



*Realizing a Vision for
Conservation through
Collaboration*



*Forward thinking
Shaping Communities*

SAVE THE DATE!

Planning for the Environment: How Can Planning Enhance Protection?

9:30 am – 4:00 pm November 4, 2016

Four Points by Sheraton Kelowna

5505 Airport Way, Kelowna, BC

Registration Deadline: October 28, 2016. [Register on Eventbrite.](#)

Lunch and nutrition breaks will be provided.

This workshop has been approved for 4.75 PIBC Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) units.

This workshop will provide an overview of the opportunities and challenges of planning to maintain environmental integrity. Speakers will review case studies that highlight the current legislative landscape surrounding different aspects of environmental protection, and outline guidelines, best practices, and tools available for local governments to enhance environmental protection. We will offer participants the opportunity to tackle top challenges with your peers and exchange ideas and strategies on how to enhance environmental protection.

Keynote Speaker: Deborah Curran

Acting Executive Director for the Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria.



Deborah is an environmental lawyer and educator and works extensively on law reform, applied research and municipal law. Deborah specializes in land and water regulation and law, and has a strong interest in how legal and policy structures facilitate or impede us from adapting to changing ecological conditions, and shape decision-making through governance processes.

Through her work as co-founder of Smart Growth BC, acting executive director of the Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria and as a practicing lawyer, Deborah works with local governments and community organizations on sustainable built environments and freshwater governance. Her current work, in partnership with the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, matches indigenous water law with the framework of the new *Water Sustainability Act*.

A frequent collaborator with local governments, Deborah has helped to create sustainable and green bylaws, toolkits and sample policies that are cited by communities in BC and across the country. Not an

ivory tower academic, Deborah is a frequent presenter at water and land use forums, and provides mentoring and advice to groups from all corners of the province.

Presenter: Dr. Lael Parrott



Lael Parrott (PhD, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, McGill University) is a Professor in Sustainability at the I.K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences and Director of the [Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience and Ecosystem Services \(BRAES\)](#) at UBC Okanagan. Prior to joining UBC, Lael was an Associate Professor in Environmental Geography and Director of the Complex Systems Laboratory at Université de Montréal.

Dr. Parrott leads an internationally recognized research program in modelling and characterizing contemporary regional landscapes and ecosystems as complex systems. Practical applications of her research involve environmental management, conservation and monitoring as well as future scenarios analysis. She has extensive experience in leading multipartite groups to share this vision to find sustainable management solutions that reconcile ecological, societal and economic objectives. Her innovative, complex systems approach to studying the environment earned her the honour of being named one of 25 “movers and shakers” of Quebec society with bright ideas for the future.

AGENDA

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| 9:00 am | Sign-in and refreshments |
| 9:30 am | Welcome and Introductions
Scott Boswell, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP)
Collaborative partnerships for environmental planning
Tanis Gieselman, OCCP |
| 9:45 am | Planning for Conservation in the Okanagan Valley
Margaret Bakelaar, Environmental/Land Use Planner, RDCO |
| 10:05 am | Planning for Wetland Management
Amy Nixon, Ecosystems Branch, FLNRO, Penticton BC |
| 10:20 am | Nutrition Break |
| 10:40 am | Planning for Species At Risk
Lucy Reiss, Senior Terrestrial Habitat Planner, Environment and Climate Change Canada |
| 11:15 am | How to supplement RAR to enhance riparian area protection
Deborah Curran, Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre, Uvic |

- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm **Planning for ecosystem connectivity in the Okanagan**
Dr. Lael Parrott, Director of the Okanagan institute for Biodiversity, Resilience and Ecosystem Services (BRAES) UBC Okanagan.
- 1:15 pm **The current state of protection: “The Saanich Situation”**
Deborah Curran, Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre, UVIC
- 2:00 pm **Optimizing the use of toolkits and guidebooks**
Kellie Garcia, Policy and Planning Specialist, Okanagan Basin Water Board
- 2:20 pm Nutrition break
- 2:35 pm **The Challenges and Opportunities – Panel Discussion**
- 3:45 pm **Wrap up and next steps**