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Featured Publications

- **JUST PUBLISHED!** - *Beyond Economic Survival: 97 Ways Small Communities Can Thrive. A Guide to Community Vitality* - By CIEL's Mike Stolte & Bill Metcalfe. [This free guide is available by clicking here.](#)
- **Stimulus Fails** - Learning, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Should Be Cornerstones to Economic Recovery. Read CIEL's [Mike Stolte's editorial on Ontario Knowledge in Action web-site](#)
- **Cross Cultural Understanding Needed for Leaders** - CIEL's flagship leadership program Leading Communities BC featured in the [Ford Family Foundation's Community Vitality magazine](#) for Oregon & Northern California
- **Schizophrenic Communities** - "Working in community is a little like working with Sybil, the character with 16 very different personalities.... read the popular [10 Principles for Building Community](#) originally published in *Canadian Living* magazine

CIEL Community Initiatives

- **Community Starts with a Conversation and a Coffee:** CIEL's 100 Mile Ideas Diet series of conversation cafés ensures the experts are locals! It is all about what makes communities thrive. [Click here to read the first press release](#) and [click here to view photos from each event.](#)

- **CVI Community to Host G8 Leaders' Summit.** Huntsville, Ontario - a 2008 Community Vitality Initiative (CVI) community, will play [host to the world's economic leaders next year...](#)
- **Live Long and Prosper** - Success in Vulcan, Alberta with the Business Vitality Initiative (BVI), one of five Alberta communities CIEL has been working with through a Government of Alberta initiative. [Click here to read the Lethbridge Herald story, "Towns Forge Ahead Despite Effects of Economic Downturn."](#)
- **Have You Harnessed all your Untapped Opportunities in your Community?** CIEL offers workshops and trains facilitators in a number of key areas including Identifying Opportunities, Inspiring Entrepreneurial Leadership, and Facilitating CIEL's [Tools/Processes](#) (Matrix, BVI, etc.). [Contact us](#) for more info.
- **Keep Current through Blog, Twitter and Facebook.** CIEL's new blog features interesting articles, CIEL updates, and reports on interesting local, national & international community-led development initiatives. [Visit it by clicking here.](#) Click [here](#) to check out our latest Twitter feed, and [here](#) for our Facebook page.

Podcasts

- **Of Future Ghost Towns? What can Small Communities do in a Recession?** CIEL's Mike Stolte was CBC's "Go-To-Guy" when they wanted to know what single-industry towns could do in these harsh economic times. [Click here to find out what Mike said in one of the 13 separate CBC interviews done across Canadian communities.](#) Click [here for the article.](#)
- **The Incredible Case of Nelson, BC** - Hit by an economic tsunami two decades ago, Nelson, BC is more resilient and enterprising than ever. Find out how Nelson became Canada's most entrepreneurial community. [Listen to what Mike Stolte told CBC's Shelagh Rogers.](#)

CIEL News

- **Recession-Proofed your Community?** Contact CIEL about facilitating the [Business Vitality Initiative \(BVI\)](#) in your community (limited bookings available in Winter/Spring). To get a sense of how business-friendly your community is, download the [Business Check-up, a mini version of the BVI.](#) Currently, CIEL is piloting a regional version of the BVI in Southeastern BC. CIEL's community-based BVI was 'Australianised' last year.
- **Little Known Fact** - Did you know CIEL's work has been featured in *Canadian Living* magazine, the *Globe and Mail Report on Business*, *Profit Magazine* and by the Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC) and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)?
- **Is your Community Sustainable?** CIEL has developed the [Green](#)

[Light Check-Up](#), an innovative tool and process, to help communities become more sustainable. Click here to download CIEL's presentation on *Green Light* from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities conference.

- Message from the CIEL Board: [Helping Communities Through Trying Economic Times](#).

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