

Larry Beasley C.M., B.A., M.A., L.L.D.(Hon.), F.C.I.P., R.P.P. Registered Professional Planner

Life's Work

My career has been dedicated to guiding the transformation of cities as a **Professional Planner, Urban Designer**, **Planning Manager**, **and Author**. For many years, in Vancouver, as deputy and then chief planner, I led a comprehensive planning service that resulted in one of the world's most liveable cities and a model for other contemporary, innovative cities. This was followed by similar efforts as a consultant in Abu Dhabi (UAE), and Dallas (Texas, USA). I have completed specific projects and advised on urban issues in Canada, the United States, the Netherlands, the Nordic countries, and Australia. I have also been a developer.

I am strongly motivated to teach young people the effective practices of planning and urban design, most notably as the 'Distinguished Practice' Professor of Planning at the University of British Columbia (recently retired, after 27 years); and, on the web, through EdX, the e-learning platform.

I also offer my **services in leadership** in both my local and national community and internationally. I have served several board terms on the National Capital Commission in Ottawa, the International Economic Advisory Board of Rotterdam in The Netherlands, TransLink, Greater Vancouver's integrated transportation agency, and the Green Line Transit Project in Calgary. I have served on professional boards including the Canadian Urban Institute, and the Planning Institute of British Columbia; working committees of the Canadian Institute of Planning; and on many non-profit boards.

I am an avid writer on urban issues. My first book, *Ecodesign for Cities and Suburbs*, with Jonathan Barnett, is available from Island Press. My most recent book, *Vancouverism*, is available from UBC Press. Both can also be found at Amazon. My pending book, *Planning the Future of Abu Dhabi – a Canadian-Emirati Collaboration for Sustainable Urbanism*, edited with Michael White, will be out from UBC Press in early-2026. I have contributed articles for the Canadian press and magazines as well as chapters for books by others.

Bachelor of Arts Simon Fraser University

EDUCATION

Master of Arts

1973

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University of British Columbia

Fellow (Since 2005)

Canadian Institute of Planners Planning Institute of British Columbia

Member

Lambda Alpha International Honorary Land Economics Society

Member

Congress for the New Urbanism

Honorary Member (Since 2006) Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

Fellow

Dallas Institute

HONOURS

2004	Member of the Order of Canada – Governor General of Canada
2012	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal – Governor General of Canada
2011	Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree – Dalhousie University
2007	Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree – Simon Fraser University
2020	Honorary Faculty Member – Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning Program
2016	Dean's Medal of Distinction – University of British Columbia, Faculty of Applied Sciences
2012	Design Leadership Excellence Award - International Interior Designers Association
2008	Building Named for Me – "The Beasley", Downtown Vancouver
2007	Kevin Lynch Prize in Planning – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2007	Distinguished Alumni Award – Simon Fraser University Alumni Association
2006	Award for "Leadership in Health Public Policy" – Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada
2003	Medal as "Advocate for Architecture" – Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Beasley & Associates, Planning Inc. – Consultants

T3-1500 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2R1

Founding Principal | August 2006 - Present

The private consultant practice, which I founded, does a wide range of planning, organizational development and development facilitation projects both nationally and internationally. Highlights have been: founding the Urban Planning Council in Abu Dhabi, UAE, now one of the most progressive planning agencies in the Middle East; founding the Urban Design Studio with the City organization of Dallas, Texas, which is shifting the design culture of that community; working with Nordic Innovations on progressive urbanism initiatives throughout Scandinavia; crafting a completely new vision for Brampton, Ontario, which is helping to redefine sustainable suburbs in Canada; setting a new plan for Prince Rupert, British Columbia, which addresses quality growth of small cities; helping to set new directions for the Toronto, Ontario, Planning Department; transforming a harsh freeway scheme into an elegant parkway in Dallas, Texas; designing completely new national capital districts in Abu Dhabi and Moscow, Russia, and advising on evolution of Canberra, Australia's national capital; and, designing several key 'creative districts' in Vancouver, facilitating the growing ideas economy. I advise governments as well as private development companies and non-profit organizations. My consultant work has been recognized as follows.

AWARDS

2022	Silver Award of Excellence – Planning Institute of British Columbia
2016	President's Award – Canadian Institute of Planners
2012	Competition Winner – Moscow Capital Expansion Competition City of Moscow
2012	Award of Excellence for Urban Design – Canadian Institute of Planners
2012	Winner and Peoples' Choice Award – Vancouver Viaducts Removal Competition, City of Vancouver
2012	CLIDE Award – North Central Texas Council of Governments
2009	Award of Excellence – International Society of City and Regional Planners, The Hague
2008	Award of Excellence – Planning Institute of British Columbia

City of Vancouver Planning Department

453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Director of Planning / Member, Development Permit Board July - October 2006

Co-Director of Planning and Director of Current Planning (formerly Central Area Planning) / Member, Development Permit Board
October 1994 – June 2006

Associate Director of Planning - Central Area Planning Division
January 1987 - October 1994

As Director I was the chief planner for the City, responsible for over 100 staff. Earlier, as Co-Director I was directly responsible for several teams representing about 50+ staff. Among these were: about 20 staff who were planning and managing major change, including

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mega-projects in Vancouver's inner city; 6 staff who handled all rezoning in the City; 10 staff who undertook urban design and processed all major development applications; and 4 heritage staff. I also co-directed the other 50+ staff in the Department. I was one of three voting Members of the Development Permit Board and I exercised all Charter Authorities of the Director of Planning. I have sat on the Urban Design Panel, the Manager's Corporate Planning Committee, the Manager's Capital Plan Committee, the Street Naming Committee and I chaired the Major Projects Steering Committee. I was the City Project Manager for the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre Expansion Program. I was the civic planning lead in the City's 2010 Olympic bid and planning group until my retirement.

AWARDS

2006	Induction into the Western Living Residential Design Hall of Fame
2006	Award of Excellence – Congress for the New Urbanism, Chicago, Illinois
2005	Appreciation Award – Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association
2005	Plan Canada Feature Article of the Year – Canadian Institute of Planners
2004	Special Achievement Award for Planning – International Downtown Association, Washington, D.C.
1996	Award as One of the World's 100 Best Planning Practices - United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Nairobi, Kenya - for the 1996 UN Habitat II Summit in Istanbul, Turkey
1995, 2000, 2003	National Honour Awards - Canadian Institute of Planners
1994	Award for Contribution to Local Government - Social Planning Research Council of B.C. and Forum for Planning Action
1994	Silver Award - "Georgie Awards" - Canadian Home Builders & Association of B.C.
1992	Award of Merit - "Gold Nugget Awards" - Pacific Coast Builders Conference, San Francisco, California
1992, 2003, 2004	Honour Awards - "Excellence on the Waterfront" Awards Program - Waterfront Centre Society, Washington, D.C.
1991, 1992, 1996	Awards of Merit - Planning Institute of B.C.
1990, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2004	Awards for Planning Excellence -Planning Institute of B.C.

City of Vancouver Office of the City Manager

453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Manager, Vancouver Legacies Program

May 1985 - December 1986

I conceived and managed, with 6 staff, a program of corporate and citizen sponsorship of civic capital projects in celebration of Vancouver's Centennial. Over \$3.5 million was received for 40 large projects and many smaller improvements.

AWARDS

1987

1988	National Honour Award - Canadian Institute of Planners
1987	Special Achievement Award - International Downtown Association, Washington, D.C.

Achievement Award - Downtown Vancouver Association

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Professional Planner

May 1976 - April 1985

Senior Area Planner III (for 5 years)

I was responsible for community planning field programs, planning for rapid transit, special projects, advising the City's land bank, general policy and administration. I directly supervised 10 staff and assisted in the management of a further 6 staff.

Local Area Planner II (for 4 years)

I was responsible for field planning programs in Riley Park and Hastings-Sunrise as well as implementing the Neighbourhood Improvement Program. I had special success in renovating the Riley Park Community Centre, initiating the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, establishing the first City position on the future of the Pacific National Exhibition site, designing the City's first resident permit parking scheme around Hastings Park and reconciling local and regional interests for the new Cassiar Freeway link in eastern Vancouver. I managed separate teams of 3 staff each.

Planner I (for 1/2 year)

I worked on a variety of studies.

I had regular interaction with City Council, senior staff, other agencies, citizens, and developers. I also served on numerous occasions as the Acting Associate Director - Area Planning.

Municipality of Burnaby Planning Department

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C

Zoning Analyst

September 1973 - January 1976

Planning Intern (for 2 years)

While in graduate school, I worked part-time, completing a plan for one local town centre as well as doing preliminary analysis of the emerging Metrotown, a regional town centre.

Zoning Analyst (for 1 year)

I was responsible for zoning analysis, strata plan evaluation, area studies, and secondary urban design.

I wrote Council reports and interacted with a wide variety of people.

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Toby Russell Buckwell and Associates, Architects

1650 Alberni Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Architectural Technical Draftsperson

February 1973 - August 1973

I was involved in a variety of projects, as a draftsperson and technical assistant, taking part in field analyses and interactions with clients.

Kelly Pittelko Fritz and Forssen, Consulting Engineers

Suite 900, 425 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Non-Engineering Technical Draftsperson and Junior Designer

October 1969 - October 1970

I was involved in many projects as a draftsperson and spatial designer.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Calgary Green Line Transit Project

800 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta

Member of the Board | January, 2021 - September, 2024

As a Board member, I was a decision maker covering all aspects of delivery of the new Green Line rapid transit project, a major expansion of the city's transit network. I chaired the Planning Committee of the Board. The Board was disbanded when governments decided to go in a different direction.

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Applied Sciences, School of Community and Regional Planning

6333 Memorial Road, Vancouver, B.C.

'Distinguished Practice' Professor of Planning | May 2006 - May 2023 Adjunct Professor and Sessional Lecturer | September 1996 - April 2006

I taught my annual course on professional practice for graduate students entering the field of community and regional planning. I have also chaired and taught three "Summer Institutes", drawing international students for a short course using Vancouver as an urban laboratory. I guest-lectured in other courses, covering occasionally for other professors, and worked with individual students (mentoring, interning and thesis support). I have also mounted an online course, "Ecodesign for Cities and Suburbs", on the web platform, EdX, reaching almost 20,000 students in over 160 countries. I guest lecture at other universities, examples including University of Toronto, New York University, University of Michigan, University of Washington, University of Pennsylvania, University of Waterloo, University of Saskatchewan (visiting Urbanist), Simon Fraser University, and the University of Manitoba.

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Ottawa's National Capital Commission

40 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Member of the Board | February, 2018 - April 2023

Chair (for last twelve years) and Member of the Advisory

Committee on Planning, Design and Realty | April 2000 – March, 2016

As a Board member, I was a decision maker covering all the mandated responsibilities of the National Capital Commission. I was a Member of the Board's Executive Committee. In my earlier work on the Advisory Committee, I provided input to the Board and Staff. These responsibilities covered major developments in Ottawa involving national interests, plans for Ottawa's future, and guiding of national efforts to create and manage an effective national capital. I am a Member of the Executive Committee.

TransLink

400 - 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, B.C.

Member of the Board | January, 2016 – December 2021

As a Board member, I was a decision maker covering all the mandated responsibilities of TransLink, British Columbia's integrated transportation agency for the Greater Vancouver region. This covers rapid transit, bus transit, special transit, transit security, major roads, major cycling routes and walking provisions. I chaired the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee for my last three years.

City of Rotterdam International Economic Development Advisory Board

Postbus 30230, NL - 3001 DE Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Member of the Advisory Board | March 2010 - No specific date (approximately 2016)

In my work on the Board, I provided advice to the City government on matters related to the economic development implications of civic form and functionality. This includes attendance at Board conferences bi-annually.

Aquilini Developments Ltd.

2 nd Floor, 510 W. Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Vice-President for Development | January 2008 – May 2011

I managed several projects for new inner-city developments across Canada, including in Fredericton, NB and Kelowna, BC, as well as advised the company on development opportunities, public policy and political matters.

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OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES

In addition to my primary employment activities, I also regularly provide advice to many cities and organizations. This has included (not an exhaustive list) Ontario's Harbourfront Royal Commission (on Toronto waterfront planning policy), Toronto's Planning Department (on downtown planning and waterfront transformation), the City and business community of Halifax (on inner-city visions), the City of London, Ontario (on downtown planning), the cities of Saskatoon and Regina, Saskatchewan (on downtown revitalization), the City Council of Seattle, Washington (on the "Seattle Commons" and downtown zoning), the City of Chicago, Illinois (on development regulation and urban design), the San Diego Redevelopment Authority (on downtown housing), the Philadelphia Downtown Association (on downtown visions), the City of Boise, Idaho (on inner-city planning), the City of Washington, D.C. (on waterfront neighbourhood planning and overall building heights), the City of Rotterdam, the Netherlands (visiting Urban Critic), the City of Auckland, New Zealand (on inner-city, waterfront and community development), the Planning Institute of New Zealand (on progressive planning and development management practices), the City of Shanghai, China (on planning for world stature events and contemporary urban problem solving), the City of Brisbane, Australia (on urban policy and development management), the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Australia (on waterfront planning and design), the Australia Capital Territory Government, Canberra, Australia (on inner-city revitalization), the City of Aarhus, Denmark (on urban liveability), and the City of Uppsala, Sweden (on new community development). I have also worked with the business communities in Boston, Massachusetts, Hong Kong, China, Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, Waterloo, Ontario and other cities.

Through my affiliation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the State Council Office for Restructuring of Economic Systems – People's Republic of China, my work on preservation in the City of Xian, China has been recognized with the 1999 National Honour Award from the Canadian Institute of Planners.

I have set on and/or chaired professional awards juries, including those of the City of Toronto, City of Edmonton, Waterfront Centre (Washington, D.C.), Ontario
Association of Architects, Congress for the New Urbanism (Chicago, Illinois), the Vancouver Urban Development Institute, the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, and the Government of Canada Ministry of Heritage. I have also set on juries for private development RFPs in Mississauga, Ontario and Koishung City, Taiwan. In 2013 I curated the Dallas 'Connected City' Urban Design Competition.

I regularly speak all over the world on urban issues at conferences, corporate meetings, university sessions and special events, through my affiliation with the National Speakers Bureau and the International Speakers Bureau, and also freelance.

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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning

Vancouver, B.C.

Master of Arts, Community & Regional Planning | September 1974 - May 1976

My major areas of study were community planning, urban design and citizens' participation. I was an active member of the Planning Student Society and a Student Member of the Planning Institute of British Columbia. In these roles, I served on several faculty-student committees. I received two University of British Columbia Graduate Fellowships and maintained a first-class grade average in all course work.

Simon Fraser University, Department of Geography

Burnaby, B.C.

Bachelor of Arts in Geography | January 1971 - December 1972

My major area of study was urban and social geography. My minor was political science. I was twice Chairman and a part-time Staff Coordinator of the Geography Student Union, participated in department curriculum and policy-making committees and organized, with others, a symposium concerning Vancouver's transportation future. I received several S.F.U. Open Scholarships, the Leon J. Koerner Scholarship and an S.F.U. Award for Service. I maintained a high first-class grade average in all course work.

University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

January 1969 - May 1969

I took courses in General and Fine Arts.

Arizona State University, College of Architecture

Tempe, Arizona

September 1966 - May 1968

I was an active member of the Student Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and worked part-time as an architectural draftsman for a professor.

Rancho High School

Las Vegas, Nevada

High School Graduation | May 1966

I was a member of the Honour Society and the Speech Society. I graduated high in my class and received the Palm Scholarship as well as the Public Speaking Medal.

PROFESSIONAL AND CHARACTER REFERENCES

Mr. Ray Spaxman

Retired Director of Planning of Vancouver

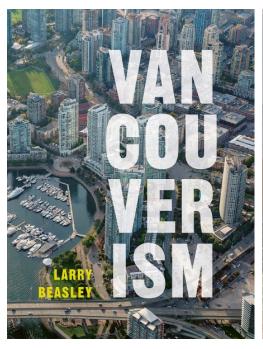
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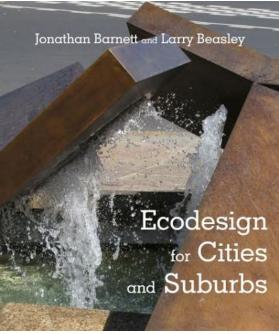
Dr. Douglas Clement

Retired Physician and Author 2203 – 1077 West Cordova Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2C6 (604-261-6220)

MY BOOKS

- 1. *Ecodesign for Cities and Suburbs*, with Jonathan Barnet, Washington, D.C.: Island Press (2015).
- 2. Vancouverism, Vancouver: UBC Press (2019).
- 3. Planning the Future of Abu Dhabi A Canadian-Emirati Collaboration for Sustainable Urbanism, a book of essays edited with Michael White, Vancouver: UBC Press (publication pending in 2026).





MY OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Vancouver's Transportation Future, editor (Fall 1972).
- 2. "Champlain Heights: Citizens' Urban Design in Vancouver" *Landscape Architecture Magazine* (March 1976).
- 3. A Design Probe Comparison of Regional and Municipal Attitudes Toward Regional Town Centres - Case Study in Burnaby, B.C., Masters thesis (May 1976)
- 4. "Hastings Sunrise", "Planning for Cassiar Street", "The ALRT System", and "1986 and Beyond Giving to Vancouver's Future", *Quarterly Review Magazine* (October 1980, October 1981, April 1982 and July 1985, respectively).
- 5. "More Testimony: Theory and Practice of Citizens' Participation", *Plan Canada Magazine*, book review (early 1984).
- 6. The Vancouver Legacies Program Visions, (July 1985).
- 7. "Design Guidelines Curse or Blessing", Awards Magazine for Architecture, Construction and Interior Design, with others (September 1994).
- 8. City of Vancouver Casino Review Discussion Paper, with others (August 1994).
- 9. "New Urban Neighbourhoods in Old Urban Ways", New Urbanism Publication of the International Making Cities Livable Council (Spring 1997).
- 10. "Hands Across the Pacific: Lessons from Chinese and Canadian Co-Operation" Forum Canada's National Municipal Affairs Magazine, with Louise Morris (Summer/Fall 1998).
- 11. "Living First in Downtown Vancouver", *American Planning Association Zoning News* (April 2000).
- 12. "Development Management in a Fast-Changing Canadian City: The Vancouver Example" and "China-Canada: Urban Cross Currents", with Louise Morris, *China-Urban Planning Overseas* (November 2000).
- 13. "New Urban Neighbourhoods in Vancouver", *Making Cities Livable Newsletter* (Vol. 5, No. 3/4. 2000).
- 14. "Neighbourhoods in the City", with Jacqui Underwood, *Vancouver Lifestyles Magazine* (April 2001).
- 15. "Laws and Processes Behind the Urban Designer's Pencil: Thoughts from the Vancouver Experience", *Plan Canada Magazine* (Autumn 2003).
- 16. "Re-inventing the City for People A City by Design", *Ontario Planning Journal* (Vol. 19, No. 1, 13 January/February 2004).
- 17. "Beaudry is Linchpin of NCC's Excellence", Ottawa Citizen (March 2004).
- 18. "Moving Forward in Canadian Communities: Soliloquy of an Urbanist", *Plan Canada Magazine* (Winter 2004) Winner of the 2005 Plan Canada Feature Article of the Year from the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- 19. Living in False Creek North From the Residents' Perspective, self-published booklet through the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning (July, 2008).

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- 20. "Moving Forward in Canadian Communities: Soliloquy of an Urbanist", chapter in book, A Reader in Canadian Planning Linking Theory and Practice, edited by Jill Grant, Nelson A Division of Thomson Canada Ltd. (2008)."
- 21. "Taking Canada to the World: Touchstones for Effective Canadian Planning Abroad", *Plan Canada Magazine* (Winter 2012).
- 22. "Forward", section in book, At Home in the City Thinking Through Urban Design Challenges in New Zealand, by Errol Haarhoff et. al., Balasoglou Books (2013).
- 23. "The City as Museum and the Museum as City", chapter in e-book, The City and Its Museum, edited by Marlen Moulion and Eric Sandweiss, International Council of Museums (2015, publication pending).
- 24. "Canada Needs a New Vision for the Suburbs", Vancouver Sun (October 30 2015).
- 25. "Reclaiming Space for the Community Giving the 13 th Floor to the People", *Vancouver Sun* (November 10 2017).
- 26. "Northeast False Creek Vancouver's New Golden Apple", *Vancouver Sun* (February 21 2018).
- 27. "The Art of the City by Raffaele Milani Book Review", *Canadian Architect* (Vol. 63, No. 3, March 2018).
- 28. "Reshaping of Downtown Vancouver A Case Study of Transformative Incrementalism", chapter in book, *Transformative Incrementalism: The Journey to Sustainability*, by Robert Buchan, Municipal World (2019).
- 29. "Big-City Planning: Memories and Insights", Plan Canada Magazine- Special Centenary Edition (Spring 2019).
- 30. "The cloak of secrecy around Vancouver's False Creek South needs to be lifted", The Globe and Mail (September 14, 2021).
- 31. "Structuring the City" and "Foreward", chapter and section in book, The Routledge Handbook of Urban Design Practice, edited by Michael Larice, Molly O'Neill Robinson, and Allen Pennman, Routledge (2026 publication pending).
- 32. "Foreward", section in book, City Builders The Maleks, the Olympics, and a Historic Gift to Vancouver, by Richard Littlemore, Barlow Books (2025).
- 33. "Effective Urban Densification by Barry Johns Book Review", Canadian Architect (Vol. 70, No. 7, October 2025).

PUBLICATIONS ABOUT MY WORK

- 1. Register, Richard: *Ecocities Building Cities in Balance with Nature*, Berkeley Hills Books, 2002.
- 2. Punter, John: The Vancouver Achievement, UBC Press, 2003.
- 3. Breen, Ann and Rigby, Dick: *In Town Living A Different American Dream*, Praeger Publishers, 2004.
- 4. Fisher, Bonnie et al: Remaking the Urban Waterfront, Urban Land Institute, 2004.
- 5. Berelowitz, Lance: *Dream City Vancouver and the Global Imagination*, Douglas & McIntyre, 2005.
- 6. Sandercock, Leonie, "An Anatomy of Civic Ambition in Vancouver: Toward Human Density", *Harvard Design Magazine* (Number 22, Spring/Summer, 2005).
- 7. MacDonald, Elizabeth, "Street-facing Dwelling Units and Liveability: The Impact of Emerging Building Types in Vancouver's New High-density Residential Neighbourhoods", *Journal of Urban Design* (Vol.18, Number 1, February 2005).
- 8. Montgomery, Charles, "Futureville", *Canadian Geographic Magazine* (Vol. 126, No. 3, May/June, 2006).
- 9. Grant, Jill, "Experiential Planning: A Practitioner's Account of Vancouver's Success", Journal of the American Planning Association (Vol. 75, Issue 3 2009) – Winner of the 2010 Publication Article of the Year from the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- 10. MacDonald, Elizabeth, Urban Waterfront Promenades, Routledge, 2018.
- 11. Chung, Cindy, "Member in Focus", Planning West Magazine (Winter, 2019).
- 12. Bani Hashim, Alamira Reem, Planning Abu Dhabi An Urban History, Routledge, 2019.
- 13. Littlemore, Richard, "The Ideal City?", TREK UBC Magazine (Vol. 78, No. 1, Spring/Summer, 2022)

GENERAL INTERESTS

As community service, I sit on the Boards of the Arthur Erickson Foundation and the Vancouver Downtown Eastside Building Community Society. I have also sat on the Dean's Advisory Council of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Applied Sciences and on the Boards of the Vancouver International Film Festival and the Doctor Peter Aids Foundation.

In addition, on a pro bono basis, I currently advise Vancouver's 'Bard on the Beach' Shakespeare Company (facilitating a new theatre). Through the years, I have advised the Saint Paul's Hospital Board, the Vancouver Art Gallery Relocation Committee, the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society, the Children's Play Resource Centre, and the Red Door Rental Aid Society.

For pleasure, I collect old master paintings and drawings and I travel extensively.