

Pre-publication Reviews

"It is very difficult to contemplate the meltdown of our planet and all that we hold dear- our cities, our rural landscapes, our history and culture; burying one's head in the sand of 'everything is okay' is understandable. Sometimes, this is exactly what I want to do, but it won't save us from anything but delusions. It is clear that our political leaders are not listening to their expert advisors on climate change as the Manual makes clear. It is always a nod and then back to business as usual. "A Strategic Sustainable Planning Manual" has the courage to confront the unthinkable, the end of the way of life we have always taken for granted: clean water, clean air, easy mobility, cheap food, predictable weather, bumptious and unimportant politicians. Bravo to the authors of "A Manual for Cultural Survival", they are doing vital work essential to saving ourselves from ourselves. Read it. Organize workshops. Take control of your own destiny, because the politicians aren't going to do it for you. In friendship and hope,

Clive Doucet, Ottawa Councilor & Author of "Urban Meltdown".

"The SSP process and the awareness it has raised in the community paves the way for city initiatives such as Ecodensity, Good Luck with the project (the SSP Manual".)

Suzanne Anton, Vancouver City Councilor

"The authors have tried in this Manual to avoid any reference to current politics; for otherwise one could alienate reasonable persons of a different political stripe. It should be easy to keep politics at bay, as the issues broached here simply transcend politics. On the other hand, however, it is almost impossible to take any stand on anything of any scope that is not advocated or denounced by some political party. Thus, if you find political overtones in the language of this Manual, and you think them intentional, you are mistaken."

Howard Jackson PhD, Professor emiritus UBC.
Editor, SSP: the Manual. 2007.

"In this work the authors are challenging our old ways of city building during the beginning of Peak Oil impact. Using Professor Bill Rees' pioneering work on ecological footprints the authors are re-thinking the nature of our cities, and Greater Vancouver in particular, and as an example or laboratory setting for the world. What they are offering here is a sound handbook for others, in their own communities to use this material to re-think their own necessary changes and to find the new opportunities that this work suggests."

Bob Williams. 2007
Past BC Cabinet Minister.

"This kind of process is so important, how can we find a way to take this Global Impact on Cities to the communities of hte world. Certainly, we would love to see this set up so other cites could try out this exercise, if for no other reason than to expose themselves to both the real problems we are about to face and to start planning on how to survive the changes we have ignored up to now."

Janaia Donaldson, Peak Moment Team, after filming SSP2 session at Jericho Beach, 2006.

"This SSP Process is going to be the start of finally making some significant changes in city planning & sustainability."

Bill Rees PhD, Head of UBC School of Community and Regional Planning, after aiding in the first SSP Workshop in 2005.

On student exposure and enthusiasm:
" I am so happy to be here, and that finally somebody outside the University is talking about these global impact issues. As graduate students in planning, we welcome this opportunity to discuss these big impact community planning real issues with community leaders and professionals in practice. Maybe we can still make the changes we need to make."
UBC Graduate Student (Anonymous Quote), at the end of the first SSP War Game.

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A Civil Defense Manual for Cultural Survival

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