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## MR. LARRY BEASLEY

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### PERSONAL HISTORY

Larry Beasley, urban planner (1948), studied architecture in the US before emigrating to Canada in 1971, when he commenced studies in geography and political science at Simon Fraser University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1973. He studied community and regional planning at the University of British Columbia and got his Master's Degree in 1976.

Starting as a Vancouver neighbourhood planner in the 1970s, Beasley became co-director of city planning in the early 1990s. He helped foster partnerships between government, the private sector and community groups, making Vancouver the fastest-growing residential downtown in North America. He played a leading role in transforming the city's downtown core into a vibrant, livable urban community. In so doing, he developed a participatory and socially responsible approach to zoning, planning and design that has become known internationally as the "Vancouver Model." Beasley is recognized as an authority on urban development and urban issues. His advice on reinvigorating the urban environment has been sought by municipalities and urban organizations across Canada and by cities in the US, China, Australia and New Zealand. He has long been involved with the urban design committee of the National Capital Commission as a member and chair.

In 1996, the United Nations honoured his work as one of the "World's 100 best planning practices," and in 2003 the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada conferred on him its Medal of Excellence as an Advocate for Architecture. In 2004 Beasley was awarded the Order of Canada.



He now teaches and advises the private sector and governments around the world. He chairs the National Advisory Committee on Planning, Design and Realty of Ottawa's National Capital Commission and is the Special Advisor on City Planning to the government of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. He is the vice president for planning of a major Canadian development company, Aquilini Development.