

## **Collaborating on Carbon Commitments - October 19, 2009**

### **- A training ground for Gaining Ground**

#### **Morning Sessions**

##### **Session One: Carbon Neutral Collaboration – Public Institutions Working Together**

Energy use is at the core of taking action on climate change. How can public institutions work together to facilitate more efficient, clean energy solutions? What is district heating and how could it benefit your operation? This session features a panel presentation by three experts who will describe new and innovative partnerships in energy. These speakers will explore the benefits of cross-sector collaboration to reduce the energy and GHG footprint of buildings and operations. Discover how communities across British Columbia have taken the lead in advancing these innovative partnerships.

Panel Members	Jim Gustafson, CAO Regional District of Central Kootenay
	Jason Bateman, Councillor Township of Langley
	Eric Thorleifson

##### **Session Two: Talking Climate Change – Communicating to Build Commitment**

School districts, health authorities and local governments have growing responsibilities to meet emission reduction targets. Your organization also has a critical role to play in advancing emissions education and engaging your colleagues and local stakeholders as part of developing a climate action strategy. This workshop will provide you with successful engagement approaches, social marketing techniques and behaviour change strategies. It will help you identify entry points which build community engagement and support.

Speakers / Facilitators:	Kerri Klein, BC Healthy Communities
	Dale Littlejohn, Community Energy Association

#### **Lunch Break and Keynote**

As you are finishing lunch, the Centre for Civic Governance will take you through a brief update on recent climate change studies and tour of the international discussions on carbon emissions targets in the lead up to the Copenhagen Round of talks this December, where the follow up to Kyoto will be hammered out. David Cadman, president of ICLEI – the International organization of Cities working for Sustainability – has been actively involved in these discussions. Mr Cadman has advanced local government priorities in the backrooms of power on the international stage and will share the latest insights on these discussions.

*Lunch is sponsored by the Columbia Institute*

#### **Afternoon Session – Putting it all Together**

What are the possibilities for collaboration for your organization? The afternoon features an interactive workshop, pulling together all the information from the preceding sessions and giving participants a chance to explore the possible options for collaboration on cleaner, greener energy to power your organization.