

Key Note Speaker
Mary-Ellen Tyler
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Title:

“Social Innovation and LID: The Hidden Dimension?”

Description:

Much of the focus to date on LID has been on its technological performance in Alberta’s climate and soils. As LID becomes more accepted in practice at the municipal infrastructure level and as water management issues and water supply constraints continue to affect development patterns and approvals – there are a number of social dimensions related to current and future use of LID technologies that need to be recognized and discussed which will have a significant influence on the future use of LID in Alberta. This presentation highlights some of the possible futures and related social infrastructure necessary to keep LID options open and relevant to changing needs and opportunities.

About Mary-Ellen Tyler, PhD

Mary-Ellen Tyler is a former Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary and a former Associate Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. She holds an undergraduate degree in Science, a graduate degree in Environmental Design (Environmental Science) and an Interdisciplinary PhD in Resource Management. Prior to holding full time academic appointments at the University of Waterloo, the University of Manitoba and the University of Calgary, Mary-Ellen spent several years with the Government of Canada involved in comprehensive land claim negotiations and regional land and resource planning in British Columbia. She also has a number of years of experience with consulting firms related to environmental planning, project development and impact assessment. Her current areas of research and practice are related to land use planning and water management, regional landscape ecology, urban ecology and ecosystem management. Over the last 2 years, Dr. Tyler has been involved in a research relationship with the Calgary Regional Partnership related to linking regional land use planning to regional water management and regional ecological infrastructure.