

Robert Barrs Principal

B.Sc., M.Sc., MCIP, LEED

Rob's planning passion is to identify practical solutions to the challenges of creating sustainable communities. This passion drove him to a Masters in Community & Regional Planning and to becoming one of the first planners in Canada to obtain the LEED green building accreditation.

As co-founder & principal of HB Lanarc Consultants - a firm specializing in sustainable community planning and design - Rob has worked on numerous forward-looking projects in western Canada including the Sea to Sky University in Squamish, East Fraser Lands and Southeast False Creek in Vancouver.

Rob's pragmatic idealism has enabled him to pursue innovative projects such as helping the District of North Vancouver to be the first community to integrate BC's Bill 27 mandated GHG reduction targets, policies and actions into its OCP.



Education

2002	LEED™ Certified Professional
1999	Master of Science: Community and Regional Planning -UBC
1994	Postgraduate Diploma, Media Studies, University of Sussex, UK
1988	B.Sc. Geology/Geophysics, University of Liverpool, UK

Professional Consulting Experience

2008 - present	Principal - HB Lanarc Consultants Inc , Vancouver, BC, Canada Holland Barrs is merged with Lanarc Consultants to become a full service planning, sustainable development and design company.
2000 - 2008	Principal - Holland Barrs Planning Group , Vancouver, BC, Canada Co founder and principal of a planning firm with a specialty in sustainable development.

Recent Projects

Community planning

- **Coquitlam** - Town Centre Area Plan Update
- **Central Saanich**, OCP Review
- **Colwood/Langford** - joint OCP review
- **Gibsons**, BC - Gospel Rock Neighbourhood Plan
- **Silverdale** Neighbourhood Plan - Mission, BC
- **Thamesford** Secondary Plan Thamesford, ON
- **Town of Gibsons** – Update zoning bylaw with innovative new zones, address view and secondary suite issues.

Urban design/Design charrettes

- **District of Saanich** - Design Guidelines
- **Nelson** - Waterfront Development Parcel
- **Maplewood Eco-Industrial Partnership Project** - District of North Vancouver
- **Gospel Rock Design Charrette** – Gibsons, BC
- **Silverdale Design Charrette** – Mission, BC
- **Brackendale Statutory Building Scheme** - Westmana Developments Inc.

Development advising and planning approvals

- **CWE Inc.** – Lead consultant developing a Comprehensive Development Plan for parcel on Nelson waterfront.
- **North Denman Lands** - Work with owners of 2,200 acre property to develop innovative land use plan and re-zoning application that involved large donation of ecologically sensitive and working lands to the community. Advise on public process and develop re-zoning application.
- **Cold Springs Farm** - Design and planning approvals for Thamesford Ridge condominiums.
- **Saxonville Estates Ltd.** - Planning approvals for 36-acre subdivision in Strathroy, ON, planning approvals for 30 acre condominium project, Strathroy, ON.
- **Tricar Inc** - Design and planning approvals for 15-acre subdivision.
- **Werner Humann** - Design and planning approvals for small, residential infill subdivision.
- **ATH Group Inc.** - Design and rezoning for 501 Second Street - Infill Development Planning Project.
- **John Weston** - Vancouver infill project, re-zoning and bareland strata subdivision.
- **Depot Road, Squamish** - development proposal and OCP planning rationale for strategically located nodal development project.

Sustainability strategies/Advisory services

- **Quest University** - Squamish
- **Townline Developments** - Triangle Project, Port Coquitlam
- **Westmana** – planner and sustainability advisor for large, strategic waterfront property in Squamish. Advise on planning and design process and develop sub-area plan
- **Trilogy Properties** - Planning, Sustainability Advising and Community Mapping for 750 acre site in Cumberland
- **City of Lethbridge, Sheltair Resource Consultants** – development of green development guidelines for new subdivisions.
- **OKA Holdings** – Sustainability Strategy for Alpha Creek Lands, Whistler, BC.
- **Holborn Group** – Sustainability Strategy for Townhouse and mixed use project, Whistler, BC.

Eco-industrial planning

- **Eco-industrial Solutions/Town of Hinton** – Planner on team developing plan and gaining approvals for innovative eco-industrial Park.
- **Maplewood Community Eco-industrial Partnership Project**
- **Eco-Industrial Complex**

First nations/aboriginal planning

- **Chemainus First Nation** - Comprehensive Community Plan
- **Inuvialuit Land Administration** - Development of new land administration system including policy and procedure development and organizational changes. Inuvik, NWT
- **CCP Instruction** - Whitehorse, YK

Green building advising

- **University of British Columbia** – Lead consultant for Green building incentive program for residential development.
- **Greater Vancouver Regional District** - Green building incentive program for new and retrofit development.

Air quality/Climate change

- **BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection/Sheltair** – Air Quality Planning Checklist.
- **BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection** – Integrated Air Quality Planning study report.