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Michael Geller describes himself as a Vancouver-based architect, planner, real estate consultant and property developer with 45 years' experience in the public, private and institutional sectors. He is President of the Geller Group (which is really just him and a few associates) and serves as an Adjunct Professor in Simon Fraser University's Centre for Sustainable Community Development, and an affiliate of UBC's Masters in Urban Design program.

Michael is a past President of the SFU Community Trust, overseeing the planning and development of UniverCity on Burnaby Mountain. Prior to joining SFU, he was involved with the development of a number of major projects in Vancouver including Bayshore in Coal Harbour, expansion of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Deering Island, and a variety of residential and mixed-use projects.

From 1981 to 1983, he was Vice-President Development, The Narod Group. Prior to joining Narod, he was an official with CMHC in Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto for ten years, during which time he was involved with numerous public and social housing projects.

Michael is a past president of the Urban Development Institute and has served on numerous boards and panels. He writes a regular column for the Vancouver Courier and is a frequent media commentator on urban issues.

He has been honoured as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners and Life Member of the Architectural Institute of BC. His blog is found at www.gellersworldtravel.blogspot.com

Michael was recently invited by BC Housing to offer input into the BC government's submission to the federal government on a new federal housing strategy. Today's presentation includes many of the ideas he put forward.