

Green Communities Association

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

[Fairmont Waterfront](#), Vancouver • 24-26 February 2005

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2005

6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. REGISTRATION, SECHLT FOYER, LOBBY LEVEL

Thursday 24 February 2005

- 9:00 am **Registration** - [Fairmont Waterfront](#) (MacKenzie Ballroom Foyer)
- 9:20 **Meet in Fairmont lobby to leave for eco-tours of [University of British Columbia](#)**
- 9:50 – 10:50 Eco-tours of UBC [Student Union](#) and [C.K. Choi](#) Buildings
- 12:00-12:55 **Lunch** (Princess Louisa Suite & Foyer)
Registration Continues (MacKenzie Ballroom Foyer)
- 1:00-1:15 **Conference opening and welcome** (MacKenzie Ballroom) **Clifford Maynes** and **Chip Olver**, [Green Communities Association](#).
- 1:20-2:30 **Green Communities at ten: What we've learned** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – key factors influencing success in implementing the Green Communities model to date; key ingredients for an even more successful future. Panel includes **Don Eaton**, [Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence](#); **Brent Kopperson**, [Windfall Ecology Centre](#); **Ellen Mortfield**, [EcoSuperior](#), **Clifford Maynes**, [Green Communities Association](#) (GCA).
- 2:30-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-4:25 **Program workshops** Concurrent sessions to share program experiences and resources, and discuss opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Bring show and tell materials.
- **[One Tonne Challenge/Community Challenges](#)** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – local plans and experiences in promoting the One Tonne Challenge; partnerships; role of the GCA in community support. Host: **Clifford Maynes**, GCA.
 - **[Food for thought](#)** (Princess Louisa Suite) – local food programs, including gardening workshops, markets, farm-to-consumer sales, food miles, organic food supplier listings; joint programming? Host: **Paula Anderson**, [Peterborough Green-Up](#).
- 4:30-5:15 **The eco-political landscape in Canada: Kyoto and beyond** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – **Elizabeth May**, [Sierra Club of Canada](#) – federal environmental politics and prospects for action on climate and other issues.
- 5:30 **Travel to [The Ironworks](#)** for the evening.
- 6:00-7:00 **Dinner** – toasts to Kyoto ratification and the first decade of Green Communities.
- 7:00-8:00 **David Suzuki speaks to Green Communities** (at the Ironworks).
- 8:00- **Meet and greet & cash bar** for conference participants and guests.

Friday 25 February 2005

- 7:45-8:45 **Breakfast** (MacKenzie Ballroom & Foyer)
- 9:00-10:25 **Communicating Green Communities** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – **Suzanne Hawkes** of [IMPACS](#) introduces the new Green Communities Communications Plan; interactive workshop on effective local messaging.
- 10:30-11:00 **Affordable Warmth** (Princess Louisa Suite) – update on work by Green Communities and partners to establish a [National Affordable Housing Energy Efficiency Program](#).
- 11:00-11:15 **Break**
- 11:15-12:30 **Intercultural partnerships** (MacKenzie Ballroom)
- **Joseph Lin**, [Green Culture Club](#) – success factors in the Club's cross-cultural environment programs (lifestyle, action, heritage walks, eco-tours and field trips), based on 11 years of experience in Vancouver's Taiwanese and Chinese communities.
 - **Christianne Wilhelmson**, [Georgia Strait Alliance](#) – the ToxicSmart toxics reduction program; working with Greater Vancouver's Asian and Indo-Canadian communities; partnerships, challenges, and program sustainability.
 - **Michael Barkusky**, [Adam va-Adamah Environmental Society](#) (environmentalism rooted in Jewish thought) – role of religious belief in environmental action; advice about working with faith-based groups.
 - **Drew Leathem** and **Aaron Nelson-Moody**, [Uts'am/Witness](#) – lessons learned from eight years of an inter-cultural land stewardship program that features wilderness camping in Squamish Nation territory, along with workshops and ceremonies.
- 12:30-1:25 **Lunch** (Malaspina Room)
- 12:50-1:25 **Managers of Green Communities Member organizations meet to discuss the Managers Network** – bring your lunch from Malaspina Room (MacKenzie Ballroom)
- 1:30-3:30 **Concurrent workshops**
- **Financing Green Communities – a roundtable discussion** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – budgeting, allocating “overhead” to projects, partner contributions (municipalities, utilities, etc.), in-kind, valuing volunteerism; tips and taboos. Contributions from Green Communities in Collingwood, Peterborough, and Montreal. **Bruce Pearce** presents from his research on project sustainability. Hosted by: the Green Communities Managers Network.
 - **Successful environmental grant writing for beginners** (Princess Louisa Suite) **Mark Gifford** of the [Vancouver Foundation](#) discusses funding sources, and non-profit administration skills, including grant writing. Hosted by: Green Communities and the Youth Environment Network.
- 3:30-4:00 **Break** (Group travels to SPEC Office at 2150 Maple Street)
- 4:10-5:30 **At the SPEC office: Vancouver-area programs**
- **Ivan Bulic**, [Society Promoting Environmental Conservation](#) – hosts tour of SPEC's office and projects, together with [City Farmer's](#) cob shed and demonstration gardens.
 - **Heather Pritchard**, [Farm Folk/City Folk](#) – solution-oriented approach to re-localizing the BC food system, including Feast of Fields, farm tours, Farmland Watch Network, Knowledge Pantry, promotion of Organic Delivery Services.
 - **Caroline Astley**, [Langley Environmental Partners Society](#) – LEPS' work in Langley to incorporate the needs of wildlife into local development.

Free evening – Restaurant and entertainment listings provided.

Saturday 26 February 2005

- 7:30-8:30 **Breakfast** (MacKenzie Ballroom & Foyer)
- 8:30-10:00 **Youth and Environmental Action** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – strategies and tools to engage young people in community environmental projects; what youth need from Green Communities, and what GCs can offer. Hosted by: Green Communities and the Youth Environment Network.
- **Jackie Amsden**, [Environmental Youth Alliance](#) – community asset mapping.
 - **Elizabeth Henry**, [Youth Environment Network](#) – micro-grants, network resources.
 - **Simone Kielley**, [Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador](#) – Green Teams, best practices.
 - **Michele Rich**, [Environment Network](#) (Collingwood) – working with “youth at risk”.
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:20-11:50 **Program workshops:** Concurrent sessions to share program experiences and resources, and discuss opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Bring show and tell materials.
- **Sustainable transportation in the 21st century** (Princess Louisa Suite) – innovations from BC and beyond; ideas for working together “to make sustainable transportation choices the norm.” Host: **Jacky Kennedy**, Green Communities.
 - **Waste not, want not** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – roundtable on waste, including opportunities for community-wide composting, waste audits, re-use websites, exchange events, return to point of sale programs, green shopping guides. Host: **Ellen Mortfield**, EcoSuperior (Thunder Bay).
- 11:50-12:00 **Closing remarks, gift draw** (MacKenzie Ballroom) – **Clifford Maynes** and **Chip Olver**, Green Communities.
- 12:00-12:45 **Lunch** (Malaspina Room)
- 12:45-2:15 **Green Communities Members Meeting** (Princess Louisa Suite) – business meeting for GCA full member organizations; agenda to come.
- 2:15-4:30 **Home Performance Meeting** (Princess Louisa Suite) – business meeting for Green Communities that deliver Household Energy Efficiency Programs.