

Home and Away: Workers and Communities in a Global Natural Resource Sector

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UNBC Community Development Institute

CDI History

- Established in 2004
- Part of UNBC's commitment to northern communities
- 36 projects in 50+ communities
- More than 200 reports

CDI Mandate

- Understand and realize the potential of BC's non-metropolitan communities in a changing global economy
- Prepare students and practitioners for leadership roles in economic and community development
- Create knowledge, information, and research that will enhance our ability to deal with the impacts of ongoing transformation

CDI Programs

- The CDI provides programs and services in three broad areas:
 - Community transformation and renewal
 - Education for community and economic development
 - Community-based research for local and regional development

CDI: Strengths and Assets

- Track Record
 - Research knowledge and research capacity
 - Independent and neutral
- Expertise
 - Strong network of local, regional, and provincial decision-makers
 - Facilitation and partnership development
 - Understand the northern and resource-sector context
- Respected expert and trusted advisor

CDI: Providing Leadership and Support

- Work with multi-sector partnerships: provide expertise to inform decision-making and dialogue
- Expertise
 - Provide research and information
 - Conduct original research
 - Access and assess existing research
 - Call on UNBC and northern experts
 - Call on international experts

CDI: Providing Leadership and Support

- Work with multi-sector partnerships: develop strategies and track implementation
- Facilitate
 - ‘Fast-track’ the relationship building process
 - Convene and facilitate forums for dialogue and planning
 - Facilitate partnerships that support mutual benefit
 - Bring decision-makers to the table

CDI: Approach to Transformation and Diversification



CDI: Workforce Mobility Research Projects

- ***On the Move***
- ***Working Away: A Study of Long Distance Labour Commuting in Northern BC***
- ***Issues for Developing Home Community Participation in Long Distance Labour Commuting in Northern Queensland***
- ***Lessons from Economic Upswings in the Peace***
- ***Kitimat Transition Tracking Project***

CDI: Workforce Recruitment Research Topics

- Employment practices
- Host and home community issues
- Construction accommodation
 - Remote, proximate, in-town
 - Camp facilities
 - Camp amenities
 - Camp programs
- Operations accommodation
 - Relocation
 - Fly-in/Fly-out

Home and Away:

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Project Scope

- Models of construction phase accommodation
 - Camp location, facilities, amenities, programs, transportation, shifts
 - Impact on home community and families
 - Employment patterns
- Models of operational phase accommodation
 - Relocation: housing, facilities, amenities, services
 - Fly-in/Fly-out: camps, housing, facilities, amenities, services
 - Impact on home community and families
 - Employment patterns

Project Methodology

- Best Practice Review
 - International
 - Australia
 - US
 - North Sea
 - Other
 - Canada
 - BC
 - Northwest Territories
 - East Coast
 - Alberta/Saskatchewan

Project Methodology

- Key Informant Interviews
 - Corporations
 - Industry associations
 - Local government
 - Provincial government
 - Community service groups
 - Health authorities
 - Labour

Project Structure

- Project Advisory Circle
 - Guide the planning and direction of the project by:
 - Reviewing and providing feedback on the project work plan, draft reports, and final reports
 - Providing advice on project implementation strategies and activities (i.e. communications materials, workshops, webinars)
 - Assist with making connections
 - Identifying and advising on solutions to issues and challenges that arise

Project Timeline

Phase	Dates
Program Development	January – March, 2014
Research	March – July, 2014
Implementation Planning	August 2014
Communication and Education	Sept – Nov 2014

Project Team

- **Greg Halseth**
 - Professor, Geography
 - Canada Research Chair, Rural and Small Town Studies
 - Co-Director, Community Development Institute
- **Marleen Morris**
 - Co-Director, Community Development Institute
 - Executive and senior management teams: health authority, housing, education
 - President, Marleen Morris & Associates

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Community Development Institute - UNBC

- [*NEW BOOK - "Investing in Place"*](#)
- [*NEW - NEV2 Final Report*](#)
- [*Partners in Community Development: Board Voice*](#)
- [*Spring 2013 - Speakers Series - Housing in a Changing Community: Opportunity for Innovation*](#)

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in two fundamental issues for communities in northern BC: community capacity and community development. By undertaking research, sharing information, and supporting education outreach, the Institute is becoming a vital partner to communities interested in making informed decisions about their own futures.

The institute emphasizes the importance of capacity-building, collaboration, learning, and complementarity between UNBC research centres. Research that is undertaken balances academic credibility with practical relevance. Beyond research, the Institute is involved in outreach activities and serves as a conduit to expand and enhance local educational opportunities related to community development.

Major: [*Public Administration and Community Development*](#)

Network: [*National Network for Urban Aboriginal Economic Development*](#)

[*Conferences and Workshops Hosted by the CDI*](#)

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