

# 2018 REGIONAL PARKS WORKSHOP

Hosted by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks

## DAY ONE – Wednesday, November 14

### ARRIVAL AND HOTEL CHECK-IN

*Inn at the Quay, New Westminster*

### 7:00 - 9:00 pm NETWORKING / PUB TIME

*Location TBD (Walking distance from Inn at the Quay)*

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## DAY TWO – Thursday, November 15

### 8:00 - 8:50 am BREAKFAST

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

### 8:50 - 9:00 am WELCOME

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

- Mike Redpath, Metro Vancouver Regional District, Director Regional Parks

### 9:00 - 10:30 am CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH ARCHEOLOGY

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

A panel of provincial, regional and municipal staff will discuss their experiences building relationships with First Nations through archaeological work and cultural engagement. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

Presenters:

- Geordie Howe, staff archaeologist, Vancouver Parks Board
- Pepita McKee, Senior Policy Analyst, Aboriginal Relations, Metro Vancouver
- TBC, Provincial Archaeology Branch

### 10:30 –10:45am BREAK

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

**10:45 am - Noon VISITOR SERVICES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

- Beatrice Frank, Social Science Specialist, Capital Regional District

Beatrice will outline the establishment of CRD Regional Parks social science program over the past 3 years. She will share lessons learned so far and offer suggestions for the establishment of future social science projects in other regional districts.

**Noon - 12:45 pm LUNCH**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

**12:45 - 1:00 pm GREETINGS**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

- Rebecca Tunnacliffe, Executive Director, BCRPA

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Near Wilderness – Trends, Opportunities and Challenges of an Easily Accessible Backcountry**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

The North Shore mountains provide important ecosystem services and the iconic mountain backdrop to the Vancouver skyline. With a rapidly growing and urbanizing population, more people than ever are visiting the parks and trails of the North Shore to hike, mountain bike, ski and access the backcountry. While the health and wellness benefits of accessing nature close to home are considerable, ever increasing visitation and demand for trail and backcountry access puts pressure on park resources and the agencies charged with protecting the natural environment and keeping park visitors safe.

- Mike Danks, Executive Director, North Shore Rescue will lead this session that explores trends, opportunities and challenges of North Shore near wilderness, and the steps Metro Vancouver and North Shore Rescue are taking to provide safe opportunities to connect with nature now and into the future.

Session themes include: park planning & resource management, carrying capacity and visitor experience, communications, backcountry search and rescue.

**2:00 - 2:15 pm Break**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

**2:15 - 3:15 pm**

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND URBAN FORESTRY RESILIENCE**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

The growing recognition of the multiple benefits provided by urban forests and the challenges associated with maintaining the health and resilience of urban forests is a reminder that practicing sound forest management helps forests adapt to disturbance – including climate change. Resilient forests are healthy and productive and comprised of species and densities appropriate for a particular area and ecosystem type. Developing a fulsome plan to achieve forest resiliency is a multi-phase including: visioning future stand conditions; engaging in risk assessment to identify priority areas; setting achievable operational targets; and on-going monitoring to adjust expectations. Forest management is a gradual and long-term process nudging existing forests along a preferred successional trajectory to meet society’s cultural, economic and environment objectives into the future.

Relevant case studies will be presented and explored to highlight forest resiliency concepts.

- Conor Reynolds, Metro Vancouver Division Manager of Air Quality and Climate Change Policy will set the context for our discussion.
- Judith Cowan, B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd. will lead our exploration of sound forest management practices.

**3:15 - 5:00 pm**

**BREAK**

*On your own*

**5:00 - 6:30 pm**

**CATERED RECEPTION / CASH BAR**

*Fraser River Discovery Centre*

Stand-up networking event with food and drink.

**6:30 - 7:00 pm**

**TRAVEL TO ANVIL CENTRE**

*400m walk*

**7:00 - 7:30 pm**

**PARKSFEST\* OPENING CEREMONY**

*Anvil Centre Theatre*

\*Community stakeholders of Metro Vancouver’s regional parks system will be participating in a 3-day event geared to volunteers. *Parksfest* kicks off this night with the keynote address, and will bring together stakeholders with our regional parks provincial colleagues and invited guests.

**7:30 - 9:00 pm KEYNOTE - Wade Davis**

*Anvil Centre Theatre*

**The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena and Nass**

In a rugged knot of mountains in northern BC lies a spectacular valley known to the First Nations as the Sacred Headwaters. There, three of Canada's most important salmon rivers – the Stikine, Skeena and Nass – are born in remarkably close proximity. Now against the wishes of many First Nations, the province of BC has opened the Sacred Headwaters to industrial development. For ten years Tahltan men women and children, along with local non native trappers, guides and writers have stood up for the land, and in a remarkable grassroots victory in 2012, Shell Canada withdrew from the valley. The struggle continues and will continue until the entire Sacred Headwaters is protected. The resounding message of the people is that no amount of gold, copper or coal can compensate for the sacrifice of a place that could be the Sacred Headwaters of all North Americans and indeed all peoples of the world.

- [Wade Davis](#), Professor of Anthropology, UBC

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**DAY THREE – Friday, November 16**

**7:30 - 8:00 am BREAKFAST**

*Inn at the Quay*

**8:00 - 9:00 am TRANSPORTATION TO BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK**

*Meet in lobby of Inn at the Quay*

Bus transportation sponsored by [Pacific Parklands Foundation](#) and Universal Coach Lines

**9:00 - 10:00 am HIKE - -Sasamat Lake Loop Trail (including White Pine Beach)**

*Belcarra Regional Park*

Along this easy hike, encounter Regional Parks functional staff who will share information related to park management at this extremely popular location.

**10:00 - 10:15 am BREAK**

*Sasamat Outdoor Centre*

**10:15 - 11:00 am DISCUSSION - Are our Visitors Really “Loving our Parks to Death”?**

*Sasamat Outdoor Centre*

- *Steven Schaffrick*, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Division Manager, Central Area, will facilitate this interactive discussion regarding park carrying capacity.

**11:00 - 11:45 am TRANSPORTATION BACK TO INN AT THE QUAY**

**11:45 am - Noon CHECK OUT**

*Inn at the Quay*

**Noon - 12:45 pm LUNCH**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

**12:45 - 1:00 pm ‘PARKS FOR ALL’ UPDATE**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

- *Murray Kopp*, Director Parks Services, Regional District of Central Okanagan

**1:00 - 1:45 pm SURVEILLING NATURAL CAPITAL: GIS Applications In Conservation And Planning**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

Join Metro Vancouver staff for this presentation and discussion.

There is increasing pressure on remaining natural areas and greenspace in the Metro Vancouver region due to high levels of growth and competition for land. In order to facilitate conservation of important ecological areas through informed land use and conservation planning, the Metro Vancouver Regional District has implemented an ecological data program that takes advantage of advances in remote sensing and academic collaborations. Up-to-date, standardized ecological information was made available through the development of GIS datasets such as the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory. This presentation will provide an overview of how georeferenced ecological data can be used to inform conservation land acquisition, planning and the management of park natural resources.

- *Josephine Clark*, Regional Planner, Electoral Area, Planning Analytics and Environment
- *Janice Jarvis*, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks
- *Lydia Mynott*, Park Planner, Regional Parks

**1:45 - 2:45 pm**

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS CURRENT PRACTICES**

Short presentations by Metro Vancouver staff and partners on a number of topics including:

- Regulations and Compliance
- Social Media
- Waste Management
- Public Programming / Interpretation Services
- Stewardship
- Pacific Parklands Foundation

**2:45 - 3:00 pm**

**EVALUATIONS, WRAP UP, CLOSING**

*Anvil Centre Ballroom*

Selection of host for 2019 Regional Parks Workshop

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