

Andrea Tower

BEnD

Planner



EDUCATION

2002 – 2005

Bachelor of Environmental Design,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver, BC

1997

Permaculture Consultant
Design Program,
Sandy Bar Ranch, Orleans, CA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

PIBC Provisional Member

AWARDS

2010

Comox Valley Sustainability Strategy
– honourable mention Canadian
Institute of Planners, Award for Planning
Excellence: City Planning Category

2009

Grasslands Conservation Council of
BC project “Planning for Change”
nominated for Fraser Basin Council
Stewardship Award

Biography

Andrea holds a degree in Environmental Design, a program combining architecture, landscape architecture, and planning. Andrea has extensive experience in the development of comprehensive sustainable community strategies, for both developers and municipalities. In conjunction with overarching sustainability strategies, Andrea brings an ecological perspective to a variety of projects, focusing on habitat conservation, restoration, and the value of urban ecology. Key projects include work for the Grasslands Conservation Council of BC, developing Parks and Greenspace Plans and writing Songbird Habitat Design Guidelines for an urban development project. Andrea also has a strong base of experience in public consultation and event planning, including public open houses, green building workshops for developers, and a variety of design workshops and charrettes.

Select Project Experience

PARKS + GREENSPACE PLANNING

- Powell River Parks + Greenspace Plan, Powell River Regional District
- Parks, Recreation + Culture Master Plan, City of Revelstoke, BC
- Parks and Trails Plan, Columbia Shuswap Regional District Area B
- Surrey Bend Regional Park Management Plan, Metro Vancouver and City of Surrey

SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

- Comox Valley Sustainability Strategy, Comox Valley Regional District
- Sustainable Development Strategic Plan, Township of Esquimalt
- Community Sustainability Discussion Guide, District of North Vancouver
- Sustainable Development Plan, Comox Strathcona Regional District
- Sustainable Development Strategic Plan, Municipality of Bowen Island
- Dawson Creek Sustainable Baseline Assessment, City of Dawson Creek
- SFU Sustainability Certificate Research, Simon Fraser University
- UBC’s Academic Leaders in Sustainability, University of BC
- Bell Canada Sustainability Advising, Bell Canada

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – Present

Planner, HB Lanarc-Golder,
Vancouver, BC

2008 – 2011

Project Manager/Planner,
HB Lanarc Consultants Ltd.,
Vancouver, BC

2005 – 2008

Planning Analyst,
Holland Barrs Planning Group,
Vancouver, BC

COMMUNITY + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

- OCP Review, City of Kelowna, BC
- Silverdale Neighbourhood Plan, City of Mission, BC

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

- Planning for Change Workshops, Grasslands Conservation Council of BC
- Urban Songbird Landscape Guidelines, East Fraser Lands Neighbourhood, Parklane, Vancouver, BC
- Green Roof and Habitat Strategies, The Beedie Group, Burnaby, BC

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION + FACILITATION

- Granville Island Public Consultation, “Speak Up”, CMHC, Vancouver, BC
- Arbutus Lands Visioning Process, Canadian Pacific Railway, Vancouver, BC
- Greater Vancouver Green Guide + Map, Design Centre for Sustainability, University of British Columbia

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING + APPROVALS

- Sustainability and Green Building Workshops, Hudson Bay Redevelopment, Townline Homes
- Sustainability and Green Building Workshops, Revelstoke Mountain Resort