

## **A18 - Independent Research Proposal Presentations - Real Estate Foundation Of BC And The Land Trust Alliance Of BC**

**Presentation # 1 title:** A Study of Housing Options Available to Selected Groups of Residents and Migrants in Northern BC.

Presenters

Tim Pringle – Real Estate Foundation of BC

### **Speaker Abstract**

Discussion will be held on what strategies northern BC communities employ to retain and attract households which have the means to relocate and discretion about the community in which they choose to live.

### **Biography**

No biography for Tim Pringle

**Presentation # 2 title:** Independent Research Proposal for the Land Trust Alliance of BC

### **Presenters:**

Briony Penn – University of Victoria

Richard Hebda

### **Abstract**

Only since the climate talks in Bali and recently in Poznan, Poland, have the debates focused on the critical role of natural forests to store carbon (sinks), and the urgent need to reduce emissions of “green” carbon due to deforestation and degradation of natural ecosystems. From the Western Climate Initiative’s regulated markets to the voluntary offset market to protection for ecosystem services, the standards, methods and protocols for valuing and measuring nature’s services vary. This research reviews credible methods for the “regulated market” and reports on methods for the voluntary market to be expanded to include conservation of natural areas.

### **Speaker Biography**

Richard Hebda has a Ph D. in Botany from the University of British Columbia and has been a Curator (Botany and Earth History) at the Royal British Columbia Museum for more than 28 years and an adjunct faculty member (Biology, Earth and Ocean Sciences, Environmental Studies) at the University of Victoria for more than 24 years. He curated the Dragon Bones (Chinese dinosaurs) and Climate and Climate Change exhibits at the Royal BC museum. He was the first faculty coordinator of the Restoration of Natural Systems Program at the Univ. of Vic. and the Province of B.C.’s expert advisor on Burns Bog (purchased as a globally unique ecosystem). His research areas include understanding vegetation and climate history of British Columbia, Ethnobotany of BC First Nations, climate change and its impacts, restoration of natural systems and processes, ecology and origins of Garry oak and alpine ecosystems and botany of grasses. Richard Hebda, with his graduate students, is author of 90+ scientific papers; 200+ popular articles mainly on bulbs and native plants, climate change; (co) author of four books and major reports, (co)editor of three books. He appears often on TV and radio, in newspaper interviews, and speaks to a wide range of public audiences.