

Press Release

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Truro's Director of Planning receives a prestigious FCM award

Truro – The Town of Truro is proud to announce that the Town's Director of Planning and Development Services, Jason Fox, is the recipient of a 2017 Volunteer award by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Jason Fox is being rewarded for providing significant technical assistance on urban planning issues in three missions as part of the Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED¹) program. He most generously offered his extensive planning experience with partners in Belize and Jamaica, where his well thought out solutions and recommendations have proven useful in effectuating improved zoning and land usage practices in three communities visited over the past two years.

Among his main accomplishments, Jason Fox drafted revitalization plans for San Pedro and Belmopan, Belize and he worked with planners in Portmore, Jamaica to streamline their development approval process. In addition to designing physical and aesthetic improvements to downtown streets public spaces he also recommended changes to regulations that would help facilitate ease of doing business by small businesses and local entrepreneurs.

"It's a real honor to receive this kind of recognition", said Jason Fox after being handed the award. "My involvement in the CARILED program has allowed me to become better at my job as a planner since it offers unique problem-solving situations in challenging environments, often with limited resources. The collaborative work with international teammates is also very inspiring and extremely rewarding."

"The Town has been supporting CARILED since 2015, and it is a pleasure to receive a recognition for our involvement" said Mike Dolter, the Town CAO. "This program offers a very rewarding win-win scenario for both Truro and the Caribbean region. Our staff is proud to be involved in increased sustainable local economic growth there, as well as improving their skills through some very exciting real-life case studies".

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¹ CARILED contributes to increased sustainable local economic growth benefiting men and women in the Caribbean region through the growth of the micro, small and medium size enterprises (MSMEs) sub-sector and the strengthening of local governments' capacities to facilitate local economic development.

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