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Leith Deacon is a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and a Registered Professional Planner (RPP). Leith's research examines concepts around sustainability, governance, and resiliency.

Leith is attempting to gain a better understanding of the dynamics associated with municipal rural and remote economies, specifically resource-based economies across Canada – what are their experiences and why are some communities able to grow and prosper, while others experience decline.

Leith employs a planning lens to frame the project. What can planners do and what can municipal planning departments do to increase the resiliency and/or sustainability of these communities?