

Planning for Amenity Migration, April 9 -11, 2008 Castlegar, B.C.

Workshop Evaluation Summary – 25 Participant Responses (of 29 Participants)

Community of Interest

Rural Areas	4
Small Towns (less than 5,000) (not resort)	2
Larger towns and small cities (not resort)	6
Resort Communities	4
2 or more of above	9

1. Please indicate how relevant this event was for your community/interest?

Irrelevant				Very Relevant
1	2	3	4	5
		1	6	18

2. Please indicate if this event helped you connect with the people in the region.

Not at all Helpful				Extremely Helpful
1	2	3	4	5
		3	11	11

3. Did this event increase your interest in or knowledge about new ways to address planning and development issues related to amenity migration?

Not at all				A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5
		2	9	14

4. How would you rate the event presenters?

Poor				Excellent
1	2	3	4	5
		.5	8.5	16

- missed some of the presentations or no comment - 2

5. How would you rate the event format (i.e., presentations with time for discussion of regional applications)?

Poor				Excellent
1	2	3	4	5
	.5	4	11.5	9

6. How would you rate the event overall?

Poor				Excellent
1	2	3	4	5
		.5	10	14.5

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7. What was of the most value to you in this event?
 - Other community examples 7
 - Networking 6
 - Getting beyond the fear of affordable housing, amenity migration
 - Connections, inspiration, motivation
 - Better understanding of the unique aspects of A.M.
 - Listening
 - Ucluelet example, and affordable housing discussion 2
 - Friday a.m.discussion 2
 - Variety and depth of presentations
 - Hearing positive/success stories
 - Missed Thursday – that was what I most wanted to hear
 - Gaining understanding of planning and development issues
 - Time for discussions after presentations
 - The experience of the presenters
 - The time for conversations during the event
 - Local perspectives and applicable tools
 - Tim’s “tool box”
 - Innovative tools
 - Need for regional level leadership

8. What was of the least value to you in this event?
 - affordable housing (small town context)
 - resort issues not relevant to other areas
 - discussion of Banff conference
 - “fluffy” on general concerns and possibilities
 - This survey!
 - Lunch!
 - Absence of discussion of provincial/federal barriers and incentives
 - Donuts!
 - Allowing the politicians to talk (too much). No longer a public forum.
 - Room too crowded
 - Nodal decision making

9. Do you have any other comments on this event, or suggestions if we were to offer it in another region?
 - Offer in the Okanagan
 - Offer in the East Kootenay
 - Provide more networking time
 - Have content on social issues – family and intergenerational issues/impacts
 - Allow more opportunity for all individuals to be involved in discussion
 - Good scale for discussion. Don’t get bigger. 2
 - Facilitating community ownership in the process of dealing with change/sustainability
 - Develop matrix/scorecard for municipalities to rate achievements
 - Break out groups
 - Moving to action on A.M., transportation, regional thinking

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- Building critical mass
 - Fear, lack of awareness is dominating ordinary person's reality. Focus is on professionals, politicians etc.
 - This would be useful in other regions facing similar issues Discussions should be recorded and distributed – podcast to expand public dialogue
 - Conduct as a dialogue – important and useful
 - More time for discussion
 - We all have similar problems with amenity migration
 - Have a round table
 - Amenity migration may be new, but need to accept that has been/is going on all the time.
 - Selection for Banff felt awkward. Guidelines could have been clearer, e.g., one per community.
10. What would you recommend for the next learning event for the Kootenay Region?
- Have this discussion with Regional Boards
 - Dispel myths, expose realities of the region
 - More of Carole Stark (re community ownership)
 - Break down components into individual workshops, e.g., planning, affordable housing etc.
 - Diversification of the economy
 - Housing Affordability
 - Internal/external influences on the region. Developing a management strategy related to influences.
 - Building on McLaughlin presentation. We need to a better understand our area.
 - Future alternative scenarios
 - Practical, hands on economic development strategies
 - Have a panel, break out groups
 - Use the same facilitators as a follow up to this
 - Working as a region
 - Building relationships
 - Good governance, leadership
 - How to facilitate change wisely

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Workshop Evaluation Summary – 4 Presenters

Community of Interest

Rural Areas	
Small Towns (less than 5,000) (not resort)	
Larger towns and small cities (not resort)	1
Resort Communities	
2 or more of above	3

1. Please indicate how relevant this event was for your community/interest?

Irrelevant					Very Relevant
1	2	3	4	5	
n/a		1			2

2. Please indicate if this event helped you connect with the people in the region.

Not at all Helpful					Extremely Helpful
1	2	3	4	5	
			3		1

3. Did this event increase your interest in or knowledge about new ways to address planning and development issues related to amenity migration?

Not at all					A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	
n/a		2	1		

4. How would you rate the event presenters?

Poor					Excellent
1	2	3	4	5	
			1		1

- missed some of the presentations or no comment - 2

5. How would you rate the event format (i.e., presentations with time for discussion of regional applications)?

Poor					Excellent
1	2	3	4	5	
			3		1

6. How would you rate the event overall?

Poor					Excellent
1	2	3	4	5	
			2		2

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7. What was of the most value to you in this event?
 - Up to date picture of amenity migration in the region. Good stats and studies.
 - Important to hear about pressures from local planners, politicians
 - Networking
 - Ucluelet case study
 - Energizing people, participant response
 - Descriptions of the different forms AM takes across the province
 - Questions from all angles about the nature and relevance of AM
 - Emerging sense of a need to manage AM led change on a bioregional and entire Basin scale
 - Exchange of views and information with a variety of people
 - Seeing community plans that indicate competition for a resource that might not be there
 - Learning that Ucluelet is planning to develop electric power independence; also learning about innovative building regulations
 - We are further along the “amenity migrant” life cycle, so more sharing than learning.
 - Ucluelet example and practices were helpful

8. What was of the least value to you in this event?
 - All valuable but a very full agenda with information and adequate discussion
 - the food
 - The Rossland presentation, because it was an opaque presentation of process
 - At the end of the discussion Friday, climate change seemed to “hijack” the discussion, an important issue, but not necessarily on that is particular to amenity migrant communities.

9. Do you have any other comments on this event, or suggestions if we were to offer it in another region?
 - Repeat in the East Kootenay
 - The format should be largely retained. Bringing resource people to local government officials (who were resources as well), lots of time for questions and discussion, finishing with identification of doable actions ---- it works
 - Some higher level officials should be present; mayors, staff from Provincial ministries or an area MLA --- I think we need to get strategic rural planning on the Provincial agenda
 - The workshop needs 2.5 days to allow enough time for added presentation details and discussion.
 - Participants seemed to have a better grasp on the concepts and issues related to amenity migration than on how to address the issues/impacts.
 - General A.M. presentation (Moss), and SSO results (McLaughlin) should be better coordinated if this format is used again.
 - Would be useful in data presentation to make the level of uncertainty in census/other secondary data clear and point out the need for regional surveys/studies.
 - Link between energy issues and amenity migration or rural development could be made clearer – perhaps through BC Regional context discussion or discussion of methods of analysis.
 - Interesting that participants did not pick up on the Ucluelet emphasis on aesthetics, usually an important issue in A.M. discussions. Comparison with other communities (e.g., Whistler, Sun River Oregon, and Sea Ranch California) would be useful.

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- Detail on some specific \$ cost examples from Canmore could be added.
 - Link between community development process could be complimented by specific planning examples (e.g., current process in Canmore)
 - Would be useful to have a clearer picture of A.M. impact on housing supply and demand, including rentals. Would also be helpful to know how successful the methods used in Ucluelet/Whistler have been in meeting demand.
10. What would you recommend for the next learning event for the Kootenay Region?
- Would be helpful to focus on specific topics (within the general A.M. scope) to address details and generate strategies
 - An event on regional cooperation and regional planning
 - Feedback from Banff conference combined with discussion on how participants used the workshop material.
 - Gotta say it . . . fossil fuel use and supply risk management: impacts of climate change related regulations, rising prices, eventual supply crunch