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Colleen is an associate at EcoPlan who focuses on local economic development, joint Municipal – First Nations planning, engagement and strategic planning. She is passionate about strengthening local economies and about supporting individuals, businesses and communities who are working together to achieve more than they could individually. Colleen has a Masters of Science in Local Economic Development from the London School of Economics and a Bachelors of Commerce from the University of Victoria.



EDUCATION

Master of Science, Local Economic Development
2008, London School of Economics

Bachelor of Commerce
2006, University of Victoria



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

British Columbia Economic Development Association



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – Present
Planning Associate,
EcoPlan
Vancouver, BC

2011 – 2013
Facilitator and Trainer,
Climate Smart
Vancouver, BC

2009 – 2012
Project Manager,
Greenhouse Gas
Advisory Services,
Offsetters
Vancouver, BC

2007
Business Project
Analyst,
BC Ministry of
Economic
Development
Victoria, BC

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Creston Valley – Kootenay Lake Economic Development Strategy

Client: Kootenay Employment Services and others

Dates: 2017

Training Guidebook: Municipal Finance for City Leaders

Client: UN-Habitat

Dates: 2017

Transportation and Mobility Advocacy Plan Strathcona

Client: Strathcona Business Improvement Association

Dates: 2017

Britannia Community Services Centre Renewal – public engagement

Client: City of Vancouver

Dates: 2016 - present

Public Consultation and Community Relations Services

Client: Metro Vancouver, Liquid Waste and Water Services

Dates: 2014 - 2017; 2017 - present

Regional Economic Development Collaborative Initiative

Client: Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Dates: 2015 – 2016

Port Alice Economic Development Strategy

Client: Village of Port Alice

Dates: 2015 - 2016

Economic Development Strategy

Client: Xwísten (Bridge River Indian Band)

Dates: 2014 - 2015

Cormorant Island Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Support

Client: Village of Alert Bay and 'Namgis First Nation

Dates: 2014 – 2015

Strategic Economic Sectors Study

Client: Regional District of Mt. Waddington

Dates: 2014



Local Economic Development for Small and Medium Sized Cities (Toolkit)

Client: UN-Habitat

Dates: 2014

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Client: Gitga'at First Nation

Dates: 2012 – 2014

Malcolm Island Economic Development Strategy

Client: Regional District of Mount Waddington

Dates: 2013 – 2014

Comprehensive Community Plan

Client: Xwísten (Bridge River Indian Band)

Dates: 2013 – 2014

Tourism Business Plan

Client: Kwicksutaineuk Ah-kwaw-ah-mish First Nations

Dates: 2013

Trainer: Strategic Planning for Eco-Efficient and Socially Inclusive Infrastructure (Korea)

Client: UN-Habitat, UNESCAP

Dates: 2012

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Reid, M., Hamilton, C., Reid, S. K., Trousdale, W., Hill, C., Turner, R., . . . Matthews, H. D. (2014). Indigenous Climate Change Adaptation Planning Using a Values-Focused Approach: A Case Study with the Gitga'at Nation. *Journal of Ethnobiology*, 34(3), 401-424.
- UN-Habitat. (2013). *Planning for Climate Change: A Strategic, Values-based approach for Planners*.
- Province of British Columbia. (2013). *A Path Forward: A Regional Planning Toolkit*.

SELECT AWARDS

2016 International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), Core Values Award

Tides of Change: Cormorant Island Joint Economic Development Strategy

2016 Planning Institute of BC, Award of Excellence (Silver)

Health Impact Assessment for Transportation and Land Use Planning Activities - Guidebook & Toolkit

2016 Planning Institute of BC, Award of Excellence (Honourable Mention)

Tides of Change: Cormorant Island Joint Economic Development Strategy

2015 Canadian Institute of Planners, Planning Excellence Award

Growing Malcolm Island: Malcolm Island Economic Development Strategy