a director with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Council member with the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute, member of the Community Foundations of Canada Evaluation Team, committee member of the Canadian Institute of Planners Awards Evaluation Committee, and a member of the Canadian Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (CC-UNESCO since 2000).



## **Samantha Mark, BA, RPP, MCIP**

*Senior Manager, Prairie Wild Consulting*

### **Panel Moderator**

Samantha is the Senior Manager with Prairie Wild Consulting Co. She leads and co-leads on a number of different projects working with municipalities, regions, Indigenous communities, and organizations across Saskatchewan and beyond. Samantha provides facilitation, policy writing, and project management. Samantha has led and co-led the development of numerous strategic plans, evaluations, needs assessment plans, district plans, municipal official community plans, zoning bylaws, concept plans, and dozens of community-based facilitations.

Samantha is the Past President of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Prairies Chapter. She is the Chair of the Canadian Institute of Planners Standards Committee and a board member for the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation. Samantha has experience as a past committee member of the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Supply Challenge Advisory Committee and an executive Board member of the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute. Additional training includes a certificate in Group Facilitation from the University of Saskatchewan Centre for Continuing and Distance Education and training through the Salzburg Global Forum for Cultural Innovators based in Austria.







## **Judy MacLeod Campbell**

*Arts and Culture Coordinator, City of Prince Albert*

Judy is currently the Arts & Cultural Coordinator, with the City of Prince Albert. Prior to that, she served as the Games Manager for the 2014 Saskatchewan Winter Games in Prince Albert and has lived in Prince Albert since 2011.

Judy's position includes managing the Prince Albert Arts Centre, the Municipal Cultural Action Plan, Public Art, coordinating Culture Days, providing administrative support to the Prince Albert Arts Board, coordination the Friendship City Partnership with Thorey en Plaine & Prince Albert, the COPA employee Active Living Program, and supporting important community partnerships like the Prince Albert Urban Indigenous Coalition, Community Network Coalition, Community Building Youth Futures, the Prince Albert Historical Society, Creative Kids (LDSCR), and the Mann Art Gallery.

Judy gained valuable experience in the cultural and recreational sector while working as the Program Manager for Culture & Community Development for the Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District. Judy has worked in the sport, culture and recreation field for 32 years.

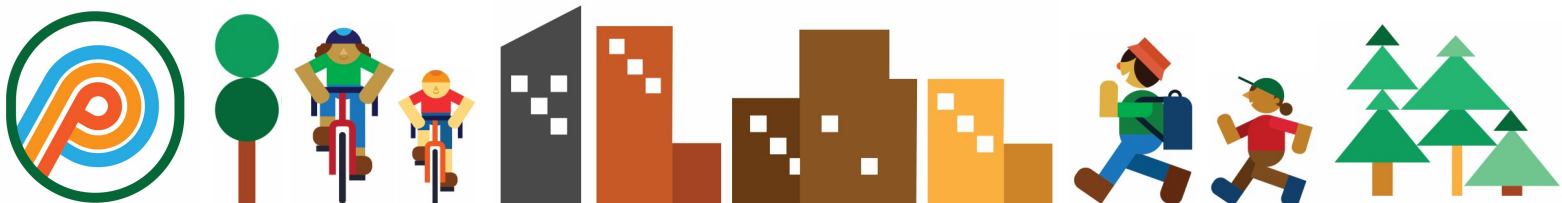


## **Derek Blais**

*Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Moose Jaw*

Derek Blais has been the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Moose Jaw since January 2019. Since arriving in Moose Jaw, Derek has worked closely with the City's Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee and project planning team in developing the first Cultural Action Plan for the community. Prior to moving to Moose Jaw, Derek was the Recreation Manager for the City of Prince Albert and actively participated in the development and implementation of the City's Municipal Cultural Action Plan that was adopted in 2017. The cultural planning experience gained in Prince Albert has allowed him to bring forward a similar vision for the City of Moose Jaw so that cultural goals and actions to be developed collectively with the community as Moose Jaw plans for the future.

Derek holds a Bachelor of Applied Business and Entrepreneurship in Sports and Recreation from Mount Royal College in Calgary, AB. He was born and raised in Debden, SK and currently resides in Moose Jaw, SK with his wife and three children.



# Panelists



## **Lisa Washington**

*Manager of Community, Culture and Heritage, City of Yorkton*

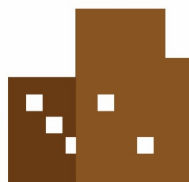
Lisa is third generation settler, of Ukrainian descent, born and raised in Treaty Six territory (Calgary). She lived in Treaty Eight territory (Dawson Creek, BC) for almost a decade before coming to Treaty Four territory in 2002. She is currently the Manager of Community, Culture and Heritage with the City of Yorkton. Lisa left the mental health social sector in 2010 to join the City of Yorkton in the newly created position of Community Development Manager. The City had just adopted the first Municipal Cultural Plan in the province, a pilot project supported by SaskCulture in 2009, and in conjunction with local cultural organizations, Lisa developed and managed the Implementation Strategy. She looks forward to refreshing the Community Cultural Plan with their input and those of other groups formed since 2010. Some groups which have formed since then, and which Lisa is involved in as an active Board Member are the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc., and the Yorkton and District Community Foundation. She is also part of Yorkton Reconciliation and is developing the City of Yorkton's Framework for Truth and Reconciliation. Lisa is an Intercultural Facilitator with the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and recently joined the organization as a Board Member.



## **Dennis Garreck**

*Outreach Consultant, SaskCulture*

Dennis is a third generation settler from Treaty 4 territory. He has been an outreach consultant with SaskCulture Inc for more than 20 years and in his role with SaskCulture, he oversees funding programs including the Municipal Cultural Engagement & Planning Grant. Prior to joining SaskCulture, Dennis was the Executive Director of the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils and he worked for municipal culture and recreation departments in Yorkton and Wynyard. He is a Certified Lifecycle Capacity Consultant, a Kairos Blanket Exercise Facilitator and an Intercultural Development Inventory Qualified Administrator.





**Rebecca Row, RPP, MCIP**

*Director of Planning & Development, R.M. of Corman Park*

Rebecca Row is the Director of Planning & Development at the R.M. of Corman Park. She has a degree in Regional and Urban Planning from the University of Saskatchewan and a certificate in Urban Design from Simon Fraser University. Over her 15 year career, Rebecca has worked in Alberta and Saskatchewan for both urban and rural municipalities, as well as in the private sector at a planning and engineering consulting firm.

Since its inception in 2014, Rebecca has been a member of the Planning and Administrative Committee that was responsible for the completion and implementation of the new Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Planning District.



**Brad Toth, RPP, MCIP**

*Director of Planning, Development and Bylaw Services, City of Warman*

Brad Toth is the Director of Planning Development and Bylaw Services with the City of Warman. He has a degree in Regional and Urban Planning from the University of Saskatchewan. Over his 14 year career, Brad has worked in two urban municipalities. Brad started his career with the City of Medicine Hat as a Planner 1 and then moved on to work in the City of Warman for the last 12 years. During his 12 years in Warman Brad has seen the community grow from a small bedroom community of 3500 people to a City of just under 13,000. In his time in Warman Brad has worked in a number of positions including; Development Planner, Director of Planning Development and Bylaw Services, and Acting City Manager.

Since its inception in 2014, he has been a member of the Planning and Administrative Committee that was responsible for the completion and implementation of the new Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Planning District.

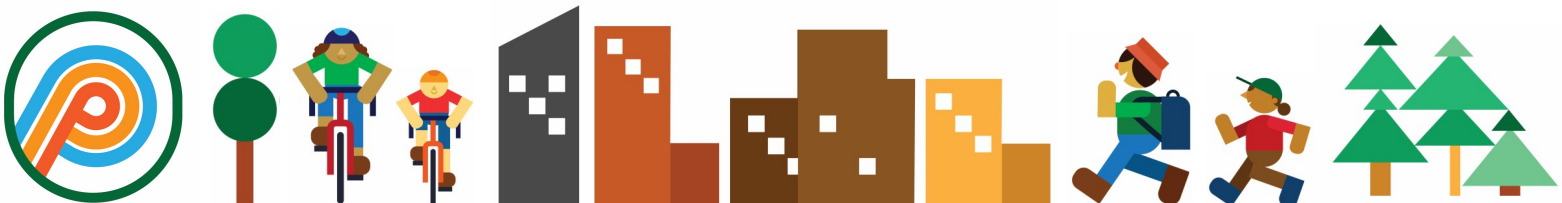


**Bonnie Gorelitz, RPP, MCIP**

*Planning Manager, City of Martensville*

Bonnie Gorelitz is the Planning Manager at the City of Martensville. She has Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and an advanced degree in Regional and Urban Development from the University of Saskatchewan. She has been employed at the City of Martensville for over 20 years and past opportunities include working for other urban municipalities such as the City of Prince Albert.

Since its inception in 2014, Bonnie has been a member of the Planning and Administrative Committee that was responsible for the completion and implementation of the new Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Planning District.



# Speakers



## **Dr. Vanessa Mathews**

*Associate Professor, University of Regina*

Vanessa Mathews is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies at the University of Regina. Her research expertise includes craft breweries, place identity, embodied practices, and urban change. She holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Toronto, an MA in Geography from York University, and a BA Honours from Queen's University.



## **Jennifer Fix, RPP, MCIP**

*Principal, Urbanism and Engagement, Ahne Studio*

Jennifer is the founding principal of Ahne Studio, a planning and engagement practice working at the intersection of urbanism, equity, and climate action. She began her career at the City of Regina 16 years ago and has since worked with dozens of communities across Canada on plans for downtowns, waterfronts, neighbourhoods, and entire towns, cities, and regions. Her practice has taken her from small town main streets to some of the most significant redevelopment projects in Vancouver.

Jennifer specializes in participatory urbanism, growth management, evidence-based design, feminist urbanism, and community engagement. Recent projects include a net-zero emissions Official Community Plan for the City of Courtenay, and a cultural interpretive plan for a major infill project in Vancouver for Canada Lands Company and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Jennifer serves on the Steering Committee for BC's Provincial Healthy Built Environment Alliance, which brings together planners and health professionals to conduct research and educate on the relationships between well-being and the built environment. She recently served on the Canadian Institute of Planners' Social Equity Committee, which was tasked with writing a national gender equity policy.







## **Mike Velonas**

*Manager of Planning and Conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority*

Mike is a part of Meewasin's leadership team and is responsible for oversight of development review, Meewasin's Act, planning and development policies, bylaws, the exploration of a potential national urban park, and planning of new facilities. Mike earned his degree in Regional and Urban Planning from the University of Saskatchewan and has a passion for good urbanism that includes well connected and protected natural areas. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Mike is often walking and biking the Meewasin Trail with his young family. His favourite part of the job is being part of an organization that makes Saskatoon and region better today and for future generations.



## **Ryan Walker, RPP, MCIP**

*Chair, Board of Directors, Meewasin Valley Authority*

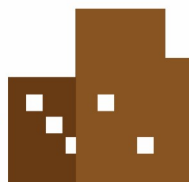
Ryan serves as Chair of the Meewasin Valley Authority's board of directors, a board he has served on for the past five years. He has been a professor in the Regional and Urban Planning program at the University of Saskatchewan since 2006 and served as its Chair twice. As Associate Dean (Policy & Programming) for the university's College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Ryan puts his planning skills to work at an institutional level. He is co-editor and -author of *Canadian Cities in Transition: Understanding Contemporary Urbanism* (Oxford University Press, 2020), the country's best-selling textbook on Canadian urbanism. Walker is co-editor and -author of *Reclaiming Indigenous Planning* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013), the first book to bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars and practitioners around the sub-field of Indigenous planning internationally.



## **S. Yvonne Prusak, BAsC, MA, RPP, MCIP**

*Founder and CEO, Northbound Planning Ltd.*

Yvonne is the founder and CEO of Northbound Planning Ltd., established in 2017. She received her Master of Arts, Geography and Planning from the University of Saskatchewan and her Bachelor of Science Degree, Native American Studies, from the University of Lethbridge. Yvonne has provided planning services as a Senior Municipal Planner to over 75 municipalities and 3 planning districts, as well as served as Development Officer for 8 communities. She has conducted extensive research on topics such as First Nations Comprehensive Community Planning, Casino and Gambling impacts on First Nations, and has coordinated data collection in sixteen cities, completed approximately 1440 qualitative surveys, and 320 qualitative interviews.



# Speakers



## **Marilyn Gould, SALA, CSLA**

*Saskatchewan Regional Manager, HTFC Planning & Design*

Marilyn is a Landscape Architect and the Saskatchewan Regional Manager for the HTFC Planning & Design Saskatchewan office, located in Saskatoon, and is responsible for project management, design, and contract administration within the region. Marilyn has worked with a broad spectrum of projects and clients during her Saskatchewan focused career, from large municipal public urban spaces, such as Riverfront River Landing, various City of Saskatoon park developments, to multi-year and phased institutional and private organization site works, such as the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, numerous Saskatchewan schools, and has been fortunate to have provided project management and design for the Wanuskewin Thundering Ahead Infrastructure Program, including Masterplan and phased implementation of several concurrent projects. More recently, as Project Manager of the City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival Site Feasibility Report, Marilyn was part of a talented and energetic team looking to provide guidance for this important City of Saskatoon public space.



## **Mark Bauche, MALA, SALA, CSLA**

*Associate, HTFC Planning & Design*

Mark is a Landscape Architect and Associate with HTFC Planning & Design's Winnipeg team. In his 16 years with the firm, he has gained a wide range of experience on large- and small-scale design projects across Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and Saskatchewan, including Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park in Downtown Winnipeg, the business plan for the redevelopment of Kenora, Ontario's harbourfront, and most recently, the Permanent Outdoor Festival Site for the City of Saskatoon. Mark's work focuses on building sustainable and equitable landscapes with an aim to helping planners and landscape architects to implement climate adaptation thinking into their daily practice. On the Festival Site project, Mark was the lead designer, working closely with the project team on site selection and functional concept design.





## Judith Veresuk

*Executive Director, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District*

Judith Veresuk is the Executive Director of the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District, where she is responsible for overseeing BID operations; designing, implementing and managing programs to ensure Downtown Regina is a clean, safe and friendly destination for visitors, residents and businesses.

Since joining RDBID in 2010, Judith has developed and implemented programs highlighting the wide ranging nature of Downtown Regina. These initiatives include tours of Downtown's history and architectural heritage, arts and cultural programs celebrating local artists through the Urban Canvas initiative, development of community-wide events such as Frost, Grey Cup 2013, Hometown Hockey and Hockey Week Downtown (as part of the Heritage Classic NHL game). Judith continues to work with the Downtown property and business owners to make Downtown a vibrant neighbourhood that supports our community's growth.

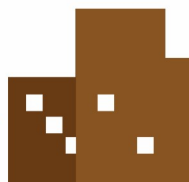
Judith was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario but is proud to now call Regina her home. Judith holds a degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University (renamed Toronto Metropolitan University) and was previously employed with the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee where she worked on signage and wayfinding plans for multiple Olympic venues. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association.



## Ray Gosselin

*Principal Architect, Ray Gosselin Architect Ltd.*

Ray has 30+ years of architectural and facility management experience to lead an architectural firm of five (5) located on atim kâ-mihkosit (Red Dog) urban reserve in Regina, SK.. He is currently registered with the Saskatchewan Association of Architects and is appointed to the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Indigenous Task Force. Ray holds a special membership with the American Indian Council of Architects & Engineers. Ray is an inter-generational Residential School Survivor with extensive experience with Reconciliation initiatives at local, provincial, national and international level. His most recent initiative is the design of a memorial to Residential School Survivors planned for construction at Government House under supervision of Honorable Russ Merasty (Montreal Lake Cree Nation), Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Ray is a member of Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation.



# Speakers



## **Alan G. Wallace, RPP, MCIP, LEED-GA**

*Planning Director, Wallace Insights*

Alan is the Planning Director with Wallace Insights in Saskatoon. Alan is the former Director of the Planning and Development at the City of Saskatoon. He left the City to join the private sector after 32 years of service. Alan was the Planning Lead for Saskatchewan with V3 Companies of Canada Ltd. from 2016 to 2020. Alan is currently the Planning Director with Wallace Insights and responsible for leading the planning and development activities for a large list of clients in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Alan is a LEED Green Associate, the Past-President of the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute, Board Member Emeritus with Jubilee Residences, Foundation Board Member with Jubilee Residences and Volunteer Co-ordinator with Janes Walk Saskatoon.



## **Adefemi Adegeye, RPP, MCIP**

*Senior City Planner, City of Regina*

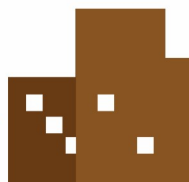
Adefemi Adegeye is a Senior City Planner in the Heritage Unit of the City of Regina. He has a PhD in Urban Planning and is a Registered Professional Planner with over 12 years of experience in research, legislation, policy, community planning, heritage and housing.



## **Aastha Shrestha**

*City Planner, City of Regina*

Aastha Shrestha is a City Planner in the Heritage Unit of the City of Regina. She has a Master's degree in Planning and has worked in municipal government for several years in different roles.





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# Sessions

**Monday**  
**September 26**  
**9:15–10:45**

*Plenary Session*  
*Campania Room*

## **Intuition, Reason and Social Media: From Fake News to Global Warming and Beyond**

*Dr. Gordon Pennycook, Associate Professor, University of Regina*

**Monday**  
**September 26**  
**11:00–11:30**

*Concurrent Session*  
*Trentino Room*

## **Place-Based Adaptations for a Changing Climate**

*Brenda Wallace, RPP, MCIP, CP3, Principal, Wallace Insights*

According to the 2019 “Perspectives on Climate Change” benchmarking survey conducted by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), supported by the Natural Resource Canada’s Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise (BRACE) program, a low proportion (approx. 15%) of planners feel they have access to the necessary tools and information to incorporate climate change into their work even though a variety of information sources and tools exist. To address this gap, two new resources are available to Prairie Planners:

- 1) The Climate Risk Institute, in partnership with All One Sky, Wallace Insights and a CIP advisory committee, has created a new Climate Adaptation training program.
- 2) Adaptation Resource Pathway (ARP) for Planners, an interactive PDF designed to help Planners identify the resources and training opportunities that match their current needs and to plan their own professional development pathway related to climate change adaptation.

This presentation will provide some introductory highlights from the new training program as well as demonstrate the new ARP.

**Monday**  
**September 26**  
**11:00–11:30**

*Concurrent Session*  
*Campania Room*

## **Redesigning Design Guidelines**

*Neal LaMontagne, RPP, MCIP, Faculty Lecturer, University of Alberta*

Design guidelines have become a commonplace planning tool to improve the experiential quality of the built environment and help implement bold placemaking aspirations. Used by municipalities and firms to address myriad planning challenges where flexibility is privileged over prescription, the diversity of design guidelines means that more planners and communities are involved in their drafting and implementation. But are we, as a profession, doing a good job with guidelines? How should we understand the logic of how guidelines should or even do work? Is there an opportunity to redesign guidelines to be more effective and collaborative?

In this session, we will review recent research on effective design guidelines and review some of the most common trends and mistakes in designing design guidelines, as well as best practices for effective guideline development and implementation.





**Monday  
September 26**

**11:30–12:00**

*Concurrent Session*

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## **Designing for the Future—North Riel Industrial Site Plan**

*Ava Dulos, Gavin Blondeau, Alexandre Bratty, and Maria Levkovytska*

Saskatoon's growth projections estimate a doubling of its population by 2050. Existing industrial sites will need to expand to accommodate new growth, however, working and visiting industrial sites is uninviting and stressful. As the city grows, the North Riel Industrial sector in Saskatoon is expected to provide jobs for many individuals. Planning an industrial site that honors the experience of workers and visitors alike is an essential part of building healthy communities. This design framework for the proposed North Riel Industrial Site Plan explores the many opportunities for future industrial sites' social, environmental, and economic integration. This work considers how to integrate industry while conserving and honoring biodiversity and how to build flexible infrastructure for future city expansion. Also, this work shows how the North Riel Industrial has the potential to grow Saskatoon's economy while creating a vibrant community between workers and visitors.

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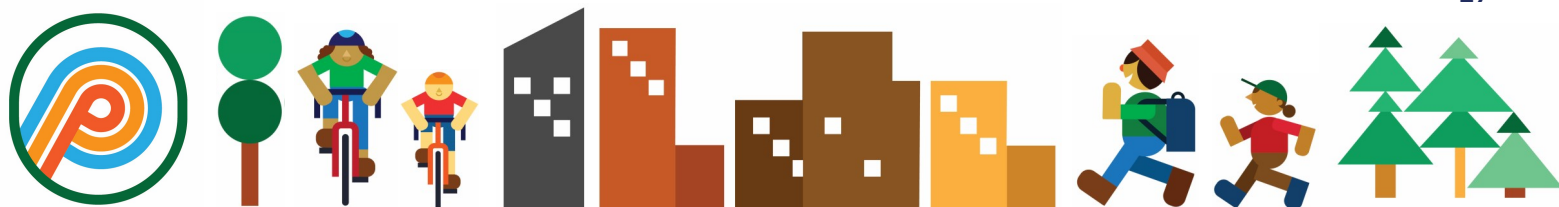


## **University Heights Corridor Plan**

*Josh Barry, Ryan Bateman, Carmen Larson, and Derek Vangool*

This project, undertaken as a term project for Plan 490: Senior Planning Studio at the University of Saskatchewan conducted by Josh Barry, Ryan Bateman, Carmen Larson, and Derek Vangool focuses on redeveloping the University of Saskatchewan North Management Lands along Attridge Drive in University Heights, Saskatoon. This segment, inclusive of low to medium density residential dwellings, Dutch Growers, and the decommissioned Beef Research Station act as a somewhat blank slate for creativity. The project focuses on creating a pedestrian paradise, with a focus on environmental and Indigenous education, walkability, and mixed-use development. These elements, in concert with the proposed BRT station nearby, create a pedestrian friendly environment that repurposes land to improve the efficacy of the proposed BRT line.

The installment of PLAN 490: Senior Planning Studio in which this project was conducted was taught by Dr. Ana Hidalgo at the University of Saskatchewan in the 2022 Winter Term. In line with the City of Saskatoon Corridor Redevelopment Plan, 4 groups in this class were each given a segment of Attridge Drive to redevelop; focusing on the proposed BRT line and existing City of Saskatoon policies and legislation, students were tasked with creatively solving issues of their segment.



# Sessions

**Monday**

**September 26**

**1:00–2:00**

Concurrent Session

Trentino Room

## Land Codes and Decolonization

*Ken Cossey, RPP, MCIP, Principal, KWC Planning Services*

Overall, the Land Code concept is a process of self-government for land development and lease management approvals set up by First Nation governments for First Nation governments. We will be examining what is this, how is it created, trends on the use of this and other self-government land programs across Canada, and what does it mean to adjacent municipalities.

First question we need to ask ourselves, is how are we going to define this term? We are all aware of the concept of colonization and how that evolved. When looking at the term decolonization in its simplest terms, that would suggest the removal or undoing of some sort of imposed colonial system. The classic example of this would be the various European countries that simply removed themselves from various overseas foreign territories over the past number of years. However, I would suggest that for our purposes, this definition is way too simplistic, especially when we look at the damage that colonialization has done on First Nation communities across Canada.

For the purposes of the presentation, I would suggest that we define “decolonization” as a process that helps to repair the damage done.

We need to look briefly at the history on how the settlers and First Nations interacted. Then we will look at the impacts of the Indian Act, explore various social philosophical/movement approaches to the removal of the Indian Act, look at various trends across Canada today and suggest what we can do as a planning profession.

**Monday**

**September 26**

**2:00–3:00**

Concurrent Session

Trentino Room

## Culture Connects...Rethinking Third Places and Spaces

*Panel Discussion Moderated by:*

*Lenore Swystun, RPP, MCIP, Founding Director, Prairie Wild Consulting*  
*Samantha Mark, RPP, MCIP, Senior Manager, Prairie Wild Consulting*

*Panelists:*

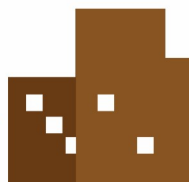
*Judy MacLeod Campbell, Arts and Culture Coordinator, City of Prince Albert*  
*Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Moose Jaw*  
*Lisa Washington, Community Development Manager, City of Yorkton*  
*Dennis Garreck, Outreach Consultant, SaskCulture*

The Cities of Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, and Yorkton are connecting people, places, and stories through their respective cultural planning processes. With support from SaskCulture, each community is engaging with residents, Council, administration, and other stakeholders to define what culture means to them now and into the future.

Join us for this exciting panel to hear their respective stories and how cultural planning is making positive change in their communities and throughout Saskatchewan.

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**Monday  
September 26**

**3:15–4:15**

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Trentino Room

## **Partnering for Growth: How Five Saskatchewan Municipalities Found Shared Ground**

*Rebecca Row, RPP, MCIP, Director of Planning & Development, R.M. of Corman Park*

*Brad Toth, RPP, MCIP, Director of Planning, Development and Bylaw Services, City of Warman*

*Bonnie Gorelitza, RPP, MCIP, Planning Manager, City of Martensville*

The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Planning District received provincial Ministerial approval to be established on January 1, 2022. The P4G partnering municipalities are:

- Rural Municipality of Corman Park
- City of Martensville
- Town of Osler
- City of Saskatoon
- City of Warman

The new P4G Planning District replaced the former Corman Park-Saskatoon Planning District which was a successful regional partnership with origins back to the 1950's.

The latest projections show the P4G region nearing a population of 500,000 in the next 20 years. Given the economic climate, we anticipate our region could achieve a population of 1 million in the next 60 years. We want our region to be ready for growth, to enable economic prosperity for everyone, and support the quality of life that we enjoy. This has reinforced the need for a more coordinated approach to regional planning and servicing through our new P4G Planning District.

Original P4G administrative members Rebecca Row, Corman Park's Director of Planning; Bonnie Gorelitza, Martensville's Planning Manager; and Brad Toth, Warman's Director of Planning, will share P4G's journey over the past 8+ years including drafting our foundational documents, the success of our committee structures, our lessons learned and how we overcame obstacles to create and implement this new partnership.



# Sessions

**Monday**  
**September 26**  
**4:15–5:15**

*Concurrent Session*  
*Trentino Room*

## **From Place-making to Place-keeping**

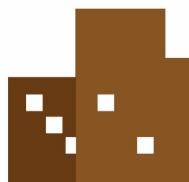
*Jennifer Fix, RPP, MCIP, Principal, Urbanism and Engagement, Ahne Studio*

Places are rarely “made” in a planning process. Since all Canadian planning occurs on Indigenous lands – including Treaty and unceded lands – every planning project transpires within a place that has existed since Time Immemorial. There are no blank canvases.

Likewise, contemporary city spaces that have organically evolved over time – ranging from ethnic enclaves to artist-based neighbourhoods – are among the most culturally-rich urban places in Canada. In fact, well-intentioned planning and place-making efforts can undermine the authenticity and inclusivity of these places. Place-keeping, on the other hand, is the process of preserving the ecology and culture of the people already residing in a place. Different than NIMBYism or even heritage preservation, place-keeping is a concept being used by groups like Black urbanists who are taking action to preserve Black spaces in cities.

Place-keeping is about justice and equity. It is about reconciliation and decolonization. It is about responding to the climate emergency, keeping our urban places habitable through climate change mitigation and preparedness.

This presentation will differentiate between place-making and place-keeping, and will explore the imperatives for creating plans “of their place”. It will cover the role of inclusive public participation in the process of place-keeping, and will draw upon lessons from diverse planning and engagement projects across Western Canada. Project examples will range from Tofino’s Main Street Plan, to a new Vancouver infill neighbourhood plan created in partnership with Canada Lands Company and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.



# Sessions—Mobile Tours

**Monday**  
**September 26**  
**1:00–3:00**

*Concurrent Session*

**Mobile Tour**

**AND**

**Tuesday**  
**September 27**  
**2:00–4:00**

*Concurrent Session*

**Mobile Tour**

## **Living the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action: Building Saskatchewan's Residential School Memorial**

*Jenna Schroeder, RPP, MCIP, Executive Director, Provincial Capital Commission*

The residential school system operated in Canada for more than a century. The federal government reports that 150,000 Indigenous children were removed and separated from their families and communities to attend these schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission recognizes 20 federally-run residential schools in Saskatchewan. These schools operated from the 1880s to the 1990s.

The construction of a permanent memorial answers the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 82, which recommends installing a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential School memorial in each capital city to honour survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.

The design of Saskatchewan's memorial was unveiled on September 30, 2021, the Day for Truth and Reconciliation, following engagement with Indigenous knowledge-keepers, leaders and Residential School survivors from across the province. His Honour, the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, led engagement activities. On June 21, 2022, National Indigenous Peoples Day, His Honour hosted a public unveiling ceremony of the memorial. Everyone is now welcome to visit the memorial and learn about and reflect on the legacy of Saskatchewan's residential schools.

This mobile tour will speak to the design, construction and unveiling of the memorial, with attention given to cultural and historic elements. Participants will be able to explore the memorial. Following a presentation and questions and answers, time will be provided for personal reflection at the memorial.

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**September 26**  
**3:15–5:15**

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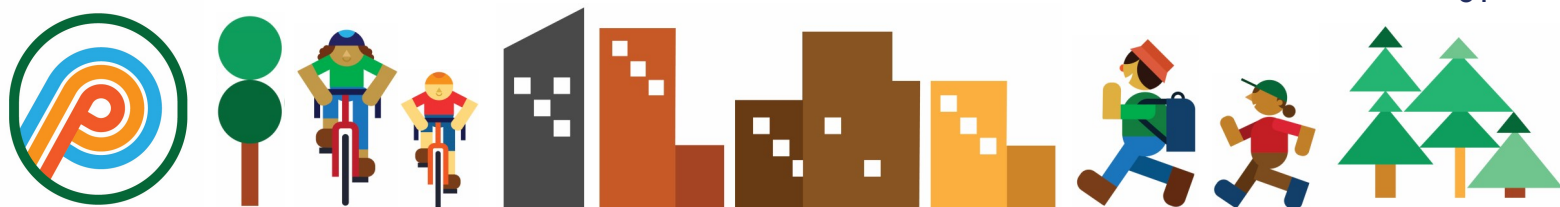
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## **Beer-making & Planning Practice: Walking Tour of Craft Breweries in Regina's Warehouse District**

*Dr. Vanessa Mathews, Associate Professor, University of Regina*

On this walking tour, participants will be guided through the history of beer making in Regina, and the rise of craft breweries across the province over the past ten years. The tour will focus on Regina's historic Warehouse District, an area containing a majority of the city's craft breweries. It will highlight how the province's two biggest cities, Saskatoon and Regina, have recently modified, or are in the process of modifying, zoning practices to accommodate craft breweries across an expanded range of land uses and building types. It will demonstrate how craft breweries are playing an important role in placemaking and the development of third places across a diversity of locations. The tour will start at the Delta Hotel and will take approximately 2-2.5 hours.





# Sessions

**Tuesday**  
**September 27**  
**8:45–9:45**

*Trentino Room*

## **SPPI Annual General Meeting**

All SPPI Members are invited to attend the 2022 Annual General Meeting. The AGM will include a review of the past year, election of new SPPI Council members, and consideration of motions from the membership.

**Tuesday**  
**September 27**  
**10:00–12:00**  
*Concurrent Session*  
*Trentino Room*

## **Planning for Health and Equity Workshop**

*Dr. Ana Karinna Hidalgo, Professional Associate, University of Saskatchewan*

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, as defined by the World Health Organization. Considering its definition, health is addressed partially in some disciplines. Planning, as well, has not been addressing the complexity of health, although some policies, bylaws and master plan visions may include some aspects of health, especially in recent years.

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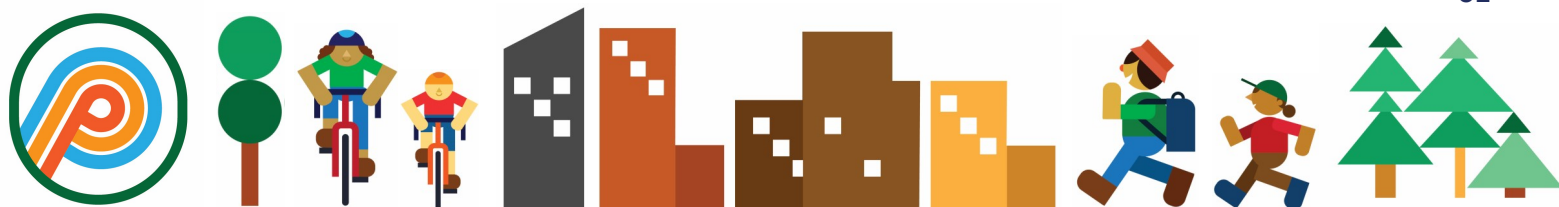
In addition, equity refers to equal access to opportunities, resources and power for all. When combining health and equity in the built environment, the gap in addressing both aspects increases remarkably. Shapes, forms, the amount of natural landscape, and the physical environment's design differ significantly from one community to another.

The possibility of every individual receiving the health benefits of nature every day depends on where this person lives, works or studies. Ideally, each urban or rural resident should be exposed to healthy environments that promote physical, mental, and social well-being.

This workshop presents a framework for planners focusing on health and equity in the physical environment. This planning framework is built upon evidence-based research on health and the built environment, particularly physical and mental health. In addition, some findings come from interdisciplinary research on biophilic design, sustainable communities and environmental psychology.

Some projects and examples will be showcased and analyzed with participants during the workshop. Additionally, we will discuss the challenges and benefits of adopting a healthy and equitable planning approach.

During an interactive presentation, participants will have the opportunity to propose planning and design ideas that promote well-being in the communities of their choice. The workshop will end with peer review, feedback and take-out lessons.





**Tuesday**  
**September 27**  
**10:00–11:00**

*Concurrent Session*  
*Campania Room*

## Including People During Planning to Achieve Placemaking

*S. Yvonne Prusak, BASc, MA, RPP, MCIP, Founder & CEO, Northbound Planning Ltd.*

With great geographical expanses in Saskatchewan, and the embarkment of remote-work environments (let alone gas-prices to travel!), it is becoming increasingly difficult for planners to complete site inspections prior to the issuance of decisions for development permits or subdivisions. One of the challenges that Northbound Planning experiences, as a private planning firm who provides professional planning support for municipalities throughout Saskatchewan, is the ability to gauge the applicability and land-use compatibility of development in a location that is far away.

This presentation will address some techniques and benefits of encouraging municipalities to appoint and empower local advisory people and boards to be consulted during the planning process to gather the necessary information to make informed decisions. Through the active participation of locally appointed people in the community, adequate training and support, the increased communication and collaboration allows people to play an active role in the placemaking of their communities. While not formal elected officials of the municipality, the incorporation of these individuals provides much-needed boots-on-the-ground insight into the local community, and is a great advantage in higher density communities, such as lakeshore communities, unique neighbourhoods, and special interest areas.

Tools and techniques will be shared that provide opportunities for the collection of a diversity of perspectives by decision-makers, elected officials, and give the opportunity to locals to feel included during the planning and development process. It is our experience that this inclusion greatly improves local resident experiences in living, or visiting, in any local community. The true and honest empowerment of these advisory groups has resulted in a decrease in separation mentalities, and has helped to create strong, beautiful local communities, where individuals are proud of the place they are making.

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**September 27**  
**11:00–12:00**

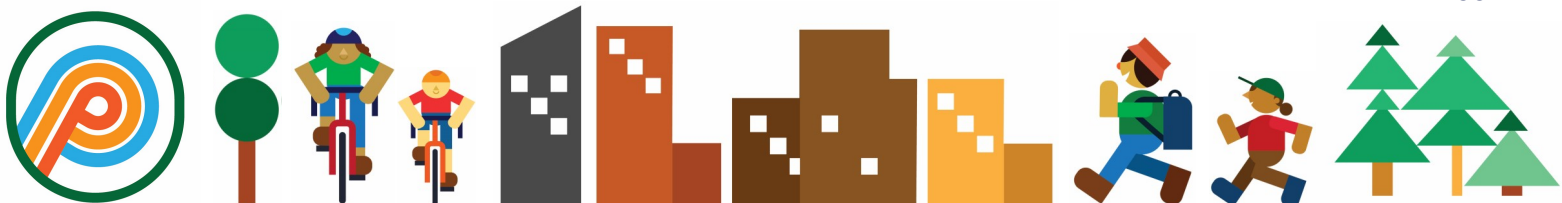
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*Campania Room*

## Reconciliation Connects People. Planning & Placemaking

*Ray Gosselin, Principal Architect, Ray Gosselin Architect Ltd.*

Since December 2015 when the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada release a final report, the country has embarked on a journey towards reconciliation. Reconciliation, as applied to urban planning and the planning profession, must be accepted and understood to better integrate diversity. Ray's presentation will:

- ◆ Share personal experiences as an inter-generational Residential school survivor.
- ◆ Recount professional experiences, past and present, rooted in Reconciliation specific to people, planning and placemaking.
- ◆ Discuss significant issues the planning profession will need to prepare for going forward into the future.



# Sessions

**Tuesday  
September 27**

**1:15–1:45**

*Concurrent Session*

*Trentino Room*

## **City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival Site - Shuffling the Deck**

*Marilyn Gould, SALA, CSLA, SK Regional Manager, HTFC Planning & Design  
Mark Bauche, MALA, SALA, CSLA, Associate, HTFC Planning & Design*

The City of Saskatoon engaged HTFC Planning & Design and project team for the exploration of a permanent location for an outdoor festival site. This presentation will provide a brief overview of how the Feasibility Study identified potential sites and infrastructure needs, which ultimately led to a Functional Concept within the existing public space framework - ultimately “shuffling the deck” of the urban downtown riverfront. Following this summary, a more detailed description of the process for the site selection will be provided, and an exploration of the importance of the project team’s role being supported by the Owner group. Finally, the Council-approved Functional Concept will be provided, complete with discussion about the major influences, such as the needs of a destination urban park; the growing responsibilities to provide sustainable festival venues; the various interconnected festival zones required; and civic planning requirements.

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*Campania Room*

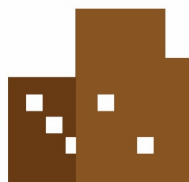
## **Meewasin Valley Authority and a Potential National Urban Park**

*Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning & Conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority  
Ryan Walker RPP, MCIP, Chair, Board of Directors, Meewasin Valley Authority*

A fascinating deep dive on the Meewasin Valley Authority, one of the most unique non-governmental agencies in the world, with a mandate to Conserve, Develop, and Educate. With development control and powerful legislation, Meewasin is the steward of the Meewasin Valley centered in the City of Saskatoon, and a uniquely-governed, quasi-municipal agency with a 100 Year Conceptual Master Plan. Since its creation in 1979, Meewasin, within its 67 km<sup>2</sup> jurisdiction, has built over 105 km of Meewasin Trail, educated thousands, and protected significant areas of native prairie, one of the most imperiled ecosystems on the planet.

Meewasin is now embarking on an exploration of a potential national urban park, and is poised to transform the Saskatoon region again with this generational opportunity. Partnering with Parks Canada, guided by the steering committee (Government of Saskatchewan, City of Saskatoon, RM of Corman Park, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, University of Saskatchewan), Meewasin is conducting engagement with key decision makers on Vision, Boundaries, and Governance for the designation of a potential national urban park, which may be the first of its kind in Canada.

This presentation will provide insight into the Meewasin Valley Authority, a one-of-a-kind entity, as it explores the creation of another one-of-a-kind, a potential national urban park in the Saskatoon region.



**Tuesday  
September 27**

**2:00–3:30**

*Concurrent Session*

*Trentino Room*

## **Urban Canvas: The Engagement of the Arts and Culture in Downtowns**

*Judith Veresuk, Executive Director, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District*

Artists, designers and cultural organizations are key stakeholders in our communities but are not always meaningfully engaged when opportunities arise. With creativity and thoughtfulness, arts and culture can be incorporated into all aspects of downtown operations. Learn about a variety of efforts Regina Downtown undertook to integrate the local arts and cultural community into their annual programming and capital investments.

**Tuesday  
September 27**

**2:00–4:00**

*Concurrent Session*

**Mobile Tour**

## **Evaluating and Protecting Neighbourhood Character**

*Alan G. Wallace, RPP, MCIP, LEED-GA, Planning Director, Wallace Insights*

*Adefemi Adegeye, RPP, MCIP, Senior City Planner, City of Regina*

*Aastha Shrestha, City Planner, City of Regina*

The City of Regina and Wallace Insights will host a mobile workshop—‘walking powerpoint’ presentation- in the historic Cathedral neighbourhood. It will examine the City’s recent efforts to engage with neighbourhood stakeholders to determine what neighbourhood character is, and how to conserve the important character elements which make Cathedral one of the most unique neighbourhoods in Saskatchewan. The workshop will examine the methods used to assess unique character features, how engagement with stakeholders was conducted, examine the full range of regulatory tools available in Saskatchewan to preserve neighbourhood character and highlight the outcomes and the surprising results. The workshop will touch upon heritage conservation, architecture, business improvement districts, and planning and heritage legislation.

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September 27**

**2:00–4:00**

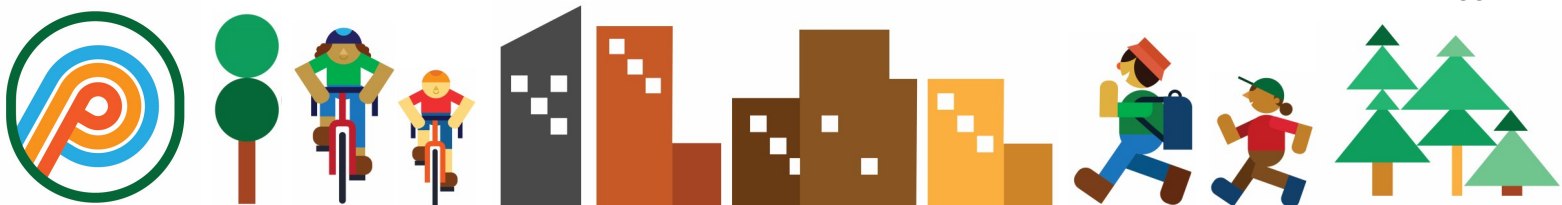
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## **Living the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action: Building Saskatchewan’s Residential School Memorial**

*Jenna Schroeder, RPP, MCIP, Executive Director, Provincial Capital Commission*

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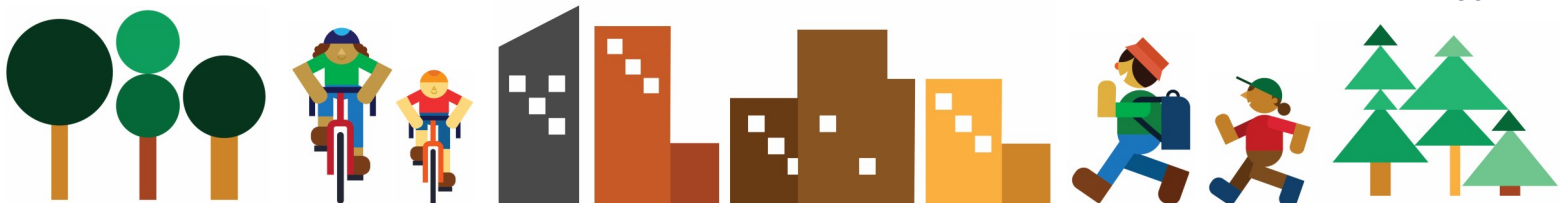
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