



## **Building As If People Mattered: A Snapshot of Regulatory Issues within Ecological Design**

Interdisciplinary Team of local Green Builders, LEED Project Developers, Alternative Energy and Systems designers, Futurists...and you!

This is a participatory discussion for folks who wish to help participate in the development of a "Sustainability Mecca". Southern BC is becoming widely known as the Green Building capital and the south islands in particular have incredible innovation examples. With unique multi-featured green rezoning projects, conservation communities, LEED awarded buildings and neighbourhoods, and a wide example of ecological and green design....the community will come together to describe a number of examples and then to discuss how we might showcase this work in a collective way. By bringing together an international tour and developing a "Building As If People Mattered Conference" (October 2010) we each can be part of the process. The day includes a panel discussion with a wide variety of professionals who work on premier showcase projects locally.

This course is delivered in partnership with O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE, a sustainable learning community and demonstration site committed to a path of resiliency, compassionate action and healthy interdependence where learning a new way to live with one another that honours the earth, personal and community development, inclusiveness, balance and prosperity is paramount.

**Facilitator: Brandy Gallagher**, BSW, MA is one of the original founders and developers of O.U.R.ECOVILLAGE, Shawnigan Lake (Vancouver Island) BC. She is also the Executive Director of O.U.R. Community Association, a non-profit society dedicated to outreach projects (local and International), and the development of O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE as a demonstration/model sustainable village. Her sustainable land management planning and ecological design work has made her the main proponent behind the Canadian precedent-setting rezoning which has allowed for the legal/political/community framework containing multi-use allowances for ecovillages and shared land projects across Canada. She is also the developer of TOPIA: The Sustainable Learning Community Institute which operates onsite at OUR ECOVILLAGE. With a deep compassion for people and place Brandy works with other communities/projects to find their way through regulatory and legal processes which challenge the development of legitimate models of land use, alternative building, ownership and governance. The intention to have individuals & communities step aside from their rank & roles to enter into a more connected sense of community building is at the heart of her work. Her most recently published work is the documentary, *"Creating TOPIA: The Journey of Developing a School of Sustainable Community Building."*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration can be found at <http://ourecovillage.org/our-activities/royal-roads-university/>

**Length:** 1 day at Royal Roads University  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2010  
**Times:** 9am – 4pm  
**Cost:** \$60 + GST  
**Please Register By:** Saturday, February 20, 2010

### **To Register:**

Register online at <http://www.royalroads.ca/continuing-studies> using Visa or MasterCard; or by telephone, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at **250-391-2600, ext. 4801**; or **Toll Free at 1-866-890-0220**. Or, come by in person to the Continuing Studies reception area in the **Grant Building, 2005 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B 5Y2.**

