

# ICP: INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PLANNING AT UBC

**Unique in North America:  
A Collaboration with First Nations in  
Cultural Learning, Community Engagement & Planning**

**A Masters Degree at the School of Community & Regional  
Planning, designed and delivered in partnership with the  
Musqueam Indian Band.**



# **‘We are the land and the land is us’**

Musqueam Indian Band,  
Comprehensive Community Plan

**Every community has a vision – one that’s aligned with its values and rooted in the land that nourishes it.**

ICP blends traditional Indigenous knowledge and planning with contemporary planning methods in a way that’s vital to our sustainable future.

ICP facilitates community engagement and planning where all community members have a voice: everyone knows where they come from, where they stand now, and where they want to go.

Education grounded in a year of on-reserve learning, community experience, and knowledge sharing.

A community planning process aligned with Indigenous values, customs, and protocols.

Our graduates learn how to work in a good way through deep immersion in the communities they support in creating their own community plan.



**The current era of Reconciliation brings new opportunities for learning and partnership.**


Court-mandated duties to consult and accommodate First Nations' interests, emanating from constitutionally protected Aboriginal rights, means forging new, trust-based relationships.

What this consultation looks like is still uncharted territory. ICP graduates gain the skills and knowledge to navigate this new environment and help chart a new way forward together.

Genuine partnership with a First Nation requires the participation of the whole community, council, and planning students.

Thousands of community members have participated in their community's planning process with ICP students. The opportunity to plan the future brings significant long term vision and engagement for communities and their Councils.



A group of people are gathered around a table covered with a red and green cloth. They are engaged in a meeting or discussion. The table has water bottles, papers, and a notebook on it. The background wall is covered with numerous colorful sticky notes arranged in various patterns. A sign on the wall reads 'ACTION ITEMS'.

**'We see opportunities to engage our youth more actively in leadership, economic development, and the environment.'**

Musqueam Indian Band's award-winning Comprehensive Community Plan

**'One important legacy of our relationship with the ICP program at SCARP is that we have overcome a consultant-driven planning history. ICP students helped us to see the importance of what we've always practiced – and how we continue to honour our lands and resources.'**

Duane Alsop, Deputy Chief Councillor, Skidegate Band Council, Haida Gwaii

## BC BY THE NUMBERS

**30**

languages  
& numerous  
dialects

**203**

First Nations

**202k**

Indigenous  
people

**316**

reserves in BC

**162**

municipalities  
with an  
opportunity  
to work with  
Indigenous  
neighbours

**60%**


Indigenous  
population  
under 20

## WHERE ARE OUR MASTERS DEGREE GRADS NOW?

Here are a few examples of employment from our 41 grads, 2012-19, 40% of whom are Indigenous.

- Indigenous Planner, Social Policy Department, City of Vancouver
- Senior Lands Analyst, Tsleil Waututh First Nation
- Executive Director, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board, Charter Community of K'asho Got'ine, NWT
- Indigenous Engagement Officer, City of Vancouver
- Lands Analyst, Sumas First Nation
- Project Manager, Urban Native Youth Association
- Planner, The Firelight Group Consulting
- Senior Community Planner, Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- Capacity-builder with Indigenous youth, Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Community Planner, Hupacasath First Nation, Vancouver Island
- Assistant Director, Lands, Public Works, and Resources, Toquaht Nation, Vancouver Island





**The path to Reconciliation starts with a people's ability to plan and determine their future according to their values.**

Communities with ICP-supported plans are ready to talk. They're clear about their priorities and can move with partners towards a common vision and common ground.

Join us – as a student – if you support this vision.

Support us financially if you see this as a historic opportunity for us all to find a way forward together.

With your support, ICP can expand in numbers, scope, and scale.

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