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Parks Professional Pathways 2022 Schedule

Wednesday, February 23 – Horticulture Day

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| 8:00 – 9:05 am | Keynote: Plants and Trees of the Future – A New Perspective in a Changing Environment Presented by Brian Minter This past year of extreme weather has created a new reality in the types of plants needed for urban forests, parks and gardens. Not only must they have more diverse weather tolerance, but also be more wildlife, people and environmentally friendly. Participants will have a better perspective on trees and plants that are more drought, heat and weather tolerant for future landscape designs and for use in parks, urban forests and gardens. They will learn more about the capacity of trees to sequester carbon, produce oxygen and help cool temperatures. They will also gain a greater understanding of trees' relationships to wildlife and people. | ISA: A - 1 CEU; U - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; T - 1 CEU; L - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU PIBC: 1 CPL BCSLA: 033 CEC |
| 9:15 – 10:15 am | Fabricated Soils as a Tool in Landscape Restoration Presented by Johanna Moretto and Karen Pyne Did you know that the world is losing healthy soils at an alarming rate? Due to climate change and unsustainable land management practices, we are experiencing a rapid decline of fertile soils around the globe. Sustainable sources of soil amendments and fabricated soils are becoming more and more important by providing organic matter and nutrients essential for restoring landscapes. This presentation will explore soil amendments, fabricated soils and a unique soil product made from biosolids, an endlessly renewable resource. | ISA: A - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU PIBC: 1 CPL BCSLA: 0.33 CEC |

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| 10:30 – 11:30 am | Panel: The Evolution of Equitable Community Spaces and Gardens Presented by Mandy Hadfield, Aaren Topley, Lauren Sim, Ian Lai, Magnus Sinclair, Grace Augustinowicz, and Stephanie Mak | ISA: A - 1 CE; M - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU |
| | In the first half of this presentation the City of Surrey will explore how community gardens can be spaces that grow community, just as much as veggies. In 2019, the City of Surrey embarked on a partnership with Can You Dig It! to understand the gaps in community garden operations and how to build best practices that could help local community gardens thrive over time and be self-sustaining. Come and hear about our journey with these spaces and how we hope to grow community gardens and impact neighbourhoods for years to come. In the second half of this session, Urban Bounty will discuss the importance of building relationships for the successful rollout of a community garden program. We will speak of the evolution of how we went from the "wild west" to a system that has been successful and allowed growth each year since 2010. The Urban Agriculture team will highlight wins, site management issues, and ongoing challenges. Urban Bounty will also touch base on the future of accessible garden spaces and hopes to build a group that meets quarterly around a community of practice. | PIBC: 1 CPL BCSLA: 0.33 CEC |
| 11:45 – 12:45 pm | Urban Forest Policies for Climate Reslience Presented by Zhaochua Cheng While being major greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters, cities also suffer some of the most severe climate change impacts. Urban forests have gained increasing recognition as nature-based solutions to climate change via the various benefits they provide, such as carbon sequestration and temperature regulation. Many cities have developed climate change and/or urban forest policies to enhance climate resilience and support urban livability. However, many cities are also promoting concepts such compact and walkable neighbourhoods that may have a negative impacts on urban forests. The connections among various climate action are complicated and not well studied. As more Canadian cities start to integrate urban forests as part of their climate action, there is an increasing need and urgency to understand how different climate action interact with urban forestry related action. The presentation will provide an overview of the level of alignment between climate change and urban forestry policies across big cities in Canada, and examine the possible synergies and trade-offs between various climate action and urban forestry action via a case study of municipalities in the Metro Vancouver region. | ISA: A - 1 CEU; U - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bs - 0.5 CEU; Bp - 0.5 CEU; T - 1 CEU; L - 1 CEU PIBC: 1 CPL BCSLA: 0.33 CEC |

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| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | The Lasting Lessons of Leading in Pandemic Times Presented by Christine McLeod | ISA: A - 1 CEU; M - 1 CEU; Bm - 1 CEU |
| (Leadership Stream) | We are in seemingly never-ending waves of crisis, uncertainty and unforeseen challenges. The aftershock waves since March 2020 are leading us and our teams to seemingly irreversible burnout and stress. | PIBC: 1 CPL |
| | Yet looking back at the last 24 months we can also use the power of reflection to pause and look at what important leadership lessons we take forward as the pandemic moves into 2022. In this session, Christine McLeod will help you consider these lessons to help you and your teams move from simply coping to thriving once more. | BCSLA: 0.33 CEC |