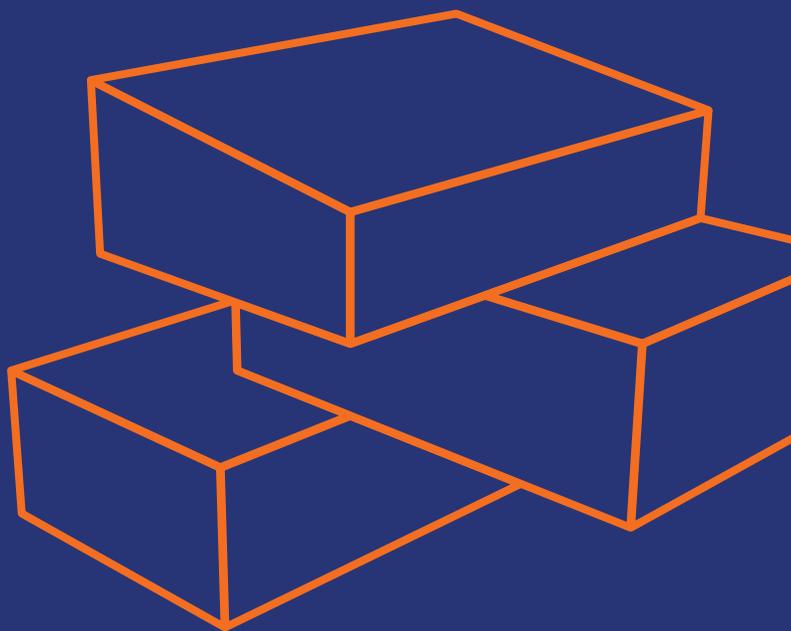


HOUSING FOR ALL SHARING OUR STORIES

CONFERENCE
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2019
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WELCOME

Housing can be defined as a shelter or refuge, a place that protects and supports individuals, and a place to enjoy and relax with family and friends. In Canada, ensuring everyone has adequate housing to meet their needs is a complex challenge that requires collaborating with many people.

Join us in Halifax on May 29–31 to explore all areas of housing and hear local innovative stories addressing the goal of providing housing for all.

John Bain, LPP, MCIP
President, Nova Scotia
Planning Directors
Association

Nathan Rogers, LPP, MCIP
President, Licensed
Professional Planners
Association of Nova Scotia

Who Should Attend?

The conference is designed to provide a forum where municipal politicians, committee members, planners, developers, consultants, and other stakeholders can come together to explore all areas of housing and hear local innovative stories addressing the goal of providing housing for all.

Where?

Westin Nova Scotia, 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Please book your room early. To reserve a room for your stay, please call 902-421-1000, or visit them online and book with the group rate for NSPDA LPPANS Conference.

Online Registration

Registration for the conference will be online only.
Please visit www.lppans.ca to register.

For More Information visit:

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Prize Draw

Win a \$100 gift certificate for Elements on Hollis or Roy's Lounge at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Conference attendees should submit their conference evaluation forms to be entered to win. The draw will take place at the Conference Wrap-up session at 12:00 p.m. on Friday May 31. The winner must be present when the draw is made.

AT-A-GLANCE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 29



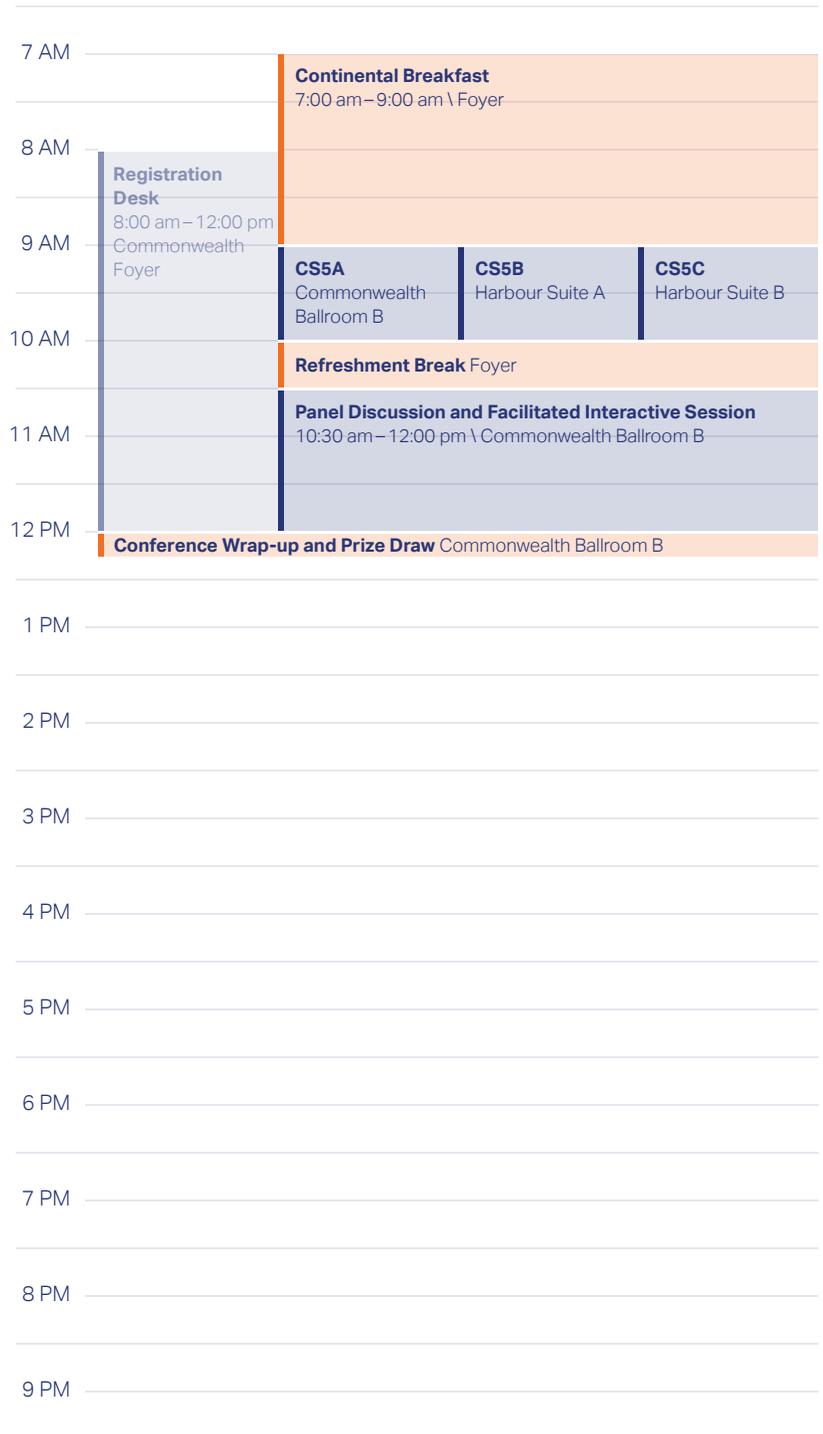
AT-A-GLANCE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, May 30

7 AM	Continental Breakfast 7:00 am – 9:00 am \ Foyer		
8 AM	Registration Desk 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Commonwealth Foyer		
9 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Commonwealth Ballroom A		
	Keynote \ The Tübingen Way 9:15 am – 10:30 am \ Commonwealth Ballroom A		
10 AM			
	Refreshment Break Foyer		
11 AM	CS2A Commonwealth Ballroom B	CS2B Harbour Suite A	CS2C Harbour Suite B
12 PM	Luncheon 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Commonwealth Ballroom A		
1 PM			
2 PM	CS3A Comm. Ballroom B	CS3B Harbour Suite A	CS3C Harbour Suite B
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Friday, May 31



DETAILED CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 29

LPPANS Annual General Meeting

LPPANS members only

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm / Harbour Suite A

Annual General Meeting of the Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia. Lunch provided by LPPANS.

Registration Desk

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm / Commonwealth Foyer

The Registration Desk will be open in the Commonwealth Foyer, located on the second level of the hotel at the top of the main staircase.

Workshop 1 / Demographic Trends and Future Housing Needs

*Alex Baird Allen, Manager, Economic Intelligence Unit,
Turner Drake & Partners Ltd.*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm / Harbour Suite A

The last few years have been interesting for demographers in Nova Scotia. Well known trends of population aging, decline, and urbanisation have continued to affect many regions, while interesting new patterns of migration and immigration have started to change the story in others. What are the implications of these trends for housing? What are their spatial patterns and magnitude? In this presentation Alex will give an overview of some of the population dynamics at play in Nova Scotia and explore its implications for future housing needs.

CS1A: Why is the Middle Missing?

*Neil Lovitt, Senior Manager of Planning & Economic Intelligence,
Turner Drake & Partners Ltd.*

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm / Harbour Suite A

The development of alternative housing formats is often considered as a strategy to address affordability challenges. From laneway homes and accessory dwelling units, to the spectrum of low-intensity multiunit typologies dubbed “the Missing Middle”, are suggested as solutions that are simply waiting for enabling development regulations. Neil will explore these through the lens of development economics to highlight how design and density affects affordability, the types of problems they are well suited to solve, and whether good policy and regulation is enough to implement them.

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CS1B: Sustainable Community Design and Co-housing

Daniel Savard, Founder, Decodesign
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm / Harbour Suite B

Sustainable Community Design subdivision, or better known in the USA under the title of 'conservation subdivision' is similar to a golf course subdivision but replacing a golf course with the green space or natural area, including all flood areas, wetlands, and areas that are improper for buildings. Incorporating co-housing into the idea of a Sustainable Community Design subdivision will be explored in this session.

Workshop 2 / Planning 101

John D. Bain, MCIP, LPP
Director, Eastern District Planning Commission
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm / Harbour Suite A

This workshop is designed for Planning Advisory Committee members and elected officials and will go over some of the planning tools, legislation, and key concepts that guide the planning and development of our communities.

CS1C: Akoma Holding's Affordable Housing Development

Veronica Marsman, Property Manager, Akoma Holdings
Steffen Käubler, Partner, UPLAND
Juniper Littlefield, Planner, UPLAND
Jan van Deursen, Consultant,
Housing Policy and Research – SHS Consulting
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm / Harbour Suite B

Akoma Holdings is a charitable organization and home of the Akoma Family Centre, Henry G. Bauld Community Centre, and the former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. Akoma began working with UPLAND Planning + Design (in partnership with SHS Consulting and LaMeia Reddick Consulting) on the creation of a housing needs assessment and project concept for their 320-acre property. Looking to extend existing services and provide affordable housing options, this project aims to address housing gaps identified through statistical analysis, case studies, and community consultation.

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Registration Desk
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Welcome & Opening Remarks
*Councillor Lindell Smith, District 8—Halifax Peninsula North,
Halifax Regional Municipality*
9:00 am – 9:15 am / Commonwealth Ballroom A

**Keynote / The Tübingen Way:
Experiences of Small-Scaled and Diverse Urban
Development from Tübingen, Germany**
*Cord Soehlke, Mayor for Urban Building, Planning and
Development, Town of Tübingen, Germany*
9:15 am – 10:30 am / Commonwealth Ballroom A

Since the 90's the University town of Tübingen has worked with a special strategy for urban development: the city buys brownfield areas like former military barracks or abandoned factories, develops them with an own department and sells the ground preferentially to diverse private building cooperatives. With this long-term strategy Tübingen has gained a lot of experiences in the field of cohousing and self-organized building, small-scaled urban development and neighbourhood diversity. In the last fifteen years a lot of German and European cities have been inspired by the Tübingen way.

Refreshment Break
10:30 am – 11:00 am / Foyer

CS2A: National Housing Strategy Funding and Research Programs: New Opportunities for Communities
*Jeremie LeBlanc, Affordable Housing Specialist,
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*
*René Babin, Specialist, Knowledge Mobilization,
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*
11:00 am – 12:00 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom B

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The National Housing Strategy is a 10-year, \$40 billion plan built to help address the housing needs of Canadians. This session would focus on two key aspects of the Strategy:

1. Project financing opportunities, such as the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, Rental Construction Financing Initiative, Innovation Fund and Seed Funding.
2. Research and Innovation funding opportunities available in the housing research and data sector, such as the NHS Demonstration Innovative, Solutions Labs, and Collaborative Housing Research Network.

**CS2B: Building Relationships, Building Community:
An Affordable Housing Success Story**

*Colleen Cameron, Chair, Antigonish Affordable Housing Society
Pauline MacIntosh, Fieldworker, St. Francis Xavier University
Extension Department; Vice-Chair, Antigonish Affordable
Housing Society*

11:00 am – 12:00 pm / Harbour Suite A

The Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) was established in 1993, reformed in 2010, and received charitable status in 2014. The AAHS envisions having sufficient environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable, community supported affordable housing for the residents of Antigonish. In October 2018, they officially opened Riverside Estates, which is comprised of 14 new units and a community room. In this presentation, they will share their stories of working with government, local organizations, community members, and the residents of the development to help them achieve success.

**CS2C: No More Warehousing: Time for Housing and Dignity
for Nova Scotians with Severe Physical Disabilities**

*Jennifer Powley, Planner
Carrie Ernst, Executive Director, Independent Living Nova Scotia
Edward Edelstein, Developer and Owner, EcoGreen Homes*

11:00 am – 12:00 pm / Harbour Suite B

According to a document from the Department of Health, if you are no longer able to bathe and dress yourself, a nursing home is an option. In Nova Scotia this may be particularly true for people with severe physical disabilities. The presentation will discuss a 4-unit apartment on Gottingen

Street that is a pilot project of housing and support for people with severe physical disabilities. The session is hosted by the developer, the charity and an individual who was facing similar circumstances.

Luncheon

Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs, Chuck Porter

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom A

CS3A: Future City Builders 30Lab: Innovative Approach to Housing Issues in Halifax

Joyce Liu and Alfred Burgesson, Co-Lead's of Future City Builders 30Lab

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom B

Future City Builders 30Lab is a pop-up innovation lab designed by Youthful Cities, which enabled 30 local young urban influencers to come together over a series of five workshops from January to March 2019. During these workshops, the Future City Builders worked together to create an innovative solution for their city. Halifax chose to focus its lab on the topic of Housing. This presentation will include an interactive poster presentation session.

CS3B: Merits of the International Passive House Building Standard

Evan Teasdale, Senior Project Engineer, Principal, DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd.

Lorrie Rand, Certified Passive House Designer, Habit Studio

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm / Harbour Suite A

Passive House is being widely adopted internationally by governments to address high-level planning challenges such as changing climate, changing demographics, changing market economics, and changing energy targets. Since buildings represent +/-40% of energy consumption, and Passive House buildings can reduce heating/cooling demand by up to 90% compared to 'conventional construction', Passive House principles offer a significant opportunity to meet increasing energy constraints and have a significant global impact on carbon emissions.

CS3C: Affordable Housing Development Financing 101

David McCulloch, Affordable Housing Specialist

with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm / Harbour Suite B

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What are the key elements of a 'financeable' real estate project? NOI, DCR, LTV/LTC, bps; What are these and why are they important? What CMHC financing options are available for affordable housing projects and what are the basic requirements and benefits? This session would answer these questions and explore these topics with opportunity for questions and discussion on related issues of interest to participants.

CS4A: Equity and Health into the Housing Process

Sarah Ravlić and Sandy Mackay, Healthy Community Planner's, BC Healthy Communities, Victoria, BC

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom B

Assessing housing need is about more than just supply and demand. It requires a critical review of the processes and systems that support or hinder access to housing for diverse populations, and the quality and appropriateness of housing available. The most valuable data comes from those who live, learn, work, and play in communities. However, traditional engagement techniques struggle to engage harder to reach populations. This presentation will outline how BC Healthy Communities and its partners construct housing engagement practices using an equity lens.

**CS4B: Overcoming Barriers to Rental Housing:
A Policy Learning Approach**

Ren Thomas, Assistant Professor, School of Planning and Founding Fellow, MacEachen Institute of Public Policy and Governance, Dalhousie University

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm / Harbour Suite A

Rental housing is a critical housing and tenure type in the housing continuum. Despite the fact that an increasing percentage of households cannot afford market ownership, very few new developments create rental housing; most Canadian rental stock is over 40 years old. This study is determining how cities have or have not overcome barriers to developing new rental housing and protecting existing units in case study cities across Canada.

**CS4C: Halifax Regional Municipality Housing
and Homelessness Partnership**

*Jill MacLellan, Planner III, Planning and Development,
Halifax Regional Municipality*
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm / Harbour Suite B

Since 2013, HALIFAX (HRM) has been a member of the Housing and Homelessness Partnership. The Partnership is a collaborative of nine partners from the three levels of government, the private sector and non-profit organizations with the overall goal to end homelessness in Halifax. This presentation will provide a snap shot of various initiatives and an overview of how the HALIFAX planning and development team hope to further support access to safe affordable housing.

Refreshment Break

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm / Foyer

**Keynote / Housing for All: Partnerships,
Research and Action**

*Dr. Catherine Leviten-Reid, Associate Professor, Community
Economic Development, Cape Breton University*
*Fred Deveaux, Executive Director, Cape Breton Community
Housing Association and Community Homeless Shelter.*
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom A

In this keynote, a leader in affordable housing and a university researcher share their story of using a broad-based local partnership and groundbreaking community research to build an agenda for change on homelessness and rental housing in Nova Scotia's second largest municipality. Beyond telling their story, lessons and tools will be shared for audience members to take back to their home communities.

Wine and Cheese Reception

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm / John Lindsay Sr. Design Commons,
Richard Murray Design Building, 2nd & 3rd Floor,
5257 Morris St, Halifax

Conference attendees are invited to attend a wine and cheese reception hosted by the Graduate Planning Student Society. The reception will be held in the Richard Murray Design Building Lounge, IDEA Building of Dalhousie Sexton Campus. The building address is between 5269-5265 Morris Street. The entrance is off Morris Street in the black bricked building with the IDEA Building sign.

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Registration Desk
8:00 am – 12:00 pm / Commonwealth Foyer

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CS5A: 1 Dollar Lots in McAdam
Ken Stannix, Mayor, Village of McAdam, New Brunswick
9:00 am – 10:00 am / Commonwealth Ballroom B

The purpose of the “1 Dollar Lots in McAdam” briefing is to provide: planning conference participants with information on how the Dollar Lot idea came about; a description of the process bringing the project to fruition; and, a discussion on the lessons learned from this endeavour. The goal is to provide planners with an additional method to potentially stimulate growth and provide housing opportunities in their communities.

CS5B: Tiny Homes and Big Aspirations Identifying Barriers and Opportunities to Living Small in Halifax Regional Municipality
Lindsay Slade, Honours Student, Bachelor of Community of Design, School of Planning, Dalhousie University
Joe Rogers, Building Code Coordinator, Office of the Fire Marshall, Province of Nova Scotia
9:00 am – 10:00 am / Harbour Suite A

In recent years interest in the tiny home movement has been growing as a result of their ability to provide affordable housing, additional income, and to reduce ecological footprints. As a result of the increasing interest, many municipalities seek to update their policies to permit these dwellings. This study determines what barriers and opportunities municipalities face for tiny home development in terms of land use and building code regulations. With a disproportionate change in average house and family size and the housing affordability crisis at its peak, now is an ideal time to understand how different municipalities are treating the topic of tiny homes and to discover how tiny homes might be used most effectively in HRM.

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CS5C: Small Town, Smart City: Addressing Poverty Through Energy Planning

*Leon de Vreede, Sustainability Planner/Project Coordinator,
Town of Bridgewater*

*Nelson Nolan, Planning & Sustainability Intern,
Town of Bridgewater*

*Jessica McDonald, Director of Planning & Recreation,
Town of Bridgewater*

9:00 am – 10:00 am / Harbour Suite B

With the goal of lifting 20% of its residents out of energy poverty, the Town of Bridgewater has developed a plan for making housing more affordable and energy efficient by using a Smart Cities approach to upgrading to the local building stock, bringing community service organizations together, generating green energy, and creating local investment vehicles. Born out of the Town's Community Energy Investment Plan, come learn how you can use this smart cities approach in your own community and help those most in need. www.bridgewater.ca/smartcities

Refreshment Break

10:00 am – 10:30 am / Foyer

Panel Discussion and Facilitated Interactive Session

*Dr. Catherine Leviten-Reid, Fred Deveaux,
Ken Stannix, Sean Gadon*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom B

Presenters will come together for a panel discussion on the topic of providing housing for all. Panelists will then lead breakout roundtable discussions based on emerging conference themes. The goal of the panel and roundtable discussions will be to ignite conversation and work together to identify solutions to common issues experienced by municipalities. The conference will close with the panelists discussing what they heard from the delegates. Any additional unanswered questions can be posed at that time.

Conference Wrap-up and Prize Draw

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm / Commonwealth Ballroom B

A recap of the main conference themes followed by a prize draw for an \$100 gift certificate for Elements on Hollis or Roy's Lounge at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Conference attendees must be present to be eligible for the draw.

SPEAKER

Alex Baird Allen, MRICS, Manager, Economic Intelligence Unit, Turner Drake and Partners Ltd.

Alex is a Chartered Surveyor and Manager of Economic Intelligence at Turner Drake & Partners Ltd., a Halifax-based multi-disciplinary real estate consultancy. Alex works throughout Atlantic Canada, undertaking real estate market and demographic studies.

René Babin, Specialist, Knowledge Mobilization, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

René has a Master's degree in Urban and Rural Planning from Dalhousie University (T.U.N.S.). He has many years of experience in both public and private practice and has worked on planning projects of both local and regional scale. He joined CMHC 10 years ago as a consultant for sound management practices of COOPs, non-profit housing, and seniors' housing. He is currently a specialist in Knowledge Mobilization and provides insight on housing issues affecting a diverse clientele including seniors, newcomers, low-income households, Aboriginal households, and people with different physical or mental incapacities.

John Bain, MCIP, LPP, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission

John is a Licensed Professional Planner with the Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Institute of Planners and a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners with over thirty years of experience working in municipal government. He has conducted numerous public participation sessions, giving presentations to the public, planning advisory committees and councils for the adoption and amendment of municipal planning strategies, land use bylaws and subdivision bylaws.

Alfred Burgesson, Co-Lead of Future City Builders 30Lab

When Alfred Burgesson was six years old, his family moved from Accra, Ghana to Nova Scotia, Canada. He graduated from the Halifax Grammar School in 2015 and enrolled in Saint Mary's University to study Entrepreneurship and Political Science; that year he also founded HFX Collective and began working with other leaders and creative artists. Alfred directs and curates @CityOfHalifax on instagram. Alfred also works with publicly engaged groups, like the Halifax Social Network and Global Shapers Halifax.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Colleen Cameron, Chair, Antigonish Affordable Housing Society

Colleen has forty years of experience in community development and health, internationally and locally and is retired after 26 years teaching at the Coady International Institute. Colleen has been actively involved in many organizations working for social justice in the community. She has been a member of the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society since 2010 and chair for six years.

Fred Deveaux, Executive Director, Cape Breton Community Housing Association and Community Homeless Shelter

Fred is a member of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness, Chair of the Cape Breton Association of Youth Homelessness and Programs, a member of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Working Group. He also has over 15 years' experience in the Social Enterprise, housing, and Mental Health sectors.

Leon de Vreede, Sustainability Planner/Project Coordinator, Town of Bridgewater

Edward Edelstein, Developer and Owner, EcoGreen Homes.

EcoGreen Homes is a Halifax-based design-build construction company.

Carrie Ernst, Executive Director, Independent Living Nova Scotia

Since 1992, ILNS has supported Nova Scotians with disabilities through programs and services that promote Independent Living (IL). ILNS supports consumers (people with disabilities): live their lives the way they want, stay in control of decisions that affect them, find the services and contacts they need, get information that is useful and clear, break through barriers that are in the way, and develop their skills.

Steffen Käubler, Partner, UPLAND

Steffen is founding partner of UPLAND, a planning, landscape architecture and public engagement consulting firm based in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. During the past 15 years of working as consultant with communities across Atlantic Canada, Steffen has developed an expertise as a planner and designer with a keen interest in bridging the gap between planning policy and physical design.

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Jeremie LeBlanc, Affordable Housing Specialist, Canada
Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Jeremie works with community housing providers, local government partners, builders and developers on improving housing affordability in Nova Scotia. Jeremie has over 15 years' housing experience in both the private and public sector. He started his career in mortgage banking, joining CMHC's underwriting in 2005 and worked in business development, sustainable housing research and affordable housing. Throughout his career, he has delivered numerous presentations throughout Atlantic Canada on a broad range of housing topics. Jeremie holds the Certified in Real Estate Financing (CRF) designation with the Real Estate Institute of Canada.

Catherine Leviten-Reid, Associate Professor in Community
Economic Development, Cape Breton University

Dr. Leviten-Reid researches social economy, social care and housing, and much of her work is community based. In 2018, Catherine was acknowledged for housing research excellence by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Her current work, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, focuses on neighbourhood deprivation and affordable rental housing. She is also a member of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Working Group.

Juniper Littlefield, Planner, UPLAND

A graduate of Dalhousie University, Juniper has examined the complexities of socioeconomics and land use through local neighbourhood characterizations, including her thesis work on harm reduction and a housing study of Dartmouth North completed on behalf of The Affordable Housing Association. Her work with UPLAND ranges from research to engagement, planning, and policy work.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Joyce Liu, Co-Lead of Future City Builders 30Lab

Joyce Liu is an urban enthusiast with interests in city planning, food security, health and immigration. She moved from Shenyang, China to Halifax in 2012, then graduated from Dalhousie University Urban Planning program in 2016. Believing a powerful video is worth a million words, she spent the last three years creating videos with focuses on urban planning issues and local events in Halifax. She specializes in visual story-telling and transforming images into simple and vivid graphics and animations. Having recently launched her video/photo studio, LUMI Studios, she hopes to create content for the broader public and engage them during the production process.

Neil Lovitt, MCIP, LPP, Senior Manager of Planning & Economic Intelligence, Turner Drake & Partners Ltd.

Neil is a Professional Planner and Senior Manager of Planning & Economic Intelligence at Turner Drake & Partners Ltd., a Halifax-based multi-disciplinary real estate consultancy. Neil specialises in projects that marry planning policy with land and development economics.

Pauline MacIntosh, MA, Fieldworker, St. Francis Xavier University Extension Department; Vice-Chair, Antigonish Affordable Housing Society

Pauline is an experienced adult educator and facilitator. Pauline has extensive hands-on experience supporting the success and growth of a variety of local, provincial, and regional entities. She is passionate about supporting community-based developments, such as affordable housing, and promoting growth and empowerment through education.

Sandy Mackay, Candidate MCIP; Healthy Community Planner, BC Healthy Communities, Victoria, BC

Sandy works with local governments, health authorities, and community organizations to develop planning capacity and is passionate about equitable and authentic community engagement. He believes that planning is a powerful tool for equitable and socially motivated growth and encourages self-reflective planning practices and progressive policy-making. He is a graduate of the Dalhousie University Master of Planning program.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Jill MacLellan, Planner III, Planning and Development, Halifax Regional Municipality

Jill has been a planner with HALIFAX (HRM) for over 10 years. Most recently her role has focused on regional wide policy related to housing with a strong emphasis on affordability.

Veronica Marsman, Property Manager, Akoma Holdings

Veronica is Property Manager with Akoma Holdings, where she has responsibility to manage and develop 320 acres of property and to fulfil the mission of Akoma Holdings to 'create economic and social opportunities for the African Nova Scotian community and general society'. Veronica is the Co-Chair of the Health Association of African Canadians, Past-President of the Nova Scotia Association of Black Social Workers, board member of 211 Nova Scotia, Patient Family Advisor Council member with NS Cancer Program and a member of the Equity Advisory Committee of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. Veronica holds a BA, BSW and MSW degrees from Dalhousie University.

David McCulloch, Affordable Housing Specialist with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

David has two decades of experience in residential and commercial real estate, working in both the public and private sectors where he has studied development and revitalization projects from both the investment potential and risk assessment perspectives. Dave has delivered presentations at a wide range of real estate conferences and seminars across Nova Scotia and around the world. He has authored and co-authored numerous real estate publications including CMHC Housing Market Outlook, CMHC's Rental Market Report, ING Real Estate Investment Management's Real Estate in Canada and ING Real Estate Investment Management's Global Vision. Dave is currently an Affordable Housing Specialist with CMHC where he helps housing providers find financing solutions that support their social and financial objectives. Dave is a native Nova Scotian and a graduate of Dalhousie University's Master of Public Administration Program who possesses an in-depth knowledge of the provincial and local real estate markets across Nova Scotia. He is a natural problem solver with strategic vision who uses innovative thinking and an analytical approach to achieve results.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Jessica McDonald, Director of Planning & Recreation,
Town of Bridgewater

Nelson Nolan, Planning & Sustainability Intern,
Town of Bridgewater.

Jennifer Powley, Planner

Jennifer was recently selected for the Provincial Built Environment Standard Development Committee.

Lorrie Rand, CPHD, Habit Studio

Lorrie is co-founder of Habit Studio, who focuses on sustainable design. Her work integrates principles from Passive House for maximum occupant comfort and health; most recently as part of the design team for the Halifax Hospice. Committed to promoting energy conservation, she serves on the board of directors of Passive Buildings Canada and is founder of the Halifax Passivists organization.

Sarah Ravlić, Candidate MCIP; Healthy Community Planner, BC
Healthy Communities, Victoria, BC

Sarah is a socially minded community planner, who believes that through innovative and authentic community engagement we can better express our deep connection to place and desires for a sustainable and healthy future. She is a graduate of the Dalhousie University Master of Planning program.

Daniel Savard, Founder, Decodesign

Decodesign is a company specialized in sustainable projects, which can integrate cohousing communities. He facilitated research and development in planning for more than 30 years with the Province of New Brunswick and has worked in urban, regional and community planning, for the private, public and non-profit organizations. He has a Master of Urban Planning degree from McGill University, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick. During his years of work in the field of planning for sustainable communities, he coordinated the implementation of the first Sustainable Community Design (SCD) subdivision project in Canada at 'Le Village en haut du Ruisseau' (Dieppe NB), which received numerous national and international awards and recognitions, and other projects that include the SCD, New Urbanism and Smart Growth principles. He is an accredited Study Group facilitator for the creation of cohousing communities.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Lindsay Slade, Honours Student, Bachelor of Community of Design, School of Planning, Dalhousie University

She is conducting her thesis project on tiny homes in an effort to identify barriers and opportunities for tiny home development in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Her goal is to share the completed project with planners, councillors and residents in an effort to help them understand how tiny homes might be most effectively used in HRM.

Cord Soehlke, Mayor for Urban Building, Planning and Development, Tübingen, Germany

In 1997, Cord Soehlke started to work for the Tübingen-Südstadt Development Project and from 2001 to 2010 he headed the Office of Urban Rehabilitation for the Town of Tübingen, Germany. In April 2010, he took office as Mayor for Urban Building, Planning and Development and in 2018 he was reelected for a second period of eight years. Since the 90's the University Town of Tübingen has worked with a special strategy for urban development. The city purchases brownfield areas like former military barracks or abandoned factories, develops them within their own department and sells the ground to diverse private building cooperatives. With this long-term strategy, Tübingen has gained a lot of experiences in the field of cohousing and self-organized building, smallscaled urban development and neighbourhood diversity. In the last fifteen years a lot of German and European cities have been inspired by the Tübingen way.

Kenneth Stannix, Mayor, Village of McAdam, New Brunswick

Mr. Stannix is the Mayor of the Village of McAdam, New Brunswick and a retired Air Force Lieutenant-Colonel. He is a Board member on the Lakeland Industries Sheltered Workshop working with intellectually and physically challenged adults and a Board member with the McAdam Seniors Housing Corporation providing low income housing for seniors. He is also President of the McAdam Heart and Home Corporation which is planning to build a residence for intellectually challenged adults.

SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

Evan Teasdale, P.Eng., CPHD – DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd.

Evan is a principal at DesignPoint, developing innovative and efficient solutions for municipal infrastructure programs, land development projects, and building designs. He has worked with several local Municipalities to develop sustainability planning policies and infrastructure standards. As a Certified Passive House Designer through the International Passive House Association, Evan applies these fundamental economic and sustainable principles to buildings and beyond.

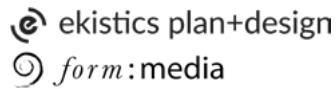
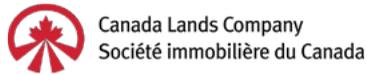
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