



Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers  
BC Interior Section

## Outstanding Section / Chapter Award Submission



March 1, 2025

## INTRODUCTION

The 2024 BC Interior Section Executive consisted of six transportation professionals as listed in Table 1. At its most recent AGM meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2024, nine members were elected into the 2025 executive (Table 1).

Table 1: 2024 and 2025 Executive

2024 Executive	2025 Executive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● President – Spencer Behn</li> <li>● Vice President – Danielle DeVries</li> <li>● Treasurer – Maciej Wysocki</li> <li>● Secretary – Shena Changirwa</li> <li>● Past President - Jasmine Smith</li> <li>● ITE Canada Board Liaison - Gary Vlieg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● President – Maciej Wysocki</li> <li>● Vice President – Shena Changirwa</li> <li>● Treasurer – James Liu</li> <li>● Secretary – Cam Wakefield</li> <li>● Past President - Spencer Behn</li> <li>● ITE Canada Board Liaison - Jasmine Smith</li> <li>● Student Representative - Ifratul Hoque</li> <li>● Conference Planning Lead - Anne Huisken</li> <li>● Communications Coordinator - Shivam Khaddar</li> </ul>

Following is the information required for the Outstanding Chapter / Section Award submission.

### 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

- January 12 - Executive Organizational Meeting
- March 6 - ITE Canada Student Industry Networking Event Planning Meeting
- March 13 - Housing Legislation Impacting Transportation Professionals
- April 19 - Executive Check-in Meeting - Event Planning
- May 7, 2024 Executive In Person Meeting in Vernon
- May 31, 2024 - Vernon Technical Bike Tour and Networking Event
- June 21 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- July 19 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- August 9 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- August 22 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- September 5 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- September 12 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning
- October 3 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning Meeting
- October 17 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning Meeting
- October 24 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Planning Meeting

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- October 25 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference
  - November 1 - ITE/PIBC Fall Conference Debrief
  - December 9 - Nominations Meeting
  - December 19 - BC Interior Section Annual General Meeting

*Describe one or two meetings that were particularly well received by your members:*

1. Meeting #5: Vernon, BC Technical Bike Tour and Networking Event  
Synopsis: Lead by the City of Vernon's Transportation Manager, this tour hosted approximately 20 participants with technical discussions along the route and a networking opportunity after the tour.
2. Meeting #7: CITE/PIBC Mini Conference in Penticton  
Synopsis: Held in Penticton, BC this 1-day mini conference hosted approximately 55 attendees followed by 2 technical tours: a walking tour and a active transportation network tour by City of Penticton staff.

## **2. STUDENT / YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT**

The BC Interior Section was involved with students and younger member support at events that were attended by students from the Kelowna area. Our Section looks forward to increasing involvement with student members of UBC Okanagan in 2025.

## **3. APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**

Technical tours in Penticton and Vernon included discussions among members about planning and design considerations, and lessons learned. This included the design and implementation of fully separated bike facilities as well as policy discussion on recent provincial land-use bills.

## **4. NETWORKING EVENTS**

Networking was part of the executive planning meetings, the Housing Legislation Impacting Transportation Professionals event, the Vernon Bike Tour and Social Networking, and Fall Conference that the BC Interior Section held in October 2024.

## **5. K-12 STEM OUTREACH**

The BC Interior Section did not participate in any K-12 STEM Outreach events in 2024.

## **6. NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

In fall 2024, our Section was featured in the Transportation Talk magazine which increased exposure of ITE and our section on social media such as linkedIn and through word of mouth in our region's professional community.

## **7. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The BC Interior Section helped jointly organise the Fall Conference with the PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter in 2024. This was an opportunity to work with another

discipline and planning resources and ideas with other industries such as planning professionals. This was particularly important in 2024 with sweeping legislative changes impacting both the land-use planning and transportation professions.

## **8. TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The BC Interior Section provided members with technical talks at the Fall Conference in 2024.

## **9. FIELD TRIPS / TECHNICAL TOURS**

The BC Interior Section provided three technical tours in 2024. The first was a bike tour in May hosted by the City of Vernon. The second and third were a walking tour and active transportation network tour by the City of Penticton staff.

## **10. SERVICE PROJECTS**

The BC Interior Section did not participate in any community service projects in 2024.

## **11. FUNDING SUPPORT**

The BC Interior Section raised funds through the Fall Conference and membership dues in 2024. The Section has surplus funds from the CITE Annual Conference hosted in Kelowna, BC in 2016. Funds are invested into student information sessions and other events throughout the year.

## **12. LEADERSHIPITE**

The BC Interior Section did not actively pursue members interested in *LeadershipITE* in 2024.

## **13. ADVOCACY**

The BC Interior Section did not participate in advocacy in 2024.



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On October 25, 2024, the BC Interior Section co-hosted their annual Fall Conference in Penticton, BC with the Planning Institute of British Columbia. This annual event brings engineers and planners involved in both Transportation and Land Use Planning. The 2024 conference theme was "A New Era of Housing Legislation" to coincide with the new housing policies impacting the planning and transportation engineering professionals in the region. The program included 4 captivating presentations and a feature panel by City of Kelowna:

- The Evolution of Parking Regulation and the Impact on Housing | Stephen Power & Apollo Figueiredo - EXP
- Downtown Summerland - A Complete Neighbourhood | Brad Dollevoet - District of Summerland
- An Agent-based Regional System Model Integrating Land Use and Transportation | Dr. Mahmudur Fatmi - UBC
- Transportation Considerations of Provincial Housing Legislation | Victor Ngo - WATT Consulting Group
- A changing landscape in housing & transportation planning: Reflections from the City of Kelowna Talk and Panel

The City of Penticton generously provided staff to provide a technical walking tour and active transportation infrastructure tour with e-scooters and e-bikes sponsored by Lime Micromobility.



City of Kelowna Presenting at ITE BC Interior Section & PIBC Conference in Penticton  
Sponsored by EXP, CTS, and Urban Systems



City of Penticton E-Scooter and E-Bike Active Transportation Tour  
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