

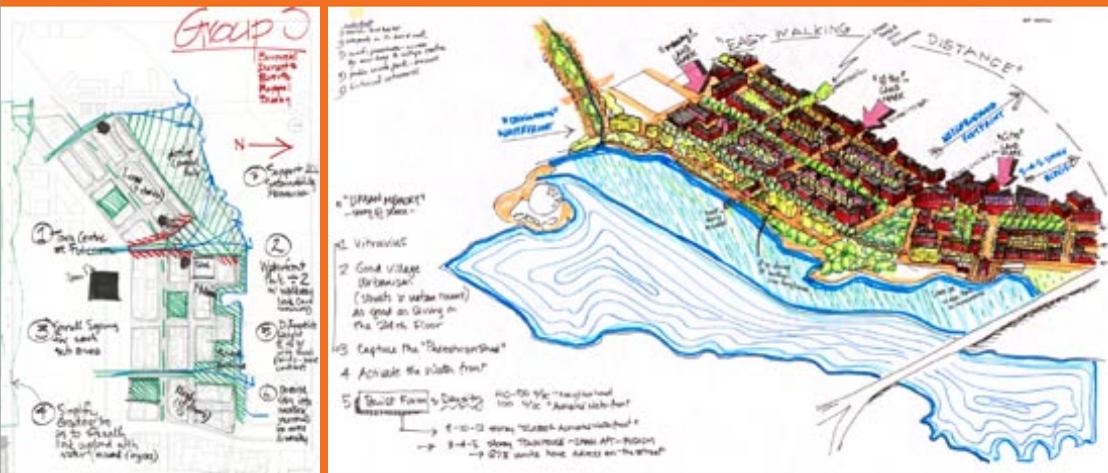
Let's go back in history. I remember when there were no Olympics, no Athletes' Village. There was an industrial site there, part owned by the City, part not. If you talked about sustainability at that point, most people wouldn't know what you were talking about and the other half would think you were an idiot. Historically, if you looked at our policy framework, we didn't have much on alternative energy, there was no urban agriculture, and so on. Since SEFC, those issues are now at the forefront.

Larry Beasley, Former Director of Planning, City of Vancouver



Throughout this project, we had a level of cooperation with other agencies that we don't always have, and I think the key was that from the start we said, 'Let's not talk jurisdictional lines. Let's have a process where our goal is that everyone agrees, where we make decisions based on everybody accepting that the solution is the best one given the circumstances.' It was a very good process. I hope we can continue that, because it made a lot of sense.

Tilo Driessen, Park Planner, Vancouver Park Board



Sustainable design is not about getting to the top of the mountain, it's about moving the mountain to where it should have been in the first place. When we started doing the main master planning [for SEFC] in 1997, we wanted to create the new normal – it was a very humble and absolutely global ambition that we had, a simple desire to completely change the way everything is done.

Graham McGarva, VIA Architecture

This project was a watershed of learning in this industry in Canada. It brought in the energy of the community. It was innovative because of all the free advice of hundreds of people.

Mark Holland, Principal, HB Lanarc

