



# Convening for Action in British Columbia

## “A Workshop: Towards Water Sustainability on Vancouver Island”

Held in Conjunction with the Water in the City Conference on Sunday, September 17, 2006



Time	Theme	Speaker/ Facilitator	Scope of Discussion: <i>Help Us Help You Help Us</i>
1300	<b>Convening for Action: Context is Everything</b>	Mac Fraser, Eric Bonham & Kim Stephens	<p><b>Setting the Scene</b> - context &amp; desired outcomes for workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>The Issue:</b> How will Vancouver Island accommodate a doubling of the population; and what will the Island look like in 50 years?</li> <li>▪ <b>Context:</b> <i>Meeting of the Minds</i> initiative has morphed into a <i>Convening for Action</i> pilot</li> </ul>
1315	<b>Roundtable Sharing: Water-Centric Innovation - Who is Doing What &amp; What Has Worked (or Not)</b>	Facilitated by John Finnie & Cori Barraclough	<p><b>What</b> is an example of water-centric innovation in your community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many Island communities are implementing infrastructure practices that embody a <i>design with nature</i> way-of-thinking. Our objective in compiling and sharing information on case studies is to understand and learn from the experience of our neighbours. Case studies could range in scale from a rain garden to a complete community.</li> </ul>
1415	<i>Pause &amp; Refresh</i>		
1430	<b>Implementing Change: If You Can Measure It, You Can...</b>	Erik Karlsen	<p><b>So What</b> are the ways we inform, inspire and enable people to work together through partnerships to act now?</p>
1455	<b>Breakout Groups &amp; Roundtable Input: Framework for Recognizing Innovation &amp; Facilitating Water-Centric Land Development Approvals</b>	Facilitated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kim Stephens</li> <li>▪ Cori Barraclough</li> <li>▪ Meggin Messenger</li> <li>▪ Susan Rutherford</li> <li>▪ Eric Bonham</li> <li>▪ Graeme Bethell</li> <li>▪ Tim Pringle</li> <li>▪ Ray Fung</li> </ul>	<p><b>Now What</b> would a water-centric framework look like in order to provide certainty and reward innovation? Any time a land use decision is made, it creates a legacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What can Vancouver Island communities do better or differently to achieve <i>water-centric sustainability</i>?</li> <li>▪ What can new developments on Vancouver Island do to integrate and harmonize the development footprint within the watershed context and achieve water sustainability as a condition of land development approval?</li> <li>▪ How could local governments implement a water-centric framework to reward innovation?</li> </ul>
1530	<b>Plenary – Report Out</b>	Facilitated by Cori Barraclough	
1625	<b>Next Step: A Workshop for Local Government</b>	John Finnie	<p><b>Then What</b> - moving from concept to policy to implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementing new practices will need clearly defined standards and regulatory models.</li> <li>▪ Willing municipalities will be invited to pool resources under a partnership framework.</li> </ul>