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## Executive Summary

Kari Huhtala has considerable experience in the preparation and implementation of community plans, social policies, housing strategies, zoning and development reviews, community development initiatives, strategic plans and cultural and arts projects. He worked for more than 25 years as a senior professional planner with the City of Richmond, the City of Vancouver, and the Corporation of Delta. He has participated on several Metro Vancouver growth management, livability and social planning committees.

For seven years, Kari was an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning teaching a course on social planning policy. He has served on community based non-profit boards (e.g. Society for Youth and Children, Child and Youth Friendly Communities Program, Children's Play Resource Centre and others) and served on professional organization boards and committees (i.e. Planning Institute of British Columbia Council, Chair of the Institute's Membership Committee and member of the Canadian Institute of Planning's National Membership Committee, and British Columbia's Building Bylaw Committee on Disability Access Code Improvements).

While with the City of Richmond, Kari developed and managed the Richmond Public Art Program for many years

He was a founding board member of the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society, Heritage Hall Preservation Society (formerly Main Source Management Society), and the Arthur Erickson Foundation (formerly Arthur Erickson House and Garden Foundation).

Since 2006, Kari has been a planning consultant assisting communities in Western Canada in the development of community plans, housing strategies, agricultural policies, social and environmental assignments, homelessness initiatives, arts and cultural projects.

**Education:** Master of Arts Degree in Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, CA

**Experience:** Community, social and Urban Planning, Non-Profit Organization Development and Strategic Planning

**Specialize in:** Community Planning, Land Use Policy, Development Guidelines, Agricultural Strategies, Children and Youth Initiatives, Arts and Cultural Projects, Housing Plans,

Non-profit Organization Strategic Plans, Heritage Planning, Social Policies, Community Development and Community-Based Programs, Public Art Projects and Cultural Plans.