

DEEPENING DEMOCRACY

Centre for Civic Governance Forum
Harrison Hot Springs, BC March 22 + 23, 2013

Agenda



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

10:30 am	Shuttle bus leaves from downtown Vancouver			
1 pm	WELCOME (Forum Room)			
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Canada Room	Coronet Room	Fraser Room	Forum Room
	Meaningful Community Conversations	Rural Communities and a low carbon future	Access to Public Education	Climate Change Update
3 – 4 pm	Mobilizing Community Assets	Youth and Democratic Engagement K–12	Community Planning with First Nations	Lessons from Political Insiders & Outsiders
4:30 – 5:30	PECHA KUCHA STYLE! (Forum Room)			
6 pm	COLUMBIA INSTITUTE RECEPTION			
7:15 pm	DINNER & KEYNOTE SPEAKER (Rainbow Room)			

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 am	BREAKFAST 8:30 Keynote (Rainbow Room)			
9:30 – 10:45 am	Canada Room	Coronet Room	Fraser Room	Forum Room
	Tools for Fair Taxation	Zero Waste Solutions	Taking Collective Action	The Courage to Practice Democracy
11:15 – 12:15	WORLD CAFE DISCUSSION (Forum Room)			
12:15 – 1:15	LUNCH (Rainbow Room)			
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Energizing Your Community	School Boards and Sustainability		Women Transforming Cities
2:30 – 3:30 pm	CLOSING PLENARY (Forum Room)			
4 pm	Shuttle bus to downtown Vancouver departs			

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Friday Early Afternoon 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

As elected officials, how can we meaningfully engage our communities in (sometimes difficult) conversations? How do we create meaningful relationships that lead to meaningful conversations? This interactive workshop features guidelines for good public engagement and a facilitated dialogue on these key questions. [ARJUN SINGH](#) / Canada Room

RURAL COMMUNITIES AND A LOW CARBON FUTURE

Rural communities in British Columbia face unique challenges when it comes to climate change. Their economies are frequently weighted toward one activity, they lack critical population masses that make mass transit infrastructure more cost efficient, and they are often heavily dependent on outside sources for goods and services. Transitioning rural communities to a lower carbon future requires its own unique solutions. This session features case studies from Port Alberni, McBride and Logan Lake, and the various initiatives that are helping them move toward lowered greenhouse gas emissions.

[BEN PARFITT](#) / Coronet Room

CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

When we put out the call for conference topics, an update on climate change was requested, and no wonder! We're seeing the effects in "weather events" and insurance companies are paying out significantly more funds on claims related to flooding, forest fires, and other events. All signs point to climate change happening at a faster rate than models predicted. What do scientists say now about climate change? What's the latest news and what to expect? What policies make sense?

[TOM PEDERSEN](#) / Forum Room

ACCESS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

This past fall, the Supreme Court of Canada released a landmark decision that upheld the entitlement of severe learning disabled students to the same access to education as students without disabilities. The Moore v. BC Ministry of Education case has implications for all districts, and could become a powerful tool in improving our education system for students with learning disabilities. Join parent Rick Moore to discuss this landmark decision. [RICK MOORE](#), [JANE BOUEY](#) / Fraser Room

Friday Late Afternoon 3 – 4 pm

Participants choose one workshop

COMMUNITY PLANNING WITH FIRST NATIONS

Local governments and First Nations are forging new relationships, and working together to build strong local communities and protect the surrounding environment. The opportunities for cooperation and collaboration on various land use and environmental issues are huge. This workshop will overview the changing face of land use planning and governance for First Nations in BC, detail possibilities for collaboration around resources, infrastructure and services, speak to best practices in community planning and consultation, and provide plenty of time for questions and discussion.

[KEN COSSEY](#), [JESSIE HEMPHILL](#) / Fraser Room

MOBILIZING COMMUNITY ASSETS

Communities with strong social ties are more resilient and healthier places to live. This workshop features SPARC BC on Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC, which supports 20 community initiatives each year; Healthy Communities BC on Trust Us, an innovative intergenerational pilot project in Saanich; and the Social Planning Council of Victoria on their vibrant Building Resilient Neighborhoods project.

[SARAH AMYOT](#), [STACY BARTER](#), [JUDY BROWNOFF](#), [SCOTT GRAHAM](#) / Canada Room

LESSONS FROM POLITICAL INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

What does a healthy democracy look like, and how can we bring it about? Perceptions of who is on the inside, and who is on the outside, play an influential role in the healthy functioning of our democracy. Samara Canada's research has shown that while the majority of non-voters see themselves as excluded from the political process, those on the inside, in public office, often feel restrained too. This session will focus on what we can learn about strengthening democracy from politically disengaged populations, and from the wisdom of past elected leaders.

[ALISON LOAT](#), [KEN MELAMED](#) / Forum Room

YOUTH AND DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT IN K-12

Democratic participation rates for youth continue to decline. Fewer and fewer youth are voting. How does our education system support youth in their citizenship responsibilities? How COULD it? Vancouver school board has recently put forward a proposal to give youth a vote at their board table and a number of initiatives are underway to re-engage young people.

[LYNDSAY POAPS](#), [ROB WYNEN](#) / Coronet Room

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday Morning 9:30 – 10:45 am

Participants choose one workshop

THE COURAGE TO PRACTICE DEMOCRACY

Anyone elected to public office takes an oath of office. Yet every week there is more media coverage of ethical breaches or warnings by ethics commissioners, at every level of government. There appears to be an uneven understanding of where individual rights or interests must be laid aside to ethically fulfill the role of an elected official in service to the whole community, and it is part of a rising public concern about how our democracy is functioning, and where it is failing. Participants will examine recent conflicts, and the core questions of individual rights and needs of the collective. **BETTY BAXTER** / Forum Room

TAKING COLLECTIVE ACTION

Sometimes a council wants to take forward a policy recommendation to the Province or to the Federal Government. This can happen through council writing a letter, setting up a meeting with key representatives or sending forward a resolution to UBCM or FCM. Taking collective action will explore mechanisms for bringing forward resolutions and exploring areas of common interest. Workshop participants are invited to bring forward policy areas they have been working with their councils to advance: from fracking to child care. **CHARLEY BERESFORD** / Fraser Room

TOOLS FOR FAIR TAXATION

Taxation may well be considered the dirtiest word in the political lexicon, but what if it didn't need to be? Taxes are the way that we collectively pay for the things that matter to our society, and the things that make the most sense to be paying for together. And whether it's the result of downloading, emerging societal challenges or simply the desires of our residents, local governments are delivering a broader set of services than ever before. Yet when it comes to raising revenue, local government still relies heavily on a single tool: property tax. Drawing from existing polling, studies and reports, this session will explore the nature of the revenue challenge at both the municipal and provincial level, and how it might be solved. **SETH KLEIN, TAYLOR BACHRACH** / Canada Room

ZERO WASTE SOLUTIONS

Part individual lifestyle change, part systemic policy change, zero waste is a topic we're all going to need to look at, sooner rather than later. From the design of our communities to the repurposing of discarded materials, it means re-thinking our ways so that we fit within the tangible physical limits of our planet. More and more communities are stepping up to explore and experiment with what zero waste

solutions could work for them. In this workshop you'll hear from municipal zero waste pioneers and consider some provocative policy ideas for zero waste solutions. **GREG MOORE, MARC LEE KEN COSSEY** / Coronet Room

Saturday Afternoon 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

SCHOOL BOARDS AND SUSTAINABILITY

In the face of rapid climate change, BC School Boards are stepping up to the plate. For example, in 2008 the Powell River School District signed a ground breaking Sustainability Charter alongside the City, the Regional District and the Tla'amin First Nation. This regional commitment has underwritten the entire community as it works toward a greener future. In addition to signing on to the Charter, the District has drawn on the people resources in the community to integrate a District Wide culture of sustainability. True 21st Century Learning. **JEANETTE SCOTT, LETA BURCHAILO** / Coronet Room

ENERGIZING YOUR COMMUNITY

The first step in taking charge of energy use in our communities is exploring the options: retrofitting programs, energy efficiency, capturing waste heat, low-carbon energy generation, compact community design, public transit or electric vehicles to name a few. In this workshop, participants will explore and make choices about various actions related to energy as a system in their community, and discuss the impacts these changes could have. Using 3D images and worksheets based on an archetypal residential neighbourhood, the workshop ties land use and energy choices to quality of life issues. **JOSHA MACNAB, ELLEN POND** / Canada Room

WOMEN TRANSFORMING CITIES

What makes a community an empowering place for women and girls? And how can we nurture increased participation of women and girls in the electoral process? We know lots of local leaders are making their regions and their governments more responsive to the priorities of women and girls. From mentoring programs to affirmative action, there are great things already happening. And, given the still low percentage of women in elected office, much more still to do. **JESSIE HEMPHILL, TIFFANY MULLER-MYRDAHL, BEN HENDERSON** / Forum Room

Presenters



MARIANNE ALTO is a Victoria City Councillor, as well as a small businesswoman and a facilitator. After graduating from Dalhousie Law School in 1988, Marianne returned home to Victoria to pursue her career in community advocacy and facilitation. Since 1996, Marianne has been the principal in Azimuth Research and

Consulting, a firm specializing in outcome-based organizational change, facilitation, strategic planning, project management and research. She is currently a Director on the Leadership Council of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.



SARAH AMYOT is Program Manager for the Community Social Planning Council, responsible for the organization's community economic development programs. Sarah has a wealth of experience in leading CED and community development initiatives, and supporting broad-based, multi-sector collaborations. Sarah is an experienced

project manager and social enterprise developer and has worked extensively as a dedicated community advocate with youth, women's and anti-poverty groups. Prior to joining the Council, she worked as the Youth Engagement Coordinator for BC Healthy Communities and as a researcher with the Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships. Sarah holds a MA in Studies and Policy and Practice.



TAYLOR BACHRACH was elected Mayor of Smithers, BC in November 2011. Prior to that, he served one term as a municipal councillor with the Village of Telkwa. Taylor is a founding member of the BC Mayors' Caucus Steering Committee and a director of the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako. He holds a degree in geography and environmental studies

from the University of Victoria. In addition to his local government service, Taylor owns and operates Bachrach Communications, a small communications firm specializing in digital media and graphic design for non-profits and small business. He and his wife Michelle have two daughters, Ella and Madeleine.



STACY BARTER is a sustainability facilitator working in partnership between BC Healthy Communities and Smart Planning for Communities. She helps to build the capacity of communities and organizations become healthier and more sustainable. Stacy has extensive experience leading and facilitating diverse capacity

building initiatives, and specializes in community leadership, multi-sector collaboration, and public engagement. Her recent work focuses on public engagement on climate change, health & sustainability, neighbourhood-based engagement, and community dialogue. Stacy has been involved in sustainable community development for over 15 years, working with a wide range of communities, non-profit, and public sector organizations in Canada and Latin America.



BETTY BAXTER has worked with the educational sector providing training, planning and investigations for the past fifteen years. Betty has been in leadership roles as an Olympic athlete, and international coach and consultant. She has also been the equity officer for a large union, been a candidate for Member of Parliament

and designed and taught civic leadership at a BC University. Betty is an outspoken advocate for equality in all our communities on the issues of gender and sexual orientation. She has written an article on her experience in the Canadian sport system that will be published by Feministhistories.ca in the 2013 book on women and sport. She was elected to the Board of Education for SD No 46 (Sunshine Coast) in 2011 and is passionate about ethical leadership in public life.



JAMIE BIGGAR is the Executive Director of Leadnow, a community-mobilizing organization that brings generations of Canadians together to create a fair, responsible and democratic Canada. Jamie has a background in large-scale online and offline collaboration to develop policy and campaigns. He has co-led online

campaigns, such as *Canadians for a Progressive Coalition* and *It's Time to Listen*, which involved tens of thousands of Canadians from across party lines. He began organizing in the youth climate movement, co-founded *Common Energy* and *goBeyond* to bring university communities across BC together to catalyze regional climate action. Jamie's academic research has focused on the need for institutional and governance innovation to address seemingly intractable social, ecological and economic problems.



SARAH BLYTH is the Chair of the Vancouver Park Board. Through her work advocating for youth, Sarah found herself among other people in Vancouver who were deeply passionate about issues affecting the community. She has been employed as a Youth Outreach Worker with SPEC (Society for Promoting Environmental Conservation), and in Ecuador with the Environmental

Youth Alliance. Currently Sarah works at the Portland Housing Society as a Mental Health Worker. At the Vancouver Park Board Sarah is always looking for creative, new opportunities to expand and diversify recreation. Some examples are Bike Polo, Bike Parks, Repurposing Field Houses into Studios for Artists, Street Soccer, and public art.



JANE BOUEY, a parent who has raised a special needs child, has defended and fought for improved public education since 1993. Jane served two terms on the Vancouver School Board, and was Vice-Chair from 2008-2011. She chaired the Board's Education and Student Services Committee in both of her terms, and also participated in the VSB's Special Education Advisory Committee.

Devoted to ensuring schools are more welcoming, inclusive and accessible for all students, Jane has played a leadership role across Canada in developing LGBTQ education policy. Jane does freelance communication and works on Vancouver Co-op Radio's award winning Media Mornings program.



JUDY BROWNOFF has been a Councillor for the District of Saanich since 1993, and a Director of the Capital Regional District Board since 1996. She is also President and Chair of BC Healthy Communities, a province-wide not-for-profit organization that facilitates the ongoing development of healthy, thriving and resilient communities, and Co-Chair of the Pan-Canadian Age-

Friendly Communities Reference Group. She is a passionate advocate for healthy communities.



LETA BURECHAILO is a rural family physician practicing in Powell River on the upper Sunshine Coast of BC. She brings her medical perspective to her work in child and adolescent health, outdoor health promotion, and community development. She has a passion for taking medicine "upstream" and supporting kids and families with

the foundations of health and well-being. As a parent, Leta is actively involved in Powell River School District's innovative outdoor education and sustainability initiatives and is currently coordinating an elementary schoolyard enhancement project.



KEN COSSEY is a professional community planner with over 25 years experience, who has worked for and with First Nations, municipalities, a Planning Commission and regional districts in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and BC. Ken was also a Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Director for six years, 2005 to 2011. Currently

Ken is the Director of Lands and Real Estate Operations for the Songhees First Nation. He has an in-depth understanding of the First Nations Land Code, and the new Land Use Planning System, and the opportunities for local governments and First Nations to work cooperatively on land use and environmental issues in order to support their mutual interests and shared conservation goals.



SCOTT GRAHAM is the Manager of Research and Consulting, and Assistant Executive Director, of the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC). He has expertise in the design, implementation and evaluation of community-based approaches to improving the well-being of society's most vulnerable

populations. A selection of Scott's recent initiatives include studies of poverty reduction policies and programs in B.C., as well as socio-demographic and economic profiles of specialized populations, including Aboriginal children, lone mothers receiving income assistance, vulnerable seniors, and the hidden homeless. Scott completed his Master's degree in Theory and Policy Studies at the University of Toronto.



JESSIE HEMPHILL grew up in Port Hardy and comes from the 'Nakwaxda'xw & Ligwitlda'xw Nations. After graduating from UVic in 2008 she returned home to work as a community planner. She has presented across the country on topics such as community planning, community engagement, communications, and aboriginal leadership. Jessie was elected to council in 2011, the first local First Nations person to ever have that honour. In her spare time, she likes to make art, sing songs, cook huge family dinners or go camping with her husband and old dog.



BEN HENDERSON was first elected a Councillor for the City of Edmonton in 2007 and is currently in his second term. As a Councillor he has taken the lead on the City's new Winter City Strategy and Poverty Elimination Strategy. He has served on The Mayor's Task Force for the Arts, Chairs the Inter City Forum on Social Policy, represents the City on the Capital Region Waste Minimization Committee and on the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) where he chairs the Socio-Economic Policy Committee. He also represents the FCM on the Canadian Council on the Social Determinants of Health. Prior to being elected he spent most of his career working in theatre as a director, dramaturg and artistic director. He is also trained and has worked as a negotiator and mediator.



SETH KLEIN is the BC Director of the [Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#), a public policy research institute committed to social, economic, and environmental justice. He recently co-authored a research report entitled *Progressive Tax Options for BC: Reform Ideas for Raising New Revenues and Enhancing Fairness*. He is co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, an advisor to the Metro Vancouver Living Wage for Families campaign, and an advisor and instructor for [Next Up](#), a leadership program for young people committed to social and environmental justice. A social activist for over 20 years and a former teacher, Seth is a well-known media commentator and speaker on public policy issues.



MARC LEE researches and writes on a variety of economic and social policy issues for the CCPA's BC and National Offices. In addition to tracking federal and provincial budgets and economic trends, Marc has published on a wide range of topics from poverty and inequality to globalization and international trade to public services and regulation. Marc is the Co-Director of the Climate Justice Project, a five-year research partnership with the University of British Columbia, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, examining the links between climate change policies and social justice. Marc is the past chair of the Progressive Economics Forum, a national network of heterodox economists, and contributes regularly to Relentlessly Progressive Economics, a blog of the PEF ([progressive-economics.ca/relentless](#)).



DALE LITTLEJOHN is the Executive Director for the Community Energy Association (CEA). CEA is a non-profit society formed by energy providers, governments, and institutions to build capacity and accelerate climate action with local governments. Dale assists local governments build capacity and accelerate climate action by delivering education, developing guidance documents, and delivering consulting engagements in the areas of community energy planning, carbon neutral strategies, green economic development, and district energy.



ALISON LOAT is the co-founder and Executive Director of *Samara*, an organization that improves political and civic participation in Canada. Alison is also a fellow and instructor at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto. For her public service work, Alison received the Public Policy Forum's Youth Leaders Award and the Queen's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Medals. She also worked at McKinsey & Company, the Government of Canada and the MaRS Discovery District and was a founder of Canada25. She has degrees from Queen's University and the Harvard Kennedy School and enjoys reading, curling and going places she's never been.



MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO currently serves as a New York City Council Member. She is the first Puerto Rican woman and Latina elected to serve as Council Member for the 8th Council District, and is Chair of the City Council's Parks & Recreation Committee and Co-Chair of the Council's Progressive Caucus. She is also a founding member of Women of El Barrio—an organization that promotes the development of women as leaders in the economic, political and social life of their community. Melissa has worked to advance an agenda focused on issues affecting working class and low-income families, youth, seniors and immigrant communities. In particular, she has been a staunch advocate for the creation and preservation of income-targeted housing.



JOSHA MCNAB is the Director of the Pembina Institute's Sustainable Communities Group. Josha focuses on finding policy solutions to municipal and provincial level climate change issues. Josha provides technical and policy advice to municipalities and First Nations communities in B.C. that are committed to taking action on climate change through emissions reductions, energy planning and policy. She has led projects on emissions inventorying, green buildings policy, renewable energy development and community engagement. Josha is currently leading a project to build capacity in communities to understand and tackle carbon neutrality, carbon pricing and offset purchasing. Josha holds a Master of Resource Management degree from Simon Fraser University.



KEN MELAMED has been active in the mountain resort community of Whistler since 1976. Ken was a founding director and president of the local environment group, municipal councillor, and mayor. He led the community through a period of intense strategic planning and rigorous pursuit to sustainability principles, guided Whistler 2020, the community's long term sustainability vision, for which he was a principle champion. Ken was born in Philadelphia, became a Canadian in 1971, is married and has two sons. He is an avid mountain biker, skier, speaks French and plays guitar.



GREG MOORE was first elected to Council in Port Coquitlam in 2002, and was elected Mayor of Port Coquitlam in 2008. He is the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, and a steering committee member on the BC Mayors' Caucus. During his time in elected office, Greg has been an integral part of moving Port Coquitlam, and Metro Vancouver, towards becoming a Zero Waste region. He has a Bachelors Degree in Urban Planning, and a Masters of Business Administration.



RICK MOORE recently won a 15 year long court battle against the North Vancouver school district on behalf of his severely dyslexic son Jeff. In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the failure of the public school system to provide Jeff with the support he needed to meaningfully access the educational opportunities available to all children in B.C. was discriminatory. Rick Moore argues that the decision provides parents with an opportunity to influence the future of special education services. "Adequate special education is not a dispensable luxury...it is the ramp that provides access to the statutory commitment to education made to all children in B.C."



TIFFANY MULLER MYRDAHL is the Junior Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University. Tiffany completed her PhD in Geography with a certificate in Feminist Studies at the University of Minnesota in 2008. Tiffany's research links urban, social, and feminist geography with a focus on social inclusion and feminist praxis. She employs a community-engaged qualitative research practice to examine the social and spatial processes that shape cities. Prior to the PhD, Tiffany worked in the NGO sector in direct service and management capacities. She completed a Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Minnesota in 2002.



DARRELL MUSSATTO is serving his third term as Mayor of the City of North Vancouver. He was first elected to City Council in 1993 and served four terms as Councillor. His priority issues are sustainability, affordability and homelessness. A paramedic with the B.C. Ambulance Service, Mayor Mussatto also holds a BA and Professional Teaching Certificate, as well as a Health and Fitness Certificate.

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BEN PARFITT is a Resource Policy Analyst with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' BC Office. He joined the CCPA in 2005 after years working as an investigative journalist with numerous magazines, and previous to that as a reporter with The Vancouver Sun. He is author and co-author of two books on forestry issues and currently devotes

much of his policy research to natural resources, with special attention paid to energy, water, and forest resources and climate change. He values the opportunities provided to meet regularly with First Nations, community leaders, environmental advocates and the many people who work in the province's resource industries and who are committed to progressive change.



TOM PEDERSEN directs the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. His previous positions included Dean of Science and Director of the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a fellow of the American Geophysical Union. He is an internationally recognized authority

on ocean chemistry, has published extensively in the field of paleoceanography, and has longstanding interests in climate change issues and the application of government policy to climate-change mitigation and adaptation.



ELLEN POND is a senior technical and policy advisor with the Pembina Institute's Sustainable Communities Group, developing leading edge climate change and sustainable energy solutions in collaboration with municipalities, regional governments and First Nations. In her prior work at UBC's Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning, Ellen

designed and evaluated climate change planning processes with local communities. Ellen volunteers on the board of Community Studio, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting grassroots projects that restore, revive and rejuvenate B.C. neighbourhoods. She is a member of the B.C. Society of Landscape Architects, holds a master's of landscape architecture from UBC, and is a ticketed journeyman carpenter.



JEANETTE SCOTT is serving her fifth term as a trustee on the Powell River Board of Education and is presently Board Chair. Prior to being elected, Jeanette retired after 35 years of teaching. At the provincial level, she recently completed two terms on the BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee and continues to be engaged with First Nations' issues at the local level. In addition to her

interest in sustainability and 21st century learning, Jeanette plays a leadership role in the Powell River Compassionate Action Network.



ARJUN SINGH has great interest in strengthening democracy through meaningful engagement. In his 20s, he served on student council at McGill University, ran public education about the Charlottetown Accord, and worked as an observer for the first democratic election in South Africa. In his 30s, he worked to encourage youth to vote, was first elected to Kamloops City

Council, and helped lead the pro-STV effort in the 2009 BC referendum on electoral reform. Now in his 40s, Arjun has a MA in Professional Communication, serves a Co-Chair of the Canadian Community for Dialogue and Deliberation, and is again a Kamloops city councillor.



ROB WYNEN is a Vancouver School Board Trustee, and a health professional with a commitment to health and recreation as part of an educational foundation. In both his career and volunteer activities, Rob has worked to promote student health. Rob's community work includes founding and leading the West End Residents Association where he worked on advocacy for cycling,

pedestrian safety, park redesign, and developing the first community garden in the downtown core. He served on the boards of Better Environmentally Sound Transportation, the Pedestrian Action Coalition and as chair of the Lord Nelson Parent Advisory Committee. He has also been chair of the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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