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Lauren is a Senior Planner with over 20 years of planning consulting experience in municipal and land development policy, approvals, and process. As a practicing mediator, collaboration and relationship building is foundational for all her projects. Her focus on collaborative conflict resolution, facilitation, stakeholder engagement, and communication help her to continually deliver successful and innovative planning initiatives for municipal clients.

Most recently, Lauren is enjoying working with Alberta municipalities regarding their Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. Her focus and interest is in crafting personalized consensus decision making models as well as multiparty dispute resolution models.

In addition to lecturing at the University of Calgary and a regular speaker at conferences, Lauren teaches with the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) on such topics as 'Municipal Partnership and Collaboration', 'Ethics', and 'Effective Strategy and Planning'. Lauren has mediated on the AB Court roster for 15 years, has a certificate in Strategy from Queens University, and a certificate in Change Management from Prosci. She is currently the Board President of the International Association of Public Participation: Wild Rose Chapter. Lauren's training and experience provide tools/perspective that are invaluable to her conflict resolution practice.

Mediation Experience

2004 – Present: Mediator, Alberta Provincial Court, Civil Division Mediation Program 2004 – 2009: Lead Mediator & Facilitator, Community Mediation Calgary Society

Sample Municipal Experience (full resume available upon request)

City of Calgary, Affordable Housing, stakeholder engagement, 2018/2019

City of Calgary, Stormwater Strategy Update, stakeholder facilitation, 2018/2019

Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan, 2018/2019

Alberta Community Partnership: Rural Multi-Jurisdictional Intermunicipal Development Plans, 2018

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Strategic Plan, 2018

EOEP, Municipal Partnership and Collaboration, course facilitation, 2018

City of Chestermere, Industrial Park Outline, stakeholder engagement, 2016/2017

City of Chilliwack, Dyke Upgrades, stakeholder strategy, 2016

EOEP Course and Curriculum Revision, 2016

District of Invermere, OCP Update, stakeholder engagement, 2014/2015

Town of Cochrane, Telecom Policy, 2014/2015

City of Saskatoon, Integrated Growth Plan, stakeholder strategy, 2013/2015

Town of Cochrane, LUB updates, stakeholder engagement, 2013/2015

District of Invermere, Planning and Engineering Standing Offer, 2006/2015

Town of Cochrane, Planning and Engineering Standing Offer 2008/2015

Town of Cochrane, Zero Waste Strategy, stakeholder engagement, 2014

Town of Cochrane, Riverheights Land Use Review, 2014

Town of Cochrane, Renewable Energy Study, 2014

Town of Cochrane, Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, stakeholder engagement, 2014

Town of Black Diamond, Flood Recovery Communication, 2013/2014

Quad Regional Water Partnership, Governance, 2010/2014

City of Red Deer, Amplify! Engagement Policy, 2013

Cochrane/Rocky View County/Cochrane Ag Society, Tri-Party Concept Plan, 2013

Town of Cochrane, Integrated Downtown Action Plan, stakeholder engagement, 2012/2013

Town of Cochrane, Growth Management Strategy, 2012/2013

District of Invermere, Groundwater and Surface Water Protection Plans, stakeholder engagement, 2012

Town of Cochrane, Telecom Policy Framework, 2010

District of Invermere, Council Strategic Planning Session, 2009

Training

Masters of Environmental Design – Planning (MEDes), University of Calgary, 1997 Bachelor of Arts, Political Studies, University of Manitoba, 1993

IAP2 – Certificate in Planning and Techniques for Effective Public Participation, 2007

School of Business – Strategy Program, Queens University, 2008

ADRIA – Certificate in Conflict Leadership, 2015 (course work completed in 2003)

Prosci – Certificate in Change Management, 2017

Professional Associations

Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)

Alberta Professional Planning Institute (APPI)

International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

Appropriate Dispute Resolution Institute of Alberta (ADRIA)

References

Reference list available upon request