



MEDIA ADVISORY

Vancouver’s movers and shakers assemble to draft a “Change Charter” for the City

Vancouver, B.C., March 19th, 2008 – The Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) is bringing a host of Vancouver’s thinkers, innovators, dreamers and activists together to gather opinions on what is ‘driving change’ in Vancouver and the sustainable path to accommodating this change.

Summit on Change will involve presentations by Steven Sheppard, Professor of UBC Forest Resources Management, and Michael Geller, President and CEO of SFU Community Trust, followed by roundtable discussions. Participants include leaders from the arts, culture, philanthropy, high tech, business, social services, neighbourhood groups, media and academia. Brian Scott, Director of Urban Design for EDAA’s Pacific Northwest operations in Seattle will be facilitating the event.

The event takes place on Thursday, March 20th, 2008:

TIME: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn (711 West Broadway)

Summit on Change is the second event in a program the VCPC is organizing around the theme of shaping Vancouver as *A City Built for Change*. The program consists of a series of events and activities that connect the public with international and local experts. The *City Built for Change* program was launched on November 20th with an event featuring Councillor Robert Liberty from Metro Portland, Oregon, speaking about the politics and principles of urban sustainability. The culmination of the program will be the development of a *Change Charter* for Vancouver articulating what is changing, why it is changing, and sustainable ways to promote and maintain diversity, livability, economic viability and affordability in our City.

"In creating a plan for the City to become more responsive to change over time, the VCPC is engaging with citizens to investigate the drivers of change in Vancouver," said Alan Boniface, Chair of the VCPC. "The intent is to assist the Planning Commission in creating a methodology and toolkit for responding to change in its built form and public realm. This is a rare opportunity for a City to create a forward looking mandate for truly sustainable responses to changing urban forces."

The Vancouver City Planning Commission provides advice to City Council on issues affecting long range planning for the City of Vancouver, including urban development, governance, transportation and the public realm. Commission members represent several interests and viewpoints of the citizens of Vancouver: www.planningcommission.ca

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For more information or to arrange an interview, contact:

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VANCOUVER: A CITY BUILT FOR CHANGE

Summit on Change

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Participants

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David Beers
Catherine Berris
Jim Cox
Elvy Del Blanco
Allen Domass
Aldyen Donnelly
Mark Gifford
Josh Holmes
Linda Holmes
Lorna Howes
Howard Jang
Sharman King
Kris Krug
Martha Lewis
Jeremy Long
George Laverock
Tara McDonald
Al Mitchell
Judy Oberlander
Tanya Paz
Stephen Pearce
Victor Porter
Gord Price
Tim Pringle
Stephen Regan
John Robinson
Sustainability
Vanessa Richards
Piet Rutgers
Mark Smith
Ray Spaxman
Gord Stewart
Heather Tremain
John Tylee
Marg Vandenberg
Jessica Vanditmars
Margaret Watts
Chuck We
Peter Webster
Gordon Wiebe
Tarrnie Williams
Robert Wilmot

Eastside Culture Crawl
The Tye
Catherine Berris Associates Inc.
Vancity Enterprises
Vancity
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
GEMCo Greenhouse Emissions Mgmt Consortium
Vancouver Foundation
Buena Vista Games
Langara College
Mental Health VCHA
Arts Club Theatre Company
Opera Vancouver
Rain City Studios
Tenants Rights Action Coalition
BC Arts Council
Festival Vancouver
Your Farmers Markets Society
Lookout Emergency Aid Society
Judy Oberlander & Associates
Co-operative Auto Network
Tourism Vancouver
MOSAIC
SFU City Program
Real Estate Foundation
Council of Tourism Associations
UBC Centre for Interactive Research in

Artist
Vancouver Park Board
RainCity Housing and Support Society
Spaxman & Assoc
Vancouver Economic Development Commission Board
reSource Rethinking Building Inc.
Vancouver Economic Development Commission
SFU Foundation
SFU Geography Student Union
Round House Community Centre
Oxford Properties Group Inc.
R. Howard Webster Foundation
Dodson Rooms on Hastings
Relic Entertainment
Broadway Youth Centre

Speakers

Michael Geller
Steven Sheppard
Architecture

SFU Centre for Sustainable Community Development
UBC Forest Resources Management/Landscape

Facilitator

Brian Scott

EDAW (Seattle)

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