

# COMMUNITIES BY NATURE

## Growing Democracies from the Ground Up

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### INSPIRE, INFORM - FEATURED SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker **JEB BRUGMANN** is a leading practitioner and thinker on strategy and the process of innovation. For 25 years Jeb has been devising solutions to help turn local, community-based innovations into global solutions. Jeb's latest book, *Welcome to the Urban Revolution*, takes readers on a street-level tour of the world's cities, and challenges conventional thinking about globalization to reveal cities as the medium for revolutionary change. Jeb argues that the 21st century's greatest challenges can –and must– be met through improved approaches to city building.



**EMANUEL MACHADO** is the Deputy Director of Development Services for Dawson Creek. Emanuel has been involved in the building trades for several years and is currently using that experience managing facilities and overseeing capital projects in the Mile Zero City. Most of his time at work involves sustainability and energy planning and creating the framework to turn Dawson Creek into a hub of alternative energy technologies with a focus on the northern environment. Originally from Portugal, Emanuel is married and has two young daughters.



**DAVID THOMPSON** is an independent public policy consultant focusing on environmental, energy and fiscal policy. He has postgraduate degrees in law and economics, and has worked in government, the private sector and the not-for-profit sector.



**HEATHER FUSSELL** was the researcher at the Columbia Institute for three years. Her background includes a Master's of Public Policy and Public Administration from Concordia University and a BA in Comparative Development Studies from Trent University. Before joining the Centre, Heather worked as a researcher in the fields of social policy and social movement theory and also ran a student advocacy center.



**GARETH THOMSON** is Executive Director of the Alberta Council for Environmental Education. He has twenty years experience in delivering environmental education programs and supporting teacher professional learning, working for the government of Alberta and then as the first Education Director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). Gareth received a lifetime achievement award from the Global Environmental and Outdoor Education Council (GEOEC) of the Alberta Teachers Association. A proud father of two exceptional children, Gareth can still occasionally be sighted on the hiking trails around Canmore.



**Dr. NOEL KEOUGH** is Assistant Professor of Sustainable Design at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Environmental Design; co-founder and Senior Researcher for Sustainable Calgary Society and Member of the Board of Directors for PLAN:NET Ltd Development Consultants and a co-researcher with the BC Alberta Social Economy Research Alliance. Noel has over 15 years working in community sustainability planning, sustainability indicator design and adult and environmental education. He has worked as a professional engineer, environmental consultant and community development specialist. Noel is also a member of the Atkinson Foundation's National Working Group of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.