

Building Sustainable Communities with Design (or how to build healthier communities)

Invitation to a training seminar

Date: Feb. 19-20, 2015 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)
Location: Riverview Town Hall / Gunningsville Room
30 Honour House Court, Riverview, NB
Length: 2 days
Fees: No charge (Possibility to earn professional learning credits)



You are invited to attend a Seminar on *Building Sustainable Communities with Design (or how to build healthier communities)*, offered in partnership with the New Brunswick Department of Environment & Local Government, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Urban and Community Studies Institute of UNB, and the Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick.

A two day seminar (12.5 hours) is scheduled for **Thursday and Friday February 19 and 20, 2015 at Riverview Town Hall / Gunningsville Room, 30 Honour House Court, Riverview, NB**, for people who would like to understand how the revenues of their communities can be substantially improved (24 times more) and the revenues of the developers/builders to be at least 4 times higher, and still protect more than 50% of the properties to develop. Attendees at the presentation will learn how they can use the proposed approach in order to build sustainable communities with design that can improve the local economy, provide more affordable housing, reduce infrastructure and services costs to citizens, respond practically to all social issues that citizens can raise, and still protect a substantial portions of the natural environment that communities wish to protect. Through this seminar, attendees will also understand why it is important to implement Smart Growth principles, adapt to Generation Y (born between 1982 and 2000) demands, and find the world 'niche' of the community.

This seminar is particularly suited to all elected officials, administrators in communities, builders/developers of subdivisions, bankers, development officers, real estate agents, civil engineers, planners, surveyors, and experts in health, social development, economy and people who have an interest in building sustainable developments in their community. Feel free to invite people who may be interested to attend this seminar. Further to the establishment of agreements, it is possible to waive the registration fees for this seminar and give the possibility to a maximum number of people to attend this event. **The seminar is limited to 40 participants and registrations will be accepted on a first registered, first served basis.** If you are interested in attending the seminar we ask that you please complete and return the enclosed registration form before **February 6, 2015** by e-mail amanb@nb.aibn.com or fax 506-444-5452.

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Resource persons

Daniel Savard, is facilitating research and development in planning for the Department of Environment and Local Government. He is a senior planner with the Province of New Brunswick. He has a Master of Urban Planning degree from McGill University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick, and a Bachelor ‘ès science’ in geography from Université du Québec à Montréal. 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 the Province at ‘Le Village en haut du Ruisseau’ (Dieppe, NB), which received numerous national and international awards and recognitions.

Through the *Sustainable Communities Partnership*, Mr. Savard is the main facilitator for the series titled ‘Fiscal Impacts & Design,’ that help communities and builders to better position their communities and developments to 1) encourage more efficient and fiscally responsible developments; 2) attract knowledge workers and affluent retirees to immigrate in their region; and 3) help decision-makers to build more sustainable subdivisions and communities in New Brunswick.

Francine DiMambro, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) representative, will provide the latest insights and information on creating affordable housing through sustainable communities. CMHC is Canada’s Housing Authority.

Yves Bourgeois, Director, UNB Urban and Community Studies Institute, is actively working on how to ensure sustainable transportation in small cities and rural communities -- “Road worriers” (Aug 2014): cost and impact of car dependence in NB www.unb.ca/urban.

People attending the seminar will visit on Friday afternoon, weather permitting, a residential subdivision built with smart growth principles. Each participant will receive a certificate for attendance. Professional learning credits will be available with some professional organizations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (506) 453-4229. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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