

Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance presents:

# Facing the Challenge:

## Strategies for a Green & Inclusive Recovery

A Governance Forum for Local Leaders in Ontario

June 19-20, 2009

Kingbridge Conference Centre,  
King City, Ontario

Join Ontario's Mayors, Councillors and School Trustees for a day of inspiration and information on the challenges posed by our new economic context and the opportunities for a green and inclusive recovery.

### Keynote Speaker: Dieter Salomon



Mayor Dieter Salomon leads Freiburg Germany, a city the size of Kitchener, located farther north than Sault Ste Marie that transformed itself into the solar energy capital of the world.

Using standard local government tools like municipal leadership, community participation and strategic investment, Freiburg built whole neighbourhoods of "zero energy" homes, cut garbage by 60%, created 400 renewable energy installations and launched over 80 solar energy businesses, and in the process earned a place at the vanguard of Germany's booming solar energy industry.

Today Freiburg enjoys R&D investment as well as green jobs and leads other cities in recreating its success in sustainability. Join Mayor Salomon for a tour of how his City learned the benefits of green living.

### Shaping The New Economy

As governments invest billions to re-energize our economy, many people have advocated for investments that promote equity and sustainability. In the face of our growing income gap and the threat of global warming, that seems like sound social policy. But more and more, analysts are seeing that a greener, fairer economy may also be better for the bottom line by increasing growth, improving stability and renewing our economy.

Join us as three of Canada's leading economists take a look at our economic future, showing how and why a fair, green economy can make a difference, and what role municipalities and school boards can play in shaping that future.



**Hugh Mackenzie** served as Executive Director of the Ontario Fair Tax Commission in the early 90's, leading a comprehensive effort to untangle taxes and put cities and school boards on a sound financial footing. As a research associate for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, he has dissected every Federal and Ontario budget since 1997. Hugh's experience at the heart of provincial and municipal finance can give local leaders new insight into what changes to financial policies would really make a difference for local governments.



**Grace-Edward Galabuzi** is an assistant professor in the Politics and Public Administration Department, Ryerson University, Toronto and a Research Associate at the Centre for Social Justice in Toronto. He is the author of Canada's Economic Apartheid: The Social Exclusion of Racialized Groups in the New Century and co-editor of Race and Racialization: Essential Readings. He is a member of the United Way of Greater Toronto Board of Trustees and its Policy, Planning and Research committee, a board member of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.



**Andrew Jackson** is Chief Economist and National Director of Social and Economic Policy with the Canadian Labour Congress, where he has worked since 1989. He is also a Research Professor in the Institute of Political Economy at Carleton University, a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and a Fellow with the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. During a leave of absence from the CLC in 2000-02, he was Director of Research with the Canadian Council on Social Development.

Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance is offering our third Annual Ontario Forum: **Facing the Challenge: Strategies for a Green and Inclusive Recovery**. Join us this year at the **Kingbridge Conference Centre's** comfortable surroundings in a pastoral setting surrounded by walking trails and state of the art recreation facilities.

**Registration opens January 26<sup>th</sup> Forum fee of \$250 includes:**

+ 1 night private accommodation

+ all meals: dinner, breakfast & lunch

+ all presentations & workshops

Join in the Forum that past participants called "brilliant," "fantastic" and "the best I've seen in years."

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