



FRIDAY, MARCH 20				
9 am – 12 pm	Pre-conference sessions: <i>Happy City Workshop</i> and <i>Talking About Taxes</i>			
1 pm	WELCOME			
1:30 – 2:45 pm	PUBLIC FINANCE: <i>Who's Picking Up the Tab?</i> with Ontario Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk			
3:15 – 4:30 pm	COMOX	BARCLAY	GILFORD	BEACH
	Planning: Community's DNA	Childcare	Power of Buildings	Making it Work at Your School Board Table
5 – 6 pm	PECHA KUCHA STYLE!			
6 pm	COLUMBIA INSTITUTE RECEPTION			
7 pm	DINNER & KEYNOTE: <i>Solutions for One Planet Living</i> with William Rees and Jennie Moore Contributing sponsor: UFCW Local 1518			

SATURDAY, MARCH 21				
from 7:30 am	BREAKFAST Sponsor: Vancity			
8 am	CLIMATE JUSTICE: with Seth Klein			
9 – 10:15 am	COMOX	BARCLAY	GILFORD	BEACH
	Grassroots Community Building	Closing the Wealth Gap	Public Education & Social Justice	Energy Revolution
10:45 – 11:45 am	EMERGING ISSUES			
11:45 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH Sponsor: BCGEU			
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Environmental Rights & Blue Dot Movement	Climate Action 2.0	Finger on the Pulse: Education in BC	Peer Power
2:30 – 3:30 pm	CLOSING PLENARY			

HIGH GROUND: TOOLS FOR INSPIRED LEADERS

PRE-CONFERENCE

Friday morning 9 am – 12 pm

HAPPY CITY / Comox Room

How can you bring happiness into the design and policies of your own city? In this fun, fast-paced workshop, we introduce a new framework for incorporating well-being principles into urban design and systems planning. This interactive workshop will examine case studies from cities in transition.

CHARLES MONTGOMERY with **CHRISTINE MCLAREN**

TALKING ABOUT TAXES / Barclay and Gilford Rooms

This pre-conference workshop provides context and research on a topic that is every politician's bailiwick, from School Trustee to Prime Minister. First offered last year, the workshop offers a great opportunity to step up your knowledge base and ability to communicate about economics, inequality and taxation. **SETH KLEIN**

PLENARY

Friday early afternoon 1:30 – 2:45 pm

PUBLIC FINANCE: WHO'S PICKING UP THE TAB?

The plenary looks at trends in public finance in Canada and their implications for sustainable communities. Community leaders are struggling to meet expectations and rise to the challenge of sustainability with constrained resources. The plenary will examine downloading from senior orders of government to municipalities and school boards, the public cost of public-private partnerships and the potential for carbon tax to shift the economy towards low carbon. **ONTARIO AUDITOR GENERAL BONNIE LYSYK**, "WHO'S PICKING UP THE TAB?" **AUTHOR ROBERT DUFFY**, and **PEMBINA INSTITUTE'S MATT HORNE**



BONNIE LYSYK



ROBERT DUFFY



MATT HORNE

Coffee 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm *Sponsored by COPE 378*

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Friday late afternoon 3:15 – 4:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

PLANNING: COMMUNITY'S DNA / Comox Room

This session offers a contemporary perspective on planning as a key function of local governments in leading change and improvement for their communities. As a future-focused, continuous process driven by community values, effective planning is a vital part of setting and reaching community goals.

KEN CAMERON and **NANCY KNIGHT**

Moderator: **DARLENE MARZARI**

CHILDCARE / Barclay Room

Quality, accessible childcare is good for kids, families and the community, and helps address the wealth and opportunity gap. Quebec's universal child care program has demonstrated positive changes including increases in the workforce attachment of women and in the province's GDP as well as a significant reduction in child poverty. Municipalities and School Districts in BC are finding innovative ways to support the development of quality, accessible childcare.

CORALYS CUTHBERT, **JOHN STARK**, and **MARIA CARGNELLI**

Moderator: **MARYLYNNE RIMER**

POWER OF BUILDINGS / Gilford Room

This workshop examines how municipalities can cause buildings to reduce environmental impact and offer insightful observations about equipment installation and construction practice. What scope do municipalities have? Are we getting what we pay for? What regulatory changes would make a difference for energy efficiency?

JESSICA WOLLIAMS, **TOM-PIERRE FRAPPÉ-SÉNÉCLAUZE**, and **LEE LOFTUS**

Moderator: **LISA MATTHAUS**

MAKING IT WORK AT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD TABLE / Beach Room

From democratic processes playing out in the community, and at the board table, to structural roadblocks arising from legislation and restricted funding, dynamics at the school board table can make things challenging. This workshop looks at how to work effectively within the power dynamics of community, structure and personal leadership.

TRISH BELLA, **ELSIE MCMURPHY**, and **JACK MACDERMOT**

Moderator: **TRINA AYLING**

Coffee 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm *Sponsored by BC Federation of Labour*

PECHA KUCHA STYLE! Friday early evening 5 – 6 pm

20 slides with 20 seconds per slide with **JUDY BROWNOFF** on climate action, **HEATHER DEAL** on Burning Man, **DAVID FRISCH** on bike lane policy, **SHERESE JOHNSON** on community bonds, **PETER LUCKHAM** on alternatives to regulation, **GREG MOORE** on happy city, and **VANESSA SCOTT** on watershed governance.



Judy is well known for encouraging community engagement in all her work. She is currently chair of CRD's Environment Committee, liaison to CRD's Roundtable on the Environment and president of BC Healthy Communities.

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 served as CRD board chair.



Heather will speak about how local policies compare with the basic tenets of one of the world's biggest experiments in city planning, public art, and community building: Burning Man.

HEATHER DEAL was elected to the Vancouver Park Board in 2002 and to Vancouver City Council in 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2014. She is chair of the City's Planning, Transportation, and Environment Committee and of the Metro Vancouver Parks Committee. Outside City Hall, Heather is a biologist, singer, cyclist, and avid camper.



David lives in Courtenay with his partner, Chantal, and their three children.

DAVID FRISCH was elected City of Courtenay councillor in 2014. His vision for the future is to continue building the coolest city on Vancouver Island. David learned his love of the outdoors growing up in North Bay, Ontario, and his distaste for urban sprawl in southern Ontario. He strives to live his message by limiting the use of his private automobiles



government, and nonprofit organizations, including BC Hydro, Honeywell, the Forest Products Association of Canada, and the BC Co-operative Association.

SHERESE JOHNSON is a co-founder of Change from Inside, a consulting group that leverages communication and education initiatives to develop socially responsible and environmentally sustainable practices inside organizations. Over the past 10 years she has worked with corporate energy efficiency leaders, First Nations communities,



Peter has been a vice chair with the Trust for six years and this term was elected by Trust Council to serve as chair.

PETER LUCKHAM has lived on Thetis Island for 28 years. His neighbours proposed he run for the Island Trust in 2006. "Seemed like a good idea at the time" he said; four elections later he still thinks so. He did all the usual Island things, built a house, raised a family and has commuted to work for



community. Greg is well known for being a practical joker and has a great sense of humour; you can often hear his laughter permeating from somewhere within City Hall. He gives back to the community in many more ways outside of being the mayor of Port Coquitlam.

GREG MOORE is an avid transit user and bike rider and is often seen peddling around town getting from one place to another (thank goodness Port Coquitlam is flat for the most part!). He loves taking morning walks with his wife Erin and their dog Molly in his neighbourhood and around their



partnered with such organizations as SFU Public Square and Samara Canada to pursue enhanced local civic engagement, and has teamed up with various ENGOs ranging from Sierra Club BC to GreenJobsBC.

VANESSA SCOTT is a community organizer with a background in communications and a passion for storytelling and narrative strategy. She helps environmental and social change groups already working in her community to collaborate around a more common vision. Since 2013 she has



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HIGH GROUND: TOOLS FOR INSPIRED LEADERS

FRIDAY DINNER & KEYNOTE 7 pm

Contributing Sponsor: UFCW Local 1518

SOLUTIONS FOR ONE PLANET LIVING

Action on climate change is more important than ever. Leadership is needed in tackling environmental and sustainability issues in our communities for future generations, and local leaders can affect a substantive difference. **BILL REES** will talk about the big ecological footprint picture and sustainable degrowth and relocalizing the economy, and **JENNIE MOORE** will present her findings on One Planet Living in Vancouver.



WILLIAM REES is a human ecologist, ecological economist, former director and professor emeritus of UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning. His research focuses on the global environmental trends and the ecological requirements

for sustainable development. Best known as the originator of 'ecological footprint analysis', Prof. Rees has authored over 150 peer-reviewed and numerous popular articles on sustainability policy (or lack thereof). He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and was awarded both the Boulding Prize in Ecological Economics and a Blue Planet Prize [jointly with Dr. Mathis Wackernagel] in 2012. In 2014, Dr. Rees was elected a full member of the Club of Rome.



JENNIE MOORE is Director, Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship at the BC Institute of Technology. She helps instructors develop new curriculum to respond to the emerging green economy. She has extensive

experience in the realm of ecological sustainability and urban systems, including climate change and energy management, green buildings, and eco-industrial networking. Prior to joining BCIT she worked for over a decade at Metro Vancouver where she inspired the Sustainable Region Initiative and served as Manager of Strategic Initiatives. Jennie is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional and completed a PhD in Planning at UBC. Her research explores the potential for Vancouver to achieve one-planet living. Jennie is a senior associate of the One Earth Initiative and a core advisor to the International Ecocity Framework and Standards.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST 7:30 am Sponsored by Vancity

CLIMATE JUSTICE

Buffet breakfast includes a presentation on the findings from the CCPA's Climate Justice Project. It's not just about climate, it's about the public policy tools that could help us take action on climate and ensure that inclusion and social justice are part of the solution. **SETH KLEIN**

MORNING WORKSHOPS

Saturday 9 – 10:15 am *Participants choose one workshop*

GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY BUILDING / Comox Room

This workshop features two case studies. One explores successful community building through neighbourhood traffic planning and the second details community engagement lessons from First Nations planning for joyful community organizing that attracts and retains participants. Both case studies offer leadership pathways for grassroots community building.

JESSIE HEMPHILL and **BEN ISITT**

Moderator: **MIRA ORECK**

CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP / Barclay Room

Income inequality is rising steadily not only in municipalities, but globally as well. Such disparity certainly affects our way of living, our living options and choices, and community development. This panel explores possible solutions and outcomes to inspire local governance in helping close the wealth gap.

TRISH GARNER, **VERA LEFRANC** and **JAIMIE MCEVOY**

Moderator: **IRENE LANZINGER**

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE / Gilford Room

In June 2014, Vancouver School Board adopted a policy update that welcomes students to use whichever washroom or change room they identify with, encourages schools to eliminate gender-segregated activities such as sex education and gym class, and allows students to select which pronouns identify them. Student activist Roan Reimer and panel speak to the policy, the campaign and the outcome. "It's important that kids feel safe," says Reimer.

ROAN REIMER and **JANE BOUEY**

Moderator: **ANDREA REIMER**

ENERGY REVOLUTION / Beach Room

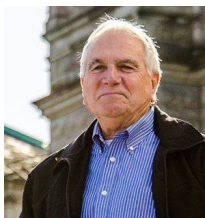
A clean energy revolution is underway. Jurisdictions ahead of the curve are well-positioned in economic terms and the switch is essential for climate action. Many are finding innovative ways forward: from generating their own clean energy, to ambitious retro-fit programs, to effective use of by-laws and zoning: case studies from BC communities.

DARRELL MUSSATTO, **JANICE MORRISON** and **KATE MARSH**

Moderator: **DALE LITTLEJOHN**

EMERGING ISSUES 10:45 – 11:45 am

A fast-paced plenary that features punchy presentations on hot button public policy issues, with **JIM ABRAMS** on BC Ferries, **AARON EKMAN** on minimum wage, **KEITH REYNOLDS** on P3, **MIKE RUTTAN** on mining and municipalities, and **DEREK CORRIGAN** on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline.



JIM ABRAM moved to Canada in 1969 in protest of the Vietnam war and became a citizen in 1977. Continuously elected in local government since 1988, he served on the UBCM executive for 10 years, including as president. Jim is immersed in the fight to put BC Ferries back into the Highways system as it is our Marine Highway.



AARON EKMAN was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the BC Federation of Labour in 2014. Aaron was previously Northern Regional Coordinator with BCGEU in Prince George. Aaron first became active in the student union movement, was the first chair of the VDLC's Young Workers' Committee, and was founding president of the North Central Labour Council. He has a long history of progressive political campaigning at the local, provincial and federal government levels.



KEITH REYNOLDS is a national research representative at CUPE. His work currently focuses on privatization and municipal issues. Keith is on the national executive of the CCPA, vice chair and treasurer of CCPA-BC, and on the board of the BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association. He lives in the District of North Vancouver where he has chaired municipal advisory committees on budget, finance and community services.



MIKE RUTTAN was born and raised in the Alberni Valley. He attended UBC and SFU, and completed a Masters of Education Administration at the University of Victoria. Mike's teaching career spanned three decades, highlighted with six years as principal of Alberni District Secondary School, where he is most proud of his work creating a culture that was consultative, respectful, and inclusive. Mike and his wife Bonnie reside in Port Alberni and have four grown children.



DEREK CORRIGAN has been a Burnaby resident since 1977 and had the pleasure of serving the citizens of Burnaby since elected to Burnaby City Council as a councillor in 1987. He was elected Mayor in 2002, and re-elected in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014. This year marks his twenty-eighth consecutive year as a member of Burnaby Council, where he strives to bring the history and heritage of his two decades of public service to every important decision.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Saturday 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Participants choose one workshop

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS & BLUE DOT MOVEMENT / Comox Room

Climate action is an incredibly important public dialogue, particularly this spring, as discussions heat up on the Road to Paris and the UN climate discussions for the Kyoto protocols replacement. The concept of environmental rights is timely and the Blue Dot Tour has been generating local coverage and public discussion. In this workshop, environmental lawyer David Boyd lays out the case for environmental rights and leaders from municipalities who have already tabled declarations speak to the next steps.

DAVID BOYD, HAROLD STEVES, and JEREMY LOVEDAY

Moderator: **SUSSANNE SKIDMORE**

CLIMATE ACTION 2.0 / Barclay Room

From Bill 27 that supports local governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving energy, and working towards creating green and sustainable communities, to climate action legislation requiring BC local governments to set GHG reduction targets, this session explores the next steps forward for BC's action plan.

RICHARD WALTON, ANDREA REIMER, and KAREN TAM WU

Moderator: **JOSHA MACNAB**

FINGER ON THE PULSE: EDUCATION IN BC / Gilford Room

From increasing pressure on students to perform, to ESL programming and exhausted parental fundraisers, not to mention the latest provincial budget, resources are stretched. Meanwhile, the Washington Supreme Court has ruled that funding for the K-12 system there is completely inadequate and must be remedied, and Canada has a forgotten law on free, universal higher education.

KATIE HYSLOP, BILL TIELEMAN, and CRAWFORD KILIAN

Moderator: **CHEEYING HO**

PEER POWER / Beach Room

Some issues—as disparate as housing, stepping up energy efficiency in buildings, addressing social service gaps, public finance, the state of infrastructure, and climate action—are widespread and benefit from a united voice. This workshop will explore the scope of individual councillors and councils to work with their umbrella peer organizations—their local government association, the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

SAV DHALIWAL, RAYMOND LOUIE, and CHUCK PUCHMAYR

Moderator: **NICOLA HILL**

Workshop presenters



TRISH BELLA is a third-term trustee for School District 57, Prince George, and a former BCSTA Director. Her involvement in the K–12 public education system began when her daughter entered kindergarten in 2001. Trish's belief that all children have the right to quality, accessible public education that supports their individual needs has provided her with a solid foundation on which to advocate on behalf of all students. *Making it Work at Your School Board Table*



JANE BOUEY has fought to defend and improve public education for nearly two decades. Jane's vision is to ensure that our schools are more welcoming, safer, and accessible for all. Jane served two terms as a trustee on the Vancouver School Board, including as vice chair from 2008–2011. During Jane's first term as a trustee, she played a key role in the development and implementation of the VSB's policy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and in her second term she worked to strengthen the policy. As a member of Egale Canada's education committee, she contributes to developing safer school policy across Canada. *Public Education & Social Justice*



DAVID R. BOYD is a leading Canadian expert in environmental law and policy and an adjunct professor in the School of Resource and Environmental Management at SFU. He has advised many governments and currently co-chairs Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 initiative with Mayor Gregor Robertson. Boyd is the award-winning author of 100-plus articles and seven books including *The Environmental Rights Revolution: A Global Study of Constitutions, Human Rights, and the Environment* and *The Right to a Healthy Environment: Revitalizing Canada's Constitution*. He is a member of Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide and the IUCN's Commission on Environmental Law. *Environmental Rights & Blue Dot Movement*



KEN CAMERON has 33 years of experience in senior planning and management positions in provincial and local government in Toronto and in Greater Vancouver, where he served as manager of policy and planning with the GVRD. Ken is an adjunct professor and past chair of the advisory council of SFU's

Urban Studies Program, chair emeritus of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities, a former trustee of the Seattle-based Sightline Institute, and a member of the UBC Board of Governors' land use committee. He is associated as a director and investor with PlaceSpeak, a Vancouver-based social enterprise developing online tools to facilitate public engagement and democracy. He is co-author of *City-Making in Paradise: Nine Decisions that Saved Vancouver*. *Planning: Community's DNA*



MARIA CARGNELLI is program supervisor of New Beginnings Young Parent Program. This Abbotsford-based program is the largest in BC and celebrating its 25th year. Maria has over 27 years' experience working with young parents. She is a strong advocate for quality early childhood programs and community collaboration. Maria's work encompasses a wide range of early learning including chair of the Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee, supervisor of Abbotsford Child Care Resource and Referral, vice chair of Literacy Matters Abbotsford, and a director on the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC. *Childcare*



CORALYS CUTHBERT has over 36 years' experience in public service. Currently, Coralee works for the City of Richmond as a child care coordinator implementing the municipality's child care policy and developing new child care facilities. In the past, she held positions with City of Vancouver planning and social development departments working on the redevelopment of waterfront areas, the revitalization of the Downtown Eastside, and implementing civic youth and child care strategies. *Childcare*



SAV DHALIWAL is serving his fourth consecutive term on Burnaby Council. He served on the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission as chair for six years and represented Burnaby at the provincial level as the president of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, at the Union of BC

Municipalities, and at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He continues to be an effective liaison for the development of multicultural aspects of the city, working with Council, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, and the entire community that promotes Burnaby's rich, multicultural fabric. *Peer Power*



ROBERT DUFFY is coordinator for the Sustainable Communities Initiative. From 2009 to 2014, he was research analyst with Columbia Institute and the Centre for Civic Governance. Prior to that, he held research and policy positions in the Canadian parliament and the BC legislature. *Public Finance*



TOM-PIERRE FRAPPÉ-SÉNÉCLAUZE, Pembina Institute, facilitates the development of policies to reduce GHG emissions and energy use from communities and municipal operations across BC. Tom-Pierre started his career as a climate scientist, taught the science and policy of climate

change at the university level and in the community, and recently developed a continuing education course on climate literacy for professionals. Tom-Pierre holds a physics degree from L'Université Laval, a master's in glaciology from UBC, and is a LEED accredited professional. *Power of Buildings*



TRISH GARNER is community organizer of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition and co-author of *A Poverty Reduction Plan for BC*. A passionate advocate for social justice, Trish has worked with Raise the Rates, an anti-poverty group based in the Downtown Eastside, and co-founded the Poverty Olympics, a

community festival highlighting the disparity between public spending on the Olympics and people living in poverty. *Closing the Wealth Gap*



JESSIE HEMPHILL is the first First Nations person, and youngest woman, elected to Port Hardy's Council. She is serving her second term. A leading aboriginal planner, Jessie facilitates the annual Comprehensive Community Planning workshop and has worked with many First Nations

communities. She is a director for the Kawatsi Economic Development Corporation, director at large on the executive of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, communications captain for the Young Elected Officials Network, and a board member on the Canadian Women's Foundation's Girls Fund. jessiehemphill.com *Grassroots Community Building*



MATTHORNE is the Pembina Institute's associate director for BC. Drawing on 15 years' experience with climate change policy in Canada, he is a leading voice on the economic, social, and environmental impacts of BC's carbon tax. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering from Dalhousie University and a

Master of Resource and Environmental Management from SFU. *Public Finance*



KATIE HYSLOP As education and youth issues reporter for the Tyee Solutions Society, Katie has been reporting on struggles and best practices in BC's education and youth services for four years. Originally from Newfoundland, her interest in social justice reporting stems from a (misguided) belief that

her home province was Canada's poorest. *Finger on the Pulse*



BEN ISITT is a city councillor and regional director in Victoria. Elected in 2011, Ben topped the polls in 2014. During his first term, he focused on active transportation, regional land use, and defending quality public services, while supporting grassroots campaigns for indigenous solidarity,

workers' rights, and peace. Alongside his public duties, Ben is a historian and legal scholar affiliated with the University of Victoria's Faculty of Law. He is author of three books that examine the connection between social movements and the state in Canada and globally. *Grassroots Community Building*

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CRAWFORD KILIAN taught in the BC community colleges for over 40 years. He served a term as North Vancouver school board trustee and has written extensively about education for the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Georgia Straight, and the Globe and Mail as well as more specialized publications. He has published two books on BC education as well as textbooks for both elementary and post-secondary students. He now writes on education for The Tyee. *Finger on the Pulse*



SETH KLEIN is BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a public policy research institute committed to social and economic justice. He has been a social activist for over 25 years. A former teacher, Seth is co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, 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. *Climate Justice*



NANCY KNIGHT is an adjunct professor with the School of Community and Regional Planning at UBC. Nancy is also an adjunct professor with the School of Resource and Environmental Management at SFU, where she advises on curriculum related to urban sustainability and planning. Nancy serves on the board of the Housing Foundation of BC, Sustainable Cities International, West Coast Environmental Law Association, the University Neighbourhoods Association, Playwrights Theater Centre, and Great Northern Way Campus. She is a Registered Professional Planner. *Planning: Community's DNA*



VERA LEFRANC is recently elected to Surrey City Council. With a degree in Business and Liberal Studies from SFU, Vera brings a solid mix of business sense and a passion for social justice to her community work. Since 2007, Vera has provided leadership in developing the Surrey Homelessness & Housing Society, working with Surrey's most vulnerable. Vera worked with the Poverty Reduction Coalition to develop the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan, which was endorsed by the City Council in July 2012. *Closing the Wealth Gap*



LEE LOFTUS currently holds the positions of business manager for the BC Insulators Union Local 118 and administrator for the BC Insulation Industry Apprenticeship Board. Mr. Loftus started his construction experience in Northern BC in 1976 in industrial, shipbuilding, commercial and institutional construction. *Power of Buildings*



RAYMOND LOUIE is serving his fifth term on Vancouver City Council, having been first elected in 2002. For the past two council terms, he has served as the chair of the City Finance and Services Committee, and helped ensure that vital programs impacting affordable housing, the environment, and public safety maintained strong funding during an economic downturn. As a champion of communities, he is an expert in civic issues, and a fierce advocate for those who have been forgotten and ignored. *Peer Power*



JEREMY LOVEDAY is a community organizer, performance poet, and first term city councillor in Victoria, BC. He is the founder of the Victorious Voices Youth Arts Festival and the Victoria Youth Poet Laureate program. His poetry has sparked international debate, garnered widespread media attention, and earned him a global following. *Environmental Rights & Blue Dot Movement*



BONNIE LYSYK became the 13th Auditor General of Ontario in 2013, after having previously served as Auditor General of Saskatchewan, and Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer of Manitoba. Lysyk has held senior positions in the private and public sectors, and has extensive audit, finance, risk management, and governance experience. A native of Winnipeg, Lysyk graduated from the University of Manitoba and subsequently obtained her designation as a Chartered Professional Accountant while working with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers). She also has a Masters in Business Administration and is a Certified Internal Auditor. Lysyk is currently a member of the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors and serves on the Committee of Professional Conduct of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and on the Board of the CCAF-FCVI Inc. *Public Finance*



JACK MACDERMOT is an assistant director in the Communications and Campaigns Division of the BC Teachers' Federation. Before joining the BCTF staff, he was a teacher in the Vancouver School District for 25 years. He is a former vice-president of the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers Association, and has held a number of elected positions at the local and provincial level. He has also served in various capacities with a number of labour, political and community organizations. *Making it Work at Your School Board Table*



KATE MARSH, mother and grandmother, is in her second council term. Chairing an incredibly committed and hard working Climate Action Committee that worked with staff, stakeholders and a consultant Kate helped North Cowichan deliver a Climate Action and Energy Plan. It won the Community Energy Association's top award for Community Planning and Development at UBCM (2013), and a silver award from the Planning Institute of BC in Policy Planning – Small Town and Rural Areas (2014). North Cowichan is one of 25 communities to achieve Milestone 4 in FCM's Partners for Climate Protection program. *Energy Revolution*



JAIMIE MCEVOY is a city councillor in New Westminster, and serves as the chair of the city's Community and Social Issues Committee. A New Westminster resident for 25 years, Jaimie has been actively involved with local issues such as homelessness, poverty, crime and affordable housing. He is director of the Hospitality Project at the New Westminster Food Bank, Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church, and the author of *The Life and Destruction of Saint Mary's Hospital*. In 2009, Jaimie initiated a proposed living wage policy, and in 2010, the City Council in New Westminster unanimously adopted the first civic living wage policy in Canada. *Closing the Wealth Gap*



CHRISTINE MCLAREN is the director of research and partnerships for Happy City. In her role, Christine helps cities and organizations around the world integrate key concepts of happiness and well-being into urban design and policy. Christine has worked as a journalist and researcher for over a dozen media outlets on three

continents. Her work focuses on transportation, planning, design and affordability, and the role they play in the sustainability, livability and resilience of cities. *Happy City*



ELSIE MCMURPHY was recently elected to a fourth term as a school trustee in SD 63 [Saanich]. A former teacher and BCTF president, she has also served as a municipal councillor in North Saanich. *Making it Work at Your School Board Table*



JOSHA MACNAB is the BC Director for the Pembina Institute. Her work supports BC's transition to a clean energy economy by exploring solutions that can help the province remain an economically competitive climate leader. Through cross-sectoral consultation and engagement across the province, Josha's work helps to find ways to reduce the impact of fossil fuels and increase our energy efficiency while encouraging robust development of clean energy. *Climate Action 2.0*



CHARLES MONTGOMERY is an author, urbanist and leader of transformative conversations about wellbeing in cities. His award-winning book, *Happy City*, examines the intersection between urban design and the emerging science of happiness. Collaborating with the Guggenheim Museum and other entities, he has created experiments and design methods that help participants alter their relationships with their cities, and with each other. Among his numerous awards is a Citation of Merit from the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society for outstanding contribution towards understanding of climate change science. www.thehappycity.com *Happy City*



JANICE MORRISON served on the Nelson City Council from 1999-2002, and was re-elected in 2014. She is a certified acupuncturist with degrees in microbiology and physical therapy. Janice was former president of the Chamber of Commerce, chaired the City Advisory Planning Commission and has been an active Rotarian for 23 years. She is currently the vice president of the Health Sciences Association of BC. In her spare time, she coaches and participates in triathlons. *Energy Revolution*

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DARRELL MUSSATTO is serving his fourth term as mayor of the City of North Vancouver following four terms as councillor. He is active on numerous boards and committees, including chair of the Community Energy Association and Metro Vancouver Utilities Committee. Mayor Mussatto is passionate about making the city a place

where the benefits of growth are shared by all. He is committed to lowering the city's carbon footprint by promoting active transportation, reducing energy use, improving waste management, supporting urban gardening and expanding the award winning Lonsdale Energy Corporation. *Energy Revolution*



CHUCK PUCHMAYR was first elected to New Westminster City Council in 1996 and served until 2005 when he was elected to the provincial legislature. Chuck retired briefly from politics in 2009 and after a life saving organ transplant he returned to city council in 2011. He was re-elected in 2014. Chuck is the current president of

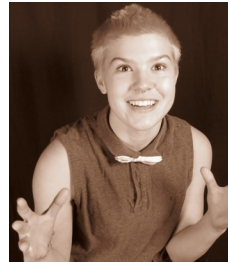
the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and member of the executive of the Union BC Municipalities. His work supporting non-profits in his region has earned him New Westminster citizen of the year honours and the Queens diamond jubilee medal. *PeerPower*



ANDREA REIMER was elected to Vancouver City Council in 2008, and served as chair of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment until 2014, when she was appointed as deputy mayor. Andrea has led efforts to make Vancouver a global leader in environmental action, validated by Vancouver being

named the fourth greenest city on Earth in 2014. Prior to be elected to Council, Andrea was executive director of the Wilderness Committee, served as a Vancouver School Board trustee from 2002-2005, and volunteered on community boards and agencies, including CCEC Credit Union, the Vancouver Foundation, and the Canadian Women Voters Congress. *Climate Action 2.0*

ROAN REIMER is an 18-year-old genderqueer kid who has a lot of fun knee socks and not a lot of free time. They enjoy a lot of things: gardening, knitting, cake-making, peaches, teaching themselves violin, bad chemistry jokes, slam poetry, testing the bounds of graffiti art, bookshelves that have been sorted according to colour, and telling



stories. They listen to an unreasonable number of podcasts, often while commuting to and from roller derby practice and school. They're currently in their 12th grade at Vancouver Technical Secondary. As the Vancouver District Student Council representative on the Vancouver School Board's Pride Committee, Roan played a leadership role in developing and defending amendments to the VSB's sexual orientation and gender identity policy to make schools safer for all students. Andrea is Roan's mom. In her spare time, she is deputy mayor of Vancouver, a regional district director, and soon-to-be back on the field soccer player. *Public Education & Social Justice*



MARYLYNNE RIMER has a 30-plus year career working with and on behalf of children, youth and families in the community and in public service. She has an MA in Human and Social Development from the University of Victoria. MaryLynne's career includes 10 years in the BC provincial government,

with the last six as a deputy children's commissioner. She was also a trustee on the Saanich Board of Education where she served as its chair for four years. MaryLynne was a strong advocate for early learning and worked with district staff in the establishment of Strong Start centres and the implementation of the full day kindergarten. Currently, MaryLynne is sole proprietor of MLR Consulting where she provides services to individuals and organizations looking to be more innovative and productive.

Childcare



JOHN STARK is the senior social planner for the City of New Westminster. In this position, he is responsible for such areas as: accessibility, child care, homelessness, multiculturalism, seniors and youth. In the area of child development, John sits on the New Westminster Public Partners Child

Development Committee, which is working to develop five Child Development Hubs in New Westminster. John is also coordinating the development of the City's Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy and Child Care Needs Assessment. Regarding child care, the City was the recipient of 2012 Provincial Child Care Award of Excellence and the 2013 Planning Institute of BC Award of Excellence for Planning Practice. *Childcare*



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.

Environmental Rights and Blue Dot Movement



BILL TIELEMAN is president of West Star Communications, a strategy and communications consulting firm he began in 1998. Bill has previously been communications director in the BC Premier's Office and at the BC Federation of Labour. Bill writes a column on politics every Tuesday in 24 Hours newspaper, *The Tyee* online magazine,

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RICHARD WALTON is in his tenth year as mayor of North Vancouver District. Mayor Walton is a director of Metro Vancouver where he chairs the Planning Committee; and of the Municipal Finance Authority of BC. From 2010 to 2014 he chaired the regional transit Mayors' Council. In 2011, under his leadership, North Vancouver

District was awarded the United Nations Sasakawa Award for World Leadership in Planning for and Responding to Natural Disasters.

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JESSICA WOOLLIAMS is an urban planner who has worked to develop and implement innovative policy, education, programs, training and engagement for over a decade. She helped launch Green Buildings BC, Harvard University's Green Campus Initiative, Light House Sustainable Building Centre in Vancouver and Cascadia Green Building

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