**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Urban Studies Grade 12**

**BIG IDEAS**

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| Urbanization is a critical force that shapes both human life and the planet. |  | The historical development of cities has been shaped by geographic, economic, political, and social factors. |  | Decision making in urban and regional planning requires balancing political, economic, social, and environmental factors. |  | Urban planning decisions and other government policies can dramatically affect the overall quality of life in cities. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:** **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions**
* Assess and compare the significance of past and present factors that influence urbanization (significance)
* Ask questions about the content, origins, purposes, and context of multiple sources in order to corroborate inferences gathered from them (evidence)
* **Identify continuity and change in the development of urban spaces (continuity and change)**
* **Determine and assess the long- and short-term causes and consequences, and the intended and unintended consequences, of public policy decisions related to urban places (cause and consequence)**
* Explain and identify the forces that shape opinions and decision making on current issues related to urban studies (perspective)
* Recognize implicit and explicit ethical judgments in a variety of sources (ethical judgment)
* Make reasoned ethical judgments about current and past issues after considering the context and standards of right and wrong (ethical judgment)
 | *Students are expected to know the following:** **urbanization as a global phenomenon**
* **historic settlement patterns in urban centres**
* **local and regional governance in B.C. and relationships with other levels of government**
* **functions of local and regional government**
* **urban planning and urban design**
* **decision making in the planning of cities and regions**
* **contemporary issues in urban studies**
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