

The Community Development Institute 2018-2019 Annual Report

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Introduction

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that we submit this report highlighting the work and achievements of the Community Development Institute (CDI) at the University of Northern British Columbia for April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

The CDI team continued our work across northern BC to strengthen and support community and economic development. Our work continues to focus on community transformation and renewal, education for community and economic development, research, and policy dialogues and advice. Working with our collaborators and partners: government, First Nations, industry, business, voluntary organizations, and the non-profit sector, the CDI is helping to build resilient communities and diverse economies. In these areas, we are making a difference.

The CDI is known for its high-quality research, which continues to inform decision- and policy-makers in government, industry, and the non-profit sector. Our findings, published in books, journal articles, and reports have attracted attention and are helping to build understanding of the unique strengths, contributions, challenges, and issues facing non-metropolitan and resource-based communities and economies.

Building from our research, the CDI team has worked directly in and with communities to help in the development and implementation of strategies to support community resilience through building economic diversification and social capacity. Through this work, we are helping create new opportunities and visions for the future.

Our research also informed our policy dialogues with and advice to government, business and industry, and the non-profit sector. Through research and dialogues, the CDI has shaped policy development and change to better support non-metropolitan communities.

Through the year, we visited communities in every region of northern BC and engaged with people who care deeply about their community, met with leaders who want to make a difference, and brought together experts to help define and refine challenges, assets, and opportunities. In that process, we helped communities reimagine their strengths, create new visions, and develop strategies to build stronger, more resilient communities.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited by new possibilities for communities and for the CDI. Our objective is to continue to build our own capacity so that the CDI remains a resource to communities as they prepare for both the opportunities and challenges that the future will bring.



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About the Community Development Institute

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VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AT UNBC

The Community Development Institute (CDI) at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) is dedicated to understanding and realizing the potential of BC's non-metropolitan communities in a changing global economy, preparing students and practitioners for leadership roles in community and economic development, and creating a body of knowledge, information, and research that will enhance our understanding and our ability to deal with the impacts of ongoing transformation.

In keeping with the vision of UNBC, the CDI is committed to working with all communities – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – to help them further their aspirations in community and regional development.

To realize this vision, the CDI provides programs and services in four broad areas. The 2018/2019 annual report is organized under each of these areas:

Community Transformation and Renewal

- Work with communities, industry, business, voluntary groups, and government to identify and assess opportunities, develop strategies, and facilitate partnerships for long-term community and economic benefit in a changing global economy.

Education for Community and Economic Development

- Provide academic and professional development programs and courses, and community education opportunities, to develop knowledge, expertise, and leadership capacity in community and economic development.

Research

- Provide community-based research and information that enhance our understanding and ability to deal with the impacts of ongoing transformation.

Policy Dialogues and Advice

- Support multi-sectoral dialogue and planning as well as provide policy advice to prepare communities, industry, and government for future opportunities and challenges.

Community Transformation & Renewal

Community Transformation & Renewal

Since 2004, the Community Development Institute (CDI) at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) has worked in partnership with more than 50 communities across north and central BC to develop and implement strategies for economic diversification and community resilience. We focus specifically on the global and local factors affecting these communities, how they impact a community's ability to respond to change, and what options are available for moving forward. Below are highlights for the work for 2018/19.

THE FORGE



The CDI and the City of Fort St. John forged a partnership to develop and implement strategies for economic diversification, community resiliency, and social policy. As part of this four-year committed partnership with the City of Fort St. John, the CDI opened an office in the community. Located in Fort St. John's Passive House, the goal of The Forge is to develop and implement strategies to grow a sustainable economy and enhance the quality of life of residents. The CDI will collaborate with community organizations, First Nations, industry, local businesses, and all levels of government to ensure community needs and interests are reflected in The Forge's projects and events.

In 2017-2018, the CDI completed a comprehensive Community Profile for the City of Fort St. John. The profile included information about the: Population, Education, Housing, Health, and Economy of Fort St. John. The profile has been used extensively by non-profit groups, businesses, and the City of Fort St. John in various planning exercises.

For 2018-2019, the work was completed through community-building activities, community-based research, and education opportunities.

Below is a list of projects completed in 2018/2019.

Program and Service Inventory (October 2018)

The Program and service inventory is a comprehensive list of available programs and services. It creates an opportunity to identify possible gaps and overlaps. In combination with the Community Profile, this information is helping service providers determine community needs and allocate resources effectively.

Community Transformation & Renewal

Community Indicators Program (December 2018)

The Community Indicators Program (CIP) is a monitoring tool that tracks topics linked to the vision, principles, and strategic goals of the City of Fort St. John. In addition to assisting the City with planning and decision-making, the CIP can assist in the future development of key performance indicators. Through data collection and reporting, the CIP aims to encourage community dialogue and collective action on pressing local issues. For the CDI, the CIP will inform an update of the Community Profile of Fort St. John and will be useful in the preparation of the economic and social frameworks for Fort St. John.

Community Survey: “Your Voice Fort. St. John” (December 2018)

“Your Voice Fort St. John” was designed to explore community areas that affect quality of life and provide input into the community indicators that will be tracked over time. The survey was open to all residents of Fort St. John and asked for their perspectives on a variety of topics, including the economy, local education, availability and satisfaction with a variety of services, community engagement, the environment, and changes in the community over time.



Age-Friendly Assessment & Action Plan (December 2018)

Fort St. John and other resource-based communities in northern BC were not originally designed to support an aging population. To identify ways that Fort St. John could become more age-friendly, the CDI conducted an age-friendly assessment of existing age-friendly assets and potential barriers to aging. This also helped to uncover unmet needs for those aging-in-place. For the assessment stage of this project, the CDI conducted a seniors’ survey, key informant interviews, and a community walk-through. Following the assessment, the CDI worked with the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee and City staff to develop an Action Plan that recommends short- and long-term objectives, actions, and partnerships that will help Fort St. John become a more desirable, safe, and accessible community for seniors.

Social Development and Economic Development Frameworks

Beginning in March 2019, the CDI began work on a Social Development Framework and an Economic Development Framework for the City of Fort St. John. These frameworks will provide recommendations for building a stronger, more diverse economy and enhancing the quality of life in Fort St. John. The first phase of this work will be to engage the community through focus groups and roundtable discussions.

For more information on these and other activities, please visit www.theforgefsj.ca or check out www.facebook.com/TheForgeFSJ

Community Transformation & Renewal

LEADERS LAB



The CDI entered into a partnership with the City of Fort St. John in the creation of the Leaders Lab. The Leaders Lab is designed to build community leadership and to develop community capacity. The Leaders Lab focusses on community engagement and leadership training to support better-informed decision-making, broader and more inclusive thinking, and more resilient private, non-profit, and public sectors. The Leaders' Lab is funded by the BC Rural Dividend Program. For more information on the Leaders Lab, visit www.leaderslabnebc.ca or check out www.facebook.com/LeadersLabNEBC

CDI Community Speakers Series in Fort St. John

As part of the programming for the Leaders Lab in Fort St. John, the CDI hosted a community Speaker Series: educational events where experts are invited to talk about and share information on timely, relevant topics related to community development northern BC.

CDI Community Speakers Series:
On the Move
The Opportunities and Challenges of Labour Mobility for Rural and Remote Canada
Monday, June 18, 2018, 7:00-8:30 pm
Northern Lights College, Room M202
9820 120 Ave, Fort St. John. **Free Admission.**
Description: For the past seven years, On the Move researchers and partners have been examining mobile labour in Canada and its consequences for workers and their families, employers, and communities. We have explored the experience of mobile labour across the spectrum from extended daily commutes to prolonged absences from home for weeks, months, and even years. In this presentation, I will share some of the key learnings and lessons.
Guest speaker: **Barbara Neis (PhD)** is a University Research Professor, Department of Sociology, Memorial University, and the Director of the On the Move Partnership.
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This event is organized by:
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Summer 2018, "On the Move: The Opportunities and Challenges of Labour Mobility for Rural and Remote Canada."


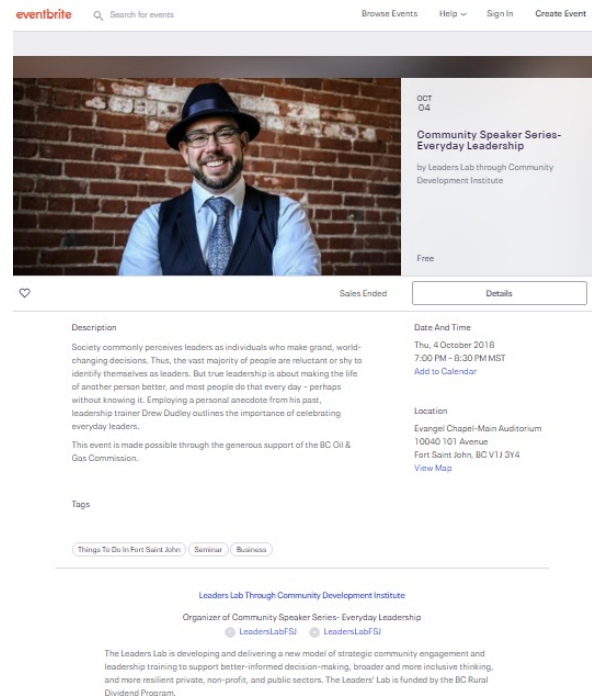
Featured guest speaker, Barbara Neis (PhD) is a University Research Professor, Department of Sociology, Memorial University, and the Director of the On the Move Partnership. For the past seven years, On the Move researchers and partners have been examining mobile labour in Canada and its consequences for workers and their families, employers, and communities. In this talk, Barb shared findings regarding the experience of mobile labour across the spectrum from extended daily commutes to prolonged absences from home for weeks, months, and even years.

Community Transformation & Renewal

Fall 2018, “Everyday Leadership.”

Featured guest speaker Drew Dudley, is the Founder and Chief Catalyst of Day One Leadership Inc. His “TED talk” has been voted one of the 15 most inspirational TED talks of all time and has been named by Time, Business Insider, and Inc. magazines as one of their “ten speeches that will make you a better leader”.

Society commonly perceives leaders as individuals who make grand, world-changing decisions. Thus, the vast majority of people are reluctant or shy to identify themselves as leaders. But true leadership is about making the life of another person better, and most people do that every day – perhaps without knowing it. Employing a personal anecdote from his past, leadership trainer Drew Dudley outlined the importance of celebrating everyday leaders.



Leaders Lab Community Speakers Series:
Fort St John Housing Market
Too Hot, Too Cold or Just Right?
Thursday, November 8, 2018, 7:00-8:30 pm
Northern Lights College,
9820 120 Ave, Fort St. John. **Free Admission.**

Description: What is the state of the housing market in Fort St. John? What are the factors shaping the housing market? How will those change in the coming decades? This presentation will look at these questions and the implications for the community.

Guest speaker: Marleen Morris, Co-Director of the Community Development Institute is co-author of The Northern BC Housing Study. Marleen has served on the Board of BC Housing and on as President of one of BC's largest housing and community services boards.

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This event is organized by:



Fall 2018, “Fort St. John Housing Market: Too Hot, Too Cold or Just Right?”

Featured guest speaker, Marleen Morris, Co-Director of the CDI is co-author of The Northern BC Housing Study. Marleen has served on the Board of BC Housing and as President of one of BC's largest housing and community services boards. What is the state of the housing market in Fort St. John? What are the factors shaping the housing market? How will those change in the coming decades? Marleen's presentation explored these questions and the implications for the community.

Education for Community & Economic Development

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

At the request of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), the CDI has developed and is delivering a Community Development Program for their Community Engagement Coordinators. The eight-month program is being delivered online, with three in-person modules at the UNBC campus in Prince George.

UNBC STUDENTS COLLABORATE WITH NORTHEAST BC SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY

In collaboration with Northeast BC Seniors Housing Society and the UNBC School of Environmental Planning's Ecological Design Course, the CDI facilitated an experiential learning project that explored the opportunity to create a more livable community and a better quality of life for seniors.

For this project, Assistant Professor Mark Groulx, led a group of students through an exercise to develop a vision for an affordable seniors' housing project in Fort St. John. Based on a housing study from the CDI, engagements with seniors in the community, and a detailed site analysis, this project acknowledged the need for seniors housing across northern BC, and enabled students to develop a detailed site plan and model that offers new thinking about accommodating the needs of an aging society within a supportive, accessible community.



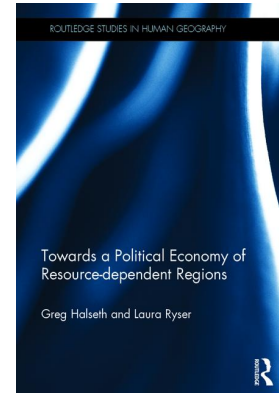
BOOKS

Towards a Political Economy of Resource-dependent Regions (2018)

Greg Halseth and Laura Ryser

This book advances our understanding of resource-dependent regions in developed economies in the 21st Century. It explores how rural and small town places are working to find success in a new economy marked by demographic, economic, social, cultural, political, and environmental change. How are we to understand the changes and transformations working through communities and economies? Where are the trajectories of change leading these resource-dependent places and regions? Drawing upon examples from Canada, USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and the Nordic countries, these and other questions are explored and addressed by constructing a critical political economy framework of resource hinterland transition.

Towards a Political Economy of Resource Dependent Regions is a key resource for students and researchers in geography, rural and industrial sociology, economics, environmental studies, political science, regional studies, and planning, as well as policy-makers, those in industry and the private sector, and local and regional development practitioners.



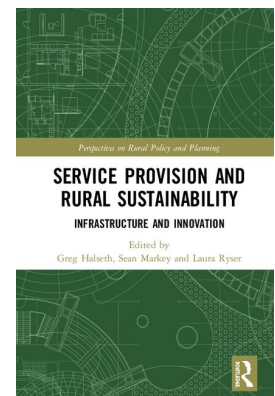
Service Provision and Rural Sustainability: Infrastructure and Innovation (2018)

Greg Halseth, Sean Markey, Laura Ryser

Access to quality services and community infrastructure are vital parts of supporting sustainable and resilient rural and small town places. Renewing outdated infrastructure and supporting the delivery of services in rural communities present significant challenges from the constrained fiscal and policy realities of the 21st century.

Drawing upon contributors from five Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, this book describes innovative service delivery and community infrastructure models that are appropriate to the contemporary rural and resource-dependent regions of developed economies. The examples show that an entrepreneurial approach to service delivery and infrastructure provision by local organizations and governments is needed. Critical economic and community development supports are crucial to assist creative and innovative sets of solutions that work for small communities. Chapters in this book argue that community development foundations for resilient rural and small town communities and regions must be co-constructed and co-delivered in partnership by both local and senior government actors, in terms of both policy and committed resources.

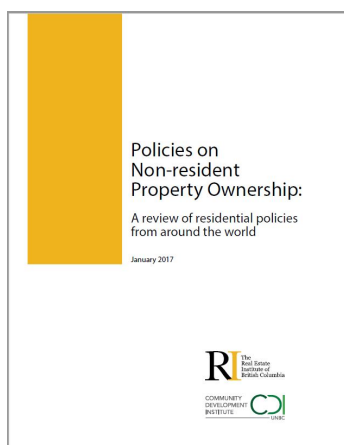
This volume will be valuable for students, scholars, and community development practitioners exploring policy-making, government initiatives, and community service provision in rural and small town places.



Research

Along with the CDI's mandate to work with communities in northern BC, the CDI uses its close connections with academic institutions to conduct research that examines, explains, and analyzes changes occurring in the region. Most of the CDI's research employs community-based research methods in order to make the findings useful and relevant to communities.

REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE OF BC: NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERSHIP POLICIES



As a result of ongoing interest in, and concerns about, non-resident property ownership in BC, the Real Estate Institute of BC (REIBC) approached the CDI to conduct three research studies in order to inform dialogue and policy development. The studies are a comparative review of policies and approaches from jurisdictions around the world aimed at limiting non-resident ownership of residential, commercial and industrial, and agricultural land.

- Non-Resident Property Ownership: A review of residential policies from around the world. Completed in January 2017.
- Non-Resident Property Ownership: A review of commercial and industrial policies from around the world. Completed in January 2018.
- Non-Resident Property Ownership: A review of agricultural policies from around the world. Completed in January 2019.

NORTHERN BC'S AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY: NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORTS

The BC Ministry of Agriculture and the CDI are working together to identify and develop strategies for growing the agrifood industry in northern BC. The first phase of this project involved outreach to identify the opportunities, barriers, and challenges facing northern BC agrifood producers. This included focus groups and interviews with producers in Terrace, Smithers, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Chetwynd, and Dawson Creek. These discussions identified the strengths and challenges of current markets and explored the level of interest in potential markets, including markets in other areas of the province, particularly the Lower Mainland.

The second phase of the project identified targeted resources and supports that would address the opportunities, challenges, and needs identified by northern BC agrifood producers and grow the agricultural sector.

ON THE MOVE: IMPACTS OF LONG DISTANCE LABOUR COMMUTING



Workforce mobility presents both opportunities and challenges for communities in rural and small town settings. Opportunities exist in terms of addressing needed services for workers, while also presenting the possibility for community growth and stability by attracting new residents and businesses. However, mobile workers can also challenge the limited service and support capacity available in rural and small town communities.

Over the past seven years, CDI has been involved in *On the Move*, a major pan-Canadian study on mobile workforces. We have looked particularly at issues of community impacts and pressures, policy options and opportunities, and cross-jurisdictional issues associated with mobile workforces. The aim of this research is to provide an

integrative lens through which to view issues related to labour mobility, such as recruitment and retention of workers; capacity gaps in the workforce; key pressures facing the community; supports provided to long distance labour commuting workers on site and in the community; workers' experiences with commuting and being away from home; and additional investments needed to support workers, families, and community stakeholders.

ACADEMIC BOOKS, JOURNALS, AND PUBLICATIONS

In addition to preparing research reports for communities, CDI researchers also publish their findings in books, academic journals, and other publications. Many of these publications are completed in collaboration with other researchers from Canada and around the world.

In 2019, CDI researchers published two books, four books chapters and five journal articles with two out for review. Below is a select list of these publications.

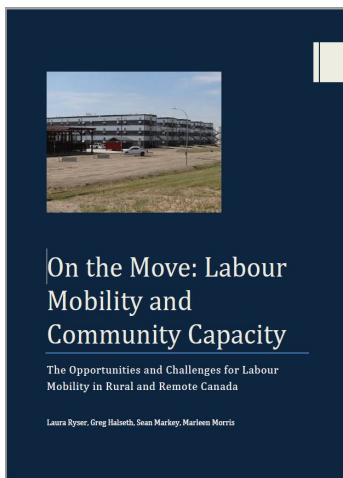
- Halseth, G., Markey, S., and Ryser, L. 2019. Introduction. In G. Halseth, S. Markey, and L. Ryser, *Service Provision and Rural Sustainability: Infrastructure and Innovation*, pp. 3-18. Routledge: London and New York.
- Halseth, G., Markey, S., and Ryser, L. 2019. Emerging issues for new rural service and infrastructure models. In G. Halseth, S. Markey, and L. Ryser, *Service Provision and Rural Sustainability: Infrastructure and Innovation*, pp. 179-188. Routledge: London and New York.
- Halseth, G., Pitkänen, K., Adamiak, C., and Vepsäläinen, M. (2018) Rights to the rural: Comparison of political and property/land rights of second homes owners in Canada, Finland and Poland. In Hall and Müller (eds.), pp. 52-63. *Routledge International Handbook on Second Homes*. Routledge: New York.

For a complete listing of these and other publications, please refer to **Appendix 1**.

Policy Dialogues & Advice

Through our focus on policy dialogues and advice, the CDI is working to create a platform for dialogue for northern British Columbia: where knowledge is shared and information is exchanged; where networks and relationships can be built; and where the challenges and issues the region faces can be tackled. In 2018/19, our work in this area included hosting three policy consultations, as well as continuing to engage with elected officials, senior government staff, and industry representatives to discuss issues, including strategies for economic diversification, housing, population aging, the voluntary sector, and social service delivery.

ON THE MOVE COMMUNITY DIALOGUES



In June 2018, the CDI organized a series of dialogue roundtables in Fort St. John to share with the community the findings from the On the Move research project. On the Move researchers from across Canada, including project lead Professor Barb Neis, CM, Memorial University; Doug Lionais, Cape Breton University; Sara Dorow, University of Alberta; Keith Storey, Memorial University; Sean Markey, Simon Fraser University; Greg Halseth, University of Northern British Columbia; and Laura Ryser, University of Northern British Columbia participated in the sessions.

The roundtables were hosted by Greg Halseth, Co-Director of the CDI and Lori Ackerman, Mayor of Fort St. John. Five roundtable sessions were held: local government, business and industry, education, health, and social services. More than 60 people participated in the sessions over a two-day period.

CANADIAN SENATE COMMITTEE

In October 2018, Laura Ryser, Research Manager for the Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies appeared as a witness for the Senate Special Committee on the Charitable Sector in Ottawa. This committee is currently examining the impact of federal and provincial laws and policies governing charities, non-profit organizations, foundations, and other groups, as well as the impact of the voluntary sector in Canada. Laura's discussion focused on policy impacts for rural non-profits, with recommendations to address top-down supports, reporting procedures, social infrastructure, and information systems.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION SESSIONS

In Winter 2018, Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development worked with the CDI at to plan and deliver community consultation sessions in Northern BC. The goal of these sessions was to gather input and information from key community stakeholders for the development of a rural strategy for BC.

Policy Dialogues & Advice

RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION SESSIONS (continued)

The objective of these consultation sessions was to receive advice and input regarding the direction and role of community and economic development in the rural regions. The consultations focused specifically on the policies, programs, structures, and funding for rural development and what changes are required to be more effective.

The CDI planned and facilitated two Rural Development Consultation Sessions, in Prince George and Fort St. John, that included approximately 50 in each community.

The Ministry's report from the consultation is available at:

[Rural Development in BC - What We Heard](#)

MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On March 7, 2019, the CDI hosted the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Rural Economic Development for the Government of Canada at UNBC for a series of rural development round table meetings with local elected representatives and academic faculty at UNBC. The purpose of these meetings was to hear contributions and insights to further assist the Minister in her mandate to develop a Canadian rural development strategy and agenda.

For more information on the Minister's strategies, please visit:

[Rural Opportunity, National Prosperity - An Economic Development Strategy for Rural Canada](#)

[High-speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The CDI also met one-to-one or in small groups with over 50 local, regional, and provincial governments, business and industry representatives, and non-profit sector leaders to discuss issues and opportunities related to community and economic development.



Presentations and Conferences

Presentations and Conferences

As part of the CDI's commitment to create and participate in opportunities for community members, students, academics, and practitioners to share information and learn from each other, CDI staff regularly present at conferences, workshops, webinars, lectures, and community events. In 2018/2019, presentations focused on a range of issues, including community leadership, housing, community readiness in the face of change, how to benefit and prepare for economic development, and community resilience. The CDI gave 19 presentations across British Columbia, in Canada and, around the world. Audiences included representatives of local government, senior government, Aboriginal groups, industry, business, community agencies, faculty, students, and public service agencies.



Below is a short list of highlights from the year:

- Nordic Conference for Rural Development (Vingsted, Denmark, May 14-16, 2018)
- Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium 2018 (Canmore, AB, October 24–26, 2018)



- Forum on Housing Research: Pacific Housing Research Network (Vancouver, BC, November 18, 2018)
- Vanderhoof Housing Needs (Vanderhoof, BC, December 5, 2018)
- Spruce Beetle Summit (Prince George, BC, December 6, 2018)
- Fort St. John Council Workshop (Fort St. John, BC, February 26, 2019)

Funding

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RESEARCH AND CONTRACT FUNDING

The following table provides a list of new and continuing research and contract funding obtained by the CDI.

Funding Agency	Subject	\$ / Year	Year	Principal Investigator(s)	Co-Investigator(s)
City of Fort St. John	CDI Office and Community and Economic Development Program	\$300,000	2016-2020	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
Rural Dividend Fund, Government of BC	Leaders Lab, Fort St. John	\$174,835	2017-2019	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
BC Housing Management Commission	BC Rural Housing Study	\$15,000	2018-2020	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
BC Ministry of Agriculture	Supporting Northern BC Agrifoods Producers	\$40,000	2018/19	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
City of Fort St. John Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan	City of Fort St. John	\$25,000	2018	Michael Lait	Marleen Morris
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	On the Move	\$25,450	2018/19	Greg Halseth	
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Resource Royalties: Returns to Producing Rural Regions	\$19,893	2016-2019	Greg Halseth	
Real Estate Institute of BC	Policies Regarding Non-Resident Property Ownership (Agricultural Land)	\$14,500	2018/19	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
First Nations Health Authority	Community Development Course for FNHA Staff	\$40,000	2018/19	Marleen Morris	Greg Halseth
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Rural Policy Learning Commons	\$5,000	2018/19	Greg Halseth	

Funding

RESEARCH AND CONTRACT FUNDING (continued)

Funding Agency	Subject	\$ / Year	Year	Principal Investigator(s)	Co-Investigator(s)
Fraser Basin Council	Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium	\$10,000	2018/19	Greg Halseth	
Real Estate Foundation of BC	Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium	\$67,289	2018/19	Greg Halseth	
Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions/UVic	Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium	\$25,000	2018	Greg Halseth	
Total Funding		\$761,967			

The CDI Team

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Committed to working with communities, the CDI is known throughout northern BC for its ability to effectively blend research with community-building and entrepreneurship. Each CDI team member contributes a mix of skills and experiences which sustains the CDI's well-rounded reputation. Alongside staff, the CDI also partners with Faculty Associates and Community Associates, and seeks input from our External Advisory Committee.

STAFF

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Marleen Morris, Co-Director

Julia Good, Research Associate

Lori Cruddas, Administrative Assistant

Aliya Jackson, Administrative Assistant

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Michael Lait, Post-Doctoral Researcher (FSJ)

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Sally Western, Research Assistant (FSJ)

Leanna Butters, Research Assistant (FSJ)

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Carlos Yu, Student Assistant (FSJ)

The CDI Team

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Dr. Neil Hanlon, Professor, Geography

Dawn Hemingway, Chair, School of Social Work

Dr. Phil Mullins, Associate Professor, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management

EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We would like to acknowledge the contribution and support of the CDI External Advisory Committee:

Lori Ackerman, Mayor, Fort St. John

Mark Barnes, Director, Office of Research, UNBC

Jason Fisher, Vice President, Fibre, Pinnacle Renewable Energy

Kevin McCort, President and Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Foundation

Barbara Neis, CM, Professor, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Geoff Payne, Vice-President, Research and Graduate Programs, UNBC

Judy Rogers, Board Chair, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

Greg Halseth, Professor, Geography Program and Co-Director, Community Development Institute, UNBC

Marleen Morris, Co-Director, Community Development Institute and Adjunct Professor, Geography Program, UNBC

The External Advisory Committee meets annually to provide strategic advice and counsel to the CDI.

Appendix 1

Appendix 1

PUBLICATIONS

Books

(See page 9 for more details.)

Halseth, G., Markey, S., and Ryser, L. (eds.) (2019) Service provision and rural sustainability: Infrastructure and innovation. Routledge: London and New York.

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Book Chapters

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