

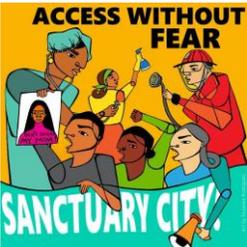
SPEAKERS



PATTI BACCHUS was elected to the Vancouver School Board as Board Chair and part of the Vision Vancouver slate in 2008, 2011 and 2014, topping the polls each time. As Chair she and the Vision-led board secured hundreds of millions of dollars in provincial capital funding for new and seismically upgraded schools. She is especially proud of the VSB's leadership in developing groundbreaking policy to support transgendered students and to create the first student trustee position in BC. Patti is also a Director on the Board of the Broadbent Institute and, more recently, has joined the *Vancouver Observer* as a contributing education editor. [@pattibacchus](#) **LESSONS FROM THE CAULDRON**



TAYLOR BACHRACH was elected Mayor of Smithers in November 2011 and prior to that, served as a Councillor in the Village of Telkwa. In addition to his local government role, Taylor owns and runs a small graphic design and web development company, Bachrach Communications. [@taylorbachrach](#) **LESSONS FROM THE CAULDRON**



ALEJANDRA LÓPEZ BRAVO was born and raised in Mexico City, but Vancouver has been her home since 2006. As a member of Sanctuary Health, she advocates for peoples access to services without fear of deportation, and gives direct support to those with precarious or no immigration status. Alejandra recently collaborated with the New Westminster Board of Education to help develop their Sanctuary Schools policy. She is also manager of the Fresh Voices Initiative, a program that works with immigrant and refugee youth to understand and develop recommendations for policy in BC. Her involvement with immigrant, refugee women, and youth is connected to her personal journey of redefining identity and belonging, and her commitment to addressing sexism, racism and poverty. **SANCTUARY SCHOOLS**



JUDY BROWNOFF continues to move Saanich forward on many sustainability issues, active transportation, “age friendly” Saanich, and affordability. She has served the Saanich community since 1993. When Judy was first elected she brought a motion to Saanich Council to join FCM's 20% Club, now the Partners in Climate Protection program. She was instrumental in working with the CAO to develop the Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation/Mitigation Plan. She is the Chair of Saanich's Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Committee, a Director at the Capital Regional District, as well as President and Chair of the BC Healthy Communities Board of Directors. **RAMPING UP LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES**



RANDY CAIRNS has been a trustee at Mission Public Schools for more than 11 years. He is currently serving his fourth term. Randy has been a past liaison to Fraserview Learning Centre, and continues to support the student centered facility. He recognizes the importance and value of intergenerational initiatives. **SCHOOLS AND INTER-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE**



TED CLUGSTON was born and raised in Medicine Hat and graduated from the University of Calgary. He served two terms as an Alderman before being elected Mayor in October 2013. While leading the municipality and its multi-million dollar energy division, his priorities include: tourism, economic development and growth, continued diversification of the energy portfolio, industrial expansion, flood mitigation, recreation and entertainment. [@tedclugston](#) **HOUSING LEADERSHIP**



DEREK CORRIGAN has served the citizens of Burnaby since he was first elected to Council as a councillor in 1987. He was elected Mayor in 2002, then re-elected in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014. He strives to bring the history and heritage of his three decades of public service to every important decision. Derek was born in Vancouver. After winning a scholarship to UBC, he was granted early admission to law school and was called to the B.C. Bar in 1978. He has served on many local, regional and national committees; as chair of B.C. Transit from 1994-97; and four years as an elected director of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. **EMERGING ISSUES PANEL**



JONATHAN COTE was first elected in 2005, serving three terms on the New Westminster City Council before being elected Mayor in 2014. He has earned a reputation as a strong leader around issues such as transportation, our local economy, and parks and recreation facilities. Jonathan is appointed to several Metro Vancouver Committees including the Housing Committee, Regional Planning Committee (Vice Chair), Mayors' Committee, Performance and Procurement Committee and Zero Waste Committee. He is also a member of the TransLink Mayors' Council. Jonathan holds a Master's in Urban Studies from SFU. **HOUSING LEADERSHIP**



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS is a team of people from both worlds. Cultural Elders who are residential school survivors, intergenerational survivors, and people with mixed and European heritage. **RECONCILIATION IN ACTION**



SHANNON DAUB has trained and coached dozens of researchers and community leaders on public speaking and media interviews. She has taught in the School of Communication and Culture at Royal Roads University. Shannon is Associate Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' BC Office. Over the last 20 years, she poured her passion for social justice into the CCPA-BC's strategic communication and public engagement work. Shannon has been active in civic governance as a board member with the Vancouver Public Library and the BC Library Trustees' Association. She currently chairs the Wilderness Committee's board of directors. **MEDIA INTENSIVE, PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND WOMEN**



LIBBY DAVIES was a member of parliament for 18 years and was awarded the Order of Canada in 2016. She has been a social activist for 40 plus years and began as a community organizer in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Libby was elected to Vancouver City Council for five consecutive terms, 1982-1993. She was the Member of Parliament for Vancouver East for six consecutive terms, 1997-2015. From 2003-2011 she was the NDP House Leader and Deputy Leader (2007-2015). Libby has been an outspoken advocate for human rights, housing, peace, and social justice throughout her political life. She is currently writing about political activism and transformative change. **LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITIONING TIMES PANEL**



GEOFF DEMBICKI reports for *The Tyee*. His work has appeared in outlets like the *New York Times*, *the Atlantic* and *Foreign Policy*. Geoff's first book, *Are We Screwed? How a New Generation is Fighting to Survive Climate Change*, will be published by Bloomsbury this August. **PECHA KUCHA**



CHARLES DEMERS is an author, stand-up comedian and adjunct professor of creative writing at UBC. His collection of essays, *Vancouver Special*, was shortlisted for the Hubert Evans BC Book Prize for Non-Fiction. He is also the author of 3 novels. Charles has performed for national television and radio audiences, and at the Just for Laughs Festival. He is one of the most frequently returning stars of CBC Radio's smash-hit comedy show *The Debaters*. [@charliedemers](#) **KEYNOTE**



SAV DHAILWAL is proud to be serving his fifth consecutive term as a Burnaby City Councillor. Prior to becoming a city councillor, Sav was president of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, served on the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, and was founding chair of the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame Committee where he worked closely with the City in designing the Bill Copeland Sports Centre. Sav has welcomed the opportunity to represent Burnaby at the provincial level as the president of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. **PECHA KUCHA**



ROBERT DUFFY is Coordinator for the Sustainable Communities Initiative. From 2009 to 2014, he was research analyst with Columbia Institute and the Centre for Civic Governance. Prior to that, he held research and policy positions in the Canadian parliament and the BC legislature. **PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, PUBLIC CONTROL**



CATHERINE EVANS is a first term Park Board commissioner in Vancouver. She also sits on a variety of City of Vancouver committees including the Women's Advisory Committee, and the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee. Before her election, she worked in the fields of law, policy, and communications in both government and the private sector. The issues she has championed in her work and as a volunteer have included: pay equity, employment equity, human rights, adult guardianship, public education, housing and homelessness, and women's rights. [@catherineevans](#) **SUPPORTING REFUGEES**



KAREN FARBRIDGE has over 25 years of experience connecting people and ideas to build more sustainable and resilient communities. She spent 17 years in municipal politics, 11 of them as the mayor of Guelph. Karen successfully championed the integration of sustainability principles and citizen engagement into the city's approach to city planning and development. Her integrated approach to sustainability embraces four pillars: economic opportunity and prosperity, social justice and well-being, environmental stewardship, and culture. She is currently President of Karen Farbridge & Associates Ltd. She recently co-authored "Top Asks for Climate Action: Ramping Up Low Carbon Communities." **TOP ASKS FOR CLIMATE ACTION**



ANDREW GAGE is a lawyer with West Coast Environmental Law and lead on the Climate Law in our Hands initiative. Climate Law in our Hands empowers communities to evaluate their local climate impacts and then hold fossil fuel companies globally accountable. By challenging the right of fossil fuel companies to profit from the destruction of our communities, Climate Law in our Hands forces a conversation that the fossil fuel industry has managed to avoid so far, going to the core of the climate crisis. [@WCELaw](#) **PECHA KUCHA**



MARK GIFFORD is Executive Director at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, where he works with an amazing group of staff and volunteers to provide a wide range of inclusive community development services in East Vancouver. Previously, Mark was Director of Grants & Community Initiatives at the Vancouver Foundation, providing staff leadership on design and facilitation of granting, research, community engagement and advocacy strategies. He serves as Vice-Chair of the New Westminster Board of Education, to which he was elected as a Trustee in 2014. He earned his BA at Simon Fraser University and MA in Urban Studies at Temple University in Philadelphia. [@contactgifford](#) **SANCTUARY SCHOOLS**



DOUG HILLIAN is a three time municipal councillor serving the City of Courtenay since 2009. A community volunteer and activist throughout his adult life, he works in human services management after a long career on the front lines of social work and the justice system. Doug's presentation is an account of the Comox Valley's Critical Incident Response Protocol against racism, hate crime and homophobia, and how a racist incident and Courtenay's initial refusal to sign the protocol became an international story. **PECHA KUCHA**



SETH KLEIN is the BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a public policy research institute committed to social and economic justice. Seth holds a BA in international relations, a B.Ed from the University of Toronto, and an MA in political science from Simon Fraser University. He has been a social activist for over twenty-five years. A former teacher, Seth is co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, a board member of the Canada Without Poverty Advocacy Network, and an advisor and instructor for Next Up, a leadership program for young people committed to social and environmental justice. [@SethDKlein](#) **ECONOMY IN TRANSITION**



VERA LEFRANC is a Surrey City Councillor and member of the non-partisan Surrey First team. She has spent decades working in the non-profit sector focusing on anti-violence, employment, poverty reduction, crime prevention, housing and homelessness, and community economic development – all of which are issues facing Surrey today. Vera worked with the Poverty Reduction Coalition to develop the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan, including THIS (Transportation, Housing, Income and Support) is How we End Poverty in Surrey – a framework for making a difference for all low-income individuals. **SUPPORTING REFUGEES**



DALE LITTLEJOHN is the Executive Director of the Community Energy Association. CEA is an enterprising non-profit research and consulting organization for local governments on climate action. Prior to joining CEA in 2006, Dale was a global corporate strategy and technology strategy consultant at Deloitte. Dale also has a small coaching practice to help conscious business leaders. **PECHA KUCHA**



JOSHA MACNAB works on policy solutions at the local and provincial level and strives to encourage a pace and scale of action that is commensurate with the climate challenge we face. Her work supports the transition to a clean energy economy by exploring solutions that can help BC remain an economically-competitive climate leader. Through cross-sectoral consultation and engagement, her work finds ways to reduce the impact of fossil fuels and increase energy efficiency while encouraging robust development of clean energy. Josha directs the Pembina Institute's work in BC and holds a Master's of Resource and Environmental Management degree from SFU.

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SUE MAXWELL is a councillor in Whistler and an environmental consultant. She holds Master's degree in Environment & Management and is passionate about zero waste and sustainability. Sue has worked and volunteered in BC on matters related to waste reduction and elimination. Some of these projects include developing the zero waste hierarchy, several extended producer responsibility programs, and zero waste plans for regional districts, municipalities and other organizations. Having local governments understand and use their potential to effect change towards zero waste is one of her goals. **PECHA KUCHA**



GEOFF MEGGS is currently serving on Vancouver's City Council. Geoff focuses on transit, affordable housing and the Viaducts replacement project. He was first elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2011 and 2014. Geoff is a member of the Metro Vancouver Board and the Metro Vancouver Housing Committee. He was recently appointed the City of Vancouver's Deputy Mayor for 2017.

LIVING WAGE GAINS GROUND



DON MITCHELL tries to follow the motto "think globally, act locally." He has served thirteen years on the Moose Jaw city council, three of those as mayor. The issues he focuses on in council and advisory committees include municipal support for waste reduction, alternative energy production and reduction of carbon emissions. He is also a supporter of fair and equitable taxation, social housing, promotion of local food production, and cultural diversity and inclusion. Don is a council representative on six advisory committees and/or third party boards.

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DARRELL MUSSATTO's priority issues are sustainability, affordability and homelessness. Darrell is now serving his fourth term as Mayor of North Vancouver, previously he served four terms as Councillor. He is committed to lowering the City's carbon footprint by making the City more bike-friendly, reducing energy use, managing our liquid and solid waste in a more environmentally friendly way, supporting urban gardening and expanding the award winning Lonsdale Energy Corporation. Darrel is also a Director of Metro Vancouver, serving as Chair of the Utilities Committee. **NORTH VANCOUVER SUSTAINABILITY TOUR**



JOSIE OSBORNE is serving her second term as mayor of Tofino. A self-described community builder, she grew up on Vancouver Island and was strongly mentored in community service. After leaving university, moving to Tofino, and pursuing a 15 year career in marine biology and environmental education, she turned to operating small businesses and volunteering on the boards of several tourism and festival non-profit organizations. As mayor, she is a strong advocate for local government communication and public engagement, and proudly led the development of participatory budgeting in Tofino – after first learning about it through the Centre for Civic Governance. **@Josie_Osborne ENGAGING CITIZENS IN BUDGET DECISIONS**



GARY PENWAY is the Director of the Community Development Department with the City of North Vancouver. Gary has over 30 years of experience with North Vancouver. This includes previously serving as the City Planner, Waterfront Project Manager and Development Planner. He has a degree in Urban & Regional Planning and is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. In 2000, Gary led the effort to rewrite the City's Official Community Plan to focus on sustainability principles. He prepared the City's Waterfront Vision and has been the City's lead for the Pier waterfront development since 1995. **NORTH VANCOUVER SUSTAINABILITY TOUR**



LEANNE PIPER is a three-term city councillor in Guelph, Ontario, and served as a school board trustee prior to election to council. She has a long history of activism on a wide range of issues, including environmental protection, social justice, neighbourhood and city planning, urban forestry, heritage conservation, and public education. Leanne has an Honours BA in History & English from McMaster University and an MA in Leadership from the College of Business and Economics at the University of Guelph, where she works full-time. Leanne feels strongly that direct citizen participation is essential to municipal budgeting. [@ward5guelph](#) **ENGAGING CITIZENS IN BUDGET DECISIONS**



CARMEN PROCTOR was contracted in 2011 to develop and implement an Energy Retrofit Program with On-bill Financing for the City of Nelson. This program is still a success in the community and has now expanded to offer solar energy. She continues to manage EcoSave and is the lead on the Nelson Community Solar Garden project. Carmen started the Nelson Green Home and Energy Show, now in its 5th year, which showcases greener options for building, retrofitting and features electric vehicles. **RAMPING UP LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES**



CHUCK PUCHMAYR is a current member of New Westminster city council, first elected in 1996. He is a past member of the BC Legislature 2005-2009, and a current executive member of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association. Chuck is an active volunteer and sits as a director on numerous non-profit boards. He is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Citizen of the year and the United Way Labour appreciation awards. **ECONOMY IN TRANSITION**



NICOLE READ is currently Mayor of Maple Ridge. From 2000-2003 she worked as a Historical Research Consultant for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. In 2003 she founded her company THG, The History Group Inc. Since its inception, THG has grown to be a foremost provider of project management and historical consulting services in Canada. Nicole served one year on the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and has volunteered with Carnegie Centre and the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre in Vancouver. **LESSONS FROM THE CAULDRON**



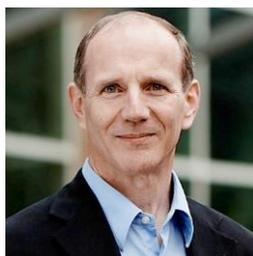
BLAIR REDLIN is a public policy researcher based in Vancouver. He currently serves as Co-chair of the national Trade Justice Network which brings together Canadian civil society organizations concerned about international trade deals. Blair was formerly a researcher with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). During the 1990s, he served as a Deputy Minister in the B.C. public service, heading up economic development and transportation agencies. In 2014 Blair co-authored a report on ferry construction for the Centre for Civic Governance, "Made-in-B.C. Ferries", and another in 2015 for Green Jobs B.C., on green jobs from transit investment "Good Jobs, Clean Skies." **EMERGING ISSUES PANEL**



ANDREA REIMER has led the City of Vancouver's award-winning efforts to be the Greenest City in the world by 2020. First elected to Council in 2008, Ms. Reimer previously was elected to the Vancouver School Board under the Green Party banner, a first in Canada. She was Vancouver's first permanent Deputy Mayor, chairs the City's Policy and Strategic Priorities Committee and is Vice Chair of the Climate Action Committee. Nationally, she sits on the Green Municipal Fund Council which awards federal dollars for green infrastructure. Prior to being elected, Ms. Reimer ran the largest membership-based environment group in Canada. **TOP ASKS FOR CLIMATE ACTION**



KEITH REYNOLDS is a policy analyst who has worked at all three levels of government, for two public sector unions and as a private consultant. His work has been deeply focused on municipal services and finance, on broader issues related to privatization and on government transparency. He has served on the board of the CCPA, and the BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association. Keith has authored presentations for a wide range of organizations, including fact-finding missions for the United Nations Economic Commission. Most recently, Keith was the lead author on Columbia Institute's report "Back In House: Why Local Governments Are Bringing Services Home." **PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, PUBLIC CONTROL**



GAËTAN ROYER's love of everything urban brought him to hundreds of cities in 30 countries. An architect and urban planner originally from Québec City, he received the Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal for his humanitarian work in Sarajevo. During his time as City Manager in Port Moody, the city received numerous awards including the International Livable Communities Award. Gaëtan is now the Manager of Metropolitan Planning, Environment & Parks for Metro Vancouver. He is also author of "Time for Cities," a book about getting a better deal for cities, and is contributing author to Columbia Institute's report "Back In House: Why Local Governments Are Bringing Services Home." **PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, PUBLIC CONTROL**



MAYA RUSSELL is a New Westminster parent, community activist, communications consultant and trainer. She is a founding member of New Westminster Parents for Public Education and former Vice-Chair of SD40's District Parent Advisory Council. Maya and her family hosted a refugee family in their home last year, and continue to learn from and advocate alongside refugee families. She served as a parent rep on SD40's Sanctuary Schools Task Force. **SANCTUARY SCHOOLS**



BOB SIMPSON is half way through his first term as Mayor of Quesnel, a city that is in the midst of a significant transition due to the economic and ecological impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. He served as the region's MLA for two terms, first as a member of the NDP Opposition, then as an Independent MLA for his final two years in office. Prior to becoming an elected leader, Bob was an organizational effectiveness and leadership manager for a major forest products company, an independent consultant, and an entrepreneur. **PECHA KUCHA, LIVING WAGE GAINS GROUND**



STEPHANIE SMITH is the first woman elected president of the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), representing 67,000 members at 550 different employers and B.C. government ministries. Stephanie was elected at the union's convention in May 2014. An early childhood educator by training, Stephanie began her involvement with the labour movement in 1981 – first in New Zealand, and then in British Columbia with the Children's Services Employees' Union, which merged with BCGEU in 1995/96. A tireless advocate for worker rights, young workers, and equity groups, Stephanie has spoken at provincial, national and international conferences on behalf of BCGEU members. [@steph_smith303](#) **LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITIONING TIMES PANEL**



KAREN TAM WU is the BC Associate Director and Director of the Buildings and Urban Solutions Program at the Pembina Institute, a non-profit think-tank that advocates for strong, effective policies to support Canada's clean energy transition. [@karentamwoohoo](#) **RAMPING UP LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES**



JUDY VILLENEUVE has been on the Surrey City Council for 27 years, and has witnessed the city embrace change and welcome new residents. She helped develop the Social Plan for well-being, the Poverty Reduction Plan, Surrey's Homelessness and Housing Society and Foundation, and Co-Chairs the Local Immigrant Partnership. A Metro Vancouver Board Director, Judy is appointed to the Housing Committee, Climate Action Committee, MFA, and the Regional Cultural Committee. Councillor Villeneuve spearheaded Surrey's Cultural Plan and Public Arts Policy fostering new cultural grants, facilities, and installation of 60 world class public arts works. **SUPPORTING REFUGEES**



KATHY WADDELL has a diploma in Early Childhood Education, a certificate in Aboriginal Health and Community Administration, and is working on a degree in Governance and Public Administration. Kathy is a strong advocate for vulnerable and marginalized people. She has a passion for children and families and believes that our society would be stronger if we could holistically support families. Kathy is a Metis woman and has been working with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations for 10 years. She led the Huu-ay-aht Government initiative to calculate and implement their Living Wage Policy. **LIVING WAGE GAINS GROUND**



ROBYN WARK is Team Lead of BC Hydro's Sustainable Community program. She sits on the BC Step Code Advisory Committee, Community Energy Association Board, and is the Vice-Chair of QUEST BC. Having worked as a consultant, local government planner, and educator, Robyn has a deep understanding of sustainability program design, energy efficiency market trends, and policy and incentive opportunities. Her work has won awards from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Canadian Institute of Planners, and the Planning Institute of British Columbia. In 2013 she was awarded the PIBC Individual Award for Leadership in Advocacy & Innovation. **TOP ASKS FOR CLIMATE ACTION**



KEVIN WATRIN has been an educator for twenty-one years and the principal of the Fraserview Learning Centre since its inception in September 2013. **SCHOOLS AND INTER-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE**
