

BCRPA 2011 Regional Parks - Pre-symposium Workshop

**Regional Parks
Pre-symposium Workshop
May 9-10, 2011**

**Venue: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel & Convention Centre
7551 Westminster Hwy
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3**

BCRPA is partnering with regional districts in hosting this annual workshop, to take place during the two days immediately preceding the BCRPA symposium. Day 1 will be in forum session; includes presentations, dialogue on current issues facing regional parks, and evening networking. Day two includes tour of regional and municipal park facilities in the region. This interesting and timely two-day workshop will be of interest to regional park managers, administrators, planners, policy analysts and resource management planners.

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- Advance registration required
 - Registration is limited

Fee: \$180.00 (includes HST) payable upon registration includes: ¹

- Admission to workshop; light refreshments, lunch and dinner for May 9th (Monday);
- Participation in the park tour including bus transportation, lunch, refreshments and bicycle rental on May 10 (Tuesday). ²

¹ *Registrants are responsible for their own accommodation and costs associated with travel to or from the venue. Fees for the pre-symposium workshop are over and those charged for attending the BCRPA symposium.*

² *For the cycling component of tour rental bicycles and helmets are provided and included in total cost of workshop. Those participants who choose not to cycle will still experience the south arm of the Fraser but with alternate bus transportation.*

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Day 1 - Workshop Sessions

Monday, May 9

Meeting venue will be open from 7:30 am with light morning refreshments available

8:30 am Welcome - Introductions & Context

9:00 am Session 1 Wildland Urban Fire Risk

Session will examine the continuum of options to address the Wildland Urban Fire Risk; includes current issues, policies and standards governing risk assessment, fire hazard assessment and fuel management.

Session leader: Bruce Blackwell, Blackwell & Associates

10:50 am Session 2 Overview of Crown Grant Processes

Learn to navigate the intricacies of the Crown land application process. Case studies will include maps, application details, and how applications are processed through FCBC., and ways to improving or streamline processes. Gain valuable insights into Ministry sponsorship including the details required for a sponsorship request. There will be discussion of tenure details and impediments to gaining tenure over crown land for uses such as regional parks.

Session leaders: Maxine Davie, Ministry Natural Resource Operations
Dannie Carson, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

12:20 pm (Approx) Lunch

1:00 pm Session 3 The Carbon Market: How Can Developing Offsets Reinforce Park Priorities?

The carbon market is adding a whole new dimension to the protection and restoration of natural areas in British Columbia. Revenues from developing and selling offset projects can assist regional governments in building a case for acquiring, restoring and managing lands. These kinds of projects however, require new partners, long-term thinking, and a more holistic approach to accounting. Session will explore ecosystem based offsets and associated benefits, challenges, policy and management implications of developing projects at the regional scale. Using the latest information, session will provide practitioners with the background and resources to more effectively contribute to conversations on offsets in their regional government and how they can reinforce park priorities and contribute to community climate action strategies.

Session leaders: Glenn Harris, PhD, RPBio, Capital Regional District
Sarah Webb, BSc, SBA, Capital Regional District

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2:30 pm Working with First Nations to Acquire or Manage Parkland

Session is an overview of the reconciliation and treaty process in British Columbia and how it may impact management of potential and existing parkland; highlights current examples of accommodation and land use agreements to further cooperation between First Nations and local governments outside of the treaty process; also, how such agreements may influence joint management and the evolution of business models.

Session speaker: Donald Lidstone, Q.C.,
Lidstone & Company, Vancouver, BC.

4:00 pm Wrap Summary and 2012 workshop

4:30 pm Optional - Outdoor Recreation Health Activity

6:00 pm Dinner & Networking

7:00 pm Session 5 Valuating the Benefits from Nature

“Research has shown that natural capital – the fields, farms, forests, wetlands and rivers within and surrounding our communities – and the benefits it provide, are extremely valuable in monetary terms, and in reality they are truly priceless.”

Natural Capital in BC's Lower Mainland
David Suzuki Foundation, 2010

This session will be a presentation themed around protecting natural capital in the lower mainland, with information drawn from a recent study conducted by the DSF, and a new “Natural Capital Ambassadors” program.

Session leader: Aryne Sheppard, David Suzuki Foundation
Michelle Molnar, David Suzuki Foundation

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Day 2 - Tour Tuesday, May 10

Tour departs from Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel at 8:30 am

All-day tour highlighting relevant topics related to regional parks, outdoor recreation and community greenspace including:

- Pacific Spirit Regional Park
 - Fire management & operations
 - Camosun Bog restoration and community engagement
 - Acadia Beach

City of Richmond - Embodying many of the “Experience the Fraser” project themes, the City of Richmond’s South Arm waterfront is an inviting corridor, showcasing both the vibrant community of Steveston and the integration of waterfront recreation and culture in industrial, agricultural and residential areas. Guided tour by bicycle with stops including:

- London Heritage Farm and City / Richmond Tree Nursery
- London’s Landing
- Britannia Heritage Shipyard
- Imperial Landing
- Waterfront Strategy discussion
- Garry Point Park
- Steveston community

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- Parks Canada
 - Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site
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