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Profile Summary



Michael von Hausen is President of MVH Urban Planning and Design Inc., a firm that specializes in growth management, sustainable master planning, urban design, city planning and approvals, and community partnerships. As one of Canada’s leaders in urban design and planning, he brings over 35 years of public and private land development, planning, and design experience from across North America. He was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners in July 2016 – the highest honour for a Canadian Planner for his leadership and distinguished practice. Michael also advises provincial and national governments, municipalities, and private clients on land development, sustainable policies, and acquisition/sales strategies. His firm has received ten local, provincial, and national awards over the past seven years for its innovation in planning, development, and design.

Michael uniquely blends planning, design and economics to find sustainable “soft touch” development solutions that balance higher economic, cultural, and environmental gains. His recent award winning projects include the Daye Lake Eco-City for 1.1 million residents in Huangshi, China, the City of Penticton Downtown Plan, the City of Leduc Downtown Master Plan, and the City of Langley Downtown Master Plan. Other projects include the redevelopment of Brentwood Town Centre in Burnaby, British Columbia, the redevelopment of Deerfoot Mall in Calgary, Alberta, the 786 acre (318 ha) Cambrian Crossing sustainable community for 7,000 residents in Strathcona County, Alberta, the 1,000 acre (400 hectare) Sunnyville Project in Vladivostok, Russia for 25,000 residents, and the Fenwick Place urban redevelopment project in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mr. von Hausen was recognized as an honored member of the *Trademark Who’s Who for Executives for Excellence in Urban Design* in 2015. Michael von Hausen was elected to Lambda Alpha International in 2011, the honorary society for the advancement of land economics in recognition of his distinguished career and outstanding contribution to the advancement of land economics and service to his community.

Mr. von Hausen’s professional work has received national and international recognition. He combines this recognition with proven skills in group facilitation, project approvals from feasibility through to construction. He holds a Masters degree in Urban Design from Harvard University with a specialty in land development economics. He is a past Director of the Surrey Foundation and former member of the City of Surrey Urban Design Panel. He is a registered professional planner, landscape architect and certified public participation practitioner as well as a LEED accredited professional.

Mr. von Hausen has continued to combine his professional practice with research and university teaching to develop cutting-edge solutions. He is Adjunct Professor in the Graduate Urban Studies Program at Simon Fraser University and the Master of Community Planning program at Vancouver Island University. Michael is also the curriculum coordinator of the award-winning Urban Design Certificate Program in the City Program at Simon Fraser University. Michael also facilitates the highly rated School of Development for the Urban Development Institute, Pacific Region. See his website www.mvhinc.com for a complete list of his publications. His most recent 500 page book is *Dynamic Urban Design: A Handbook for Creating Sustainable Communities Worldwide* (2013) available at www.amazon.com or www.iuniverse.com. Mr. von Hausen has also taught at the University of British Columbia, the University of Colorado, and Queen’s University.

Professional Experience

2000- Present

MVH Urban Planning & Design Inc., South Surrey, British Columbia
President

- Directs negotiations, facilitation, planning, urban design, communications, and land development projects in Canada, the United States, Russia, China, and Mexico.

1991-2000	<p>City of Vancouver Planning Department, Vancouver, British Columbia <i>Senior Planner and Senior Landscape Architect</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CityPlan: As part of the CityPlan team, helped coordinate the public program of this city-wide plan that set future directions for the City; this interdepartmental team delivered the international award-winning program within the \$1.3 million budget and on schedule. • Greenways Plan: As part of a Greenways planning team, helped coordinate the development of the first Greenways Plan for the City covering over 160km (100 miles) of City streets and rights-of-way; • SkyTrain Transportation Planning: As a member of the Millennium Line City of Vancouver planning team, helped coordinate two SkyTrain station design approvals; Completed Urban Design and Policy Precinct Plans for the areas surrounding the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain Stations including \$8 million in extensive greenway, street and land development improvements; • Ecological Guidelines: As part of the planning department team, developed Ecological Design Guidelines for the development of a new 80 hectare (200-acre) High Technology area in the Grandview/Boundary sector of the City.
1990	<p>Design Workshop, Denver, Colorado <i>Senior Project Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects included the 80 hectare (200-acre) Keystone Resort Expansion Plan in Dillon, Colorado (residential, commercial and recreation); Airport Boulevard Design and Aesthetic Study, Denver, Colorado (for the new Denver International Airport); Walker Center Mixed Use Master Plan 50 hectare (125 acre) retail village, office clusters, townhouses and single family residential development), Bozeman, Montana; and the Taylor Residence Site Restoration Plan, Bozeman, Montana.
1987-1990	<p>Proctor and Redfern Group, Ottawa, Ontario <i>Senior Design Planner</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects included City of Barrie Height Review Study; Malvern urban design study in Scarborough, Ontario; Queensway urban design study in Ottawa; and Aylmer Road Development Plan, Gatineau, Quebec.
1986-1987	<p>Pavelek & Associates, Vancouver, British Columbia <i>Project Coordinator- Design Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated a number of planning and landscape architectural projects including a master landscape plan for Scripps Ranch in San Diego, California and numerous multi-family residential projects in the Vancouver area.
1983-1986	<p>International Bellevue Ventures Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia <i>President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in the initial feasibility, start-up and financing (including joint ventures) of a number of resource and high technology companies including management of legal and accounting services in some cases, having operations in Vancouver, Seattle and Calgary.
1980-1983	<p>Nu-West Development, Edmonton, Alberta <i>Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of Land and Urban Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in the management of six vice-presidents and \$450 million in assets across Canada and in the United States; • Northern Alberta Board of Directors (Operational) Secretary; • Completed numerous market studies and site assessments in Denver, Colorado; Seattle, Washington; Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; and Thunder Bay and Toronto (Richmond Hill), Ontario; • Author of <i>Marketing Guidelines for the Nu-West Community</i>, 1981.

<p>Other Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Architects Collaborative (TAC), Landscape Architectural Division, Cambridge, Massachusetts, summer 1979 (developed guidelines for the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research in Kuwait). • Town of Danvers, Community Development and Engineering Division, Danvers, Massachusetts, winter/spring 1978-1979 (developed a Downtown Revitalization Plan for the core area). • National Capital Commission, Land Development Branch, Ottawa, Ontario, summers 1977 & 1978 (assisted in the development of a Corridor Inventory of Lands; Bus Rapid Transit alignments; and a Master Plan for the Major Hills Park Connections beside the Chateau Laurier in downtown Ottawa). • Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Land Use Coordination Branch, Lake Planning, Kenora, Ontario, summer 1976 (developed Lake Land Use Development Plans for two Lakes in Northern Ontario). • Iron Ore Company of Canada, Design Engineering Department, Surveying and Civil Engineering, Schefferville, Quebec, summer 1975 (worked on the site engineering preparation of the roads and the site for the Winter Games).
<p>Education</p> <p>1980</p> <p>1978</p>	<p>Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Design Teaching Assistantship in Real Estate Development and Economics</p> <p>University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours), London, England - Semester Abroad Program, 1977.</p>
<p>Professional Credentials</p>	<p>Registered Professional Planner (RPP): Member, Planning Institute of British Columbia.</p> <p>Canadian Institute of Planners (FCIP): Elected a Fellow in July 2016 (<i>Appointed to the National Professional Development Committee and National Urban Design Awards Jury</i>).</p> <p>Registered Professional Landscape Architect: Member, British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (<i>Former President</i>); Member, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects.</p> <p>Certified Public Participation Practitioner: IAP2 International Association for Public Participation.</p> <p>LEED® Accredited Professional: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional.</p> <p>Past Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Planning Association.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>2016 Award of Merit, Alberta Professional Planners Institute, Bragg Creek Revitalization Plan, (with McElhanney Consultants) Bragg Creek, Alberta.</p> <p>2016 Gold Award, Excellence in Planning Practice, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Lougheed Town Centre Core Area Master Plan (MVH developed sustainability component and evaluation), Burnaby, B.C.</p> <p>2015 Mayor’s Urban Design Awards, City of Calgary, Winner: Approved or Adopted Urban Design Plans, Large Retail/Commercial Area Urban Design Guidelines, City of Calgary Urban & Heritage Group (MVH supported and helped facilitate process with the City of Calgary), Calgary, Alberta.</p> <p>2015 Finalist, Great Places in Canada, Canadian Institute of Planners, Pemberton Community Barn, Pemberton, B.C. – MVH conceived the preliminary design concept for the Community Barn, (http://greatplacesinCanada.ca/gpic_places/pemberton-downtown-community-barn/).</p>

2015 , Honorable Mention, Excellence in Planning Policy, Small Town and Rural Areas, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Lake Country Integrated Sustainability Plan, Lake Country, B.C. (with Golder Associates).

2014 Gold Award, Excellence in Planning Policy, Planning Institute of British Columbia, City of Penticton Downtown Plan, Penticton, B.C.

2014 Award of Merit, Alberta Professional Planners Institute, City of Leduc Downtown Master Plan, Leduc, Alberta.

2012 Planning Awards of Excellence, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Honourable Mention, Town of Gibsons Harbour Plan, Gibsons, B.C.

2010 Planning Awards of Excellence, Planning Institute of British Columbia, City of Langley Downtown Master Plan, Langley, B.C.

2010 Council for the New Urbanism, Regional Charter Award, Southlands Community: Agricultural Urbanism, (Tsawwassen) Delta, B.C.

2009 Planning Awards of Excellence, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Langford/Colwood Joint Official Community Plan, Langford and Colwood, B.C.

2008/2009 Awards by the Economic Development Association of British Columbia for the Langley Downtown Master Plan, Langley, B.C.

2008 Award of Excellence by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the Langford/Colwood Joint Official Community Plan, Langford and Colwood, B.C.

2007 Award of Excellence by the Alberta Association, Canadian Institute of Planners for the Liberty Crossing at Gasoline Alley Urban Design Plan, Red Deer County, Alberta.

2007 Master Planned Community of the Year by the Urban Development Institute, Pacific Region, Garrison Crossing, Chilliwack, B.C.

2006 Community Excellence Award – Leadership & Innovation, Weyerhaeuser/Ucluelet Comprehensive Development Plan, Ucluelet, B.C.

2006 Planning Awards of Excellence, Honourable Mention, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Weyerhaeuser/Ucluelet Comprehensive Development Plan, Ucluelet, B.C.

2005 Development Excellence Award, Garrison Crossing Neighbourhood, City of Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce, Chilliwack, B.C.

2005 Award of Planning Excellence, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Maplewood Sustainable Community and Eco-Industrial Network Project, District of North Vancouver, British Columbia

2005 Award of Planning Excellence, Planning Institute of British Columbia, Lower Twelfth Street Area Plan, City of New Westminster, British Columbia.

2004 Canadian Association for University Continuing Education, Award of Excellence, for the Urban Design Certificate Program at Simon Fraser University.

2003 Planning Institute of British Columbia Award for “Visual Enhancements to the New Westminster Zoning”, Comprehensive and Policy Plans Category, City of New Westminster, British Columbia.

Who’s Who in the 21st Century – Second Edition (2002), Urban Design, International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.

	<p>2000 Citation of Meritorious Achievement for Urban Design, as one of 2000 outstanding artists and designers of the 20th Century, awarded by the International Biographical Center, Cambridge, England.</p> <p>1995 Honour Award for the City of Vancouver CityPlan “innovation in public participation” by the Canadian Institute of Planners (as part of the CityPlan- City of Vancouver Planning Department Team).</p> <p>1995 Award of Excellence, Vancouver CityPlan Public Program, Planning Institute of British Columbia. (as part of the CityPlan- City of Vancouver Planning Department Team).</p> <p>1994 Contributions to Local Democracy Award, CityPlan Resource Centre, City of Vancouver, Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (as part of the CityPlan- City of Vancouver Planning Department Team).</p> <p>1993 Special Achievement Award for the City of Vancouver CityPlan Program as an “exemplary and innovative planning program” by the International Downtown Association (as part of the CityPlan - City of Vancouver Planning Department Team).</p> <p>1981 Commendation for Design Excellence, U. S. Dept. of Transportation and the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, Community Assistance Program Project, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.</p>
<p>University Teaching</p>	<p>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, Graduate Urban Studies Program, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia.</p> <p>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY, Master of Community Planning Program, Nanaimo, British Columbia.</p> <p>CHIEF INSTRUCTOR AND CURRICULUM COORDINATOR, Urban Design Certificate Program, City Program, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia.</p> <p>35 years of University teaching experience at the Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Island University, Queen’s University, and University of British Columbia, and the University of Colorado; lectures at the University of Waterloo, University of Calgary, and the University of Manitoba. Instruction included Alternative Development Standards; Integrated Neighbourhood Design; Urban Design Economics; Urban Design; Site Planning and Design; Ecological Planning and Sustainable Development; Land Policy; Environmental Analysis; Visual Communications; and Planning and Urban Design Studios.</p>
<p>Professional Trainer</p>	<p>FACILITATOR, UDI SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT: Principal Facilitator and curriculum development coordinator of the highly acclaimed Urban Development Institute’s School of Development (Pacific Region), Vancouver. BC.</p>
<p>Keynote Speaker</p>	<p>PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Organizations include: 2016 keynote speaker at the City Summit, City of Fredericton N.B; Keynote speaker at the 8th Forum of Theory and Practice on Healthy Housing, Beijing, China; 2015 Planning Institute of Manitoba keynote speaker; 2015 speaker at BCSLA Annual Conference; 2014 keynote speaker: Real Property Institute of Canada National Workshop; Panel Moderator, 2014 Urban Land Institute Conference; Building Sustainable Communities 2013 speaker; World Urban Forum Canadian Delegation 2012 speaker; Community Planners Association of Alberta keynote address 2012; Economic Association of BC 2011 speaker; Fortis BC Keynote addresses 2010/2011; City of Ottawa Forum keynote speaker 2011; Urban Development Institute of Alberta Annual Conference 2010 speaker; Development Officers of Alberta Annual Conference keynote speaker 2009; Nova Scotia Planning Directors Annual Conference keynote speaker 2009; BC Land Summit 2009 speaker; Real Estate Institute of BC Annual Conference 2005 speaker; CBC IDEAS (National) January 2005 special guest; CBC BC (Green Infrastructure) 2004 speaker; Speaker at: BC Land Summit 2004; CMHC Calgary 2004; Globe 2002; The American Institute of Architects, Seattle 2002; BC Gas 2002; the Real Estate Institute of British Columbia 2001.</p>

**Other Certifications
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Information**

- Certified Canadian Ski Instructor & Ski Coach
 - Canadian Securities Course (Honours) and Canadian Mutual Funds Course
 - Married to Laura and have one daughter Athena.
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