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BACKGROUND

In 2015 I sold my interest in Spruce River Research, a company specializing in Community Economic Development and Environmental Risk Management and moved to Castlegar to be closer to family.

I have over twenty-five years experience as a practitioner and consultant specializing in community economic development, policy analysis and development, and strategic planning.

For seven years my company contracted with Carlton University to be providers of a Community Investment initiative that invested in small businesses run by community development corporations and co-ops. Our responsibility was for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. I have been a Community Economic Development Conference Speaker and Workshop Facilitator.

As well as being a member of the HGU Board of Directors, I have been a member of the Board of the Prince Albert Co-operative Health Center and the Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women. I am currently a volunteer at the Red Cross Help Equipment Loan Program and Castlegar and Red Cross Disaster Management.