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Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Training

M.E.Des. (Planning) Masters of Environmental Design; University of Calgary, Alta (1991)

Program: Urban and Regional Planning/Environmental Studies

B.Sc. (Agr): Bachelor of Science (Honours); University of Guelph, Ont. (1982)

Program: Agriculture, Resources Management

Certificate Mindanao Training Resource Centre (1994)

“Enterprise in Participatory Development” Davao City, Philippines

Canada-Asia Partnership Program (CIDA)

Diploma Provincial Adult Instructor Development Program, (2001)

Vancouver Community College

Professional Development

- Whistler Centre for Business and the Arts:: (a) Tourism and the Land – Building a Common Future; (b) Working Towards Resolution – New Approaches to Natural Resource and Land-Use Disputes;
- Multi-Party Mediation Institute: Advanced Program on Designing and Managing Complex Public Interest Processes
- BC Timber Sales: Certified Provincial Trainer in Environmental Management Systems
- BC Agricultural Council – Completed training as provincially, as a nationally recognized Environmental Planning Advisor

Employment Profile

2008-2009: Senior Planner, Peel Watershed Planning Commission, Whitehorse, Yukon

Served in this term-based employment position with responsibilities for overseeing completion of the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan in the northern Yukon – a 5 year and \$1.5 Million initiative for a 77K sq.km wilderness mountain region based upon the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreements. The principle responsibilities included:

- coordination and development of various planning activities and deliverables including Plan Principles, Scenarios Methodology, Scenario Options Report, Draft Plan and Recommended Plan over 15 month period;
- administration of Planning Commission, including budget management, reporting, meeting facilitation, reporting, work-plan development;
- advisory input to Senior Liaison Committee, and Chair of Technical Advisory Committee to guide development of various Plan outputs;
- management of annual budget with an administrator and two full-time land-use planning staff;
- facilitation of community consultation processes with affected First Nations and Yukon governments, general public and stakeholder organizations consisting of industry, conservation and other land-use interests;
- development of consultation and resource-information data-bases for archiving and querying of various forms of technical information;
- research and review of plan-related research subcontracts, GIS/mapping outputs

1993 - present: Planning & Agrology Consultant, InterraPlan Inc.: Principal of consulting firm specializing in integrated community development and planning, resource and land-use planning and management, organizational capacity building and technical extension. Contract assignments include:

Land-Use Planning, Resource Management & Access Negotiations

- consultation, research and development of the **Moberly Lake Community Watershed Stewardship Plan** for the Moberly Lake Community Assoc. Peace River Regional District (2005-2008);
- facilitation of **Environmental Farm Plans** for a range of agricultural enterprise clients, design of Beneficial Management Practices and liaison with BC Agricultural Council (2005 – present);
- research, consultations and data-analysis for preparation of a **Strategic Plan on Integrating Traditional Knowledge in Resource Management for the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area** for the Muskwa-Kechika Area Management Board (BC Integrated Land Mgt. Bureau, 2007);
- research and consultation on **Pine River Riparian Land-Use Study** for the Boreal Centre for Conservation Enterprise under agreement with Environment Canada (2005-07), including review of Env. Assessment proposals for coal and wind-energy developments;
- research, planning and negotiations for the Saulteau First Nations as Planning Table representative on the BC gov't's sponsored **Peace-Moberly Tract Sustainable Resource Mgt Plan** (2006);
- technical advisor on the BC Provincial Committee for the **BC Agro-forestry Initiative** (2005 – present);
- facilitated creation of a multi-stakeholder organization: the **Peace River Watershed Council** – a community-based resource agency with a mandate to promote watershed and fish habitat stewardship; capacity-building and technical services delivery for watershed stewardship projects throughout the Peace River region (2000-2005)
- planning and program development with the **Boreal Centre for Conservation-Based Enterprise** including training, facilitation, research and marketing for environmentally-sustainable rural businesses (2000 - ongoing);
- completion of public consultation and preliminary policy review for the Peace River Regional District's **Rural Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw** including consultations with rural community groups, First Nations, key informant interviews and public surveys covering a range of land-use management and environmental/socio-economic impact proposals (2003-04);
- provided a Traditional Land Use Information Review as part of a community planning and resource stewardship initiative at **Saulteau First Nations** (2003 completed);
- assisted with standards development with the **Forest Stewardship Council of Canada** (B.C. Initiative Social Chamber), and facilitation of the Boreal region process for northeast B.C. (2002);
- completion of a Regional Community Development Profile for the BC Government including a series of workshops to examine community development issues, needs and situations through-out the Peace River region, and including Treaty 8 First Nations; involved approximately 60 organizations; performed under contract to the **BC Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives & Volunteers** (2000)
- design of terms of reference for a Cumulative Environmental Effects and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment in a traditional-use area of the Saulteau First Nations (2000);
- serving as project monitor and technical specialist on the **Communities Committee** of the **BC Science Council** for major Forest Renewal BC-funded community development and forest research studies through-out BC (a) sustainability indicators (b) community forestry, and (c) eco-system based forest mgt. -- 1996 - 2002);
- conducted First Nations forestry resource access negotiations (business development, community employment, resources management) with BC Ministry of Forests, forest Licences/ FRBC (1998-99);

- developed and managed community land-use planning processes, programs and projects for Treaty 8 First Nations on fisheries assessment, watershed restoration, community forestry/wildlife surveys, environmental youth initiatives and silviculture (1994-1996);
- provided land-use advisory and mediation services to the Saluteau First Nations concerning resource development, including technical reviews of resource management legislation and intervention in major resource (gas & forest) industry proposals; (1993 – 1999);
- facilitated workshops and financing of a major community employment initiative: The Chetwynd Resource Area Forest Transition Program with various silviculture industry stakeholders (1996);
- negotiated and helped implement a major agreement on community resource assessment between the forest industry and the Dane-za First Nations of Treaty 8 (1994, 1995);
- developed training programs for business clients in the resource sector including the Integrated Small-Scale Forestry Program © (1995);
- negotiated co-operative resource use agreements and consultation protocols (1994/95).
- conducted ethno-history research and land-use mapping in support of community resource management and development planning for Treaty 8 First Nations (1994);
- provided technical input to successful Environmental Appeal Board hearing on herbicide-use impacts on Native traditional resource-use (1993/94);

Enterprise Facilitation, Community Development, Education and Training

- development of a BC Interior Handbook on marketable non-timber forest products for the Centre for Non-Timber Forest Products, Royal Roads University (2008);
- preliminary, and detailed organizational planning for creation of a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency under control of aboriginal communities in Dawson Ck and area under contract to the **BC Ministry of Children and Families** (2000-02);
- development of an Instructors and Student Manual resources on Eco-forestry and Forest Certification for the 2 year accredited Forestry Technician Program at **Northern Lights College** (2001)
- research on 'Peace Country Wild Edibles & Medicinal Botanicals - A Preliminary Market Assessment' with Peace River Agriculture Development Council (sponsored by Agriculture Canada - completed Oct.99, Phase II detailed market research completed under contract to the **Boreal Centre for Conservation Enterprise** (2001)
- design and supervision of **Saluteau First Nations** tourism development projects (eco/cultural tourism market research, back-country facility development & visitor surveys - 1999)
- undertook consultation, integrated program development and evaluation on (i) Urban Aboriginal Youth, and (ii) Healing Programs with **Tansi Friendship Centre** (1999-2000)
- conducted literacy skills assessment and conducted human resource planning and program design for Kawtaq Construction - an Inuit-owned construction firm in Sanikiluaq, Belcher Islands, NWT (1997/98);
- consulted with Inuit hunters in preparation of a curriculum guide on traditional Inuit hunting skills for the **Municipality of Sanikiluaq** (1998);
- developed and financed the Volunteer and Pre-employment Training Program for Women in association with the **Chetwynd Women's Resource Centre** (1996, 1997)
- developed, financed and co-ordinated delivery of the Community Resource Stewardship Technician Training Program © with the Saaluteau First Nations and **Northern Lights College**; including facilitation of a DACUM process for curriculum design (1995, 1996)
- provided instruction to public- and private-sector clients on various topics such as participatory project management, proposal writing, life skills, and ethno-history/land-use research (1997- present);
- part-time instructor in University Transfer course in Canadian Geography (103) at Northern Lights College (1995,2000), and relief instructor in Adult Basic Education (1998, 1999)

Land-Use Manager – Treaty 8 Tribal Association (1991-94), Fort St. John - this land-use and resource management extension position was designed to support development of technical capacity at both the community and Tribal council level; and involved:

- established land-use planning and management function for a range of Treaty land-use and resource management issues;
- selection and supervision of consultants, project development and fund-raising;
- identification of land-use management strategies to address local, and territorial concerns;
- undertook community planning activities, and research;
- conducted field assessments and capacity-building for traditional resource-use mapping;
- negotiations with government and industry on development referrals, technical support on legal actions
- implemented community-based projects for local resource management

Professional Memberships and Committees:

- member of national Indigenous Peoples Planning Committee, Canadian Institute of Planners (2009-present)
- Director, BC Lake Stewardship Society (2005-2009)
- Director, BC Agroforestry Initiative (Invest BC & Federation of BC Woodlot Associations)
- Advisor and Director, Peace River Watershed Council (1999-2002)
- Full Registered Member, BC Institute of Agrologists (since 1982)
- Full Registered Member, BC Institute of Planners & Canadian Institute of Planners (since 1991)

Interests:

- amateur and professional music as drummer and percussionist
- photography, plant identification
- wood-working, construction
- hiking, canoeing, kayaking
- community theatre and arts programming

References:

- ❖ Dave Loeks, Director, Peel Watershed Planning Commission loeks@northwestel.net (867) 334-5470; Ray Hayes, Ray.Hayes@gov.yk.ca (867) 456-3827, Steve Taylor stevetaylor@shaw.ca, Peter Kaye pkaye10@gmail.com (867) 952-2422
- ❖ Albert Peters, Chair, PWPC Senior Liaison Committee for Yukon Government and participating Yukon/NWT First Nations; gapexp@yahoo.ca
- ❖ Bruce Simard, Manager, Development Services, Peace River Regional District: bsimard@pris.ca tel: 250-784-3201
- ❖ Dr. R.J. Hood, Community Development & Education Consultant, Gabriola Island, rhod@shaw.ca tel: 250-247-7850
- ❖ Ian Campbell, President, Moberly Lake Community Association redryder@pris.ca tel: 250-788-9313; or Andy Teslyk, Watershed Committee Chair tel: 250-788-9572
- ❖ Karilyn Vince, Program Manager, Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Integrated Land Management Bureau: Karilyn.Vince@gov.bc.ca tel (250) 787-3534 or Don Roberts donaldgroberts@shaw.ca 250-785-1615
- ❖ Art Napoleon, First Nations Community Consultant/Former SFN Chief, Victoria BC; artnapoleon@yahoo.ca tel: 250-385-9087

Selected Publication List:

Whiten, Reg.C. 2008 *Keeping an Eye on the Wheel: A Strategy for Linking Traditional Knowledge To Resource Planning and Management in the Muskwa Kechika Management Area of North-East BC Special Issue, (Plan Canada, pending June,2008)*

Boreal Centre for Conservation Enterprise, 2007 *Boreal Forest Bounty: A Botanical Species Resource Guide for Conservation Enterprise Development*, Trafford Publishing, 2007 Victoria

Whiten, R.C. 2006 "First Nations Resource Issues Chapter" in Draft Peace-Moberly Tract Sustainable Resource Management Plan, Integrated Land Management Bureau, 2006 Victoria, BC

InterraPlan, 2004 *Peace Region Rural Dialogue: A Report on Public Consultations for Development of a Rural Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw*. Prepared for the Peace River Regional District, Dawson Creek

Whiten, Reg C. 2003 *Traditional Land Use Information Review*. Prepared for Sauteau First Nations. Whiten, Reg C. 1999 *Inuit Hunting Skills Curriculum Guide, Municipality of Sanikiluaq*, (Hunter & Trappers Committee), *Nunavut Territory*

Whiten, R.C.and W. Perks , 1991 *Strategic Planning for Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement in the Philippine Uplands*, (Plan Canada, June 1991)