



October 1, 2013

On the Road Again

By Michelle Mitchell, ICIS Communications Coordinator

September is one of those months that tends to sneak up on you when you least expect it. Summer holidays are over, kids are back at school, the days start to get just a little bit shorter, and workplace meetings and conferences come about full swing. One such conference is MISABC, an event which brings together municipal IT and GIS professionals and the organizations who interact with them. This year the conference was held in beautiful Whistler, BC. Steve and Michelle jumped at the opportunity to attend and check in with ICIS members, while taking advantage of the location to conduct site visits throughout the area.

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMW), located approximately 125 km north of Vancouver, is home to approximately 9,965 permanent residents. Host to many of the 2010 Winter Olympics events, Whistler is known for its extensive access to outdoor activities. The ICIS Ops travelling duo were greeted upon arrival by cyclists, runners and tourists, oh my! However tempting the landscape may be, they knew there was a greater task at hand, bigger than anything the amazing scenery had to offer: GeoShare script installation! Michelle and Steve set their sights on the Municipal Hall and met with Sandra from the RMW. Steve worked with Sandra to install a preliminary GeoShare script, the first step in enabling the RMW to submit addresses to ICIS on a weekly basis. Many thanks to Sandra for taking the time to meet with the ICIS team!



Over the days that followed, Steve and Michelle attended the MISABC conference. The conference provided the opportunity to meet face to face with members from across the Province. Presentations were informative and provided beneficial updates on projects conducted by municipalities around BC. Thanks to the MISABC Executive for putting together a great event!

The end of the week approached faster than it takes a bobsled to complete a run on the Olympic track. However, the soft whispers of a wandering GeoShare script could still be heard. The travelling duo made their way to the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) office, situated in the lovely Village of Pemberton, where they also found the wandering GeoShare script awaiting installation. The SLRD is comprised of Squamish, Lillooet, Whistler and Pemberton, serving an estimated population of 31,673 residents. Steve and Michelle met with Marie-Ange to install the GeoShare script, enabling SLRD to submit addresses and parcels automatically on a weekly basis! The team was able to leave content. Thanks are extended to Marie-Ange for her time and assistance, as well as waiting till the end of the visit to tell the



team about the local bear that likes to hang out near the office.

These site visits provide the ICIS team with a great opportunity to get out there and meet with Members. The ICIS team is very excited that many of the Local Government Members are able to take advantage of the different grants and opportunities ICIS has to offer. As well, it is always important for the ICIS team to interact with Members face to face in order to determine what works and what doesn't. ICIS is our Members. And remember, if you do come across a familiar ICIS face, don't forget to wave!

The ICIS team would like to sincerely thank these ICIS members for their willingness to collaborate and share their data for the benefit of all.

Have questions about CivicSpatial Grants? [Contact us](#) for more info!

If you would like to request a site visit, or meet with one of our ICIS team members, [Contact us](#) for more info!