

# 2017 LIVABLE CITIES FORUM

ADVANCING LOW CARBON RESILIENCE



Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC | September 18-20, 2017

*Bringing together local governments and public sector organizations to...*

*Learn* from Canadian and international speakers about innovative examples and proven good practices in responding to climate change, during two days of workshops, plenaries, and interactive sessions.

*Explore* the City of Victoria through study tours and see how it has become a leading city in sustainable design and climate action.

*Network* with leaders and innovators who will share strategies, solutions, best practices, and lessons learned in advancing low carbon resilience.



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# INVITATION

## 2017 Livable Cities Forum: Advancing Low Carbon Resilience

The Livable Cities Forum is being hosted by the City of Victoria in partnership with ICLEI Canada, with support from the British Columbia Climate Action Secretariat, and guidance from our contributing partner, ACT (Adaptation to Climate Change Team) at Simon Fraser University.

### Who should attend?

The Forum provides an opportunity for public sector organizations such as health authorities, provincial and federal government staff, local governments, adaptation and mitigation practitioners, elected officials, and sustainability professionals.

### Program Themes

**Showcasing local leadership** in low carbon resilience of local governments and practitioners from across Canada and internationally.

**Building the business case** for investing in resilience, economic tools for measuring and financing actions, and ways the financial sector can be engaged in the conversation

**Maximizing the co-benefits** of low carbon and resilience initiatives at all levels of government.

**Integrating local knowledge and solutions** and building innovative, community-wide partnerships to enhance resilience.

**Moving from planning to implementation** on climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

### Program

Join in on over 25 engaging sessions, plenaries, and workshops to learn about low carbon resilience across Canada. All sessions will give participants the opportunity to engage in discussions, work through activities, and network with each other to build and enhance partnerships to improve community resilience. Learn about a new topic of interest or dive into in-depth workshops geared toward practitioners.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY at the Forum.**

### Mayor's Dinner

A chance for Forum delegates and invited guests to a night of networking and dialogue on low carbon resilience with Mayor of Victoria Lisa Helps! Free for all delegates attending Monday at the Forum.

### Community Evening

Join the City of Victoria in an engaging evening event where community members and local stakeholders will work together on building low carbon resilience.

### Pre-event Workshop: Taking Action on Green Resilience

Join us to explore "Green Resilience" measures that yield both climate change mitigation and adaptation benefits, and discover how they can be financed and implemented across Canada. The cost of the workshop is \$45.

### Local Study Tours

#### Tour of Dockside Green

The tour will include a historical and current review of this landmark sustainable development project and includes tours of the biological wastewater treatment plant and biomass gasification plant.

#### Heritage Building Tour

This tour will visit several development examples where the City and the development community have looked to find solutions to these broad challenges.

#### Bicycles, Buses, & Boats— Oh My!

This multi-modal tour will showcase examples of transportation infrastructure and services and provide delegates with insights on land use and development policies that help to reduce congestion and demand for parking.

#### Local Food Tour

Visit a small-scale commercial urban food producer, a community commons garden, a community orchard, and boulevard gardens to learn about commercial urban agriculture, backyard chickens, and bees feeding Victoria.

#### Exploring Bowker Creek: A Case Study of Watershed Restoration

See first-hand a successful collaboration between the Bowker Creek Initiative Partners to restore a section of the creek through the school grounds and create a unique outdoor classroom built into the bank of the creek.



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## Pre-Event: Sunday, September 17, 2017

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Pre-event workshop: Taking Action on Green Resilience - Adaptation & Mitigation Synergies
6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Local Dine-Arounds: Visit <a href="http://www.livablecitiesforum.com/program">www.livablecitiesforum.com/program</a> for restaurant options

## Day 1—Monday, September 18, 2017

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Plenary
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Revenue Strategies for Financing Low Carbon Resilience Initiatives*
	Building Low Carbon Resilience with First Nations
	Exploring the Physical, Ecological, and Health Implications of Wildland Urban Interface Fires
	Working Together Towards Low Carbon Resilient Communities: Public Sector Organizations and Local Governments*
12:30PM - 2:00 PM	Networking Lunch: Making Canada's National Climate Change Assessment Relevant at the Community Level
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Blue, Green, and Gray Infrastructure: Integrated Solutions for Low Carbon Resilience*
	Inspiring Climate Action: The Unusual Suspects
	Designing Resilient and Low Carbon Buildings: Emerging Technologies, Codes, and Standards
	Effective Climate Communication: Strategies For Getting Your Message Across
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Coffee Break
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Creating Resilient, Low Carbon Food Systems
	Highlight Reel: Municipal Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plans
	Integrating Ecology and Nature into Low Carbon Resilience
	Is the Medium Really the Message? A Workshop to Explore Messages, Mediums, and Overcoming Communications Pitfalls
6:00 PM—9:00 PM	Mayor's Dinner: A Night of Networking and Dialogue on Low Carbon Resilience

Sessions marked with an asterisk\* may be of particular interest to public sector organizations.

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## Day 2—Tuesday, September 19, 2017

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Morning Plenary
9:40- 11:30 PM	The Power of Partnerships: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Building Low Carbon and Resilient Communities
	Climate Change and Human Health: Identifying Connections, Assessing Risks, and Moving to Action*
	Managing Flood Risk: Extreme Rainfall, Overland Flooding, and Sea Level Rise Risk across Canada
	The Circular Economy: Creating Climate Resilient Economies
11:30PM - 12:00 PM	Coffee Break
12:00— 1:30	Changing Urbanism and Smart Growth
	Getting from 100% Renewable Targets to Local Action: Lessons on How to Apply Multilevel Governance at the Local Level
	Innovative Approaches to Implementation*
	Decentralized and/or Locally Generated Energy Systems
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Networking Lunch
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	The Role of Municipal and Regional Governments in Building and Mainstreaming more Local, Low-Carbon, and Resilient Food Systems
	Mitigation and Adaptation: From Antagonists to Allies for the Development of Resilient Urban Environments
	Exploring Post-Secondary Leadership in Climate Action*
4:00 PM— 4:30 PM	Coffee Break
4:30 PM— 6:00 PM	Changing Transportation: Getting People out of Personal Carbon-based Cars
	Three Important Factors For Adapting to Climate Change: Location, Location, Location
	Plan4DE Workshop: Tool to Embed District Energy into Municipal Planning
	Using Zero Emissions Vehicles to Improve Post-disaster Resiliency
6:00 PM— 7:30 PM	Community Evening

## Day 3—Wednesday, September 20, 2017

4:30 PM— 6:00 PM	Breakfast
9:00 AM— 12:00 PM	Local Study Tours

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Join us for the sixth annual Livable Cities Forum in Victoria, BC!

## Forum Venue

The 2017 Livable Cities Forum will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre. Steps from the historic Crystal Garden, the Victoria Conference Centre is one of the most beautiful venues in Western Canada, with the best of the city at its doorstep

### Victoria Conference Centre

720 Douglas Street  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 3M7

## Accommodations

There are several hotels located steps from the conference venue and the gorgeous Victoria Harbour. Rooms are available for a special conference discount at the DoubleTree Victoria. Rooms at the hotel are limited, and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit [www.livablecitiesforum.com/venue](http://www.livablecitiesforum.com/venue) to book.

## Getting Around

The Victoria area has excellent public transit that will take you in, out, and around of the City. For further assistance planning your trip, visit [www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com). Public transit information can be accessed from [www.bctransit.com/victoria/](http://www.bctransit.com/victoria/)

## Getting to Victoria

### By Air

Located 30 minutes from downtown Victoria and five minutes from Sidney, Victoria International Airport (YYJ) has daily flights from Vancouver International Airport (approx. 30 minute flight), as well as direct and non-stop flights from the rest of Canada and the United States. Victoria International Airport is served by BC Transit with up to frequent departures to and from YYJ and Downtown Victoria.

### By Ferry (from Vancouver)

BC Ferries connects Vancouver to Victoria by ferry. The large network of vehicle ferries connects Vancouver Island, British Columbia's mainland and smaller islands, like the Gulf Islands. Frequent daily service by BC Ferries between Vancouver and Victoria brings cars and passengers to its terminal at Swartz Bay, approximately 32 km north of Victoria.



## Sponsorship

Build your brand by highlighting how you are helping to create low carbon, resilient communities! The 2017 Livable Cities Forum provides numerous sponsorship opportunities to showcase your organization to municipal representatives and professionals from across Canada.

- Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum sponsorship packages available — stocked with benefits and promotional opportunities!
- Friends of the Forum — an affordable way to have your company recognized in the conference program and signage! Registration for one student will also be covered.
- Sponsor a student - Send the next generation of decision maker to the Forum! Available to silver and gold, and platinum sponsors as well as Friends of the Forum.

## Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the event. Volunteer opportunities range from event set-up to registration to study tour assistants. This position is ideal for students interested in environment, governance, or sustainability! If you are interested in participating visit [www.livablecitiesforum.com](http://www.livablecitiesforum.com), under Contact.

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