

Work the Walk! Metro Vancouver Walkability Workshop

Tuesday June 9th 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

You are invited to participate in a unique workshop, presented by BC Recreation and Parks Association and Green Communities Canada as part of the Canadian Walking Master Class 2009.

Why attend?

Be inspired by international case studies - International and local experts will provide thought provoking case studies from around the world, across Canada and within the region. They will show how the International Charter for Walking can be used as a framework for building local and regional walking environments.

Hear highlights from the Canadian Walking Master Class - We will review the experiences, highlights and learnings from the teams' recent visits with Hamilton, ON; Moncton, NB; Kelowna, BC; and Whitehorse, YT.

Contribute to the development of resources and best practice notes to support the work you and people across Canada are doing to create more walkable communities.

Build professional networks across the Metro Vancouver region to focus on supporting walking as the lifeblood for vibrant neighbourhoods and effective public transit systems.

Who should attend this workshop?

Professionals from a diversity of disciplines including planning, engineering, health, recreation, policing, education, tourism, business and community development, bringing their different skills and experiences to the table, to realise opportunities to achieve shared outcomes.

What the workshop will cover?

Plenary sessions will bring perspectives and ideas from towns and cities from Australia, Europe and North America that can address some of the challenges and opportunities that exist in Canadian urban environments.

On-street walkabouts will look directly at how the design details of our streets and neighbourhoods can positively and negatively impact on walking and whether people choose to walk. This will include the essential elements of street audit tools and how to identify changes required.

Group work on specific topics to address issues and identify key points for best practice including:

- Designing and developing commuter catchments which attract and support people to walk to (and use) public transit
- Creating networks that provide for both local walking trips and regional links
- Providing 'wayfinding' and signage systems that promote and support walking.

To Register

This event is by invitation and free of charge to invited guests. If you are unable to attend and would like to nominate another individual, you can do so.

Contact Cara Fisher, BEAT Coordinator at BC Recreation & Parks Association to register 604.629.0965 ext 255 or cfisher@bcrrpa.bc.ca.

Where: METROTOWER Office Complex, Meeting Room, SUITE 428, METROTOWER II, Burnaby BC



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The Expert Team

This workshop is being delivered by a team of experts with both local and international experience.

Jacky Kennedy, Director, Canada Walks for Green Communities Canada.

Jacky has directed many successful walking programs, including: Active & Safe Routes to School, which she initiated in Toronto in 1996; YWALK Youth initiatives; co-hosting Walk21 Toronto 2007 with the City of Toronto in October 2007; host and organizer of the World Record Walk 2007; collaborating with Walk21 on a series of walkability initiatives including the Canadian Walkability Roadshow.

Bronwen Thornton, Development Director Walk21, United Kingdom

Bronwen Thornton is the Development Director at Walk21. Bronwen worked with Jacky to deliver the Canadian Walkability Roadshow 2007. She is currently working with a number of European Cities to support and implement walking initiatives. She is also working with people all over the world as they utilise the International Charter for Walking to support local action, to underpin strategic directions and gain political support for walking and walkable neighbourhoods. Visit (<http://www.canadawalks.ca/casestudies.asp>) to learn more about the 2007 Walkability Roadshow.

Rodney Tolley, Honorary Research Fellow at Staffordshire University, United Kingdom

Rodney is an Honorary Research Fellow at Staffordshire University, where he taught for over 30 years. Rodney researches and publishes in the fields on environmental traffic management and walking and bicycle use in integrated travel plans. He is the editor of what has become 'the bible' of green mode planning, 'The Greening of Urban Transport: Planning for Walking and Cycling in Western Countries' (1997). Recently updated to a third edition, 'Sustainable Transport: Planning for Walking and Cycling in Urban Environments' (2003) is also now available. Rodney is the Conference Director of Walk21.

Adrian Bell, Project Director, Applied Information Group, North America Inc. Vancouver

Adrian is a transport planner with over 20 years experience in public sector transport policy and a specialism in active transportation. He was Active Travel Development manager at Transport for London with responsibility for the Mayor's behavioural change programmes to increase walking and cycling. As part this role he developed Legible London and the 2012 Olympic walking and cycling programmes. He joined Applied Information Group in November 2008 to open a North American office where he currently leads a wayfinding project to support mode shift for TransLink.

Gordon Price, Director, City Program, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Gordon writes, teaches and consults on urban development and planning. He served six terms as Councillor for the City of Vancouver, from 1986 to 2002, as well as on the board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (now Metro) and TransLink. Gordon speaks on urban issues and the development of Vancouver in cities around the world, and is a regular lecturer on transportation and land use for the City of Portland, Oregon and Portland State University. He has written several essays on Vancouver and transportation issues (*The Deceptive City*, *Local Politician's Guide to Urban Transportation*). In 2003, he received the Plan Canada Award for Article of the Year - "*Land Use and Transportation: The View from '56*" - from the Canadian Institute of Planners.



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