



## Plan Well

Smart Planning for Communities, a program of the Fraser Basin Council, offers local and First Nations governments the services of skilled Sustainability Facilitators in communities across BC.

Our Facilitators are available to provide free assistance with community planning processes. We offer advice that will fit your community on process, strategy and new technology, as well as on how to use local and traditional knowledge in your plans.

### Ask us your planning question.

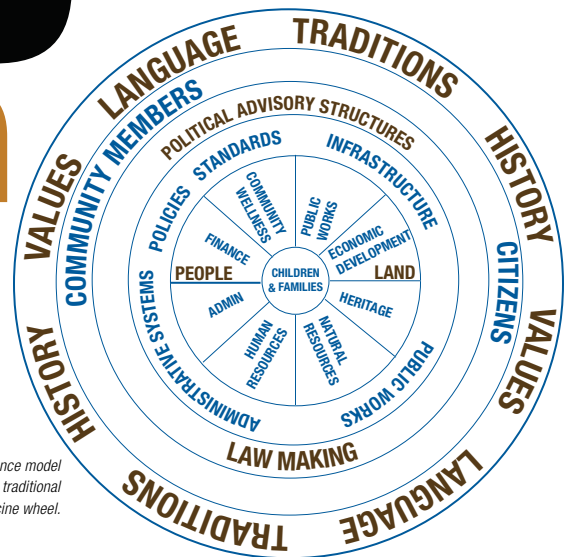
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*Governance model based on a traditional medicine wheel.*

## Imagine

...a Community Planning process that incorporates your community's values now and for several generations from now. Imagine a process that is community driven and lets diverse members of the community have a voice, including teachings from Elders and youth. The Smart Planning for Communities Facilitators will assist you in creating a process that addresses all aspects of community life, such as governance, land and resources, health, infrastructure, culture and social issues.

## Empower

Planning smart can help guide your community through challenges. Solutions addressed in community plans promote health, build teamwork and expertise, protect resources, celebrate traditions and culture and create wealth. The process enables communities across BC to build a roadmap to sustainability, self-sufficiency and improved governance capacity.

**Smart Planning for Communities principles include: long-term thinking, a broad scope, integration, collaboration, public engagement and education, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.**



# Our Services

## PROCESS

A community planning process may result in a new plan or may strengthen your community's existing plans by introducing sustainability principles. Whatever your challenge, the Smart Planning staff is available to provide advice and assistance to local and First Nations governments. We can:

- offer a holistic, tailored planning process, with indicators that fit your community
- access information and support to meet your community's specific needs
- assist communities with community relationship-building and partnerships for sustainability planning and action.

**Ask how we can help with your planning process.**

## STRATEGY

Smart Planning staff can support communities preparing to plan, as well as those already using a plan. Our strategies will help you:

- determine the support needed for community planning and related projects
- make connections by linking your community with experts, advisors and organizations that meet your unique needs
- share resources on how to make external planning expertise work for you
- find funding possibilities, including INAC sources
- provide strategic communications advice and identify ways to engage your community.

**Ask us for ideas on the strategies you are leading.**

## Read More Online

[www.smartplanningbc.ca](http://www.smartplanningbc.ca)

Visit our website for access to online tools, resources and information for local and First Nations government staff.



## LOCAL AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Smart Planning for Communities can host learning forums to engage councils, leaders and champions in the Community Planning process. We will:

- help to encourage all community members including Elders and youth to bring their traditional and technical knowledge to the process
- provide opportunities to build relationships in and among communities and sectors
- assist with focusing community goals to determine best practices
- review the benefits and list the strengths of planning for the future
- provide examples of lessons learned and success stories from other communities.

**Ask us how we can support your learning event.**

## TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Our Sustainability Facilitators are able to provide you with advice for a variety of technical questions. We can:

- review your current plans, projects, processes and maps to find ways to add sustainability criteria
- offer specialized know-how for remote communities that are considering alternative energy power
- suggest retrofitting and green building techniques
- review transportation options for connecting small and rural communities
- find agriculture, water and waste management tools.

**Ask us for resources to meet your technical needs.**

## FUNDERS GROUP

Smart Planning for Communities is administered by the Fraser Basin Council on behalf of a Funders Group. The group includes; BC Hydro, Canadian Rural Partnership, Ducks Unlimited, BC Ministry of Community and Rural Development, BC Ministry of Environment, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Real Estate Foundation of BC.

## THE FRASER BASIN COUNCIL

is a non-profit society that brings people together to advance sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and throughout British Columbia. The Council works in support of healthy ecosystems, vibrant economies and strong communities, reports on progress towards a more sustainable river basin and facilitates the resolution of complex sustainability issues.

## MORE INFORMATION

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