

**SPEAKERS' BIOS – PlanH Program Webinar**  
*Enhancing Social Connectedness for Healthier Communities*  
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Milton Friesen is the Program Director of Social Cities and a Senior Fellow at [Cardus](#), a North American public policy think tank specializing in social architecture. He is based in Hamilton, has served as a municipal councillor in Alberta, and is also working on a Ph.D. at the School of Planning, University of Waterloo, exploring new ways to measure the social structures of cities.

**LOUISE ROBERTS TAYLOR**

*Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager  
City of Kelowna*



Louise has worked for the [City of Kelowna](#) for over 28 years in the area of recreation and community development. Her current role is focused on promoting both individual and community well-being. This includes initiatives with the Health Authority, School District and community organizations, as well as, programs and services that support the City of Kelowna's Social Framework. Since 2014, she has lead the City's Strong Neighbourhood Project which is focused on fostering connection and engagement at a neighbourhood level and increasing residents' level of attachment to their community.

**STACY BARTER**

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Stacy Barter is [BC Healthy Communities Society's](#) Learning and Community Engagement Specialist who has been involved for the past 3 years as a facilitator of the *Building Resilient Neighbourhoods Project* in the Capital Regional District in collaboration with the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria, Transition Victoria, and the Canadian Centre for Community Renewal. For over 15 years, Stacy has worked in sustainable community development with a wide range of communities, non-profit, and public sector organizations in Canada and Latin America. Her recent work focuses on public engagement on climate change, health and sustainability, neighbourhood-based engagement, and building collective impact across sectors.