



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Growing Local Economies, Strengthening Local Leadership



CENTRE FOR CIVIC GOVERNANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 am – 12:30	Pre-conference sessions: <i>Public Speaking for Local Leaders</i> and <i>Talking About Taxes</i>			
1 pm	WELCOME			
1:30 – 2:45	Parkside	Beach	Barclay	Gilford
	Taking Action	Keeping Public Services Public	Food System Planning	Healthy Food in Our Schools
3:15 – 4:30	Culinary Tourism	Climate Change and Food	Poverty and Access to Food	Rise Up: Catalyzing Communities
5 – 6 pm	PECHA KUCHA STYLE!			
6 pm	COLUMBIA INSTITUTE RECEPTION contributing sponsor: UFCW Local 1518			
7 pm	DINNER & KEYNOTE with Paula Daniels contributing sponsor: Vancity			

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 am	BREAKFAST sponsored by the BCGEU			
9 – 10:15	Parkside	Beach	Barclay	Gilford
	Sanctuary Cities	Children's Nature Deficit	Protecting Growing Spaces	Fossil Fuel Divestment
10:45 – 11:45	EMERGING ISSUES: Healthcare, Canada Post, Education & ESL Funding, Cost Downloading			
11:45 – 1:15	LUNCH & KEYNOTE with Raffi sponsored by the Canadian Labour Congress			
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Indigenous Food Sovereignty	Who's Not Voting?	The Power of Buildings	Weaving Partnerships for Food System Change
2:30 – 3:30 pm	CLOSING PLENARY			

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PRE-CONFERENCE

Friday morning 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR LOCAL LEADERS

This pre-conference training will equip local leaders to deliver a short, persuasive speech about an issue they are advocating, to make connections and build support. Led by NOW Communications. / Barclay and Gilford

TALKING ABOUT TAXES

Informed by CCPA's deep polling and intensive research, this pre-conference workshop offers a great opportunity to step up your knowledge base and ability to communicate about economics, inequality and taxation. Led by Seth Klein from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' BC Office. / Parkside



SETH KLEIN is the BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a public policy research institute committed to social and economic justice. A former teacher, Seth is co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Co-

alition, a board member of the Canada Without Poverty Advocacy Network, and an advisor and instructor for Next Up, a leadership program for young people committed to social and environmental justice. He is a frequent media commentator and public speaker on public policy issues.

WELCOME

Friday afternoon 1 pm / Ballroom



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FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Friday early afternoon 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Participants choose one workshop

TAKING ACTION

As global discussions work toward a replacement for the Kyoto Accord – the replacement is slated to be signed off in Paris in 2015 – new reports underline the need to change course on a daily basis. While federal government scientists are being laid off and federal labs closed, local governments in BC continue to show strong levels of ambition. This workshop showcases the difference BC municipal leaders are making and explores next steps for climate action. **TAYLOR BACHARACH, JUDITH CULLINGTON, DANIEL ROGERS** / Parkside Room

KEEPING PUBLIC SERVICES PUBLIC

This workshop looks at two decision making turning points that support public provision of public services. In Port Moody, city management, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and council built the case for better public services through bringing garbage collection back *in house*. Earlier this spring, Metro Vancouver decided the North Shore's new wastewater treatment plant should not be a public-private partnership (P3) project. This workshop examines these decisions and the likely impact on future infrastructure funding in the context of the Build Canada Fund public-private partnership provisions. **DERRICK CORRIGAN, GAËTAN ROYER** / Beach Room

FOOD SYSTEM PLANNING

Just as any garden requires tending, a strong and integrated food system requires careful community input and knowledgeable planning. Fortunately in BC we have an abundance of examples and expertise to learn from in bringing a food systems lens to planning everywhere. **KENT MULLINIX, HERB BARBOLET, WENDY MENDES** / Barclay Room

HEALTHY FOOD IN OUR SCHOOLS

Healthy habits start young. And healthy eating has a significant impact on the brain's ability to focus, function and develop. That's why there is a push to improve the quality of fresh and nutritious food in our schools – and why programs such as *Spuds in Tubs* and *Take a Bite BC* from Agriculture in the Classroom are meeting with such success. The push has also extended beyond the school walls, as reflected in a case study of community food engagement on Galiano Island. **LINDSAY BABINEAU, JANE WOLVERTON, ALISON COLWELL** / Gilford Room

S. STRENGTHENING LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Friday late afternoon 3:15 – 4:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD

A sustainable food system is the foundation of a sustainable society. What implications does climate change present for our food system? 21st century agriculture will operate in economic, social, environmental and resource constraints that are very different from the 20th century. What factors and forces have shaped our industrial food system and what will shape our food future? How can we advance a 21st century vision for the sustainable food system which is so integral to our future and what role can local governments play? **KENT MULLINIX** / Beach Room

POVERTY AND ACCESS TO FOOD

Poverty and food insecurity are major factors in healthy child and community development, and key intersections that comprehensive social policy seeks to address. The challenge is to look beyond food banks and other emergency services, to build social structures that nurture long term health, provide dignity, and allow people to thrive. This is a key lesson for Seth Klein when he participated in the *Raise the Rates* coalition's welfare food challenge, it's an important part of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition's work, and is a key part of Lynn McIntyre's research on income-related household food insecurity and food policy in Canada. **SETH KLEIN, LYNN MCINTYRE, TRISH GARNER** / Barclay Room

RISE UP: CATALYZING COMMUNITIES

Sometimes a community rises to challenge its leadership. Sometimes leadership helps communities to find their voice. This workshop features two case studies. In one instance a group of residents came together to question a large development and then successfully challenge a massive, unplanned boundary expansion. In the second case study, an individual councillor created space and place for dialogue with council members, brought staff on board, established a formal task force to build public capacity and together with the now catalyzed community is moving forward on an innovative housing solution. What lessons on engagement can be taken from these inspiring stories? **SHARON CROSS, BOB WHETHAM, RONNA-RAE LEONARD** / Gilford Room

CULINARY TOURISM

Innovative community leadership is happening all over BC, and when we put out a request for workshop proposals, we were delighted to hear from students in Invermere about their culinary tourism project. Tourism has become a key economic driver in much of BC, and in regions with strong agriculture and education programs, culinary tourism could provide new opportunities for economic development and strengthening of the local food system. In addition to exploring levers for expanding culinary tourism, this workshop provides an opportunity for trustees and other elected leaders to discuss the influence the education system can have on engaging youth in finding solutions to community issues. **SARAH ZEHNDER, EMILY ZEHNDER, AND LEIGH THOMPSON** / Parkside Room



LEIGH THOMPSON, SARAH ZEHNDER and **EMILY ZEHNDER** are Grade 12 students in their final semester at David Thompson Secondary School in Invermere. During the past year and a half, they have worked on a research project investigating the state of culinary tourism in the Upper Columbia Valley. They have presented this information to their local government and hope to implement some of their ideas in their community this summer by creating a series of taste trails for locals and tourists to enjoy. When they are not locked up in classrooms they can be found in the dance studio busting a move or in the kitchen looking for the perfect snack.

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PECHA KUCHA STYLE! Friday 5 – 6 pm

20 slides in 20 seconds with **MARIANNE ALTO** on city hall and the health authority / **ERICA CRAWFORD** on BC healthy communities / **BILL GOODACRE** on farmers markets / **CLAUDIA LI** on intercultural food engagement / **HILARY HENEGAR** on sharing economies/ **DOUG HILLIAN** on food action in the Comox Valley / **ANDREW MOSTAD** on Lantzville's agricultural bylaw / and **TIFFANY MULLER MYRDAHL** on women transforming cities



MARIANNE ALTO, first elected in a by-election in 2010, is a small business woman, facilitator, and a long-time host-parent for international students at Lester Pearson College. She has been a

director of the Leadership Council of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, the Oaklands Community Association, Sundance Elementary PAC, Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, Victoria Conservatory of Music, Everywomans Books, and hosted news and music programming on CFUV Community Radio. Marianne values effective public involvement and uses her experience as a facilitator to include citizens in the decisions that affect our neighbourhoods and quality of life in Victoria. *Pecha Kucha on city hall and the health authority*



ERICA CRAWFORD works with BC Healthy Communities Society as the Program Manager for the PlanH program. As a community planner and facilitator, she works closely with local gov-

ernments, community organizations, government agencies and other stakeholder groups to enhance collective capacity for decision-making in complex contexts. Erica has played a key role in several leading edge initiatives, including as lead planner and facilitator for the first regional agriculture adaptation strategies in BC. She has extensive practical experience as well as a theoretical background in group process and systems dynamics to support learning, development and change. *Pecha Kucha on BC healthy communities*



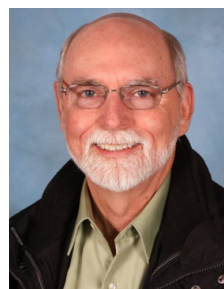
BILL GOODACRE had served four three-year terms as a councillor on the Smithers Town Council, and a five year term as MLA for Bulkley Valley–Stikine (where he was involved in passing of the historic Nisgaa Treaty), with his political activity focused on poverty, aboriginal rights and the environment. Bill has also served on the board of the Dze L' Kant Friendship Centre for over 12 years, and is serving on the board

of the Smithers Community Services Association. A lifetime resident of northwest BC, Bill has been a strong advocate for sustainable rural living through preserving our natural ecosystems and supporting First Nations in the quest for a just and fair reconciliation of land title issues. *Pecha Kucha on farmers markets*



HILARY HENEGAR is Marketing Director for Modo, the first English-speaking carshare co-op in the world, and co-chair of Share Vancouver, a new initiative to build and sustain the collaborative economy at home and abroad. She has served as storyteller, digital strategist and community engagement specialist for projects and organizations rooted in the collaborative economy, from carsharing to crowdfunding. Hilary was

named one of Vancouver's top social media innovators by BC Business. She holds a BFA from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied film production. Find her online at hilaryhenegar.com, on Twitter at @MyLoverArlo and on LinkedIn. *Pecha Kucha on sharing economies*



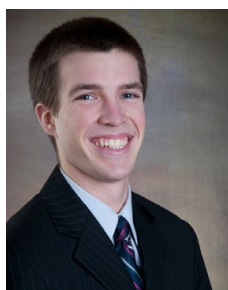
DOUG HILLIAN is a twice-elected Courtenay City Councillor with a background in community justice who also works as regional Director of Practice with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Engaged in community activism throughout his life, Doug represents the City on the Social Planning Society, Environmental Council and Community Justice Centre where he also volunteers as a facilitator. Doug plays

soccer, hikes and sings jazz. He will present on the LUSH Valley Food Action Society and City engagement on an issue with broad support across partisan lines. *Pecha Kucha on food action in the Comox Valley*



CLAUDIA LI is Co-Founder of the Hua Foundation: an organization dedicated to bringing together the worlds of cultural heritage and social change with an environmental lens. She started her work four years ago with Shark Truth on the controversial topic of shark finning and has stopped 80,000 bowls of shark fin. Most importantly, her work opened

up an important dialogue on the intersection between culture and environmentalism. Claudia holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University. *Pecha Kucha on intercultural food engagement*



ANDREW MOSTAD was elected as a Councillor for the District of Lantzville in 2011, and as a Director-at-Large for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in 2013. He is also a co-founder of the Friends of Urban Agriculture in Lantzville, and a student of business and geography at BCIT and VIU. An avid gardener, Andrew

has worked tirelessly to promote the growing of food on Vancouver Island. *Pecha Kucha on Lantzville's agricultural bylaw*



TIFFANY MULLER MYRDAHL is geographer who works on equity in cities. She is the Ruth Wynn Woodward Junior Chair at Simon Fraser University, where she teaches feminist urban studies in the Department of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies. She completed graduate work at the University of Minnesota [M. Public Policy, 2002; PhD,

Geography & Feminist Studies, 2008]. She sits on the boards of Women Transforming Cities and Women in Cities International/ Femmes et Villes. *Pecha Kucha on women transforming cities*

DINNER AND KEYNOTE with PAULA DANIELS

Friday 7 pm contributing sponsor: Vancity



PAULA DANIELS was Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Senior Advisor on Food Policy and Special Projects in Water. She is the founder and full-time Chair of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, a policy based collective impact initiative of food system leaders.

An attorney, she has been actively engaged in California environmental policy issues for over 20 years, when she first became involved with Heal the Bay. She has served on a number of boards of environmental and Asian American non-profit organizations and bar associations, and is the recipient of a number of recognitions and awards.

Paula was named by the LA Weekly as one of the top ten people making Los Angeles a better place, in their People 2012 issue.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday morning 9 – 10:15 am

Participants choose one workshop

SANCTUARY CITIES

An estimated 500,000 undocumented migrants face significant barriers accessing education, healthcare, food aid and other essential services in Canada. In addition to undocumented migrants, many temporary foreign workers face multiple barriers to services. Across Canada, the “Sanctuary Cities” campaign is making services more accessible to those without citizenship. In February 2013, Toronto became the first Canadian Sanctuary City, with council passing an ‘Access without Fear’ motion by a vote of 37–2. Hamilton passed a similar motion in February 2014. 36 cities in the US have officially designated themselves Sanctuary Cities. **DARLA TOMELDAN, ALEJANDRA LÓPEZ BRAVO, BYRON CRUZ** / Parkside Room

FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

More and more local governments are facing questions about the impacts of climate change, and the risk of having money invested in fossil fuel companies. It’s around these concerns that the fossil fuel divestment movement has grown, initiated by Bill McKibben and the global organization 350.org. In Canada this movement has been led by campus-based student groups, and their message is spreading to faith groups, labour unions, schools, and is reaching municipalities too. **ANDREA REIMER, MARC LEE, MIKE SORON** / Beach Room

PROTECTING GROWING SPACES

As industry and development encroaches upon land across BC, much is being lost. Ongoing threats and losses to the Agricultural Land Reserve are a tangible example, and represent vital farmland worth protecting. Additionally, due to urban sprawl and development, natural and wild spaces are being diminished at a rate faster than we’re able to reclaim and restore them – natural and wild spaces that are an essential part of healthy ecosystems and imaginative lives. **HAROLD STEVES, SYLVIA BISHOP, LENORE NEWMAN** / Barclay Room

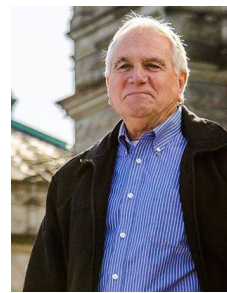
CHILDREN’S NATURE DEFICIT

Human beings, and especially children, are spending more time in front of a screen and less time outdoors. It’s a trend many people think needs to change. In this workshop you’ll hear an overview of the growing movement to address children’s nature deficit, our changing demographics, and the inside story of how going green revitalized a Sunshine Coast school and a neighbourhood. **SILAS WHITE, SALLY THICKE, GILLIAN PETRINI** / Gilford Room

EMERGING ISSUES PANEL

Saturday 10:45 – 11:45 am

JIM ABRAMS on BC Ferries services / **PATTI BACCHUS** on the shock doctrine in public education / **JUDY BROWNOFF** on Canada Post / **ROB DUFFY** on downloading / **GEORGE DAVISON** on ESL funding cuts / and **RICK TURNER** on the Healthcare Accord



JIM ABRAMS has been an activist all of his life. He moved to Canada in 1969 in protest of the Vietnam war and became a citizen in 1977. He served as a lighthouse keeper for 25 years and successfully fought all four attempts by the federal government to de-staff those stations nation-wide. He has been continuously elected in local government since 1988 and served on the Union of BC Municipalities executive for 10 years, including as president. Jim is totally immersed in the fight to put BC Ferries back into the Highways system as it is our Marine Highway. *Emerging issues: BC Ferries Services*



PATTI BACCHUS was elected to the Vancouver School Board in 2008. As Board chair, Patti is recognized province wide as a strong and articulate advocate for Vancouver’s public schools. Named as one of BC’s Top 100 Influential Women by the Vancouver Sun, Patti listens to parents, students and communities and has worked to successfully minimize the impact of provincial funding shortfalls on classrooms and secured additional provincial funding for Vancouver schools. Patti has worked alongside her colleagues and community members to develop plans for Vancouver’s first Aboriginal-focused school of choice and an Early Mandarin Bilingual program. Born and raised in Vancouver and a graduate of the University of Victoria and Langara College, Patti is married to Lee Bacchus and has a grown stepdaughter and two school-aged children. *Emerging issues: The shock doctrine in public education*



JUDY BROWNOFF was first elected in 1993 and is a veteran Councillor of Saanich Municipal Council. She is also a long-standing Director of the Capital Regional District Board and has been CRD Board Chair. Judy is well known for encouraging community engagement through all her work, and is currently President and Chair of BC Healthy Communities. She has focused on sustainability in all parts of community development, for all

ages, and believes that creating a community and region for all is to meet the needs today without compromising the environment, and future needs of generations to come. *Emerging Issues: Canada Post*

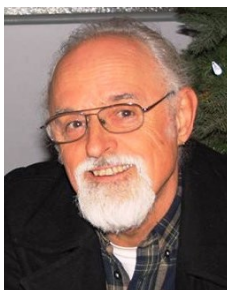


ROBERT DUFFY holds a Masters in Communications from Simon Fraser University. Active with NGOs and social movements in Canada and the United Kingdom, Robert's CV includes research positions in the BC legislature and at the national office of the Canadian Federation of Students. Prior to joining the Columbia Institute, he did legislative and communications work in the Canadian Parliament. *Emerging issues: Downloading*



GEORGE DAVISON is Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators, representing over 10,000 faculty and staff in colleges, universities and institutes in BC. He is also President of the National Union of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, representing over 20,000 faculty in 26 universities. George is the former President of the Faculty Association of the College of New Caledonia in Prince George,

where he taught Canadian History for 22 years. He is a member of the BC Federation of Labour's Executive Council and a Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress. *Emerging issues: ESL funding*



RICK TURNER co-chairs the BC Health Coalition, committed to a good, strong public health care system. He has been very active, particularly in Kamloops, in raising awareness of the need to renew and improve the Canada Health Accord. As a spokesperson for the BCHC, he is also raising support for defending our public health care system in the Cambie Street private clinics case, which will be heard in the BC Supreme Court later

this year. Rick and his partner Patty live in Kamloops where he also chairs the Kamloops Health Coalition. *Emerging issues: Healthcare Accord*

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE with RAFFI

Saturday 11:45 – 1:15 pm

Sponsored by the Canadian Labour Congress



RAFFI is a renowned singer and a pioneer in quality recordings for kids, as well as a music producer, author, entrepreneur, and ecology advocate. He is the recipient of numerous honours, including the order of Canada.

In 2010, Raffi founded the Centre for Child Honouring, a global movement that views honouring children as the best way to create sustainable, peacemaking culture.

In 2013, Raffi wrote *Lightweb Darkweb: Three Reasons To Reform Social Media Before It Re-Forms Us*. This book focuses on safety, intelligence and sustainability, and highlights children's developmental needs as a key missing consideration in the digital revolution.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday afternoon 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

INDIGENOUS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

For thousands of years, Indigenous communities have been sustained on this land through interdependent relationships with the land, air, water, soil, plants and animals. Indigenous food sovereignty provides a restorative framework for health and community development and reconciling past social and environmental injustices in an approach that people of all cultures can relate to. Through research, action, and a reconnection to tradition, Indigenous communities are attempting to move in that direction again. And there are myriad ways that local governments can support them. **DAWN MORRISON** / Parkside Room

WHO'S NOT VOTING?

Despite being the level of politics closest to people's lives, municipal elections frequently suffer from discouragingly low voter turnout. What do we know about the lives and motivations of non-voters? And how as local leaders can we better encourage their participation, at the voting booth and beyond? **NORMAN GLUDOVATZ, ANASTASIA GAISENOK, KATIE REIDEL** / Beach Room

THE POWER OF BUILDINGS

"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us," said Winston Churchill. Which is true for our environment too. This workshop will examine how municipalities can use buildings to reduce environmental impact, offer insightful observations about equipment installation and construction practice, and hear a report from The Green Building Leaders Project at Pembina. What scope do municipalities have? Are we getting what we pay for? What regulatory changes would make a difference for energy efficiency? **ELLEN POND, JESSICA WOOLLIAMS, LEE LOFTUS** / Barclay Room

WEAVING PARTNERSHIPS FOR FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE

This workshop will explore how collaboration across public agencies has helped to advance numerous school food system initiatives, including school gardens, school farms, food preparation activities in the classroom, Farm to School programs, and school food policy. We will combine presentations with activities and discussion to discover how schools and communities across BC can continue partner in working toward healthier, more just and sustainable school food systems. **KEVIN MILLSIP, BRENT MANSFIELD, SARAH CARTEN** / Gilford Room

Workshop presenters



LINDSAY BABINEAU is Executive Director of the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation – a registered non-profit working to bring BC's agriculture to our students. Located in Abbotsford, Lindsay and her staff are responsible for the successful delivery of such programs as the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, Take a Bite of BC, and Spuds in Tubs. Lindsay also oversees the creation of the many teachers and student resources offered by the Foundation. *Healthy Food In Our Schools*



TAYLOR BACHARACH was elected Mayor of Smithers in November 2011 and has been a strong advocate for public transportation and sustainable resource development in northern BC. Prior to his election as Mayor, he served three years as a municipal councillor in the Village of Telkwa. Taylor and his partner Michelle have two young daughters, Ella and Maddie. *Taking Action*



HERB BARBOLET is an Associate with both the Centre for Sustainable Community Development and the Dialogue Centre at Simon Fraser University and a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He founded and was Executive Director of FarmFolk, CityFolk, was an organic farmer, and was on CBC Almanac Food Panel for 13 years. Herb helped create the Vancouver Food Policy Council and was a member for seven years. *Food System Planning*



SYLVIA BISHOP is a Delta Councillor first elected in 2011. Since 1981, she has worked together with others in her community to save a large piece of farmland from numerous development proposals. In 2011, she was recognized by the Conservation Voters of BC for her hard work. A life-long resident of Delta, she has seen farmland disappear to housing developments and expropriated for industrial purposes. Sylvia is a retired school teacher, wrote several learning resources and authored a local newspaper column. She is the proud mother of two grown children. *Protecting Growing Spaces*

S. STRENGTHENING LOCAL LEADERSHIP



SARAH CARTEN is a Registered Dietitian with 12 years experience working in Public Health in several communities in BC. Her recent work has focused on improving the health of school-aged children and on connecting students with meaningful experiences to learn an appreciation for good food. She has

also worked on improving access to food skill building programs for all ages. She currently sits on the Board of the BC Food Systems Network. *Weaving Partnerships for Food System Change*



ALISON COLWELL is the senior co-ordinator for the Galiano Community Food Program, regularly teaching cooking and preserving classes, leading the “Meals for Seniors” program, and organizing many of the popular community events. She often teaches in the school in projects led by the

Food Program: this year was the fourth annual bread workshop, with each student in the school making their own bread. Before working for the Food Program, Alison was the owner of the Blackberry Patch Kitchen, a popular island bakery, and is the author of four cookbooks. *Healthy Food in Our Schools*



DEREK CORRIGAN was first elected to Burnaby City Council in 1987, serving as a Councillor for 15 years until his election as Mayor in 2002. Mayor Corrigan has a law degree from UBC. Over his lengthy political career, Mayor Derek Corrigan has served on many key committees at the local, regional

and national levels. He also served as the Chair of BC Transit from 1994-97 assuming responsibility for all transit systems in BC. Mayor Corrigan currently sits on the Mayor’s Council on Regional Transportation. *Keeping Public Services Public*



SHARON CROSS is a City Councillor in Cranbrook. She is the founding President of Citizens for a Livable Cranbrook Society, created to engage and inform residents around a large proposed boundary expansion. This grassroots group helped defeat the expansion and referendum, which

became the impetus for change on the municipal council two elections ago, and resulted in the election of Sharon and two other members this term. *Rise Up: Catalyzing Communities*



BYRON CRUZ is a health care worker with the Street Nurse Program, a homeopath, and a member of Sanctuary Health and Sanctuary City Movement in BC. As a member of the Latin American immigrant communities, he has witnessed the systemic and individual barriers migrants face when working and living in Canada. He has facilitated a community

organization process to increase community response to health and food insecurity in Vancouver’s downtown eastside. *Sanctuary Cities*



JUDITH CULLINGTON is a Councillor with the City of Colwood, and council lead for the city’s Solar Colwood program. She is also the proud owner of a solar hot water system, smart home system, and an electric vehicle that ‘runs on sunshine’. *Taking Action*



ANASTASIA GAISENOK is a project coordinator with the Justice Education Society of BC, and has worked on resources and programs for immigrants, Aboriginal communities, youth, and others on governance, law, active citizenship, violence and gender equality. She is currently working on the Young Women Civic Leaders project, which promotes full participation of young

women at all levels of civic, political and community life. *Who’s Not Voting?*



TRISH GARNER is the Community Organizer of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition and co-author of *A Poverty Reduction Plan for BC*. A long-time social justice advocate, Trish has worked at the CCPA-BC and with Raise the Rates, an anti-poverty group based in the Downtown Eastside. In 2008, she co-founded the Poverty Olympics, a community festival

that highlighted the disparity between public spending on the Olympics and people living in poverty. *Poverty and Access to Food*



NORMAN GLUDOVATZ is a Public Engagement Specialist who brings people and ideas together – online and on the ground. Norman has worked in communications for over 22 years and has extensive experience in public engagement: focus groups, community consultation and facilitation. He has an acute understanding of cultures, and a clear grasp of their nuances—

the languages people speak and the cultural-specific solutions that bridge between those cultures. Norman has a Masters degree in Professional Communications from Royal Roads University. *Who’s Not Voting?*

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MARC LEE is a Senior Economist with the BC office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and one of Canada's leading progressive commentators on economic and social policy issues. He is Co-Director of the Climate Justice Project, focused on developing fair and effective approaches to climate action by integrating principles of

social justice. Over his career, Marc has published on a wide range of topics from poverty and inequality to globalization and international trade to public services and regulation. *Fossil Fuel Divestment*



RONNA-RAE LEONARD is a longtime community activist, starting with neighbourhood associations and community centres in Vancouver, and now in the Comox Valley. She has worked for stewardship groups as a researcher, public educator, and project manager. She was elected as a Courtenay councillor in 2005. Finishing her third term

of office, Ronna-Rae has focused on improving environmental standards and participatory practices and taking on social justice matters. She helped create and has chaired both the Comox Valley Cycling and Housing Task Forces, as well as chaired the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board. *Rise Up: Catalyzing Communities*



LEE LOFTUS is Business Manager for the BC Insulators Union Local 118 and Administrator for the BC Insulation Industry Apprenticeship Board. He started his construction experience in Northern BC in 1976 in industrial, shipbuilding, commercial and institutional construction, and has significant knowledge and experience with building codes, fire

codes and procurement practices as they relate to mechanical insulation. He has launched campaigns to revitalize the mechanical insulation industry focused on the benefits of mechanical insulation, energy conservation and green house gas reduction. *The Power of Buildings*



ALEJANDRA LÓPEZ BRAVO is passionate about facilitating safe spaces for inclusive dialogue using art and storytelling as an emancipating way for communicating and healing. Her involvement with immigrant and refugee communities is connected to her personal journey of migration and redefining identity, and her commitment

to address sexism, racism and poverty. She is part of the "Fresh Voices From Long Journeys Youth Advisory Team" and a member of Sanctuary Health, raising awareness about the impacts of health cuts on refugee communities, and holding community meetings on Vancouver becoming a Sanctuary City. *Sanctuary Cities*



BRENT MANSFIELD has broad interests and experience in food systems policy, planning and education. He works part-time as Community Liaison and Food Policy Research Lead for the Think&EatGreen@School Project, a UBC-based project working with the Vancouver School Board and numerous other partners to support the

development of more healthy and sustainable school food systems. He is currently completing his Masters in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems. Brent is Co-Chair of the BC Food Systems Network, and previously served as Co-Chair of the Vancouver Food Policy Council for four years from 2010–2013. *Weaving Partnerships for Food System Change*



LYNN MCINTYRE is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. She holds a medical degree and master's degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from the University of Toronto and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in Public Health and Preventive

Medicine. Dr. McIntyre's research uses quantitative and qualitative means to advance policy to reduce food insecurity in Canada. Most recently, she and her colleagues are examining how food insecurity is constructed as a policy problem in Canada. *Poverty and Access to Food*



WENDY MENDES is an urban food systems planner for the City of Vancouver, an adjunct professor at the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of BC, and a research associate at Ryerson University's Centre for Studies in Food Security in Toronto. She is an urban aficionado who researches and teaches about local govern-

ance, policymaking, sustainability and participatory decision-making, with a specialization in urban food security. *Food System Planning*



KEVIN MILLSIP is the Sustainability Coordinator with the Vancouver School Board where he focuses on food systems, transportation and waste related projects. He also runs a national leadership program called Next Up, which operates in four provinces. Kevin co-founded Check Your Head, has been a VSB Trustee and currently serves on the

boards of the Columbia Institute Centre for Civic Governance, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, the Small Change Fund and Theatre for Living. *Weaving Partnerships for Food System Change*

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DAWN MORRISON's Secwepemc heritage, along with her technical and practical background in horticulture, ethnobotany, and Indigenous community development, has led to her lifetime passion of health and healing in the context of Indigenous food sovereignty and eco-cultural restoration. Dawn works as a Research Associate with the Kwantlen University Southwest BC Bioregional Food Systems Design and Planning Project, and is founder and Chair for the BC Food Systems Network Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty. *Indigenous Food Sovereignty*



KENT MULLINIX is Director of the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at Kwantlen University, and is engaged in research and development to advance sustainable agriculture and food systems. He has lived and worked on farms, owned and operated an orchard with his family in eastern Washington, and oversaw the establishment and management of a 45 acre organic teaching and research orchard. He is current leading the development of a bio-regional food system plan for south-west BC. *Food System Planning / Climate Change and Food*



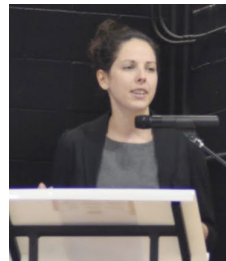
LENORE NEWMAN holds the Canada Research Chair in Food Security and Environment at the University of the Fraser Valley, where she is an associate professor of geography. She researches regional cuisine, agricultural land use, and urban food systems. Her love affair with food began on her family's fishing boats, and she is a strong advocate for fresh, local food. Lenore sits on the board of the Vancouver Farmers' Market association and is the director of ARC, the Agriurban Research Centre at the University of the Fraser Valley. *Protecting Growing Spaces*



GILLIAN PETRINI is a strong believer in the power of education and the inspiring effects of being in nature, which is what led her to pursue a career in education with a focus on environmental education. She has taught locally and abroad, and worked for numerous summers as an environmental educator aboard sailboats in the Gulf Islands, Haida Gwaii and the Great Bear Rainforest. Gillian is Alliance Manager of the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada. *Children's Nature Deficit*



ELLEN POND is the director of Pembina's Buildings and Urban Solutions program. Her expertise includes community energy planning, spatial planning, visual communications, and public process facilitation. She has designed climate change planning tools and processes for community climate change adaptation and mitigation, and developed citizen engagement strategies for energy and land use planning. *The Power of Buildings*



KATIE REIDEL is the Program Manager of CIVIX, a national non-partisan charity that provides experiential learning opportunities to help young Canadians practice their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Katie participated in the very first Student Vote while in high school. Since its inception, the Student Vote Program has coordinated 21 parallel elections and reached more than 10,000 teachers and 3 million students across Canada. *Who's Not Voting?*



ANDREA REIMER was elected to Vancouver City Council in 2008, has served as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment, and lead the Mayor's Greenest City initiative. Andrea was Executive Director of the Wilderness Committee, a Vancouver School Board Trustee, and served on community boards and agencies, including CCEC Credit Union, the Vancouver Foundation and the Canadian Women Voters Congress. *Fossil Fuel Divestment*



DAN ROGERS served 15 years on Prince George City Council, and three years as Mayor. He is past president of the North Central Local Government Association, a past Director with the UBCM, Chair of the Community Energy Association of BC, and was a founding member of the BC Mayors Climate Change Leadership Council. Through his consulting company, Dan provides marketing and communications services to small business, non-profits and local governments. *Taking Action*



GAËTAN ROYER's love of everything urban brought him to hundreds of cities in 30 countries. An architect and urban planner, he served as Base Engineer at Canada's largest Air Base, was City Manager in Port Moody, and served as Metro Vancouver's Chief Planner. Through his book, *Time for Cities*, he is a passionate advocate for a better deal for cities. Gaëtan is President of CityState.ca Consulting Services. *Keeping Public Services Public*

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MIKE SORON is the Executive Director of Sustainable SFU, a not-for-profit working to make SFU campuses more sustainable. Mike's Masters in Urban Studies from SFU focused on Vancouver's Greenest City Action Plan and the urban politics of sustainable development. Mike helped initiate

the fossil fuel divestment campaign at SFU and trained dozens of people across BC as divestment organizers. *Fossil Fuel Divestment*



BOB WHETHAM is a Cranbrook City Councillor. Now retired, he had a 30 year career as a land use planner working with public and private sector organizations in BC and Alberta. The prospect of becoming involved in local politics was not even a remote consideration until the city initiated a massive, unplanned boundary expansion without public consultation. The

opportunity to share the story of public engagement that led to the defeat of this initiative is his reason for being here today. *Rise Up: Catalyzing Communities*



HAROLD STEVES has served on Richmond City Council continuously since 1977, served as an MLA, and is a founder of the Agricultural Land Reserve. A former Richmond teacher, Harold operates the family farm in Steveston with his wife Kathy. Descended from a pioneer Richmond

farming family, he is active in community life in the Steveston area, and particularly interested in the preservation of farmland, heritage preservation, and environmental issues. *Protecting Growing Spaces*



SILAS WHITE is serving his ninth year as a school trustee on the Sunshine Coast, including six as board chair. Recently he co-founded VOICE on the Coast to advocate for the attraction, retention and engagement of young people and families on the Sunshine Coast. Other boards and committees he's served on include an Advisory Planning Committee for the Sunshine

Coast Regional District, the Association of Canadian Publishers and the BC Public Schools Employers Association. *Children's Nature Deficit*



SALLY THICKE has been a BC educator for 30 years, of which the last 20 she has been both a teacher and Principal in the Sunshine Coast School District No. 46. Sally is the Principal of Davis Bay Elementary School, home to the Davis Bay Nature Primary Program, an experiential environmental education

program that takes children, Kindergarten through Grade 3, into nature to learn and grow for much of each day, no matter the weather. Sally is a keen outdoors person, and an advocate for children and youth at risk. *Children's Nature Deficit*



JANE WOLVERTON worked for many years as the Community Services Manager for Burnaby, within the Ministry of Children and Families. After retiring, she joined Galiano's community organization, The Galiano Club (founded in 1924). In 2008, it founded the Community Food Program to address food insecurity on Galiano. A large part of the program has involved the

Galiano Community School, School Garden and Community Greenhouse. Jane also works as a consultant to the Squamish First Nation Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services. *Healthy Food in Our Schools*

DARLA TOMELDAN is originally from the Philippines, and immigrated to Canada in 1994. She has been involved in anti-oppression and anti-violence work for more than 20 years. She is a Legal Advocate at West Coast Domestic Workers' Association and assists temporary foreign workers. She is also a certified Immigration Consultant, a member of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council and actively involved in several grassroots organizations. *Sanctuary Cities*



JESSICA WOOLLIAMS has been working to mainstream sustainable communities through policy, education, programs and training for over a decade. A founding director of Light House Sustainable Building Centre in Vancouver, in 2005 and 2006 Jessica helped launch the only such centre in Canada that provides green building resources to the public as well

as industry. She has served as BC Director for the Cascadia Green Building Council and taught at Harvard, UBC, SFU, and BCIT. *The Power of Buildings*



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