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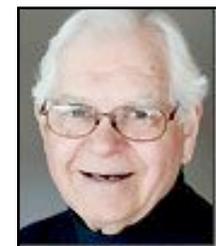
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SURP has flourished in a difficult operating environment because of a strategic plan prepared in 2005 under the leadership of Dr. Hok-Lin Leung. It has guided the expansion of our graduate enrolment from 48 to 66, and our faculty from 5.0 to 6.3. Our plan has also allowed us to meet our operating budget targets by attracting growth funding and replacing retiring senior faculty with new junior faculty. We are grateful for the confidence and support of Dean Janice Deakin and Vice Principal Patrick Deane in helping us to implement this plan. Our two new junior faculty and the permission to replace Professor Hendler are tangible expressions of the university's confidence in our school's future.

2009 was a major transition year for the faculty of the Queen's School of Urban and Regional Planning. We welcomed Ajay Agarwal and Leela Viswanathan to our core faculty as new tenure-track assistant professors. The school immediately enjoyed a boost from their energy and enthusiasm in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Hok-Lin Leung was appointed Professor Emeritus upon his official retirement on July 1, but continues to guest lecture in SURP courses and lead the School's Ambassadors' Forum and China Projects. Dr. Gerald Hodge was also appointed Professor Emeritus in honour of his long service to the School, and we hope to bring him back from BC for another short course in the upcoming year. Another change was that Dr. John Andrew was appointed Director of the Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate on a full-time basis, although he will continue to teach SURP courses as an adjunct professor.

Our school and alumni were saddened by Dr. Sue Hendler's passing in September 2009, after a brave and public battle with breast

cancer. Sue's contribution to the school over the past two decades will be celebrated as part of SURP's 40th anniversary reunion on September 24-25, 2010, and her scholarly publications are collected on our



web site. Our school will also continue to assist the completion of her final book on the history of women's involvement in the Canadian planning profession.

SURP continued to recruit an outstanding group of graduate students, meeting our enrolment target (66) for the third year in a row despite increased competition across Canada. Academic standing of the incoming class remained high (with 70% A- students). Two members of the class won Ontario Graduate Scholarships. Other SURP students won four Queen's fellowships and three Toronto Commercial Real Estate Women Scholarships. Our students also won International Experience Awards to conduct research in Scandinavia, Chile and Scotland.

The school's course offerings were perhaps the most diverse and multi-disciplinary ever, aided by highly qualified adjunct faculty. Canadian Institute of Planners President Marni Cappe taught an urban policy course, while OPPI President Sue Cumming taught public participation and planning ethics. CMHC analyst Dr. Patricia Streich taught program evaluation, and Dr. Carl Bray taught heritage planning. We were also pleased that Mohammad Qadeer returned to teach multiculturalism. Law Emeritus Professor Ron Price, QC, led an all-star cast of instructors for a new alternative dispute resolution course and planning consultant Sukriti Agarwal taught our GIS course.

Finally, our workshop course offerings were expanded to four projects, led by adjunct faculty Selma Hassan (Ottawa); Andrea Gummo (Catarauqui Region Conservation Authority); Sonya Bolton (Kingston) and David Jackson (Social Planning Council).

SURP students benefited from these courses, and a good range of professional internships in 2009. Despite the economic recession, almost every first-year student obtained a paid professional internship, and most of the graduating class had secured planning jobs by the end of their two-year program. We appreciate the loyal support of our partners from the public and private sector, and the National Executive Forum on Public Property to keep this distinctive component of our graduate program operating during difficult circumstances.

SURP continues to be an important urban planning research centre, which our external reviews have demonstrated to be more productive than most schools of similar size. This year's highlight is that Dr. John Meligrana won a large CIDA grant to study heritage planning in the famous Chinese city Xi'an. Despite the heavy load of teaching, administration and supervision, our scholars remained remarkably productive. We edited journals, published 3 books and monographs, 19 articles and chapters, and continued outreach to the profession. Several of these articles and chapters were collaborations with former students, while the current student body contributed five professional reports and 34 master's theses and research reports.

Finally, the school benefits greatly from the efforts of a veteran staff team, who kept the place operating during a difficult transition year. Jo-Anne Rudachuk was a rock in her twenty-sixth year at Queen's, while Connie Brobeck and Xu Li efficiently ran the Forum and China Projects. Angela Balesdent managed the new faculty hiring process with aplomb, and departed for a well-deserved sabbatical in Dunning Hall in August. We were lucky that Marilyn Redmond could join

us from Policy Studies on a moment's notice, and she has kept our finances flowing smoothly.

Although Hok-Lin officially retired in July 2009, I am grateful that he managed the transition process smoothly over the past three years. He transferred administrative responsibilities to the faculty and he and Angie trained me as an acting Director for almost a year and a half. Hok-Lin continues to lead our international work, so I decided to start with internal renewal – hiring new faculty, reaching out to other units and building new local partnerships. We expanded our exchanges with Policy Studies, sharing eight graduate courses, and also shared courses with Geography, Environmental Studies and the new Masters in Public Health. Some of our graduate courses had students from five or six different departments, enriching the discussion and providing better opportunities for interdisciplinary understanding. In the upcoming year, we hope to expand our connection to undergraduate teaching with coordinated degree opportunities with Geography, Environmental Studies and Kinesiology and Health Studies.

On the international front, we are exploring options for project courses in Shanghai and India, expanding our International Travel Awards and opening new opportunities for graduate student and faculty exchanges with our new Matiriki Network university partners.

As we prepare to celebrate the 40th year of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, the future looks bright. It was an honour to be appointed as Director of this fine school, and I am grateful for the support of our staff, faculty, students and alumni as we move forward.

David Gordon
Professor and Director

SUE HENDLER – AN APPRECIATION

John Meligrana, Bev Baines and Dave Gordon

Dr. Sue Hendler died on September 14, after a brave struggle with cancer. She was originally educated as a biologist at Carleton and her interests evolved during a master's in environmental design at Calgary and a planning doctorate at Waterloo. Sue began teaching at Queen's in 1987 in the School of Urban and Regional Planning, and made other friends and colleagues in Philosophy and Women's Studies. After 1993, she was a tenured associate professor at SURP and cross-appointed to Women's Studies. Sue became the Head of the Department of Women's Studies, initiating its graduate program, planning its growth and overseeing its transformation from an institute to an academic department from 1999-2004.



As any student will tell you, visiting Sue's office was an adventure. Books, magazines, boxes, food, equipment and various unidentifiable objects were all piled almost as high as her office ceiling. This was Sue's approach – acquire as much information and knowledge from wherever you can and store it for later reflection. To the rest of us it looked like clutter, but not to Sue. She had the uncanny ability to draw connections among seemingly unlikely and unrelated material, thoughts and experiences. She demonstrated this skill successfully throughout her academic career and was nominated for our university's highest teaching awards. Indeed, during one lecture she was able to make a good connection between her big curly hair and an approach to city planning!

More fundamentally, Sue explored the integration of planning theory and practice through the unifying theme of ethics. Her ground-breaking edited volume *Planning Ethics: A Reader in Planning Theory, Practice and Education* continues to serve as a foundation text for student planners. She challenged a generation of professional planners to build more humane cities, to think about their behavior and to question societal norms and conventions.

Sue built intellectual bridges between the women's studies and planning disciplines. Over the past ten years, she worked tirelessly to write women into the planning history of Canadian communities. She located and interviewed some of the first women to work as community planners in Canada. These interviews became part of her book project; tentatively titled *I Was the Only Woman: Women and the Planning Profession in Canada*. This book will be published posthumously, with the assistance of former graduate students.

In all these efforts, Sue's approach was always straight-forward and no-nonsense. In the world of academia, she was somewhat unconventional. While many academics ask long-winded questions, Sue was well-known for her short but pointed queries - ones that always required careful thinking and long answers. She was more comfortable teaching in small classrooms than large lecture halls; would rather listen than talk; and have group discussions than lecture. She refused to be swayed by one intellectual fad or another – she set her own path to enlightenment. It is difficult to assign any one label to Sue – she was a scholar, an administrator, a feminist, an environmentalist and community advocate all rolled into one. As we work late into the night on our next essay, book, lecture, or grant application, Sue's life is a reminder of the benefits of living a balanced life - one that includes family, friends, community, nature, books, poetry, art and stories. All these things she treasured.

She will be missed and not soon forgotten.

John Meligrana was a student of Sue Hendler and later a faculty colleague in the School of Urban and Regional Planning; Bev Baines is Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Women's Studies; Dave Gordon is Director of SURP.

STUDENT HONOURS AND AWARDS

Ian Semple ('09) received the **2009 Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) Award for Academic Excellence**, which is given to the CIP student member with the highest academic standing in our program.

Ian Semple also won the **Ida Mmari Memorial Award**, which is given to the graduating student who completes the program in two years and has the highest grade point average.

Sarah Ramey received one of three \$2000 **CIP Past President Scholarships** for a top research submission, in honour of Horace Seymour.

Sarah Brown and **Bitia Vorell** were winners of **CIP Climate Change Internships**. These internships are one of the deliverables in CIP project entitled "Mainstreaming Climate Change Tools for the Professional Planning Community" which is funded by Natural Resources Canada.

Sarah Brown is also the winner of the **OPPI 2010 Gerald Carrothers Award**. This award is offered to recognize student members who are making a contribution to the community.

Heidi Postnikoff was the winner of the 2009 **OPPI Eastern Ontario District Graduate Student Research Award** for her studies on social mix. This \$1,500 cash award will support her Master's research on social inclusion.

Amanda Leonard, Kieran Miller and **Ana Stuermer** have each won \$3,000 scholarships from **Toronto Commercial Real Estate Women (TCREW)**. This scholarship is open to female students in five real estate streams/programs. SURP is the only non-business program. This year four scholarships were awarded; three of which were awarded to SURP students.

Niall Oddie and **Laura Maxwell** won the **Stanley Lash Award** for a joint paper, which is given to the student who has written the best term paper in a SURP course in the preceding calendar year.

The **International Experience Awards Program** is intended to provide students with a unique international planning experience. The 2009 awardees were **Sarah Brown** ('10) for travel to Scandinavia (Stockholm, Oslo, Helsinki), **Devin Lake** ('10) for travel to

Santiago, Chile and **Carl Isaak** ('11) for travel to Edinburgh, Scotland. For articles on the 2009 experiences see pages 23, 24 and 25.

The two awards of \$1,700 each given to the **Fudan Exchange and Beijing Internships** were split amongst four students (\$800 each). The four students were, **Andrew Nakazawa** ('11) Beijing Internship, **Natasha Reaney** ('11) Fudan Exchange, **Drew MacMartin** ('11) Fudan Exchange and **Laura Moebes** ('11) Fudan Exchange.



Sarah Brown ('10)



Ian Semple ('09)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUATES!

**OCTOBER 2009
(ABOVE)**

BACK ROW (L-R):
Dr. Patricia Streich,
Christine Cholette,
Dr. David Gordon,
Michael Hendren,
Andrew McCreight,
Dr. Andrejs
Skaburskis,
Daniel Kingsbury,
Alissa Golden,
Mark Touw,
Chris VanDyk.



MIDDLE ROW (L-R):
Charlene Miranda,
Ashley Gravelle,
David Levin,
Laurel Gibson,
Iain Semple,
Michael Wong, Jeffrey Oakes, John Lubczynski, Dayna Lafferty.

FRONT ROW (L-R): Jessica Button, Melissa Shih, Elizabeth Spang, Dr. John Meligrana, Katherine Trottier, Tara Tran. (Not pictured: Amanda Slaunwhite).



MAY 2010 (LEFT)

(L-R): Sarah Ramey,
Corey Wilson,
Dr. David Gordon,
Jen Sandham,
Christie MacIsaac.

ALUMNI NEWS

James Klukas ('04) and wife Tara welcomed baby boy Simon Christopher Klukas into their family on Sunday, June 27th (just after the Germany-England World Cup match), weighing 7 lbs, 15 ounces.



Amanda Slaunwhite ('09) was awarded a CIHR Frederick Banting Scholarship for her doctoral studies concerning the reinstitutionalization of persons with mental illness in British Columbia at the University of Victoria.

Tracy Zander ('96) has expanded her business, ZanderPlan Inc., with a new office in Perth Ontario.

Ken O'Brien ('91) has started a second year as President of the Atlantic Planners Institute, Newfoundland and Labrador Branch after finishing as the coordinator of the Planner's Plate lunch speaker series for the past 15 years. In 2009, the API Newfoundland and Labrador Branch instituted a new award called the Jack Allston Memorial Award for Media Excellence in Planning Issues. This award honours the memory of the late Jack Allston, FCIP, who was the first Director of Urban and Rural Planning for Newfoundland and Labrador starting in the 1950's, and who was the founding President of API in 1968 and



*Top: James, Tara and Simon Klukas
Bottom: Kevin O'Brien and Andrejs Skaburskis in Newfoundland*

a Past President of CIP. He had a visit from Andrejs Skaburskis in June, where they toured St. John's.

Wayne Myles ('83), Director of the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC), has been honoured by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) on November 10, 2009 with the Internationalization Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding leadership in the Inter-

nationalization of Canadian education and/or the international education profession.

Iain Bourhill ('08) accepted a job as an urban planner at the City of Colwood in Greater Victoria, BC. He has also been elected Vice President of the South Island Chapter of PIBC. Iain held his wedding this year on July 31st.

Sadly, **Mike Ronson ('94)** died suddenly on July 16, 2010. Mike was playing soccer, collapsed and could not be revived. Loving husband of Laura Jane Bunston, and father to Margaret Jane and Rachel Lynn. Michael will be sadly missed by his wife and children, as well as his parents James and Elfriede Ronson, sister Jennifer and brother Christopher and his family.

When Mike graduated from SURP he worked first for MTO in Kingston, then moved to Toronto working for the Province and next worked at TTC in various and progressive transit planning positions.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree, either on your own or through torontoparksandtrees.org.

FACULTY INTERVIEWS: 1ST YEAR AT SURP

LEELA VISWANATHAN

What was the most eye-opening experience this year at SURP?

Watching the slideshows at the Spring and end of year SURP party I was amazed at... how shall I put it? I was amazed by “the many extracurricular team-building activities” that the planning students participated in throughout the year! You’re a pretty happy bunch of students even with all the work that we expect of you. It’s nice to see the balance of fun and professionalism among the students.



What do you find interesting about Kingston?

Since moving to Kingston I have become more aware of the level of citizen engagement in local governance, planning debates, and assorted activities that feed into overall social and economic development. It’s impressive and it shows that the city is vibrant and tight-knit.

Do you have any great ideas you hope to implement at SURP? (ie. Projects, extra-curriculars, courses, other?)

Well, let me start off by saying that the best ideas are developed when faculty, staff, and students collaborate with each other, or when students take the lead on projects that benefit their peers and the school as a whole. How about finding ways “to implement more hope into planning” that are not purely based on land use development? I am working at trying to better integrate both social justice and service components into the courses that I teach.

What do you think about the amount of pizza we eat in a year?

Have you checked your good and bad cholesterol levels lately? Pizza is part of Canadian planning school culture. It’s a fact. It’s an efficient and effectively-filling meal that can be eaten with one hand *sans* cutlery – great for rational comprehensive planners and postmoderns alike! But wouldn’t it be nice to expand the SURP culinary spread to other finger foods available in Kingston, like samosas or perogies, maybe?

What has been your overall experience in the past year?

It has been a wonderful ride so far with lots to learn at every turn. I am enjoying the experience!

If you were to write a song about SURP, what would it be called?

I leave writing songs to the experts – like Blight of the Con-chords! Planners need inspiration and music can offer it. Based on my summer music mix, I would turn to Gord Downie and the Country of Miracles, or Sarah Harmer for reflections and celebrations of landscape and longing; Ozomatli for dance grooves with political and social commentary; and Oka for their instrumental infusions of traditional (love that didjeridu!) and synthesized beats. And if planners ever need a love ballad (who doesn’t from time to time?), I’d ask Royal Wood to sing it. Why didn’t you ask me about my movie choices? Haha!

FACULTY INTERVIEWS: 1ST YEAR AT SURP

AJAY AGARWAL

How did you decide to work at SURP?

I had other employment offers but chose Queen's because it is a good university, I'd have wonderful colleagues and Kingston is a nice city for families with young children.

What was the funniest thing that happened this year at SURP?

The song the guys wrote and played for me was pretty funny.

What was the most eye-opening?

I was quite impressed by two things: 1) students' dedication to environment and sustainable development and that 2) many SURP students don't want to be in big cities; they want to work in small municipalities, which is different than other students I've met.

What do you think about the amount of pizza we eat in a year?

As long as it's not from 2 for 1, I don't mind!

What do you find interesting about Kingston?

It is very charming, especially around City Hall, however I don't consider it be a *real* city in terms of planning issues and challenges. The city is not quite a university town because the population is larger than the average university town, but there is very little economic activity independent of the academic and government institutions. As a result, the city does not offer much diversity and choices, e.g. in terms of shopping and entertainment.

Do you have any great ideas you hope to implement at SURP? (ie. Projects, extra-curriculars, courses, other?)

I have proposed courses in transportation planning and international development planning. Also try to bring in a more aggressive scholarly debate and disagreement culture in classes.

What has been your overall experience in the past year?

I've gone through a big learning curve because this was my first year in Canada. It was not stressful though, because I have received lots of help and support from my colleagues. I'm glad to be staying here!

Do you have anything else to share with us about your year at SURP?

Yes. I'd like to see students be more radical in their thinking and challenge the conventional wisdom. Students are too accepting of what is written and with the status quo. The goal should not be to get a job in a municipality but to learn how to make changes for the better.



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Ajay Agarwal taught SURP-818 Physical Planning during Fall- 2009, his debut semester at SURP. In SURP 818 the students proposed a physical design strategy for the area comprising the "North Block" in downtown Kingston. The proposed physical design strategy substantially improves "liveability" of the area. During Winter-2010 semester, he taught SURP-848 Community Design, SURP-888 Healthy Communities (with Dr. Leela Viswanathan), and SURP-803 Employment Analysis (module). The Healthy Communities course was offered for the first time at SURP. In addition to SURP students, the course drew graduate students from Public Health and Public Policy.

This year, **John Andrew** transitioned from a full-time faculty position at SURP to an adjunct position, in order to devote more time to operating and growing Queen's University's Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate (ESCIRE), founded in 2004. ESCIRE had its most productive and profitable year to date, hosting three seminars in Toronto, attended by a total of 270 commercial real estate executives. Closely linked to ESCIRE, John continued his research on environmental issues within commercial real estate, funded by two private-sector research grants. John taught *SURP 841: Real Estate Decision Making, Real Estate Management* in the Queen's School of Business, and *Environmental Policy* in the School of Environmental Studies; and gave three guest lectures in other departments. In his new position, John continues to run SURP's student internship program, coordinates two real estate scholarships, and supervised the Master's Report research of 13 students. He is a frequently commentator on real estate issues in national and local newspapers, CBC Radio, Business News Network (television), and online media. In addition to consulting on environmental and planning matters to several local

governmental and community organizations, John served on advisory committees of CoreNet Global and the joint Environmental Labour Market Transition Project of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and ECO Canada. He continued to maintain a small professional practice as a facilitator and mediator, providing services to two conservation authorities. He also served as a course instructor and roster mediator with the Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario.

Despite his new administrative duties **David Gordon** taught parts of six courses, led field trips in Montreal, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Kingston and supervised 17 graduate students during the year. He continued some of his former administrative portfolio, professional liaison and alumni affairs, and as the Faculty Coordinator of the National Executive Forum on Public Property. Dave combined faculty recruiting with research presentations at conferences for Canadian, American and European professors. Professionally, he participated in the Canadian Institute of Planners conference in Niagara Falls and Eastern Ontario's World Town Planning Day celebrations. He continues his research on the planning history of Canada's capital city, and Canadian suburbs (funded by SSHRC), employing twelve students as research assistants. Dave was honoured to be appointed Director of SURP in July 2009.

Hok-Lin Leung began his retirement officially on July 1, 2009, though he had been on administrative leave for a year and a half before that. As such, he had already established a routine of two lecture tours in China every year – one in spring and one in autumn. The tours covered the usual suspects, Tsinghua and Peking University in Beijing and Fudan and Tongji in Shanghai. The second "Theory Festival" was held in Beijing in October 2009, with speakers from

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musicology and molecular biology. Participants came from all parts of China. The idea was to develop urban theory and planning theory through the use of metaphors, analogies and associations drawn from other disciplines. The translations of his 1986 book *Towards a Subjective Approach to Policy Planning and Evaluation: Common-Sense Structured* was published in a bilingual format by the People's University Press, as part of a series of public policy classics. The first essay, "The Culture DNA of Western Society, Economy and Politics: The Beginning" was published in the journal *China Public Administration Review* (vol. 8), Tsinghua University Press, 2009. The second essay "The Cultural DNA of Western Society, Economy and Politics: The Competition" will be published in May, 2010. He has been working towards a book on this subject, to be completed by 2011.

The training of senior officials and Party cadres on public policy planning methods continued at the Development Research Center, State Council (where he was appointed as a Special Expert) and the China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong (where he was appointed as Director of Public Policy Case Development). In Canada, he continued to convene the Ambassadors' Forum, with three sessions in 2009.

In the fall 2009 semester, **John Meligrana** taught one course: SURP-824 Land Use and Real Estate Development Project Course. In the winter 2009 semester, he taught SURP-815 Legal and Governmental Processes, SURP-844 Real Estate Planning and Development (with D. Gordon), and SURP-853 Environmental Services. He continues to work with the Green Committee of the Tamworth and Erinsville Community Development Committee in Stone Mills Township to implement the community's *Local*

Environmental Action Plan. John continues his research into China's urban development and planning. He helped to spearhead the creation of the *Queen's-Fudan Network for Environment and Sustainability Research* which received approval from Queen's University in March 2009. The core objective of the Network is to bring together both Queen's and Fudan researchers to explore the complex issues of achieving sustainable development in China. The Network will build upon the existing and ever increasing institutional ties between Queen's and Fudan Universities.

Andrejs Skaburskis taught five courses in 2009. He taught Survey Research Methods and Economics of Land Development and Planning in fall 2009 and Quantitative Methods and Housing Policy in winter 2009. He also supervised 11 students and 4 graduates. Andrejs is the Managing Editor at *Urban Studies* and sits on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, *Housing Studies* and *Open J of Urban Studies*. He has also done review research proposals for SSHRC and the US National Science Foundation. Andrejs was an expert witness in the Port Colborne vs. Inco lawsuit, the largest environmental class action lawsuit in Canadian history. He prepared 5 reports related to the theory, quantification and measurement of damage created by the announcement of serious heavy metal soil contamination in Port Colborne and spent five grueling days in court in direct and cross-examination. We are still waiting for the judgment.

Leela Viswanathan joined SURP as tenure-track faculty in July 2009 and she is cross-appointed with the Geography Department. In April 2009, Leela was awarded the Julian Szeicz Award for Excellence in Teaching by the Geography DSC. In the winter of 2009, she taught SURP 802 Qualitative Methods. In the fall 2009 semester, Leela co-taught SURP 817 An Intellectual History of Urban and

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Regional Planning (with David Gordon) along with SURP 812 Qualitative Research Methods, and SURP 823 Housing and Human Services Project Course.

Graham Whitelaw continued his SSHRC-supported research on community-based land use planning and environmental assessment with the Mushkegowuk Council and Fort Albany First Nation. Graham's research on strategic environmental assessment, supported by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Research and Development Program (partnership with Environment and Resource Studies, University of Waterloo and Oak Ridges

Institute for Applied Sustainability), was completed in 2009. The synthesis report can be accessed here:

<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/Content/B/2/7/B273F899-FA7C-4315-A23C-44028B73853E/STORM-eng.pdf>. Graham is also working with Leela Viswanathan and others from the Sustainable Development Research Group at Queen's University to develop a research program on climate change adaptation and urban planning. Graham taught SURP 856 Environmental Assessment, in the winter term of 2009 and SURP 825 Environmental Project course, in the fall term of 2009. Graham also taught 3 undergraduate courses in the School of Environmental Studies. He is currently supervising (or co-supervising) the research of seven masters students (three from SURP, four from Environmental Studies).

FACULTY CONGRATULATIONS

Andrejs Skabuskis is taking a 6 month sabbatical beginning July 1. During his sabbatical he will be mostly researching and writing. He will also be traveling to

Aurangabad, India home of the important Ajanta and Ellora cave complexes, and to the Turkish-Syrian border where Abraham started his biblical life.



John Meligrana and wife Maria are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Peter Armando Meligrana born 11:03pm on May 27th.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Gerald Hodge's photo "Prague morning" won the grand prize in the Queen's 2009 Snap Judgments Photo Contest

SUPPORT STAFF NEWS: MARILYN REDMOND: ONE YEAR AT SURP

In August 2009, Marilyn Redmond began her one-year journey with SURP as she replaced Angie Balesdent who got the opportunity to broaden her skills with the Department of Economics for one year. This is what she said about her time at the School:

What has been your experience?

"I found the SURP students to be a close-knit group and very hard-working. Their academic commitment is very obvious and they are fortunate to have such high-quality teaching and supervision provided by SURP. I have found the SURP faculty to be admirably devoted to the students and they have a genuine concern for them. Faculty have a great willingness to put in extra time needed to offer excellent teaching and service."

What was one of your most memorable times at SURP?

"I've been so busy that I haven't had a real chance to socialize with everyone! "

What have you learned about Urban Planning?

"As an administrative person for the past 24 years, I've never learned so much in one year. As one of two administrative staff in a small and busy school this position has enabled me to update my skills with regard to student services and it has introduced me into some new components of the Queen's administration field."

Do you have anything else to share with us about your year at SURP?

"I thank the SURP community for making my time here so productive and a wonderful working experience. Angie and myself will be reporting to our home departments this summer on August 16."

VISITING SCHOLAR



On Tuesday, November 24, 2009 SURP students welcomed Visiting Scholar **Dr. Susan Christopherson**, J. Thomas Clark Professor at the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University. Dr. Christopherson spoke to a packed classroom of SURP students and faculty about current issues in regional planning and economic development. After an excellent talk, followed by discussion, she interacted with students over a pizza lunch. Students had more opportunities to meet with Dr. Christopherson during her weeklong visit to Queen's which was hosted by the Department of Geography and co-sponsored by SURP and the Queen's School of Business.

2009 – 2010 EVENTS

Professional Planners Panel

A diverse panel of SURP alumni offered advice for student interns and new graduates seeking employment

International Experience Award Presentations

with Brian Crosby, Mike Hendren and Katherine Sparkes

Workshop on Planning for Peak Oil

with Andrea Hamilton and Devin Lake

Active Transportation for a Healthy Community: Walking, bicycling and transit in Kingston

with Preston Schiller, Kingston Coalition on Active Transportation and KFL&A Public Health

“A Tour of Tajikistan”

with Professor Andrejs Skaburskis and his travel photographs

Planning for Persons with Disabilities

with David Grightmire and Allan McChesney

Planning by Design: A Healthy Communities Handbook Webinar

with Sue Cumming, OPPI President

CIP/OPPI Site Visit & Pizza Lunch

Representatives from the CIP and OPPI came to SURP as part of the once-a-decade professional accreditation of the school

End-of-Semester Socials

with SURP band ‘Blight of the Con-Chords

Film Screening, “When the Levees Broke”

Post-screening discussion with Leela Viswanathan

Film Screening, “The Garden”

Professional Planners Panel Event

(L-R): Pamela Sweet , Fotenn Consultants, Ottawa ('74); Peter Linkletter, National Defense, Ottawa; Paula Bustard, Smart-Centres ('03), Vaughan; David Sajecki, Metrolinx, Toronto ('07), Joscelyn Chander, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority ('08); John Andrew

Photo credit: Speakers Committee



ADMISSIONS

This has been another year with many applications. Right now we have an indication that 34 students will be coming while we have room for only 31. We have very few dropouts from this year's acceptance list indicating the growing demand for planning education. We are also really pleased that three of our first year students received the prestigious and pecuniarily satisfying Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) scholarship. These fellowships are Canada's highest award for study in our field.

SURP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Despite the recession, the SURP internship program weathered the summer of 2009 remarkably well. All but three of our students going into the second year of the program completed internship placements, plus eight positions went to graduating students. In other words, there were five more positions than first-to-second year students. Nevertheless, several of our "veteran" employers were forced to impose temporary hiring freezes, requiring considerable effort to replace these positions with new employers. We are confident that most of the lost positions will return with healthier economic times (and indeed some did in 2010). SURP will continue to work hard to secure additional opportunities for future summers, as well as to preserve our existing positions. In 2010-11, we will be specifically targeting private sector firms, especially in commercial real estate.

One positive trend of late is more students securing for their own positions, especially in their home cities outside of Ontario. Often this yields some of the best employment opportunities; one that often become sustaining positions for subsequent SURP students.

The School greatly appreciates the important role played by SURP alumni/ae who hire our intelligent and hard-working students. If you or a colleague may be in a position to bring one of our finest into your organization, we encourage you to contact our internship coordinator, Dr. John Andrew at john.andrew@queensu.ca or 613-533-6000 ext. 75756.

PRACTICA

Throughout a community practicum during the 2010 winter term with the **Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)** in Kingston, **Vanessa Covello** was exposed to the review, decision making, and appeal of planning applications as well as assisting in the delivery of education and advisory services to promote effective community planning.

As a result of a Winter semester practicum with the **Kingston Community Roundtable on Poverty Reduction**, **Heidi Postnikoff** created a "A Social Inclusion Handbook for Community Groups & Organizations in Kingston ON", which is a one of a kind resource guide developed to promote appropriate processes to achieve greater social inclusion in Kingston.

Ken Singh worked with the **United Way of Kingston FL&A** to assist in the development of a report regarding homelessness and medical health in the City of Kingston.

EXECUTIVE SEMINARS ON CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE

ESCIRE hosted three executive seminars in Toronto in 2009. A total of approximately 270 senior executives attended these events, which are each capped at 100 paying registrants in order to ensure their high quality and interactivity. ESCIRE continues to receive very favourable feedback from clients regarding the choice of seminar themes, the design of the four panel sessions that constitute each seminar, and the high calibre of the speakers and moderators that we engage.

In addition to the commercial success of the seminar series, it has since its creation in 2004 gradually built up the reputation of Queen's as a well-respected provider of executive development events to the commercial real estate sector. In addition to revenue, ancillary benefits to SURP continue to be guest

speakers for real estate courses, scholarship funds for students, jobs for graduates, and research funds for faculty.

The titles of our January, May and November seminars were "Real Estate After the Credit Crisis: Capitalizing on Opportunities in Recovering Markets", "Global Real Estate Investment: Strategic Opportunities Emerging From Turbulent Markets", "Positioning For Recovery In Commercial Real Estate: Strategies For Emerging From The Credit Crisis And Recession."

While the credit crisis and resulting downturn in the commercial real estate sector delayed the planned conversion of ESCIRE to a corporate membership model, this multi-stage process is being initiated in the Spring of 2010.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE FORUM ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

By Connie Brobeck, Assistant Convenor

The National Executive Forum on Public Property, founded by SURP in 1998, is a networking organization for executives responsible for managing public property. The Forum has 25 government Member organizations from all levels of government. David Gordon continues as the Faculty Coordinator; Cathie Macdonald as the Convenor, and Connie Brobeck as the Assistant Convenor.

Forum members have provided many internships for SURP students in the past and have also recruited Queen's students for permanent positions. Ten internships were provided in 2010 from 6 Forum members:

Cities of Calgary, Ottawa and Toronto, Department of National Defence, Ontario Realty Corporation, and Public Works and Government Services.

The theme of the Forum's 2010 Symposium, held in Edmonton in May, was "Shifting Thinking – Confronting Challenges Ahead" and focused on the challenges of new demands and reduced budgets for the management of public real property. Next year's conference will be in Ottawa, May 12-13, 2011. Conference presentations are available at www.publicpropertyforum.ca/library.htm.

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The Forum's Research and Information Program continues with the following initiatives, proposed by members:

Member Surveys:

- Information systems – systems used and lessons learned (ongoing);
- Sustainable projects – project lists, what certification was used and how the project rated subsequently (ongoing);
- Performance measures – synthesis of 2009-2010 survey results (ongoing);
- Lease administration – processes and cost savings (ongoing);
- Benchmarking for existing buildings – survey and report on benchmarking lifecycle and maintenance standards used by Members (new);
- Innovative leading edge energy strategies – Members' projects, best practices (new);
- Use of Social Media – Members' projects and initiatives, policies, goals, effectiveness, issues, plans; security of IT systems (new)

Information Collection:

- Public Private Partnerships (PPP) – case studies and literature review from the Canadian Council on Public Private Partnerships (CCPPP) and Partnerships BC, useful links on the web site; development of reading list (ongoing);
- Value for money – literature review, with commentary, on processes used by governments to establish that they are getting value for money spent (new);
- Benchmarking for existing buildings – Applicability of private sector benchmarks (new);

Some documents and links are available in the public section of the Forum website or in hard copy from the Forum office, while survey results are available to Forum members only.

Please see www.publicpropertyforum.ca for more information about the Forum.



2010 NEFPP Symposium Members' Day tour at an Edmonton Sewage Tunnelling project (Photo credit: Aki Lintunen)

CHINA PROJECTS NEWS

In June a group of 50 land and mining professionals from the Ministry of Land and Resources had a three-week training session in Canada. This program had been in place for 14 years. In September 2009 we placed

eight interns on a five-month training program (this was the 14th year). There were 3 visiting scholars from the Development Research Center, State Council and China Ministry of Education.

AMBASSADORS' FORUM

By Hok-Lin Leung

Started in 2003, the Forum brings together the Heads of Missions to Canada from 20 Asia-Pacific countries. It is funded by the Office of

the Vice Principal (Academic) and the Office of Research Services. In 2009, there were four sessions, and topics included:

- April, "The Economic Outlook for Canada and the Implications on Canada's Relationship with the Asia Pacific Region",
- June, "Cultural DNA of Western Society, Economy and Politics",
- September, "How to be effective with the Government Bureaucracy of Canada",
- December, "International Human Rights Day: Growing Inequality and the Ignoring of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"

Sessions were held in Ottawa. The June session was held, as our tradition, in Kingston,

with a luncheon hosted by the Principal at Summerhill.

SURP AT CIP CONFERENCE, NIAGARA FALLS

By Tristan Johnson, 1st Year CIP Representative

On a crisp, cool morning in October 2009, excited Queen's Masters of Urban and Regional Planning School (SURP) students piled into a school bus to travel to scenic Niagara Falls and partake in the 2009 CIP Conference. The students enjoyed the conference, especially the networking events, which even resulted in summer internships for several students! The second-year students demonstrated some of their great project work in the student expositions at the conference.

In addition to the conference, SURP students and staff enjoyed getting soaked on the boat rides near the falls, hanging out near the tourist traps in Clifton Hill, and winning (and losing!) money at the casinos! All in all, it was a great experience for SURP students and

we are all looking forward to attending the 2010 CIP Conference in Montreal this coming October 2010.



1st Year SURPers enjoying Niagara, 2009
(Photo credit: Phoebe Chan)

SURP AT CAPS-ACÉAU CONFERENCE, GUELPH

“P IS FOR PROGRESSIVE PLANNING”

By Heidi Postnikoff, 2nd year CAPS-ACEAU Representative

February 4th - 6th 2010, a handful of SURP'ers left our school hallways and set off to attend this year's Canadian Association of Planning Students – L'Association Canadienne des Étudiants en Aménagement et en Urbanisme (CAPS-ACÉAU) Conference at Guelph University.

The theme, *Progressive Planning: A Work in Progress?*, included a host of stimulating speakers, presenters and a multitude of diverse workshops. Among the many planning students from across Canada who presented research, inspiring speakers included SURP's very own Marni Cappe, President of the Canadian Institute of Planners, Guillermo Peñalosa, former Commissioner of Parks, Sport and Recreation for the city of Bogotá, Colombia and Matthew Blackett, publisher, creative director and one of the founders of Spacing magazine. Elizabeth May, the leader of the Green Party of Canada, gave a special address.

Also featured was a screening of the new documentary film from Leonie Sandercock and Giovanni Attili, *Finding Our Way: Healing Canada's Apartheid*. Workshop themes included discussions about First Nations communities, multiculturalism, climate change, healthy communities, sustainability, local food and international planning. The *Peak Oil Futures Game* scenario exercise captured the interest of fellow classmates Andrea Hamilton and Devin Lake who at a later date, held a similar workshop at Queen's University.

Of several 1st and 2nd year SURP student presenters, poster and oral presentation topics included: residential intensification in Kingston's near-university neighbourhoods; a planning project for mixed-use, affordable, sustainable housing in downtown Kingston,

Ontario; a sustainable vision for the Cyrville Road mixed-use centre in Ottawa, Ontario; and redesigning the Barrack District in Kingston, Ontario. The opportunity to mingle and network with professional planners and academics in the field, as well as to share a few cheers and kick up our heels with our peers during evening social gatherings, helped to make the conference that much more memorable.

Not to be missed, the upcoming CAPS-ACÉAU 2011 Conference hosted by the University of Waterloo is sure to offer a similar platform that will allow fellow students to experience planning in both theory and practice.

Once again, a big thanks to the highly motivated organizers at the University of Guelph who provided yet another enriching conference experience. After presenting at this year's event, I will continue to recognize the importance of progressive planning and how as a future planner, it is crucial to take off my 'regulatory hat' and respond accordingly to community, social and environmental issues.



2nd year SURP'ers ready to present

(Photo credit: Heidi Postnikoff)

SURP PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Downloads of all Project Course final reports will be made available on the SURP website here:
<http://www.queensu.ca/surp/current-students/project-courses/index.html>

SURP 823: Housing and Human Services Project Course (Fall 2009)



Students and supervisors of the 2009 SURP 823 Project Course at the final community presentation.

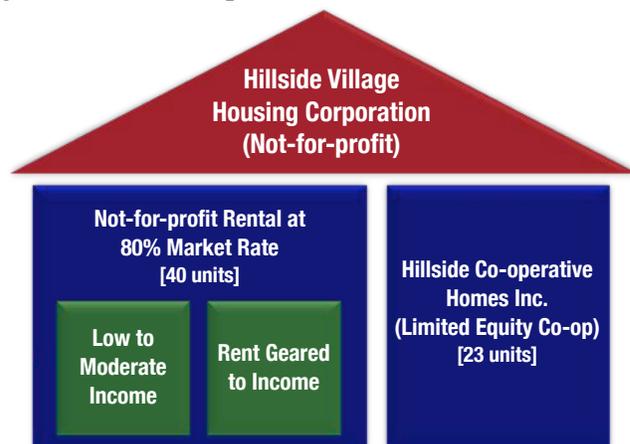
(L-R): Heidi Postnikoff, David Jackson, Ken Singh, Krystal Perepeluk, Tess Gilchrist, Kristen Sullivan, Teresa Thomas, Leela Viswanathan

A team of six students collected and synthesized information on behalf of the Social Planning Council of Kingston and Area in order to develop a model for affordable housing in downtown Kingston. This project was coached by Dave Jackson of the Social Planning Council, and supervised by Leela Viswanathan of SURP.

The affordable housing model named “Hillside Village” was proposed for the Byron Parking lot site located on Queen Street in downtown Kingston. The student consultants developed a model that provided for housing and street-level commercial space. The rental units would serve tenants living in various income brackets. The

model also included a number of “limited equity” units which would enable tenants to purchase their unit at lower than market prices, thus making homeownership more affordable.

Additional sustainability features to the model included green technologies (e.g, solar voltaic technology, geothermal energy systems), green roof and a rooftop garden. The model also included components to foster a sense of community such as communal space and a CarShare program. The student consultants have been pleased by the fact that the City of Kingston is working with the Social Planning Council and drawing from their project report in order to investigate affordable housing options for the Kingston community.



Affordable Housing Model Created for Downtown Kingston

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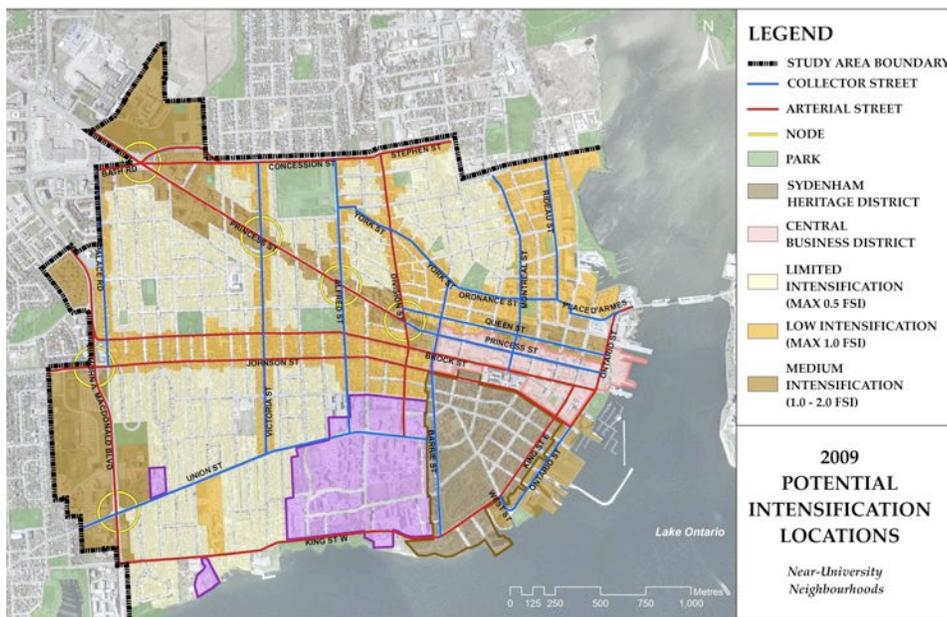
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SURP 824A: Land Use Project Course, Kingston, Ontario (Fall 2009)

SURP 824 students worked under the direction of Sonya Bolton, Senior Planner, City of Kingston and Dr. David Gordon to complete a report entitled Residential Intensification in Kingston's Near-University Neighbourhoods. The students undertook a detailed study of existing City policies, coupled with an examination of intensification policies in other university towns and cities, to determine a framework for future residential intensification in Kingston's core. The students' 21 recommendations called, among other things, for the City of Kingston's Zoning By-Law to place greater emphasis upon Floor Space Index as a tool to ensure appropriate residential intensification, and for Queen's University to play a greater role in providing student

Students and supervisor at Kingston City Hall

(Back, L-R): Niall Oddie, Adrian Brett, Dorothy Belina, Meredith Lynes
 (Front, L-R): Andrew Morton, Corey Wilson, Sonya Bolton, Adam Bentley, Bryan Crosby



housing. The resultant report was profiled by CBC Radio and the *Kingston Whig-Standard* and Kingston this Week newspapers, and the students were invited to present their findings to several groups, including the City of Kingston Planning Committee, Kingston Rental Property Owners' Association, and the Sydenham Ward Tenants' and Ratepayers' Association.

Potential residential intensification locations in Kingston

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SURP 825: Environmental Project Course (Fall 2009)

Graham Whitelaw taught SURP 825 Environmental Project Course. For the project course, students worked with the local conservation authority to develop two concept plans for the Frontenac Institution lands in Kingston, Ontario. Both plans incorporated leading environmental design principles, including low impact development, active living, and complete community approaches.

One plan emphasized the residential potential of the area while the other plan emphasized its urban agriculture possibilities. Both plans were received well by stakeholders involved in the planning process.

Agricultural Conservation Plan



Students on the Frontenac Institution Lands
 (L-R): Devin Lake, Bart Ryan, Christie MacIsaac, Sarah Smith, Sarah Ramey, Carla Schuk

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SURP 824 B: Land Use Project Course, Ottawa, Ontario (Fall 2009)

Eleven students from the School of Urban and Regional Planning undertook a term project to analyze the potential to embed sustainability principles into the City of Ottawa's Community Design Plan process. The project was led Selma Hassan from the City of Ottawa's Infrastructure Services and Community Sustainability Department, with the help of John Meligrana. The recommendations from the policy analysis were applied to a case study: creating a sustainable vision for the Cyrville Road Mixed-Use Centre. Key stakeholders from the City of Ottawa participated in a student-led design charrette at the mid-term mark, in order to solicit feedback on the preliminary policy analysis and to explore site-specific design recommendations for the Cyrville

neighbourhood. A key focus of the student's final report was the identification of implementation tools that could be used to further sustainability goals within the community planning process. The students ended off the term by presenting their general policy recommendations and the case study application to the local Councillor and a large group of City of Ottawa staff.



Students and supervisor in Ottawa
(L-R): Dr. John Meligrana, Bita Vorell, Leslie Wintle, Joscelin Higgins, Sarah Brown, Andrea Hamilton, Vanessa Covello, Laura Maxwell, Carmen Hindson, Michael Szilagy, Abbas Damercheli

Design vision for Ottawa's Cyrville neighbourhood



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SURP 848: Community Design (Winter 2010)

In SURP 848 Community Design, taught by Dr. Ajay Agarwal, students proposed an urban design strategy to transform the Kingston Centre into a walkable, transit oriented development. The students achieved a good balance of accommodating both private automobile and public transit in their design strategies. The quality of work produced by the students was impressive and met high professional standards.



Community Design Team 2010

(L-R): Annamarie Burgess, Kieran Millar, Brian Anders, Andrew Sherstone, Tony Boustassis, Scott Assie, Vanessa Covello, Andrew Nakazawa, Carmen Hindson, Phoebe Chan

Kingston Centre Concept Design

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AWARDS

CHINA'S FRESH URBAN – HEXI NEW CITY – NANJING *by Bryan Crosby ('10)*

Located in the former agricultural southwest of Nanjing, Hexi New City is representative of a common phenomenon occurring in major Mainland cities; the creation of completely new cities on the peripheral edges of existing urban centres. Probably the most well known endeavour is Shanghai's much vaunted "one city and nine towns" which aimed to address the increasing movement of manufacturing and industrial activities to the periphery, the urbanization of rural areas and the decentralization of the population – known collectively as the "principal of dispersion-concentration" in Shanghai (reducing population from the central area).

Hexi New City is the Nanjing government's latest effort at emulating this policy. At 94km², the project is expected to be home to approximately 600,000 people.

While Hexi is connected to the older Nanjing City by the newly completed Metro Line Two and numerous bus lines, the dominance of the automobile in the design is unmistakable. Large six and four lane boulevards cross the development in a grid pattern connecting large gated residential tower complexes to the central Hexi CBD and surrounding Nanjing Ring Road system. There is no risk of being hit by a bicycle in Hexi. Strong zoning measures are in place in Hexi eliminating the hyper-mixed use grain of the older Nanjing City in favour of defined and discrete use land uses. Mixed uses remain prevalent, relative to a North American development, yet daily use businesses and institutions (schools, clinics etc.) are often located within gated (and guarded) residential super-compounds bordered by large the boulevards. While exploring the area I was hard-pressed to find a convenience store or street vendor to purchase water from. Taxis

were also difficult to hail down. A private car would be useful in this environment.

Neighboring Yu Huai Tai District is home to several European box stores such as *Metro*, *Decathlon* and *Ikea* (complete with surface parking) and I was told that similar developments (including large auto-access grocery stores) are expected in Hexi.

I had an opportunity to visit a family who had recently relocated to one of the new residential developments in Hexi. "Safety, cleanliness and relaxation" said Andy, were the reasons his parents chose this location. "It's also not 20,000 RMB/m²" he said, referring to housing prices in the old City. Housing stock within these new residential compounds is substantially superior to stock just 15-20 years younger within Nanjing and each development retains the spirit of Le Corbusier's "Tower in the Park" with gardens, lawns, trees and water circulating between each apartment block. One might even catch glimpses of blue sky and hills to the south. There is definitely green here and I could easily see the appeal of this lifestyle. The Chinese suburban dream?



Hexi New City developments looking north toward the Nanjing Olympic Centre (horizon, sloped roof)

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RURAL ENGLAND (CITY OF LEEDS AND YORKSHIRE REGION IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND) By Michael Hendren ('09)

The experienced included a volunteer placement with *Natural England*, the English government's statutory authority in areas including environment, land use planning, natural resources, agriculture and rural land practices. The placement was in the City of Leeds, in north-western England. The region was home too much of England's global wool industry, now largely in decline and known for academic institutions such as Leeds University. Urban design includes retrofit to historic wool mills, pedestrian only shopping streets and public places, as well as unobtrusive citing and size of many newer buildings whose overall design is themed with the dominant design of older mill buildings.

Much of *Natural England's* work is similar to a Conservation Authorities in Ontario regarding development review and advocacy for the natural environment. Discussions included planning activities surrounding regional renewal energy targets of 2020, set by the U.K. government, and agri-environmental stewardship incentive programs.

The surrounding district is the beginning of the Yorkshire Dales, a scenic area that includes national park and AONB designations. The region is a hive of residential, recreational and traditional livestock grazing areas. Further to the west is the famous 'lake district.' Each of these areas encompasses heavy settlement of small villages and traditional rural dwellings accessed by train, bus, car, or the numerous networks of public rights-of-way (footpaths).

A pilot project was completed on the integration of landscape character policies and designations in England by studying



Mike adopts British grandparents while in Yorkshire.

such designations as SSSI (sites of special scientific interest), AONB's (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), National Parks, and European Landscape designations (i.e. Special areas of Conservation {SAC's}, SPA's {Special Protection areas}). The work also included review of five local authority land use planning documents called Unitary Development Plans (UDP's) or Local Development Frameworks (LDF's). These documents encompass planning guidance much like an Official Plan and Zoning By-law document(s). Further, a list of other documents, including Natural England and European Union positions on landscape character were reviewed.

Overall, the British government has engaged unique and creative ways to repurpose and support rural land use and protection, largely due to admitting the countries finite land mass. There are many lessons learned that will be of value to Ontario and the North American context.

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COPENHAGENIZE! THE OUTCOMES OF COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING IN THE WORLD'S MOST SUSTAINABLE CITY *By Katherine Sparkes ('08)*

With 1.9 million residents, Copenhagen is one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities. It is also home to some of the world's most successful examples of community energy planning. Community energy planning (CEP) combines land use planning concepts (e.g. neo-traditional design) with energy management approaches (e.g. integrated resource planning) in order to develop sustainable energy solutions for space heating and cooling, electricity generation and transportation.

In Copenhagen, urban planners have worked closely with other stakeholders to develop local energy solutions. As a result of these efforts approximately 97% the city's space heating demand is supplied by efficient district energy systems, most neighbourhoods house renewable energy technologies and highly-efficient buildings, and over 50% of Copenhagen's residents commute regularly to work by bicycle (note to fellow travellers: in Copenhagen, cyclists stop for yellow lights – my partner Chris and I learned this the hard way as he crashed into me from behind after a sudden stop).

My visit to Copenhagen allowed me to talk directly with urban planning, energy and urban design professionals about the factors that have contributed to the success of district energy and sustainable transportation. A recurring message from the people I spoke with was the importance of public policies that were implemented in the wake of the 1970s energy crisis that increased the price of oil and required regional governments to create energy plans to mitigate long-term fluctuations in the price of oil. These policies drove investment in alternative energy technologies – like district energy – reducing

their costs and making them competitive with traditional petroleum-based systems.

As with many other countries, the energy crisis revealed the Danes dependence on foreign energy sources; this dependence and the hard lessons wrought by the crisis made the policies described above – and other government intervention (e.g. heavy taxes on private automobiles, deep investments in cycling infrastructure and public transit) acceptable to the Danish people. Good urban planning and design has meant that physical manifestation of these policies – kilometres of safe, convenient bike lanes, compact and beautifully designed mixed use communities, and unobtrusive urban electricity generation facilities – contribute positively to Danish culture, economy and way of life.

It seems to me that the sustainable energy outcomes evident all around Copenhagen and the public policy interventions that have made these outcomes possible are in part attributable to a strong sense of nationalism that encourages Danes to support heavy government intervention; at the same time, a quick bike ride around the city or a dip in one of the city's free public swimming areas confirms that the results of these interventions have brought great individual benefit.



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Adrian Brett's ('10) photo "Tree in Macdonald Park" won an honorable mention in Queen's 'Snap Judgments Photo Contest