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Mike is the Executive Director of the Centre for Innovative & Entrepreneurial Leadership (CIEL - www.theCIEL.com) - an organization devoted to finding innovative solutions for communities across Canada based out of beautiful Nelson, British Columbia. Mike is the co-creator of many useful community assessment tools and processes including the Community Vitality Initiative (CVI), the Communities Matrix, and the Business Vitality Initiative (BVI). He is currently developing a rural leadership program for British Columbia.

Over the past two years Mike has made presentations at more than a half dozen national conferences, often speaking on the theme of community entrepreneurship and vitality. His work has been featured in ‘Canadian Living’ magazine and in videos and courses on community development.

Mike has been an economist, business analyst, sport administrator, entrepreneur and community economic development specialist. Mike currently sits on the steering committees of the national Co-operative Development Initiative (CDI), the National Rural Research Network (NRRN) of Canada and the Board of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF). He holds degrees from Carleton University (MPA) and the University of Western Ontario (BA).

During his spare time Mike researches happiness, make videos, and participates in kayaking, running, cross country skiing and hockey with his young family.