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2007 CAMA Calgary Conference

The CAMA Conference will be taking place in Calgary, Alberta, May 28-30, 2007.

For information on the Conference, visit our website:

http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2007.asp

The host hotel for the 2007 Conference is the Fairmont Palliser in downtown Calgary. To book your room now, visit their website at: <http://www.fairmont.com/palliser/>

Also, you can check out some of the photos from the 2006 Conference in Montréal, thanks to photographer, Ken Tollstam, City Manager, City of North Vancouver, at http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2006_photos.asp.

ICMA - San Antonio- CANADA NIGHT: For those of you attending the ICMA annual conference in San Antonio don't forget to leave time for the Canada Night Dinner. CAMA President Simon Farbrother (or his trusted delegate) will be arranging the dinner. Keep an eye out for the notice board, Conference Newsletter or e-mails for further details. See you there.

Board News

The next Board meetings will be held in Waterloo, ON, from September 21-23, 2006, in Ottawa, from November 23-25, 2006, and then in London, ON, from March 1-3, 2007.



Member Profile



Chris MacPherson
Assistant City Administrator, City of Fredericton

I was born in Ottawa, Ontario and spent the first 12 years of my life growing up there. I moved to Fredericton in the early 70's and have thoroughly enjoyed living here ever since. In many ways, Fredericton is a lot like Ottawa, obviously on a smaller scale.

I began working with the City of Fredericton in 1976 in the Recreation Department as a summer student. After a few summers, I was asked if I would consider working full time in the office as the coordinator of sports programs for the City. I was grateful for the opportunity and spent the next 10 years working with community volunteers in sport development.

In the mid 1980's, I was promoted to the Assistant Director of Community Services and in 1998 appointed Director of Corporate Services. This was a huge shift going from Recreation Services to the head of the City Hall Internal Service Divisions. It was a great change for me and I really enjoyed the new challenge. After 4 years as Director of Corporate Services, I was promoted to my current position as Assistant City Administrator, a position I thoroughly enjoy.

During the course of my career, I have been able to complete my education on a part time basis. I have undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and one in Physical Education. I also have completed a Masters degree in Administration all from the University of New Brunswick.

Paul Stapleton who is a past president of CAMA, introduced me to CAMA. He encouraged me to attend the LGL Coaches program that at the time was sponsored by CAMA. When there, I met other CAMA members from across the country and developed some long lasting friendships. I look forward to each CAMA conference, not just for the educational sessions, but also as a way to see old friends and catch up on what's going on across the country. That's the great benefit of CAMA, the relationships and network that you build up over time with administrators from across the country.

In my spare time, I enjoy fishing and hunting. I also enjoy working out at the gym, and running. My wife Kim and I have three children, Britt, Mackenzie and Alexandra.

If you would like to contact Chris, his email is chris.macpherson@fredericton.ca.

**If you would like to be profiled in this section, or would like to recommend someone to be profiled, please contact Alycia Morehouse at alycia.morehouse@fredericton.ca, or CAMA Administration at the contact information below.*



Community Leadership/Literacy Project

This feature will appear again in two weeks.

CAMA Awards Program

2006 CAMA Awards

Congratulations to the City of Calgary on their nomination for the 2006 CAMA Education Award for municipalities with a population over 20,000 – *Partners in Planning – Planning Skills Training Program – 2005-2006 Program and Process Evaluation.*

Partners in Planning is a partnership between the City of Calgary and the Federation of Calgary Communities. Our mandate is to provide a certificate program for Community Association volunteers and the general public to:

- Develop the necessary skills, knowledge and tools to allow for active and effective participation in land use planning.
- Build and maintain a positive relationship between the public and the City in the development and redevelopment of Calgary communities
- Inform citizens about planning procedures and obtain feedback about municipal planning service delivery.

Partners in Planning emerged five years ago from a series of “process improvement workshops” that identified stakeholder concerns in the development planning process. We are marking our anniversary by revisiting this workshop to measure the success of the program and to identify where we can continue to partner with communities to do better. This year’s process improvement workshop will highlight the evolution of the planning implementation process, and provide a forum for community association representatives and the general public to discuss and develop the relationship between the City and community associations as partners in development. Feedback is provided to the City and to the communities on what need improvement, and how improvement can be made.

The goals of the Planning Skills Training Program are to:

1. Receive constructive input into the planning process from community associations;
2. Build a good working relationship and dialogue amongst communities and City planners;
3. Decrease the Community Association response time for permit applications;
4. Improve the quality of appeals submitted to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board; and
5. Build awareness of planning in the City of Calgary.



The certificate program consists of courses focusing on different aspects of the planning process. There are two types of courses offered: core (skills-based) and elective (issues-based).

Three core courses are offered:

- Basics of Implementation Planning – focusing on the land-use re-designation and development permit process.
- Presentation Skills for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board – information for writing appeals and making concise and effective presentation for the Board.
- The Land Use Bylaw – participants undertake a number of exercises that help them use and interpret the Land Use Bylaw.

Elective courses vary in subject matter, depending on interest and/or demand. Elective credits may be obtained for a variety of planning related courses offered by the FCC, the City of Calgary, or other organizations.

A certificate can be earned by completing a total of 4 courses (3 core courses and 1 elective course). The program is ongoing – there is no time limit to complete the 4 courses necessary to obtain the certificate.

The success of the program is evident in the participation of over 400 participants and 90 graduates, the development of course material and a commitment to ongoing evaluation and improvement.

The Partners in Planning program is organized by a steering committee with representatives from City of Calgary (Land Use Planning & Policy, development & building Approvals and Subdivision & Development Appeal Board) and the Federation of Calgary Communities.

For more information on the Partners in Planning Program, contact Whitney Smithers, current Steering Committee Chair, and Acting Coordinator, Community Planning, Land Use Planning & Policy, at (403) 268-2489.



Membership Notes

- We are very proud to announce that CAMA's membership is now up to 302 members strong!! This is a very exciting accomplishment, and will only make the organization that much better!
- To have a job posting appear in CAMA's job broadcast, and on our website, the cost is \$100 for members, and \$200 for non-members. For more information, or to have your job listed, please email admin@camacam.ca.
- On behalf of the CAMA Board of Directors, we would like to welcome the following new members:
 - Mr. David R. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of New Glasgow
 - Mr. Doug Plamping, Chief Administrative Officer, Mountain View County

The next CAMA e-Brief will be issued on Monday, September 11th.
Look for the next Job Broadcast on Monday, September 4th.

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