



Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers
BC Interior Section

Outstanding Section / Chapter Award Submission



March 1, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The 2020 BC Interior Section Executive consisted of five transportation professionals as listed in Table 1. At its most recent AGM meeting held on November 25, 2020, four members were voted into the 2021 executive (Table 1). Due to an update in our bylaws, we no longer have the Members at Large positions starting in 2021.

Table 1: 2020 and 2021 Executive

2020 Executive	2021 Executive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President – Tom Baumgartner ● Vice President – Ellen Croy ● Treasurer – Vipul Garg ● Secretary – Mahmudur Fatmi ● Past President – Ian Roth ● Student Representative: Esraa Jamal ● Members at Large: Gary Vlieg, Gordon Lovegrove, Stephen Sargeant, Abdulrahman Masoud, Jasmine Smith, Amanda Watson, Chad Williams, Elnaz Ansari 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President – Ellen Croy ● Vice President – Jasmine Smith ● Treasurer / Secretary – Spencer Behn ● Past President – Tom Baumgartner

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, typical section activities did not occur in 2020 as they would have in previous years due to public health measures. However, we attempted to focus on virtual meetings and events for our members. Following is the information required for the Outstanding Chapter / Section Award submission.

1. REGULAR MEETINGS

Meeting #1	Dates of meetings: May 20, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: Spring Activity Planning Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #2	Dates of meetings: June 3, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: Spring Activity Planning Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #3	Dates of meetings: June 11, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: Spring Activity Planning Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #4	Dates of meetings: June 18, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: Spring Activity Planning Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #5	Dates of meetings: July 8, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: Spring Activity Planning Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #6	Dates of meetings: July 14, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Webinar	
Presentation/speaker: Evaluating Trade-Offs for a Connection to the Okanagan Rail Trail / Natasha Elliott, P.Eng., PTOE, Transportation Engineer, Urban Systems	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #7	Dates of meetings: October 7, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: CITE/PIBC Webinar Planning Committee - Webinar/Presentation Proposal Review Meeting	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? Yes, Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) Okanagan Interior Chapter.	

Meeting #8	Dates of meetings: October 28, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: CITE/PIBC Webinar Planning Committee - Webinar/Presentation Proposal Review Meeting	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? Yes, PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter.	

Meeting #9	Dates of meetings: November 12, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: CITE/PIBC Webinar Planning Committee - Webinar Planning Meeting	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? Yes, PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter.	

Meeting #10	Dates of meetings: November 25, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: 2020 Annual General Meeting / CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #11	Dates of meetings: December 9, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Webinar	
Presentation/speaker: 2018 Okanagan Travel Survey / Cameron Noonan, Transportation Planner, City of Kelowna	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? Yes, PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter.	

Meeting #12	Dates of meetings: December 15, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: CITE BC Interior Section Executive	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? No.	

Meeting #13	Dates of meetings: December 16, 2020
Location (City): Virtual Meeting	
Presentation/speaker: 2018 Okanagan Travel Survey Webinar Debrief / CITE BC Interior Section & PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter	
Was this a joint meeting with another group(s)? Yes, PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter.	

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

- 1. Meeting #6: Evaluating Trade-Offs for a Connection to the Okanagan Rail Trail Webinar**
 Synopsis: One key active transportation crossing for the Okanagan Rail Trail was between an existing multi-use pathway in Rutland (Kelowna neighbourhood), across Highway 97 (carries 40,000 vehicles per day). The webinar explored an all ages and abilities link, including a robust option evaluation to determine the optimal connection design. Various crossing treatments were explored, including a tunnel, overpass, pedestrian signal, or use of an existing intersection traffic signal.

After the webinar, the BC Interior Section circulated a survey to attendees. It was found that while the majority of attendees were located within BC, a large portion were from outside of BC. Attendees were generally satisfied with the webinar, but it was apparent they preferred a different platform (we had been helping the CITE District pilot the WebinarNinja platform). Attendees also indicated they prefer virtual events mid-week (Tuesday to Thursday) at lunchtime. The survey provided valuable information to assist with future planning of BC Interior Section events.

2. Meeting #10: 2020 Annual General Meeting

Synopsis: We held our first virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 25, 2020. Attendance was lower than previous years (12 attendees in 2020), as we often combined our AGMs with larger events. We reviewed our financial statement and voted/swore in our 2021 BC Interior Section executive (Table 1).

2. STUDENT / YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT

The BC Interior Section was not involved with any events or activities that would support ITE Students and Young Members in 2020 due to the pandemic.

3. APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

The BC Interior Section did not address a local transportation issue or collaborate with industry on a project or program in 2020 due to the pandemic.

4. NETWORKING EVENTS

The BC Interior Section did not hold a networking event in 2020. One was planned as part of a technical cycling tour of the Okanagan Rail Trail for May 2020, but was cancelled due to the pandemic.

5. K-12 STEM OUTREACH

The BC Interior Section did not participate in any K-12 STEM Outreach events in 2020 due to the pandemic.

6. NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The BC Interior Section did not have a member recruitment type of event to attract new members in 2020 due to the pandemic.

7. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The BC Interior Section participated in a joint webinar with the PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter on December 16, 2020 (Meeting #13). This was an opportunity to work with another discipline and share webinar planning resources and ideas.

8. TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The BC Interior Section prepared two one-hour webinars that provided an educational opportunity for our members:

1. Evaluating Trade-Offs for a Connection to the Okanagan Rail Trail
2. 2018 Okanagan Travel Survey (joint with PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter)

9. FIELD TRIPS / TECHNICAL TOURS

The BC Interior Section did not participate in field trips or technical tours in 2020. A technical cycling tour on the Okanagan Rail Trail and networking event was planned for May 2020, but was cancelled due to the pandemic.

10. SERVICE PROJECTS

The BC Interior Section did not participate in any community service projects in 2020 due to the pandemic.

11. FUNDING SUPPORT

The BC Interior Section did not raise any funds outside of dues in 2020. The Section still has surplus funds from the CITE Annual Conference hosted in Kelowna, BC in 2016. Our funds are invested primarily in student members and event speakers. Webinars and the AGM held in 2020 were provided free of charge. As of December 31, 2020, our balance was \$11,218.98.

12. LEADERSHIPITE

The BC Interior Section did not actively pursue members interested in *LeadershipITE* in 2020. Some of the *LeadershipITE* alumni are members of our Section and Executive.

13. ADVOCACY

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3. Evaluating Trade-Offs for a Connection to the Okanagan Rail Trail
4. 2018 Okanagan Travel Survey (joint with PIBC Okanagan Interior Chapter)

PHOTOS

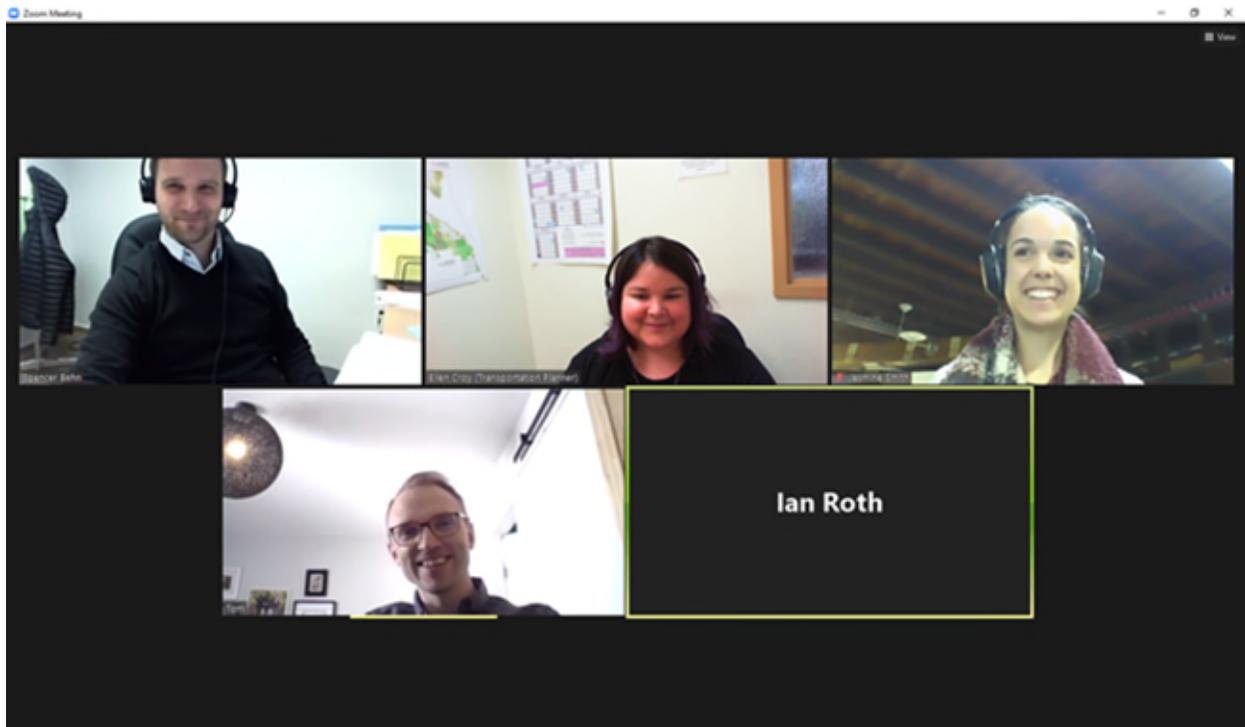


Figure 1: 2021 CITE BC Interior Section Executive Zoom Meeting



Figure 2: Recent cycle track project in Kelowna, BC (Sutherland Avenue and Ethel Street)