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Municipal Viability / La vitalité des petites municipalités

Viability is the capacity that a municipality has to maintain and continue its effectiveness and success. A municipality's role is to help serve the needs of their communities, local residents and economies. However, some municipalities are now getting to a point where they can no longer afford to provide the financial and technical support they once were able. Municipal viability and the sustainability of communities is an area of increasing concern across most Canadian provinces and territories. Right now the focus is on how to maintain viability in the face of declining rural populations, reliance on single economic industries, and problems resulting from environmental and governmental factors.

Several provinces and territories have developed instruments to help their municipalities recognize the symptoms of decline, and help them develop approaches to guard against it. Particular strategies worth noting include the approaches undertaken by Manitoba's *Tools for Change Program*,

Le terme « viabilité » désigne la capacité d'une municipalité à maintenir et à poursuivre ses activités efficacement. Le rôle d'une municipalité est de contribuer à répondre aux besoins des communautés, des résidents et des entreprises qui la composent. Certaines municipalités en sont toutefois arrivées à ne plus pouvoir offrir le soutien financier et technique qu'elles étaient jusque-là en mesure de fournir. La viabilité des municipalités et la durabilité des communautés sont des questions qui soulèvent de plus en plus d'inquiétudes dans la plupart des provinces et territoires du Canada. À l'heure actuelle, le maintien de la viabilité malgré le déclin des populations rurales, la dépendance à une activité économique unique et les problèmes attribuables à des facteurs environnementaux et gouvernementaux constituent les enjeux les plus pressants.

Plusieurs provinces et territoires ont mis sur pied des outils afin d'aider leurs municipalités à reconnaître les symptômes



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Québec's *National Rural Policy* and New Brunswick's *Rural Community Model*. These approaches showcase the different types of actions that can be taken to safeguard municipal viability.

Manitoba

Manitoba's approach has been the development of the *Tools for Change Program*, which is helping municipalities deal with the decline in their rural population. The program was developed in 1993 by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) in partnership with the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade. Manitoba's *Tools for Change Program* helps identify and address the greatest threats within communities. The program uses a municipal health checklist to help identify strengths and weaknesses; the checklist measures various indicators such as population change, assessment and taxation, fiscal strength, intermunicipal strength and governance, and community involvement. The checklist along with other indicators informs municipalities what is working well and what needs improvement.

The next step in the *Tools for Change Program* after municipalities have identified their strengths and weakness, involves developing an approach to manage change. This is done by looking at the *Reference Series on Municipal Approaches to Managing Change*, available from the AMM. The *Reference Series* provides information on different approaches for dealing with service sharing, tax sharing, and possible restructuring. Municipalities are encouraged to share their best practices and knowledge based on what they have achieved. As part of the *Tools for Change Program* the AMM sponsors the municipal innovation awards.

Québec

Quebec has identified several symptoms of decline in 400 of its rural municipalities. These symptoms include the closure of the main local businesses, the decline of the dominant sector of activity, the migration of the active population, the disorganization of services, stagnation, less initiative/burnout, and other socioeconomic impacts. To combat these symptoms of decline, Quebec has developed its own index for all municipalities, Aboriginal settlements and non-organized areas to measure their viability. The index is composed of seven indicators which focus primarily on population, employment, grants, income, and education.

Along with the index, Quebec developed the *National Rural Policy, 2007-2014*. It is a seven year policy based on an integrated approach that covers many different aspects of rural issues, including the viability of

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de déclin et à élaborer des stratégies pour les contrer. Trois approches particulières sont dignes de mention : le programme *Tools for Change* du Manitoba, la *Politique nationale de la ruralité* du Québec et le *modèle de communauté rurale* du Nouveau-Brunswick. Les stratégies adoptées par ces provinces mettent en évidence les différents types de mesures qui peuvent être prises pour préserver la viabilité des municipalités.

Manitoba

La stratégie du Manitoba a consisté à élaborer le programme *Tools for Change* dans le but d'aider les municipalités à composer avec le déclin de leur population rurale. Ce programme a été mis sur pied en 1993 par l'association des municipalités du Manitoba (AMM), en partenariat avec Affaires intergouvernementales et Commerce Manitoba. *Tools for Change* aide à cerner et à aborder les principales menaces au sein des communautés. Le programme propose une liste de vérification de la santé des municipalités afin d'aider celles-ci à identifier leurs forces et leurs faiblesses; cette liste prend en compte divers indicateurs tels que les changements démographiques, l'évaluation et la fiscalité, la capacité financière, la solidité de la gouvernance et des relations intermunicipales, ainsi que l'engagement communautaire. Cette liste, jumelée à d'autres indicateurs, révèle aux municipalités ce qui fonctionne bien et ce qui doit être amélioré.

Une fois que les municipalités ont identifié leurs forces et leurs faiblesses, l'étape suivante du programme *Tools for Change* comprend l'élaboration d'une stratégie pour gérer le changement. Pour ce faire, les municipalités ont recours à une série d'ouvrages de référence (*Reference Series on Municipal Approaches to Managing Change*), qu'on peut se procurer auprès de l'AMM. Ces documents traitent des différentes approches en vue du partage des services, du partage des recettes fiscales et d'une éventuelle restructuration. Les municipalités sont encouragées à partager leurs meilleures pratiques et leurs connaissances en s'appuyant sur leurs accomplissements. Dans le cadre du programme *Tools for Change*, l'AMM commandite des prix pour l'innovation municipale.

Québec

Le Québec a constaté plusieurs symptômes de déclin au sein de 400 de ses municipalités rurales. Ces symptômes comprennent la fermeture des principales entreprises locales, le déclin du secteur d'activité dominant, la migration de la population active la dissolution de certains services, la stagnation, une diminution des

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municipalities in decline. It is a bottom-up approach that relies on leaving decision-making in the hands of local actors. It was developed in collaboration with regional municipalities, municipal associations, and rural development organizations. The policy includes 54 measures and commitments involving 17 government ministries and agencies, 24 of which include funding commitments. The National Rural Policy also has 25 rural development experiments called *laboratoires ruraux*, the Quebec Government has made \$15.5 million available for the project for 'unexplored promising sectors' with its main objective being the diversification of the rural economy.

The *National Rural Policy* has four main objectives: to promote the renewal and integration of populations; to foster the development of the territory's human, cultural and physical resources; to ensure the survival of rural communities; and to maintain a balance between the quality of life, the living environment, the natural environment, and economic activities. As part of the *National Rural Policy*, there is a contract-based agreement called the Rural Pact. The Rural Pact enables rural communities to put forward initiatives based on their own priorities, and it aims at fostering local leadership and getting local actors involved in the decision-making process.

New Brunswick

Most of New Brunswick's rural population has been without any form of local government for the last 40 years. Recently, the province has expressed interest in having more decision-making done locally. The approach New Brunswick has taken towards achieving this is through the development of the Rural Community and the *Rural Community Model* (RC Model).

A Rural Community is a corporate body with an elected council responsible for the provision of land uses and emergency measure services. A Rural Community is made up of at least two Local Service Districts (LSDs) or villages, with a sufficient population and property tax base, which come together to create one viable community. The Rural Community has the ability to make local decisions in response to community service needs. The Rural Community represents local interests and manages money; they are also in charge of the gradual addition of other services, services to former village residents, and providing services and partnerships.

The RC Model was created as a part of the initiative called *Our Communities – Our Future!* The goal of the initiative was to empower citizens so that they plan the future of their communities and determine their local service needs. The Rural Community Model targets communities with a minimum population of 2000 people,

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initiatives/l'épuisement et l'effritement des facteurs socioéconomiques. Pour lutter contre ce déclin, le Québec a élaboré son propre indice pour mesurer la viabilité de l'ensemble des municipalités, établissements indiens et zones non organisées. Cet indice est composé de sept indicateurs axés principalement sur la population, l'emploi, les subventions, le revenu et le niveau de scolarité.

Parallèlement à cet indice, le Québec a élaboré la *Politique nationale de la ruralité 2007-2014*. Cette politique échelonnée sur sept ans s'appuie sur une approche intégrée qui touche à plusieurs aspects des enjeux ruraux, parmi lesquels la viabilité des municipalités en déclin. Il s'agit d'une approche qui préconise la prise de décisions par les acteurs locaux et qui a été mise sur pied en collaboration avec les municipalités régionales, les associations municipales et les organismes de développement rural. La politique comprend 54 mesures et engagements, parmi lesquels 24 promesses de financement, qui touchent 17 ministères et organismes gouvernementaux. La *Politique nationale de la ruralité* prévoit également la réalisation de 25 projets de développement rural appelés *laboratoires ruraux*. Le gouvernement du Québec engage 15,5 millions de dollars dans le projet des « secteurs prometteurs encore inexplorés », dont l'objectif principal est la diversification de l'économie rurale.

La *Politique nationale de la ruralité* vise quatre objectifs principaux : favoriser le renouvellement et l'intégration des populations; encourager le développement des ressources humaines, culturelles et physiques du territoire; assurer la pérennité des communautés rurales ; et conserver un équilibre entre la qualité de vie, le cadre de vie, l'environnement naturel et les activités économiques. La *Politique nationale de la ruralité* comporte une entente de type contractuel appelée Pacte rural. Ce pacte permet aux communautés rurales de proposer des initiatives fondées sur leurs propres priorités; il vise à encourager le leadership local et à impliquer les acteurs locaux dans le processus décisionnel.

Nouveau-Brunswick

La majorité de la population rurale du Nouveau-Brunswick ne bénéficie d'aucune forme d'administration locale depuis les 40 dernières années. Toutefois, la province s'est récemment montrée intéressée à ce qu'un plus grand nombre de décisions soient prises à l'échelle locale. Pour atteindre cet objectif, le Nouveau-Brunswick a voulu développer le concept de communauté rurale en s'appuyant sur un nouveau modèle.

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a tax base of \$100 million, and unincorporated areas, not towns and cities. The RC model enables communities to assume responsibility for local services at a pace they are comfortable with and at a cost they can afford. This initiative was developed by the Department of Environment and Local Government, and the first two Rural Communities were incorporated in July 2006.

Summary

Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick's 'toolkits' have helped their communities face viability challenges where they recognize the symptoms of decline, and they have strategies to guard against it. Most of the provinces and territories have also developed their own toolkits which highlight the importance of maintaining the viability of municipalities and communities. Other provinces could benefit from the approaches of Manitoba's *Tools for Change Program*, Quebec's *Rural Policy* and from New Brunswick's *Rural Community Model* to ensure the viability of their own municipalities.

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Une communauté rurale est un corps constitué doté d'un conseil élu chargé des services d'urbanisme et des mesures d'urgence. Ce type de communauté est constitué d'au moins deux districts de services locaux (DSL) ou villages, dont la population et l'assiette fiscale sont suffisantes, qui s'unissent pour former une communauté viable. La communauté rurale a le pouvoir de prendre des décisions à l'échelle locale afin de répondre aux besoins de ses membres en matière de services. Elle représente les intérêts locaux et administre une enveloppe monétaire ; elle est chargée d'ajouter progressivement d'autres services et de fournir des services aux résidents d'un ancien village et, enfin, de dispenser certains services et de constituer des partenariats.

Le modèle de communauté rurale a été créé dans le cadre d'une initiative appelée *Nos collectivités – Notre avenir!* L'objectif de cette initiative est d'offrir aux citoyens la possibilité de planifier l'avenir de leur communauté et de déterminer les services dont ils ont besoin. Ce modèle vise les communautés ayant une population d'au moins 2 000 habitants et une assiette fiscale de 100 millions de dollars; il s'applique uniquement aux secteurs non constitués en municipalités, et non pas aux villes. Ce modèle permet aux communautés de prendre en charge les services à leur rythme et à des coûts abordables. Cette initiative a été élaborée par le ministère de l'Environnement et des Gouvernements locaux; les deux premières communautés rurales ont été constituées en juillet 2006.

Résumé

Les « coffres à outils » du Manitoba, du Québec et du Nouveau-Brunswick ont aidé les communautés de ces provinces à faire face aux problèmes de viabilité en présence de symptômes de déclin; des stratégies sont également proposées pour éviter ces problèmes. La plupart des provinces et territoires ont également créé leurs propres coffres à outils, soulignant l'importance de préserver la viabilité des municipalités et des communautés. Les provinces devraient s'inspirer des approches élaborées par le Manitoba (programme *Tools for Change*), le Québec (*Politique nationale de la ruralité*) et le Nouveau-Brunswick (*modèle de communauté rurale*) pour assurer la viabilité de leurs propres municipalités.

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Facing the challenge of industry closure: Managing transition in rural communities

A report providing insights into managing transition in resource-dependent rural communities facing the crisis of industry closure. The research is based on 16 case studies of transition management experiences in different industries across Canada.

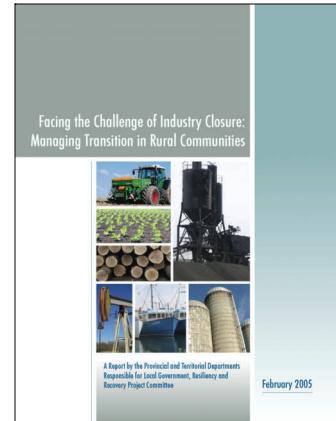
Facing the challenge of industry closure

This study was undertaken by the Resiliency and Recovery Project Committee on behalf of provincial and territorial departments responsible for local government in Canada. The report presents insights on the context, circumstances, and actions influencing the recovery of resource-dependent rural communities facing the crisis of industry closure to provide a better understanding of the tools and strategies of the transition management process. The report moves beyond a regional economic development perspective to take a broader approach that focuses on the experience and role of all actors in coping with and managing transition to redevelop these rural communities.

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Relever le défi de la fermeture d'une industrie : Gestion de la transition dans les collectivités rurales

Un rapport fournissant un aperçu sur la gestion de la transition dans des collectivités rurales mono-industrielles qui sont confrontées à la crise de la fermeture de l'industrie. La recherche est basée sur 16 études de cas provenant de toutes les régions du Canada.

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Cette étude a été réalisée par le Comité du projet sur la résilience et le rétablissement des ministères provinciaux et territoriaux responsables des administrations locales au Canada. Ce rapport traite du contexte, des circonstances et des actions qui exercent une influence sur la capacité des collectivités rurales mono-industrielles à relever le défi de la fermeture de cette industrie. Le rapport vise à développer une meilleure compréhension des outils et des stratégies du processus de gestion de la transition. Le rapport produit à la demande des ministres provinciaux et territoriaux responsables des administrations locales au Canada, se distingue des analyses de développement économique régional et s'inscrit plutôt dans une perspective plus large mettant l'accent sur l'expérience et le rôle des acteurs qui gèrent la transition pour assurer le redéveloppement de ces collectivités rurales.

Human Capital and the Creative Class (Documents) / Capital humain et la « classe créative » (documents)

Each month we will highlight a particular subject and illustrate what recent materials we have in the library to support it. This month, we have selected items that deal in whole or in part with the subject of human capital and creative class theory.

Chaque mois, nous mettons en évidence un sujet particulier accompagné d'une liste de documents de référence récents disponibles à la bibliothèque. Ce mois-ci, nous vous proposons des titres portant sur le capital humain et sur la « classe créative ».

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OzAccom, PO Box 104, RBH Post Office, Qld 4029, Australia.

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Email: ozaccomm@ozaccomm.com.au or 2008vienna@iwhaq.org

Internet: <http://www.iwa2008vienna.org>

September 9-11, 2008 / 9-11 septembre 2008

Wolfville (Nova Scotia / Nouvelle-Écosse)

2008 AMA Conference

Information: Association of Municipal Administrators, NS,

1106-1809 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 3K8.

Tel: (902) 423-2215. Fax: (902) 425-5592. E-mail: amans@eastlink.ca

September 10-12, 2008 / 10-12 septembre 2008

Kingston (Ontario)

Ontario East Municipal Conference 2008

Information: East Economic Development Commission (OEEDC)

1500 Blakey Point Rd. East, R.R.1, Prescott, ON K0E 1T0.

Tel.: (613) 925-1498. Fax: (613) 925-1498.

Email: info@municipalevents.com

Internet: <http://www.oemc.ca>

September 15-17, 2008 / 15-17 septembre 2008

Charlottetown (Prince Edward Island / Île-de-prince-Édouard)

Community Journeys: Pathways to a Sustainable Future: 2nd International Comprehensive Community Planning Conference

Information: Atlantic Policy Congress of First nations Chiefs Secretariat,

P.O. Box 26005, RPO Market, Dartmouth, NS B2W 6P3.

Tel.: (902) 435-8021. Fax: (902) 435-8027.

Email: georgianna.barlow@apcfnc.ca

September 16-17, 2008 / 16-17 septembre 2008

Vancouver (British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique)

Canadian Asset Management: Planning for Sustainable Infrastructure West

Information: Strategy Institute,

401 Richmond Street West, Suite 401, Toronto, ON M5V 3A8.

Tel.: (416) 944-9200 or 1-866-298-9343.

Fax: (416) 944-0403 or 1-866-298-9344.

Email: registrations@strategyinstitute.com

Internet: http://www.strategyinstitute.com/091608_campsiw/dsp.php

September 17-19, 2008 / 17-19 septembre 2008

Stratford (Ontario)

OMHRA Fall Conference

Information: Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA),

Suite 307, 1235 Fairview Street, Burlington, ON L7S 2K9.

Tel.: (905) 525-4000. Fax: (905) 525-9833.

Email: admin@omhra.ca

September 17-19, 2008 / 17-19 septembre 2008

Beaupré (Québec)

18th Annual National Composting Conference / La 18e conférence nationale annuelle

Information: Composting Council of Canada,

16 Northumberland Street, Toronto, ON M6H 1P7.

Tel.: (416) 535-0240. Fax: (416) 536-9892.

Email: ccc@compost.org

September 17-20, 2008 / 17-20 septembre 2008

Yarmouth (Nova Scotia / Nouvelle-Écosse)

2008 UNSM Conference

Information: Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM),

1106-1809 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 3K8.

Tel.: (902) 423-8331. Fax: (902) 425-5592.

E-mail: mainunsm@eastlink.ca

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Upcoming Conferences (2008) / Colloques et conférences (2008)

September 17-20, 2008 / 17-20 septembre 2008

Lethbridge (Alberta)

Communities in Bloom 2008 / Collectivités en fleurs 2008

Information: Communities in Bloom / Collectivités en fleurs,
112 Terry Fox, Kirkland QC H9H 4M3.

Tel.: (514) 694-8871. Email: anncarriere@cib-cef.com

Internet: <http://www.lethbridgecommunitiesinbloom.ca>

September 18-19, 2008 / 18-19 septembre 2008

North Bay (Ontario)

2008 OPPI Symposium: The Grey Tsunami: Aging Communities and Planning

Information: Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)

Absolute Conferences & Events Inc., 144 Front Street West, Suite 640,
Toronto, ON M5J 2L7.

Tel.: (416) 483-1873 or 1-800-668-1448. Fax: (416) 979-1819.

Email: oppi@absoluteevents.com

Internet: <http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/content/Events/conference.aspx>

September 18-19, 2008 / 18-19 septembre 2008

Thunder Bay (Ontario)

Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference

Information: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA),
161 East Brock Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 4H1.

Tel.: (807) 473-3135. Fax: (807) 626-8163. Email: Info@noma.on.ca

Internet: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page64.aspx>

September 21-24, 2008 / 21-24 septembre 2008

Toronto (Ontario)

2008 Annual TAC Conference and Exhibition: Transportation – A Key to a Sustainable Future / Congrès et exposition annuels de 2008 : Les transports : élément clé d'un avenir durable

Information: Transportation Association of Canada (TAC),
2323 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, ON K1G 4J8.

Tel.: (613) 736-1350. Email: gmorier@tac-atc.ca

Internet: <http://www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference/annualconference.cfm>

September 23-24, 2008 / 23-24 septembre 2008

Toronto (Ontario)

Public Sector Capital Asset Management

Information: The Canadian Institute,
1329 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M5R 2C4.

Tel.: 1-877-924-7936. Fax: 1-877-927-1563.

Email: customerservice@canadianinstitute.com

Internet: <http://www.canadianinstitute.com/Asset>

September 23-26, 2008 / 23-26 septembre 2008

Strathcona County, Alberta

8th Canadian Urban Forest Conference

Information: Strathcona County Recreation, Parks and Culture,
2025 Oak Street, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 0W9.

Tel.: (780) 467-2211. Fax: (780) 449-1906.

Email: recreation@strathcona.ab.ca

Internet: <http://www.strathcona.ab.ca/Strathcona/Departments/Recreation+Parks+and+Culture/2008+Urban+Forest+Conference/default.htm>

September 23-26, 2008 / 23-26 septembre 2008

Regina (Saskatchewan)

WCWWA 60th Anniversary Conference: Protecting Our Water - 60 Years of Service

Information: Western Canada Water and Wastewater Association (WCWWA)

126 3rd Ave W, Box 1708, Cochrane AB T4C 1B6.

Tel.: 1-877-283-2003 or (403) 709-0064.

Fax: 1-877-283-2007 or (403) 709-0068.

Email: member@wcwwa.ca

Internet: <http://www.wcwwa.ca/Conference.htm>

September 24-26, 2008 / 24-26 septembre 2008

Blue Mountain (Ontario)

2008 Annual MFOA Conference

Information: Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA),
2169 Queen Street East, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M4L 1J1.

Tel.: (416) 362-9001. Fax: (416) 362-9226.

Email: suzanne@mfoa.on.ca

Internet: http://www.mfoa.on.ca/Template.cfm?Section=Annual_Conference&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=10&ContentID=1596

September 28 - October 1, 2008 / 28 septembre - le 1ère octobre 2008

St. John's (Newfoundland and Labrador / Terre-Neuve et Labrador)

42nd Annual CPTA National Workshop

Information: Canadian Property Tax Association (CPTA) / L'Association canadienne de taxe foncière

6 Lansing Square, Suite 225, Toronto, ON M2J 1T5.

Tel.: (416) 493-3276. Fax: (416) 493-3905.

Email: cpta@on.aibn.com

Internet: https://cpta.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=98&Itemid=93

September 30 - October 1, 2008 / 30 septembre - le 1ère octobre 2008

Toronto (Ontario)

5th Annual Future of Canada's Infrastructure

Information: Strategy Institute,

401 Richmond Street West, Suite 401, Toronto, ON M5V 3A8.

Tel.: (416) 944-9200 or 1-866-298-9343.

Fax: (416) 944-0403 or 1-866-298-9344.

Email: registrations@strategyinstitute.com

Internet: http://www.strategyinstitute.com/093008_fci5/dsp.php

October 1-2, 2008 / Le 1ère - 2 octobre 2008

Niagara-on-the-Lake (Ontario)

AMO 50th Anniversary Fall Conference

Information: Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO),
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Attn: Lew Holloway, CP 100,
Virgil, ON LOS 1T0.

Tel.: (519) 642-1482. Fax: (519) 642-0968.

Email: omaa1@sympatico.ca

Internet: <http://www.amo.on.ca/AM/TemplateRedirect.cfm?template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=150741>

Information Requests (July and August 2008) / Notes de recherche (juillet et août 2008)

(Examples of research work undertaken for our Muniscope clients and SOS-List requests / Les exemples de travaux de recherche réalisés pour des abonnés Muniscope et SOS-List)

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- Examples of policies and/or regulations that deal with development in or in proximity to flood plains, flood fringes or other flood risk areas / Exemples de politiques et de règlementations en matière de développement à l'intérieur ou à proximité des plaines inondables ou autres zones à risques
- Information on existing policies and/or regulations that deal with Mountain Bike Parks with dirt jumps / Information sur les politiques ou règlements concernant les parcs de vélo de montagne
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- Public consultation and Internet / Utilisation d'Internet pour des fins de consultations publiques
- Municipal funding programs / Programmes de subventions municipales
- Municipal own-source revenues / Sources de revenu des municipalités
- Local and regional governance structures in Canada / Structures de gouvernance locale et régionale au Canada
- Taxation of public utilities / Imposition des compagnies de services publics
- GST gas receipts / Revenus de TPS provenant de la vente de carburant
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Communications & Technology / Communication et technologie

QG085 More than mapping : some innovative uses of GIS.

/ BAXTER, Roberta.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Planning 74:7, July 2008, p. 20-23.

[4] p. : col. ill., maps

Describes how three communities have utilized graphic information systems (GIS) in unconventional means. It describes: (1) how Pierce County, WA, offers GIS to the public, including tax parcels, flood hazards, water and sewer lines, and locations of schools, parks, fire stations, and hospitals, and used GIS to oversee the redevelopment of a reclaimed sand and gravel pit; (2) Cleveland's Public Utilities Division created an enterprise GIS system and training program for unemployed city residents; and (3) the use of GIS in San Diego to improve wildfire management.

QH061 Taking control of your communications infrastructure : opportunities and challenges for local governments.

/ MILLER, Nicholas, & KARISH, Gail.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Public Management 90:6, July 2008, p. 26-31.

[6] p.

Relates seven lessons for local governments wishing to control telecommunications infrastructure learned from the MI-Connection court battle with Time Warner and Adelphia. The MI-Connection is a consortium of four local communities in the Lake Norman area in North Carolina, who control the majority of the local communications infrastructure in the area, e.g. cable television system.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Economic Development / Développement économique

EC576 The challenges of pursuing cluster policy in the congested state.

/ BURFITT, Alex, & MACNEILL, Stewart.
2008.

From/Tiré de: International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 32:2, June 2008, 492-505.
[14] p. : bibl.

Explores the nature, challenges and weaknesses of cluster policy in the context of the demands created by multi-level and multi-actor governance frameworks, focusing on the experiences in England. It examines the nature and coherence of cluster policy, the challenges involved in its operationalization and the extent to which conceptual and definitional shortcomings within the theory generate substantive challenges for organizations implementing and delivering cluster policies in complex and contested institutional environments.

EC580 Classe créative et interdisciplinarité : une critique méritée.

/ TREMBLAY, Rémy, & CHICOINE, Hughes.
2007 [i.e. 2008]

From/Tiré de: Canadian Journal of Regional Science = Revue canadienne des sciences régionales 30:3, Autumn = Automne 2007, p. 497-508.

[12] p. : graphiques, bibl.

A statistical analysis to illustrate the phenomena conveyed in Richard Florida's creative class theory from the national education standpoint and the American theory of class stratification.

Un examen de statistique pertinentes illustre le phénomène évoqué dans la théorie de la classe créative de Richard Florida du point de vue de la théorie américaine des stratifications sociales et de l'éducation nationale.

EC582 Creating an economic development policy.

/ KAVANAGH, Shayne C., & RIORDAN, Timothy H.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Government Finance Review 24:3, June 2008, p. 26-31.
[6] p. : bibl.

Describes six economic development policy elements (goals and objectives, conditions for subsidization, financial incentive tools, proposal evaluation, program evaluation, and monitoring and evaluating ongoing compliance) and considerations for their implementation. The article is adapted from the GFOA book, Local government finance: Concepts and practice.

EC579 Le développement socio-économique de Montréal : la cité créative et la carrière artistique comme facteurs d'attraction?

/ PILATI, Thomas, & TREMBLAY, Diane-Gabrielle.
2007 [i.e. 2008]

From/Tiré de: Canadian Journal of Regional Science = Revue canadienne des sciences régionales 30:3, Autumn = Automne 2007, p. 475-496.

[22] p. : bibl.

Tests Richard Florida's creative class hypothesis by means of a survey of artists in Montréal examining the factors of attraction.

Cet article vise à vérifier les hypothèses de Richard Florida portant sur la classe créative et les facteurs d'attraction par le biais d'un sondage auprès d'artistes de Montréal.

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Economic Development / Développement économique

EC581 A financial analyst's toolkit : analyzing the fiscal impacts of economic development projects.

/ HARRIS, Paul R., & BERKEBILE, Ronald D.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Government Finance Review 24:3, June 2008, p. 18-24.
[7] p. : ill., tables, bibl.

Provides considerations for analyzing the direct public revenues and costs of economic development projects, focusing on six analytical stages: (1) determining applicable revenues, (2) developing or verifying economic assumptions, (3) accounting for economic displacement effects, (4) considering opportunity costs, (5) calculating the cost of economic development, and (6) accounting for the time value of money. It also includes a brief overview of economic impact analysis.

EC586 How to organize a buy local campaign.

DOWNTOWN PROMOTION REPORTER.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Downtown Promotion Reporter 33:7, July 2008, p. 1, 8-9.
[3] p. : ill.

Provides a list compiled by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance of seven steps to launching a buy local campaign, i.e. a program to inform shoppers of the benefits of buying from local businesses as opposed to large retail chains. It includes discussion on who should be on the committee, logos and slogans, campaign materials, etc.

EC578 A look beyond metropolis : exploring creative class in the Canadian periphery.

/ PETROV, Andrey N.
2007 [i.e. 2008]

From/Tiré de: Canadian Journal of Regional Science = Revue canadienne des sciences régionales 30:3, Autumn = Automne 2007, p. 451-474.
[24] p. : tables, maps, bibl.

Discusses the applicability and implications of creative class theory for the economic development of peripheral areas. It adjusts and extends the creative class metrics to accommodate the Canadian context and the four-sector approach to the creative class structure, and analyzes the creative class and pull-factors for 288 Canadian regions and the creative class geography of 34 northern Canadian communities.

EC583 Negotiating and bargaining in economic development.

/ PEDDLE, Michael T.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Government Finance Review 24:3, June 2008, p. 32-36.
[5] p. : bibl.

Looks at the types of negotiation and bargaining applicable to economic development and the importance of comparative advantage in the bargaining process. The types addressed include: distributive bargaining, integrative bargaining, attitudinal structuring, and intra-organizational bargaining.

EC585 The new economy of the inner city : restructuring, regeneration and dislocation in the twenty-first-century metropolis.

/ HUTTON, Thomas A.
London : Routledge, 2008.
xviii, 333 p. : ill., tables, maps, appendices, index, bibl.
(Routledge studies in economic geography)

Explores the significance of new industry formation within the inner city, including the implications for larger urban centres. It presents case studies of new industrial development in the urban core, including London, Singapore, San Francisco and Vancouver.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Economic Development / Développement économique

EC584 Smart growth and economic vitality.

/ BOYLE, Brenda.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Government Finance Review 24:3, June 2008, p. 38-44.
[7] p. : bibl.

Discusses the benefits of smart growth as an economic development tool for enhancing economic vitality and increasing the tax base with examples from the City of Palo Alto, CA; Salt Lake City, UT; and Austin, TX.

EC577 The wrong stuff? creative class theory and economic performance in UK cities.

/ NATHAN, Max.
2007 [i.e. 2008]

From/Tiré de: Canadian Journal of Regional Science = Revue canadienne des sciences régionales 30:3, Autumn = automne 2007, p. 433-450.

[18] p. : bibl.

Examines the applicability of Richard Florida's creative class theory for cities in the UK and the impact on urban policies. It also questions Florida's three key claims: the importance of the creative class, the concept that jobs follow people, and whether creative cities see increased performance over time. It concludes with broader themes in diversity, creativity, and urban economic performance. The introduction briefly summarizes Florida's theories.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Environment / Environnement

EH1016 Climate change and Europe's cities.

/ CLARK, Greg.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 118-121.
[4] p. : col. ill.

Presents adaptation strategies from eight European cities (London, Paris, Madrid, Stockholm, Malmö, Istanbul, Porto, and Vienna) and describes a number of international collaborative efforts to foster cooperation and information exchange on climate change. It concludes with a list of recommendations to encourage greater adaptation and mitigation measures among cities.

EH1014 Counting carbon : understanding carbon footprints of buildings.

/ MALIN, Nadav.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Environmental Building News 17:7, July 2008, p. 1, 10-15.
[7] p. : tables, graphs

The article discusses what to count when evaluating a building's carbon footprint, how to calculate carbon emissions for buildings and the electricity consumed, and important factors that must be kept in mind for reductions to be sustainable.

EH1013 Guide de gestion des paysages au Québec : lire, comprendre et valoriser le paysage.

/ PAQUETTE, Sylvain, & POULLAOUEC-GONIDEC, Philippe, & DOMON, Gérard.
[Québec] : Gouvernement du Québec, 2008.

96 p. : col. ill., cartes col., glossaire, bibl.

Based on principles of sustainable development, the report presents a relevant framework offering information from public officials on how to design a diagnostic, regulations, and public awareness tools for landscape. The document also provides best practice examples of protection, enhancement, and development of landscapes.

En misant sur les principes de développement durable, ce cadre de référence pour les intervenants publics présente des informations concrètes pour mettre en œuvre un diagnostic des paysages, offre des indications tant sur les mesures réglementaires que sur les outils de sensibilisation disponibles, et fournit des exemples de bonnes pratiques en matière de protection, de mise en valeur et de développement des paysages.

EI491 A spatial analysis of local climate change policy in the United States : risk, stress, and opportunity.

/ BRODY, Samuel D., & ZAHRAN, Sammy, & GROVER, Himanshu.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Landscape and Urban Planning 87:1, July 2008, p. 33-41.
[9] p. : tables, graphs, maps, bibl.

Examines the factors motivating American counties to voluntarily adopt the Cities for Climate Protection program when there are political and economic incentives to forego action.

EI489 Urban regions : ecology and planning beyond the city.

/ FORMAN, Richard T. T.
Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2008.
xxii, 408 p., [46] p. of plates : ill., tables, graphs, col. maps, appendices, index, bibl.
The introductory chapters examine land-mosaic perspective and urban regions, conservation planning, urban-regional planning, growth management, ecological economics and footprints, and natural systems and green spaces. It compares 38 urban regions from 32 nations, including London, Chicago, Ottawa, Brasilia, Cairo, Seoul, Bangkok, Canberra, from the perspective of urban ecology and urban-regional planning, and includes a major case study of the Greater Barcelona region. It highlights a number of characteristics: nature, food, and water; built systems and areas; whole regions; alternative urbanization models; and urban-region ecology and planning beyond the city.

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Finance / Finances

MH1292 Brass tax : the compendium of local government collection powers and practices in the United States and Canada.

/ SCHAFER, Jeffrey, & APPEL, Kevin, & WETH, Patricia.

Bethesda MD : Public Treasury Institute of North America, 2007.

163, [18] p. : tables, maps, glossary, appendices

Documents local government collection tools available to treasurers and tax collectors in the United States and Canada. It documents the laws pertaining to the collection of delinquent local taxes and what collection tools are permitted, how are they used, and how effective are they. It also summarizes non-tax revenues and lobbying efforts to enhance collection powers. Produced by the Arlington County, Virginia Treasurer's Office.

MI716 Financing growth study : sustainable growth, equitable financing.

CITY OF CALGARY, Development and Building Approvals, Financing Growth Project Team.

Calgary : Development and Building Approvals, City of Calgary, 2005.

[134] p. : appendices

The report focuses on infrastructure and services required to support growth in developing areas of Calgary, and to identify equitable cost sharing arrangements. The first report summarizes growth needs and estimated costs. The second report looks at the theoretical foundation of municipal finance and funding of municipal services as applicable to the City of Calgary. The third report discusses implementation options and the proposed implementation and costs.

MH1290 Financing local government.

/ DEVAS, Nick, & MUNAWWAR, Alam, & DELAY, Simon.

London : Commonwealth Secretariat, 2007.

viii, 153 p. : tables, index, bibl.

(Commonwealth Secretariat local government reform series)

Explores the variety of methods used to ensure that fiscal decentralization takes place alongside administrative decentralization within the Commonwealth. It considers revenue sources available, financing capital investments, innovative financing mechanisms, intergovernmental fiscal transfers, budgeting and expenditure management in local government, local government accounting and auditing, and citizen engagement and accountability. It includes a chapter highlighting local government in England and a chapter on the dynamics of fiscal decentralization in Ghana.

GH984 Government Finance Officers Association : development of recommended practices in Canada.

/ GILBERT, Mark, & DE WITT, Melissa, & GALIPEAU, Roger.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 33-36.

[4] p.

Provides background information on the development of recommended practices by the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) and modified for governmental use by the Committee on Canadian Issues. It describes the experiences with implementation of GFOA recommended practices by local governments and promotion of these practices in Nova Scotia and Québec.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

General / Général

GI254 A direct test of the homevoter hypothesis.

/ DEHRING, Carolyn A., & DEPKEN, Craig A., & WARD, Michael.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Journal of Urban Economics 64:1, July 2008, p. 155-170.
[16] p. : tables, graphs, bibl.

Tests the homevoter hypothesis that voters will vote for projects that they believe will increase their property value and against those that do not based on the results of a referendum for a new publicly subsidized stadium for the Dallas Cowboys National Football League team in Arlington, TX.

AV185 Population projections for Canada, provinces and territories, with detailed electronic tables, 2005-2056 = Projections démographiques pour le Canada, les provinces et les territoires, avec tableaux électroniques détaillés, 2005-2056.

STATISTICS CANADA = STATISTIQUE CANADA.

[Ottawa] : Statistics Canada = Statistique Canada, 2005.

1 CD-ROM (70.8 mb)

Based on the July 2005 population estimate, the projections present a detailed picture of the Canadian population for the provinces/territories until 2031, and for all of Canada until 2056, subject to certain hypotheses related to components of population growth. The CD-ROM also contains data for total population of the provinces and territories from 2032 to 2056. It includes tables presenting data by sex, single year of age, province/territory and projection year for thirteen projection scenarios, including six analytical scenarios that are presented in the report. Title from disc label. System requirements: IBM compatible Pentium I or better; Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, Win98 or higher; 32 MB of RAM; 35 MB of hard disk space; Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device; CD-ROM reader.

Ce CD-ROM contient le rapport des Projections démographiques pour le Canada, les provinces et les territoires ainsi que des tableaux présentant les données par sexe, année simple d'âge, province/territoire et année de projection pour treize scénarios de projection, incluant les six scénarios analytiques présentés dans le rapport. Basées sur la population estimée au premier juillet 2005, ces projections dressent un portrait détaillé de la situation démographique canadienne jusqu'en 2031 pour les provinces / territoires et jusqu'en 2056 pour le Canada dans son ensemble sous certaines hypothèses relatives aux composantes de l'accroissement démographique. Le CD-ROM contient également des données pour la population totale des provinces et des territoires de 2032 à 2056. Titre de l'étiquette du disque. Configuration requise: ordinateur compatible IBM Pentium I ou supérieur; Windows NT 4.0, Win98 de Microsoft ou supérieur; 32 mégaoctets (Mo) de mémoire vive; 35 Mo d'espace libre sur le disque dur; souris Microsoft ou pointeur compatible; lecteur CD-ROM.

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Housing / Habitation

HI585 Accessory apartment regulations in census metropolitan areas in Canada = Règlements visants les appartements accessoires dans les régions métropolitaines de recensement du Canada.

/ RUFFOLO, Monika, & MARCHAND, Catherine, & GRONDIN, David.

Ottawa : Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) = Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement (SCHL), 2006.

87 / 87 p. : tables / tableaux

Identifies and documents zoning provisions for accessory apartments in municipalities within the 6 proposed and the 27 existing census metropolitan areas in Canada, covering permitted uses and regulatory criteria. For the purpose of the study, accessory apartments are defined as a self-contained dwelling that is accessory in use to the principal dwelling, which can be located either within the primary dwelling or in an accessory building on the same lot. Includes the research report as well as additional tables.

Le rapport identifie et documente les dispositions de zonage concernant les appartements accessoires dans les municipalités au sein des 6 régions métropolitaines de recensement proposées et des 27 existantes, au Canada, incluant les usages autorisés et les critères. Pour les besoins de la présente étude, le terme appartement accessoire désigne un logement autonome d'usage secondaire par rapport à l'habitation principale, qui peut se trouver soit à l'intérieur de l'habitation principale soit dans un bâtiment accessoire aménagé sur le même lot que l'habitation principale. Ce rapport inclut la rapport recherche et autre tableaux.

HI589 Improving outcomes of forced residential relocation : the development of an Australian tenants' spatial decision support system.

/ BAKER, Emma.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Studies 45:8, July 2008, p. 1712-1728.

[17] p. : maps, bibl.

Discusses residential mobility, relocation, and residential choice for public tenants in Australia. It provides the results of a survey of the residential preferences of relocating public tenants, presents the concept of spatial decision support systems (SDSS) as a means of improving the outcomes of relocation efforts, and describes the structure of a SDSS model that would aid and involve tenants from The Parks with their relocation.

HI587 Moving window approaches for hedonic price estimation : an empirical comparison of modelling techniques.

/ PÁEZ, Antonio, & LONG, Fei, & FARBER, Steven.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Studies 45:8, July 2008, p. 1565-1581.

[17] p. : tables, graphs, maps, bibl.

Evaluates the relative ability of newer approaches to hedonic price estimation to accurately forecast spatial effects, focusing on moving window approaches, conceptualized as sliding neighbourhoods or soft market segments. The study investigates spatial autocorrelation and spatial heterogeneity in a number of spatial hedonic price functions using a dataset of single-family detached housing in the City of Toronto sold between January 2001 and December 2003.

HI588 'Optimal' accessibility landscapes? development of a new methodology for simulating and assessing jobs-housing relationships in urban regions.

/ HORNER, Mark W.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Studies 45:8, July 2008, p. 1583-1602.

[20] p. : tables, maps, bibl.

Provides literature reviews on the connection between excess commuting and the spatial relationship of jobs and housing in urban regions, and the theoretical minimum commute. It develops an optimal model of job-housing balance, the origin and destination optimising transportation problem, and presents a computational study of Leon County, FL, to demonstrate the functionality of the model.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Housing / Habitation

HH892 Overextended.

/ GROC, Isabelle.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Planning 74:7, July 2008, p. 6-9.
[4] p. : col. ill.

Looks at the trend of multigenerational households, the difficulties of adding on an accessory unit, the changes in the City of Santa Cruz to permit accessory dwellings and educate the community, an example of developer created accessory units in Spokane, WA, and a description of the Grandparent Family Apartments project in New York City.

HH886 Public/private partnerships support green infill.

/ MYERSON, Deborah L.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 74-79.
[6] p. : col. ill.

Describes how three American communities have utilized public-private partnerships to finance green infill development, including: mixed-use, green housing in downtown Woodstock, GA; an LEED certified building in downtown Oakland; and affordable housing in combination with a fire station in the City of Alexandria, VA. Includes a short, inset piece looking at green building programs in the United States, viz. Energy Star, LEED, and EarthCraft House.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Infrastructure / Infrastructures

MG1140 Asset management 3.0.

/ GULLIVER, Tanya.
2008.

From/Tiré de: ReNew Canada 4:4, July/August, 2008, p. 36-38.
[3] p.

The article relates the importance and value of municipal infrastructure asset management, particularly in light of the PSAB 3150 reporting requirements for valuation and depreciation charges of infrastructure assets for annual financial statements. It concludes with a brief discussion of what Canadian municipalities are doing to deal with infrastructure and asset management issues.

HG404 Built-in wind turbines.

/ SKOOL, David.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 95-98.
[4] p. : col. ill.

The article looks at: the use of building-integrated wind turbines in the Bahrain World Trade Center and the Pearl River Tower in Guangzhou, China; present North American suppliers of wind turbine technology; and the development of Savonius rotor-based and alternative designs by companies in the United States.

EH1015 Renewable energy outlook.

/ NYREN, Ron.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 90-94.
[5] p. : col. ill.

Briefly details current installations and financing of solar, wind, and geothermal energy production for single buildings and utilities in the United States, including a discussion on government commitment to renewable energy production.

TH574 Walking trails enhance downtown pedestrian, cycling activity.

DOWNTOWN IDEA EXCHANGE.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Downtown Idea Exchange 55:14, July 15, 2008, p. 1, 5-6.
[3] p.

The brief article describes the city trails offered in Peterborough, many of which link to the downtown. It relates the beginnings of the trails in 1995, support from the city, promotion of the trails through a Peterborough Walks campaign and a commuter challenge, and the benefit of providing trails to downtown where parking is in short supply.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Municipal / Questions municipales

MI715 The electoral impact of direct-democratic practices.

/ ANDUIZA, Eva, & FONT, Joan, & MAS, Pau.
2008.

From/Tiré de: International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 32:2, June 2008, p. 473-491.
[19] p. : ill., tables, graphs, appendices, bibl.

Examines the potential electoral impact of direct-democratic practices on citizen's voting preferences using data from the 2003 local elections in 21 municipalities in Catalonia and Spain. It also looks at the role that mechanisms of citizen participation play in local governance.

MG1138 Investing in future leaders : pathways to leadership at the City of Thunder Bay.

/ BECKWICK, Lisa, & LEWIS, Karen.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 19-20, 22.
[3] p.

Describes the City of Thunder Bay's Pathways to Leadership Development program, which is aimed at increasing internal strength to facilitate succession. It provides an outline of the model used, including the 360-degree assessment.

MB998 Summary of local government legislation 2007.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, Local Government Policy and Research Branch.

Victoria : Ministry of Community Services, [2008]
[2], 37 p. : index

(Summary of local government legislation)

A summary of legislation passed during the 2007 session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia of interest to local governments. Part A covers two bills that amend local government legislation (Bill 11 - Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, and Bill 35 - Miscellaneous Amendment Act No. 2, 2007), which cover ticketing provisions; changes to the Mountain Resort Associations Act regarding the appointment of council members, improvement districts, development permits and development cost charges; revenue disclosure and financial planning, revitalization tax exemption authority; and amendments to the Land Title Act. Part B looks at 14 bills that contain amendments that directly affect local governments (Bill 2 - Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2007; Bill 6 - Public Inquiry Act; Bill 10 - Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007; Bill 12 - Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007; Bill 19 - Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2007; Bill 20 - School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act, 2007; Bill 32 - Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act; Bill 34 - Homeowner Protection Amendment Act; Bill 40 - Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Amendments Act, 2007; Bill 41 - Final Agreement Consequential Amendments Act, 2007; Bill 42 - Treaty First Nation Taxation Act, 2007; Bill 43 - Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007; and Bill 45 - Maa-nulth First Nation Final Agreement Amendments Act, 2007). Topics addressed in Part B include: low-income grant supplements, tax refunds and assessment under the Hotel Room Tax Act, land tax deferment, powers of barristers under the Vancouver Charter, the prohibition of tobacco sales, cost and financing of policing, assessing strata hotel units, valuation rules for designated ski hill property and port lands, the agricultural land reserve, First Nation agreements, First Nation participation in regional districts, First Nation property tax exemptions, and changes to the organization, name and structure of the greater Vancouver Transportation Authority.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Native Issues / Questions autochtones

GH983 Aboriginal self-government in Canada : current trends and issues.

/ BELANGER, Yale D. (ed.).
Saskatoon : Purich Publishing, 2008.
xxi, 429 p. : tables, index

The book begins by summarizing the origins and acceptance of Aboriginal self government in Canada before focusing on its mechanics, present day application, and the issues related to implementation. It looks at the following topics: the practicalities of Aboriginal self-government agreements, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Self-Government model, Métis self government, funding regimes for Aboriginal self-government, health and education initiatives aimed at conferring greater autonomy, intergovernmental relations, aboriginal-municipal government relations, Aboriginal leadership, Aboriginal women's rights, and future prospects for Aboriginal Self-Government in Canada.

GH986 Comprehensive community planning in the Atlantic region : where we go from here.

/ WADE, Tracey L.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 18-20.
[3] p. : ill.

Looks at comprehensive community planning amongst Atlantic First Nations, including the establishment of the Joint Community Planning Committee (JCPC), use of the First Nations Community Planning (FNCP) model in Atlantic First Nations, the replacement of the JCPC with the Atlantic Community Planning Committee (ACPC), and ACPC enablers for the planning process.

GH989 Evolution of corporate models in First Nation communities.

/ CURRY, John, & DONKER, Han.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 49-52.
[4] p. : ill., tables

Compares the evolution, functions, and structure of three First Nation corporate business models (native model, economic development corporation model, and the modern model) with Canadian examples. It advocates for a comprehensive community planning model.

GH987 First Nations comprehensive community planning – a good investment for Canada.

/ HARIVEL, Colin, & ANDERSON, Collette.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 29-31.
[3] p.

Presents the principles of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Sustainable Development Strategy, and excerpts from INAC's Sustainable Development Vision. It discusses the changing relationship between First Nations and INAC as a result of comprehensive community planning. It defines comprehensive community planning and explains why it is a priority for First Nations.

UH835 First Nations urban reserves in Saskatoon : partnerships for positive development.

/ SULLY, Lorne, & KELLETT, Livia, & GARCEA, Joseph.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 39-42.
[4] p. : ill., maps

Discusses the impetus behind the creation of urban reserves in Saskatchewan and the creation process. It looks at existing urban reserves and prospective reserves, the economic and social benefits of urban reserves, and the lessons learned from two reserves in Saskatoon. An urban reserve is defined as a parcel of land held by a First Nation within an urban area, with or without buildings, that is adjacent to or located beyond the boundaries of the principal reserve and that has received reserve status.

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Native Issues / Questions autochtones

GH988 "Hith alis lax gwa-yas-dums" : moving from crisis to hope at Gwa-yas-dums Village, Gilford Island, BC : a story of comprehensive community planning.

/ TROUSDALE, William, & COOK, Jefferey, & CHAMBERLIN, Bob.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 24-28.

[5] p. : ill.

Describes the comprehensive community planning (CCP) begun in 2005 by the Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nations Village of Gwa-yas-dums on Gilford Island, BC, which aimed at providing short-, medium-, and long-term, sustainable visions for the Village. It looks at: the planning process, the communication and documentation needs, the results of the first phase of CCP, the process innovations and the lessons learned.

MH1293 Intergovernmental community planning : the Sliammon First Nation and City of Powell River experience.

/ GALLAGHER, Stephen.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Plan Canada 48:2, Summer = Été 2008, p. 35-38.

[4] p. : ill.

Provides community profiles for the Sliammon First Nation and the City of Powell River, and highlights the partnerships between the two communities. It relates how the relationship was initiated and the joint ventures: the Community Accord; the Protocol Agreement on Culture, Heritage and Economic Development; and intergovernmental comprehensive community planning. It concludes with a list of best practices and lessons learned from the partnership.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Planning & Development / Aménagement et développement

MG1136 10 practical tips on municipal strategic planning.

/ LINTON, Jon.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 15-18.
[4] p. : ill.

Lists 10 successful tips on municipal strategic planning based on the author's experience. They are grouped according to three themes: creating and steering the development of the plan, obtaining input to the plan, and the format of the plan.

EI492 Assessing vulnerabilities from alternative development patterns.

/ MEHAFFEY, Megan, & WAINGER, Lisa, & WADE, Timothy.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Landscape and Urban Planning 87:1, July 2008, p. 84-95.
[12] p. : tables, graphs, maps, bibl.

Evaluates both the positive and negative economic and environmental impacts under a number of development patterns, including compact and medium-density development, in the counties surrounding Charlotte, NC. It examines individual landscape, water quality, and socio-economic variables.

HH890 Blue-collar green.

/ LOCKWOOD, Charles.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, 80-87.
[8] p. : col. ill.

Examines examples of sustainable facilities and LEED certification of factories, warehouses, and distribution centres in the United States, including pioneering buildings, the reality of sustainable building costs, and developing infill sites. Includes a small inset piece on the UK's Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) and green planning in the UK.

QG084 Discovering and evaluating urban signatures for simulating compact development using cellular automata.

/ LI, Xia, & YANG, Qingsheng, & LIU, Xiaoping.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Landscape and Urban Planning 86:2, May 2008, p. 177-186.
[10] p. : tables, graphs, maps, bibl.

Explores the relationships between urban signatures and compact development. It provides a method for retrieving, evaluating, and modifying urban signatures for simulating compact development using urban cellular automata. It demonstrates the model by simulating compact development in China's Pearl River Delta.

HI586 A game-theoretic analysis of skyscrapers.

/ HELSLEY, Robert W., & STRANGE, William C.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Journal of Urban Economics 64:1, July 2008, p. 49-64.
[16] p. : tables, graphs, bibl.

Reports on a game-theoretic analysis of a skyscraper contest to be the tallest structure. It provides a brief history of skyscrapers and the race to be the tallest. It discusses the place of skyscrapers in the standard urban model.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Planning & Development / Aménagement et développement

HH889 Going green in the EU.

/ CAPPIN, Nicola.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 71-73.

[3] p. : col. ill.

Looks at the status of implementation of the European Union's Energy Performance of Buildings Directive by member states and some of the associated programs and costs. It describes programs to ensure efficient development in Germany, Denmark, France, Austria, Estonia, Finland, and England. It discusses knowledge of the EU directive by developers, landlords, and tenants, and more recent green developers investing in green office buildings.

HH888 Grey or green.

/ WOOD, Anthony.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 64-70.

[7] p. : col. ill.

The article explores the development of more environmentally sustainable high-rise buildings across the globe since Frank Lloyd Wright's two towers in the 1950s. It concludes by summarizing design principles for sustainable towers.

HG403 Holistic approaches to land development : new urbanist principles used in Garrison Woods.

/ DRUETT, Tony, & RAKAI, Mele, & VALEO, Caterina.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 41-44.

[4] p. : ill.

Begins by advocating for a holistic approach to planning that considers the underlying social structure of the community. It then presents 10 principles that guided the redevelopment of a former army base in Calgary, Garrison Woods, which account for the social structure already in place and ensure that the planning considers the use and convenience of the residents.

RH729 Intensification : lost in translation?

/ SZYBALSKI, Damian.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Ontario Planning Journal 23:2, March/April 2008, p. 12-14 Ontario Planning Journal 23:3, May/June 2008, p. 10-15.

[9] p. : ill.

The first article examines the context behind Ontario's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the challenges for implementing intensification. The second article reviews the steps being undertaken by 21 municipalities in the Hamilton and Greater Toronto Area to implement the Growth Plan for the Grater Golden Horseshoe, focusing on intensification.

MG1137 Municipal strategic planning gaps : implementing a "living" strategic plan.

/ PLANT, Thomas E.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 5-6, 8, 48.

[4] p. : tables

Outlines a process that ensures the municipal strategic plan will be a living document, utilized throughout municipal operations. It defines an holistic strategic planning model and discusses bridging implementation gaps.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Planning & Development / Aménagement et développement

UB005 Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme annotée.

/ ST-AMOUR, Jean-Pierre, & LECHASSEUR, Marc-André.

Cowansville QC : Éditions Yvon Blais, 2008.

2 binders : index

Includes the Act respecting land use planning and development with a commentary explaining the legislator's objective, the reach of some provisions of the Act as well as its actual impact. It includes a section listing the relevant inventory of planning and legal doctrine. It also provides an history of the legislative process, a discussion of complementary provisions included in the Act or in other acts as well as a more in-depth analysis of some specific dispositions. An index of jurisprudence by topic. The jurisprudence section is presented chronologically and illustrates the evolution of legal principles on which courts have based their rulings over the years.

Cet ouvrage comprend la Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme avec un commentaire de présentation exposant l'objectif poursuivi par le législateur, la portée des dispositions ainsi que son impact concret dans la réalité. De même, les auteurs ont inséré, à la suite des commentaires de présentation, une rubrique dressant un inventaire pertinent de la doctrine juridique ou urbanistique applicable. Suivent un historique législatif, un exposé des dispositions complémentaires contenues ailleurs dans la Loi ou dans d'autres lois ainsi que, dans certains cas, un commentaire détaillé traitant de manière plus approfondie de la portée réelle de dispositions particulières. Un plan des rubriques permet ensuite de saisir les différents aspects traités au fil des ans par la jurisprudence. Cette dernière est en effet résumée de manière chronologique en présentant l'évolution des principes retenus par les tribunaux et dont les auteurs se sont inspirés pour définir les rubriques analytiques.

GB203 Ontario planning legislation & commentary.

/ DOUMANI, Robert G., & FORAN, Patricia A., & MASCARIN, John.

Toronto : LexisNexis Canada, 2008.

xxv, 486 p. : tables, maps, index

Features the full text of Ontario's planning legislation and policy statements with commentary, covering: the Ontario Planning Act and its regulations; the Greenbelt Act, 2005 and its regulations; the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001 and its regulations; the Places to Grow Act, 2005 and its regulation; and the provincial policy statements for 1997 and 2005. The legislation presented is current as of May 24, 2008. The back of the book and the index refer to commentary on the Clean Water Act, 2006, but the text is not in the volume. The book was formerly titled: Ontario Planning Act & commentary.

GG328 Planning theory for practitioners.

/ BROOKS, Michael P.

Chicago : Planners Press, 2002.

217 p. : index, bibl.

A reader on planning theory covering: planning practice and political power; planning theory; foundations of public planning; rationales for public planning; the role of values and ethics in planning; alternative paradigms for public planning (strategic planning, incrementalism, the planner as political activist, and the planner as communicator); feedback strategy; and effective planning in a political milieu.

HH893 Public places, universal spaces : taking accessible design to the next level.

/ SKINNER, Jon.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Planning 74:7, July 2008, p. 10-13.

[4] p. : col. ill.

A short article relating the benefits of universal design for people with disabilities, the aging population, and children and their parents. It also addresses challenges to the implementation in the United States, the influence that the aging population will have on accessibility requirements, and the available funding from the government.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Planning & Development / Aménagement et développement

GA244 Readings in planning theory.

/ FAINSTEIN, Susan S., & CAMPBELL, Scott.
Malden MA : Blackwell Publishing, 2003.
x, 475 p. : index, bibl.

A reader on planning theory. It includes discussion on: the foundations of 20th century planning; the justifications and critiques of planning; planning types; the role of economic developers; community consensus; democratic process; the differences of urban planning; educating planners; the American Planning Association's principles; risk assessment; and urban planning and sustainable development.

HH885 Retail development handbook.

/ KRAMER, Anita.
Washington : Urban Land Institute, 2008.
xii, 454 p. : col. ill., tables, plans, index, bibl.
(ULI development handbook series)

Begins by defining shopping centres and retail typologies. It covers a variety of development stages, including: project feasibility; financing the retail project; planning and design; expansion and rehabilitation of existing centres; planning for tenants; operations, management and leasing issues; and management and promotion of the retail centre. It includes case studies from the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, and China covering a wide array of retail models, such as lifestyle centres, main street and mixed-use centres, and greyfield rehabilitation. It concludes with a discussion of future retail trends and opportunities.

HH887 Zero-carbon cities.

/ NYREN, Ron.
2008.
From/Tiré de: Urban Land 67:6, June 2008, p. 56-63.
[8] p. : col. ill., col. maps

Describes the efforts of new cities to design for reduced carbon emissions. It details the construction of Dongtan, near Shanghai, and Masdar City in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It also looks at the Beddington Zero Energy Development (BedZED), which was completed in 2002, and other British developments aimed at carbon neutrality. It concludes with a description of the C40 program that is aimed at reducing carbon emissions and increasing energy efficiency in international cities.

MB997 Le zonage en droit québécois.

/ LECHASSEUR, Marc-André.
Montréal : Wilson & Lafleur, 2006.
xx, 385 p. : index, bibl.

The book provides an overview of zoning in Québec. It addresses: the origin of zoning powers; interpreting the zoning by-law; property rights; zoning in public law; implementing zoning powers and the validity criteria of bylaws; prohibited actions through zoning; spot zoning; acquired rights; discretionary bylaws; judicial control measures over municipal councils' decisions; zoning and judicial perspectives; evolution of the legislation and specific provisions; evolution of section 113 of the Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development and complementary provisions related to the zoning bylaw.

Le livre discute : l'origine du pouvoir de zoner, l'interprétation du règlement de zonage, l'opération juridique de zoner et le droit de propriété, l'opération juridique de zoner en droit public, l'opération juridique de zoner en droit public, l'exercice du pouvoir de zoner et les critères de validité de l'action réglementaire, la prohibition en matière de zonage, le rezonage parcellaire (spot zoning), les droits acquis, les règlements à caractère discrétionnaire, le contrôle judiciaire des décisions du conseil municipal, le zonage et l'intérêt juridique, l'évolution de la législation et dispositions particulières, l'évolution de l'article 113 de la loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme, et les principales dispositions législatives complémentaires ou prévalant sur un règlement de zonage.

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Protective Services / Services de protection

MG1139 Ordering compliance with orders to comply.

/ BRANDOW, Carolyn, & STRONG, Ken.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Municipal World 118:7, July 2008, p. 29-30, 52.
[3] p.

Briefly describes with examples how Ontario public officials can file for an order requiring compliance in protecting public interests, which is an order to comply with a compliance order. It concludes with a short discussion of possible concerns that such an order may present.

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Recreation / Loisirs

RC304 City of Regina recreation facility strategy 2020 : final report.

DON HUNTER CONSULTING STANTEC PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RECREATION CONSULTANTS LTD.

Surrey : Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd, 2008.

[214] p. : tables, graphs, appendices

The final consultant's report on the 12-year parks and community services strategy for the City of Regina. It analyzes existing recreational facilities and needs, presents a decision-making framework, analyzes recreation facility priorities, and provides a planning framework for recreation facilities and facility development. The appendices include the results of a public survey and interviews, a demographic overview, a trends assessment, and a discussion of best practices for recreation facility planning and design.

RC303 On some challenges and conditions for the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to be an effective economic re-activator.

/ PLAZA, Beatriz.

2008.

From/Tiré de: International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 32:2, June 2008, p. 506-517.

[12] p. : tables, graphs, bibl.

Given the relative failure of other iconic, cultural investments as tourist magnets, the article examines the reasons behind the success of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, questioning whether the building alone is responsible for the economic growth. It presents four conditions for cultural heritage investment to become effective economic re-activators.

RC306 Proceed without caution : city parks are closing their roads to cars.

/ HARNIK, Peter, & WELLE, Ben.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Planning 74:7, July 2008, p. 24-27.

[4] p. : col. ill., tables

Discusses the closure of roads within American city parks to automobile traffic, including the benefits, impact on commuters, and transportation alternatives to be offered. It includes a table noting the city, mileage, year closed, and closure times for park road closures.

RC307 Recommendations for recreation vehicle park development in British Columbia.

JOINT INDUSTRY/GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP ON RECREATION VEHICLE PARK DEVELOPMENT.

[Victoria : Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts], 2008.

[39] p. : col. ill., tables, graphs, glossary, appendices

Profiles campground parks in British Columbia that accommodate recreational vehicles (RV). The study analyzes the RV park sector in British Columbia and makes recommendations. It also examines: recreational vehicle demands, characteristics of the supply of RV parks in BC, and future trends and expectations.

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Regional / Questions régionales

AV186 Toronto-related region futures study : sketch modelling of four alternative development concepts.

IBI GROUP METROPOLE CONSULTANTS DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED.

Toronto : Neptis Foundation, 2003.

1 CD-ROM (4 files : 22.7 mb)

Describes and compares four development concepts for the Toronto region in terms of patterns of urban growth, amount of newly urbanized land, and infrastructure costs and performance, based on projected conditions in 2031 under four concepts. These four development concepts are: (1) business-as-usual, (2) consolidated, (3) multi-centred, and (4) dispersed. The report was commissioned by the Neptis Foundation for consideration by the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel.

New Documents in the ICURR Library / Nouveaux documents à la bibliothèque du CIRUR

Rural & Agricultural / Milieu rural et agricole

AH152 Cinching sprawl : worldwide experience with greenbelts can help Calgary protect its near-urban lands.

/ CARTER-WHITNEY, Maureen.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Alternatives Journal 34:3, June/July 2008, p. 17-23.

[7] p. : col. ill., graphs

Looks at greenbelt land conservation within the context of preserving agricultural land along Calgary's urban-rural fringe and relates the experiences from other greenbelts including: London's Metropolitan Green Belt, Berlin's Green Belt Germany, the Netherlands' Green Heart, Portland's Urban Growth Boundary, and British Columbia's Agricultural Land Reserve. It includes an aerial photograph of Calgary with development projections to 2050.

AG050 Reducing the visual impact of 'greenhouse parks' in rural landscapes.

/ ROGGE, Elke, & NEVENS, Frank, & GULINCK, Hubert.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Landscape and Urban Planning 87:1, July 2008, p. 76-83.

[8] p. : graphs, col. maps, bibl.

Provides a brief overview of the use of controlled environment horticulture (greenhouses) and examines whether a GIS-based planning instrument could be used to quantify the visual impact of greenhouse developments in rural areas and evaluate the effectiveness of landscape design plans. It tests this approach using the case study of the impact of greenhouses in Flanders on the rural landscape.

AG049 Saving the land that feeds us : how to revitalize our near-urban farmland and curb sprawl.

/ HILTS, Stewart G., & SMITH, lone, & WATKINS, Melissa.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Alternatives Journal 34:3, June/July 2008, 8-11.

[4] p.

The article discusses mechanisms for preserving agricultural land along the urban-rural fringe. These strategies include: agricultural easements, smaller farms, municipal support programs, support for local food production, technical support for farmers, and paying farmers for the ecological goods and services they provide.

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Social Issues / Questions sociales

EI490 Assessing the restorative potential of contemporary urban environment(s) : beyond the nature versus urban dichotomy.

/ KARMANOV, Dmitri, & HAMEL, Ronald.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Landscape and Urban Planning 86:2, May 2008, p. 115-125.
[11] p. : ill., tables, graphs, bibl.

The study tests the idea that urban environments have an inherently inferior restorative potential than natural environments by means of a questionnaire given to select Dutch psychology students. It identifies a number of specific urban characteristics with high restorative potential. By restorative, the researchers refer to stress-reducing and mood-enhancing characteristics.

HH891 Mapping the intersection of physical activity & the built environment : a baseline profile of Indianapolis : a working document.

/ WEATHERS, Tess.
Indianapolis : [Health by Design], 2007.
[55] p. : tables, graphs, col. maps, appendices, bibl.

The report focuses on the relationship between the built environment and the ability to be physically active in daily routines in the Indianapolis Region. It briefly summarizes the current state of the science on this topic; broadly profiles the Indianapolis-area's built environment and physical activity features; provides broad measures from which future progress by the city can collectively be gauged and serve as a community average against which specific neighbourhoods or developments may be assessed; and identifies data needs and methodological tools for future planning.

GI255 Neighbourhood characteristics and the distribution of crime in Saskatoon = Caractéristiques des quartiers et répartition de la criminalité à Saskatoon.

/ CHARRON, Mathieu.
Ottawa : Statistics Canada = Statistique Canada, 2008.
[76] / [81] p. : tables / tableaux, graphs / graphiques, col. maps / cartes col., bibl.

(Crime and justice research paper series ; no. 12 = Série de documents de recherche sur la criminalité et la justice ; n. 12) Explores the spatial distribution of crime in the City of Saskatoon and the characteristics of high crime neighbourhoods. It provides the local context for the City of Saskatoon; presents and maps crime data in Saskatoon; analyzes crime rates in the western and eastern sectors of the city and by neighbourhood; and presents the main factors for differentiating the dissemination areas (DAs) of Saskatoon along with the relationships between these characteristics and crime. The latter differs from the earlier ones by its use of factor analysis to define the characteristics of neighbourhoods and specific categories of crimes (assault, mischief, break and enter, motor vehicle theft, shoplifting and other thefts) as crime indicators.

Le présent document de recherche porte sur la répartition spatiale de la criminalité dans la ville de Saskatoon et sur les caractéristiques des quartiers à forte criminalité. À la première section, on trouve le contexte local de la ville de Saskatoon. À la deuxième section, les données sur la criminalité à Saskatoon sont présentées et cartographiées. La troisième section comprend une analyse plus approfondie des taux de criminalité selon les secteurs ouest et est de la ville et selon les quartiers. À la quatrième section, on présente les principaux facteurs de différenciation des aires de diffusion de Saskatoon et on s'intéresse aux liens entre ces caractéristiques et la criminalité. Cette analyse se distingue des analyses précédentes par l'utilisation de l'analyse factorielle pour définir les caractéristiques des quartiers et par des catégories de crimes précises (voies de fait, méfait, introduction par effraction, vol de véhicules à moteur, vol à l'étagage et autres vols) comme indicateurs de la criminalité.

MG1141 A seat at the table : resource guide for local governments to promote food secure communities.

/ ENNS, Jan, & ROSE, Aura, & DE VRIES, Joanne.
Vancouver : Provincial Health Services Authority, 2008.
[31] p. : col. ill., glossary

Highlights a number of examples of the diverse ways local governments in British Columbia are taking action to strengthen their local food systems. It profiles projects to support community gardens and farmers' markets, strategies to provide access to food in community planning decisions and to support local food production, and examples of work being done to create capacity to assist those in need. The report defines local food systems as one that allows farmers, food producers and their customers to interact face-to-face at the point of purchase.

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GI253 Neighbourhood characteristics and the distribution of crime on the Island of Montréal : additional analysis on youth crime = Caractéristiques des quartiers et répartition de la criminalité sur l'île de Montréal : analyse supplémentaire sur la criminalité chez les jeunes.

/ PERREAULT, Samuel, & SAVOIE, Josée, & BÉDARD, Frédéric.

Ottawa : Statistics Canada = Statistique Canada, 2008.

[26] / [27] p. : tables / tableaux, graphs / graphiques, col. maps / cartes col., bibl.

(Crime and justice research paper series ; no. 11 = Série de documents de recherche sur la criminalité et la justice ; n. 11)

Explores the geographic distribution of youth crime on the Island of Montréal based on police-reported crime data from the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2001 Census data, land-use data from the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, and 2002-2003 school attendance data from the ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec.

Cette étude porte sur la répartition géographique de la criminalité chez les jeunes sur l'île de Montréal. L'analyse a été effectuée à partir des données sur la criminalité déclarées par la police dans le cadre du Programme de déclaration uniforme de la criminalité fondé sur l'affaire, des données du Recensement de 2001, des données sur l'utilisation du territoire de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal et des données sur la fréquentation scolaire (2002-2003) du ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec.

UI533 Neighbourhood effects in Canada : a critique.

/ OREOPoulos, Philip.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Canadian Public Policy = Analyse de politiques 34:2, June = juin 2008, p. 237-258.

[22] p. : tables, graphs, bibl.

Examines the theory, evidence, and policy of neighbourhood effects from a Canadian policy perspective. It defines neighbourhood effects, explores the state of concentrated poverty among neighbourhoods in Canada, compares neighbourhood poverty levels with the United States, describes the impact of social interactions on career and school success, and looks at empirical evidence for neighbourhood effects in Canada and the United States. The paper argues against the use of regression methods that use observational data.

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Tourism / Tourisme

RC305 Guided tours an effective, low-cost way of boosting foot traffic and tourism.

DOWNTOWN PROMOTION REPORTER.

2008.

From/Tiré de: Downtown Promotion Reporter 33:7, July 2008, p. 1-3.

[3] p.

Describes a number of downtown walking tours in the United States that aim to boost tourism and knowledge of the downtown core. It looks at partnering with universities, tour themes, promoting the tours, and the minimal expense of producing a tour.

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Transportation / Transports

TH572 Hybrid police patrol vehicles praised.

/ HOFFMANN, Robert S.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Public Management 90:6, July 2008, p. 15-18, 20.
[5] p. : ill., tables,

Relates how Westwood, NJ, has added hybrid cars to its police fleet and discusses the costs and financial benefits of hybrid technology, e.g. fuel cost savings.

TI445 The (in)efficiency of trams and buses in Brussels : a fine geographical analysis = L'(in)efficacité des trams et bus à Bruxelles : une analyse désagégée.

/ COURTOIS, Xavier, & DOBRUSZKES, Frédéric.
20080.

From/Tiré de: Brussels Studies 20, June 27, 2008.
[25] / [25] p. : col. ill., tables / tableaux, graphs / graphiques, col. maps / cartes col., bibl.

Provides an analysis of the geography of traffic conditions affecting the trams and buses of Brussels' main mass transit network. It calculates and maps three indicators (commercial speed, irregularity, and lost time) to identify the network's problem spots.

Cet article a pour objectif une analyse détaillée et exhaustive de la géographie des conditions de circulation des trams et bus du principal réseau bruxellois de transport collectif. Il calcule et localise trois indicateurs (vitesse commerciale, irrégularité, temps perdu) qui rendent possible l'identification des lieux problématiques.

TH573 Leaping into light rail : cities in the South and West are writing a new chapter in the history of transit.

/ PATTON, Zach.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Governing 21:10, July 2008, p. 48-52.
[5] p. : col. ill.

Looks at the recent return of light-rail transit in the southern and western United States, focusing on the example of Phoenix's new light-rail system. It looks at opposition to transit, transit as a catalyst for urban development, and the lack of funding from the federal government.

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Urban / Questions urbaines

UI441 Social interaction and urban sprawl.

/ BRUECKNER, Jan K., & LARGEY, Ann G.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Journal of Urban Economics 64:1, July 2008, p. 18-34.
[19] p. : tables, bibl.

The paper tests the premise of the existence of a positive link between interaction and urban density using data from the Social Capital Benchmark Study.

UH834 Ten realistic retail themes for a vibrant downtown.

/ RYAN, Bill.
2008.

From/Tiré de: Downtown Idea Exchange 55:12, June 15, 2008, p. 2-3.
[2] p.

A brief piece describing 10 broad categories of downtown retail themes based on a market analysis. Each theme includes details of actual examples of their application in the United States.

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Waste Management / Gestion des déchets

GH985 The geographies of garbage governance : interventions, interactions and outcomes.

/ DAVIES, Anna R.

Aldershot : Ashgate, 2008.

202 p. : ill., maps, glossary, index, bibl.

Analyzes the interaction between political scales of governing waste, from the local to the supra-national level, focusing on case studies of garbage governance in Ireland and New Zealand. It also looks at the impact of wider systems of governance, civil society, and the private sector on waste management policy and practices.

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