

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTATION – MAY 11th

5-Minute Statement on Best Development Practices

A. Key Green Infrastructure Practices Used Today

1. Judge Progress by the Distance Traveled, Not Distance Remaining –
 - We have come a long way in 4 years!
 - Burnaby Mountain experience provides context – hanging by a thread!
 - We have been overcoming fear and doubt
 - People can now come to BC to see examples
2. Apply the Integrated Strategy for Managing Complete Rainfall Spectrum –
 - Refer to graphic and American response
 - Makes things manageable
 - Putting the focus on landscaping
3. Replacing Techno-Babble with Commonsense Language that Everyone Understands –
 - A common language helps everyone
 - Designing with Nature
4. Land Development and Watershed Protection can be Compatible –
 - Guidebook premise – bold position to take 2 years ago
 - Need greener communities – streams start at the rooftops
5. Engineers are Working Out the ‘How To’ Details –
 - Prime example is the installation detail for rock pits!

B. Key Green Infrastructure Issues Yet to be Resolved

6. Understanding What Integration of Perspectives Really Means
 - Still paying lip service because many people not comfortable
 - Language issue
7. Integrating Land Use Planning with Rainwater Management –
 - We are not there yet!
 - What we are seeing are glorified master drainage plans
8. Simplifying Our Way of Thinking –
 - We tend to make things unnecessarily complicated
 - Explain “break the connection”