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Jim works with a wide range of organizations and businesses– from grass roots to corporate, rural to urban, local to international – as a facilitator and organizational consultant. His work includes strategic plans, feasibility studies, business plans, training, event planning and proposal writing.

Recent clients have included organizations such as The Land Between, ArtsCan Circle, Radcliffe Centre for Public Policy at Harvard, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Camp Couchiching, Canadian Association for Community Living, Rails End Gallery, Eastern Ontario Community Futures Network, Ottawa Storytellers, Haliburton School of The Arts, and the Girl Guides of Canada – Ontario Council

In addition to his consulting practice, Jim taught from 1997-2007 as a part-time faculty member at Fleming College, teaching courses in Community Development, Marketing and Business in the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management Post-Graduate Program and in 2007 was awarded the Fleming College Fellowship in Applied Education.

He serves in an ongoing role as a consultant for the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, the Curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Community Economic Development Consultant for the Haliburton County Development Corporation. In these roles he has worked with hundreds of artists, small businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

Jim is a co-founder of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative which oversees a wide range of community economic development initiatives in the arts, environment and community-based research. He serves as Co-Chair of the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research an organization that works with Trent University to facilitate community-based research in Peterborough and Haliburton Counties.

Jim has fifteen years of experience from 1977 to 1992 as a manager of recreation and social services and of camping, outdoor and environmental education facilities in Ontario and British Columbia and was active on provincial boards in both provinces.

Jim is a professional storyteller who, over the past twenty years, has performed at festivals and events across Canada. He studied fine art at University of Guelph, York University and the New School of Art and exhibited his work as a visual artist from 1976 to 1984.

Jim holds degrees in Psychology and Education from York University.