

**The Winnipeg SSP Presentations 2008
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Presentation to Seminar and Panels at AGM of *Canadian Institute of Planners 2008* and to the Agricultural Network established as an outcome of the Agricultural Canada Sessions at the *World Urban Forum* in Vancouver, 2006. The SSP work is an outgrowth of public planning session of the *Vancouver City Planning Commission* in partnership with *New City Institute and Post Carbon Institute*, 2005 and 2006.

This set of presentations and the overview paper sets out further application of ideas and questions related to global impacts like previous years work, but now looking at a new cross section of planning questions cutting across three scales of planning.

Some of these areas of presentation are parts of works in progress and will be developed further by us and by invitation, by you. The idea is that those that are interested can use these presentations to put forward ideas and questions, to start discussions in your own community. They do not necessarily have to lead to answers right away. On that note, any feedback from you to our site will help us improve the slides. There is some repetition between slide sets to more or less allow each set to stand alone for one presentation. As a set, they cut cross three scales of planning from local land protection and urban triage and marbelization to a next level of a vision for a post oil BC of electric rail line oriented mountain new towns, including policy aimed at recovery of resource towns before mills go to rust or decay. The third level looks at federal scale impacts of climate change, mass migration and peak oil to show the importance of federal policy changes needed but also the differential policies and impacts by 7 regions.

Background sets:

There are also additional slide sets for background information; the world land areas impacted by massive ocean level rise, and the digital copy of the 1969 Mid Canada Development Corridor Report to the Federal Government, more of an atlas than a vision statement, but important as a planning reference. A slide set questioning the future role of farm labour in a post oil society leading to a new serfdom or share cropping raises serious social planning specters we have to acknowledge.

General Slide Set

This set attempts to cover all three levels of policy review under global impact planning scenarios, which means it excludes certain details found in others It does provide therefore an overview.

Slide set A

This set provides background information about peak oil and climate change just like previous sets but moves into the issue of urban triage, farmland edge protection and looking for solutions to allow new multifamily access to farmland. Current policies in restricting farmland use are aimed at protecting farmlands and are aimed at a globalization era of more industrial age farming in scale and production systems. While the commons must be protected, those of us working on relocalization see the need to allow for new ways of farming, and moving many monoculture sites into more varied crops, higher yields overall and for cooperative subsistence to export production in a post oil return tot he land by extended families or friends forming farm villages. A preponderance of BC examples and references to the Agricultural Land Reserve can be found in this set up we are looking

for more universal application in planning terms including establishment of a proactive, market aggressive farmlands trust as an aid in land acquisition from farming and tax exemption for extending the farm and forests of the commons once again.

Set B Provincial Vision and Post Oil Provincial Policy for BC

This is a work in progress of reorienting BC to it's real landscape, not the restricted and limited flat lands preferred by folks with limited ability to adapt. The culture of BC, like Switzerland, is about mountains. The reality of the end of cheap energy means the loss of highway maintenance, loss of gas and oil for the masses, a need to return to the land in small towns and niche farms. This work is part of a book sequel to the SSP Manual and to David Spearing's Living on Mountain Slopes 1969. The local run of the river power sources must be protected for BC use, by towns, farms, the new public railroads that replace highways, by First Nations and individual new farm village families.

Set C: Federal level Global Impacts and Policy Revolutions

This slide set moves quickly from global impacts to Pan Canadian land and resource assessment for accepting mass migration. Given our present towns along the US border strip are not sustainable in themselves, strategically we need to plan for this alternative of a new band of cities at the edge of the now migrating north Boreal Forests. This is not development for the sake of development, but a serious alternate vision first set out by General Richard Rohmer (RCAF, Reserves) in an Acres International Planning Report. This work is only a taste of work, a glimpse of vision, that needs more work by all of us, by all Canadians. The counter plan is to shut the borders, close migration, which can be done, we can defend the border from what is a civilian invasion. This issue by itself raises federal policy at high level, do we accept mass migration or stop it. Can we stop it? Does Canada have to rearm, including going nuclear, to protect the land base from being swamped and having this country turn into the disaster basin in the same way these are created in the countries from whence the refugees fled?

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These works are a product of B&A • Strategic Planning in collaboration with MVPC offices, VPOE intellectuals, and New City Institute Directors. Please take these missions and visions to the world while we still have a very short window to change the pattern of community so our children will inherit some form of city and culture, not a crash.

Past SSP works and reports can be downloaded from www.plancanada.com. The SSP Manual by Balfour & Keenana can be ordered via oldcityfoundation@telus.net.

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