

SYMPOSIUM & CELEBRATION DINNER

PROGRAM

Thursday, February 23, 2023



**HEALTHY
WATERSHEDS**
INITIATIVE





The Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) is a philanthropic organization working to advance sustainable, equitable, and socially just land use and real estate practices across British Columbia. Since 1988, REFBC has granted more than \$100 million to organizations working to strengthen communities, protect our shared land and water, and advance sustainable real estate practices.

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The Province of BC has invested \$37 million (including \$27 million through the Healthy Watersheds Initiative) for projects that support healthy watersheds, species, and ecosystems, and create new jobs in areas that are critical to help communities adapt to the effects of climate change. This funding is part of the Province's \$10-billion COVID-19 response to help people in hard-hit industries.

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SYMPOSIUM

Our Water, Our Future: Investing in Watershed Security to Support Healthy, Resilient and Prosperous Communities

Fresh water is life, and its health underpins the economic, ecological, physical, cultural, and spiritual well being of us all.

Rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands provide safe, clean water for drinking, growing food, sustaining communities and culture, and powering local economies. Join us for this symposium to learn about how investments in Healthy Watersheds are creating jobs and bringing communities together to protect fresh water, restore salmon habitat, uphold UNDRIP commitments, adapt to climate change, and build prosperity, resilience, and relationships.

LOCATION

Simon Fraser University Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Address: 580 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3

Located on the territories of the x̱m̱əθkwəy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



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AGENDA

	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration Coffee, tea, and light snacks available	Samuel & Frances Belzberg Atrium
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Session Welcome Councilor Charlene Aleck, səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation Skwxwú7mesh Nation Spakwus Slulum Eagle Song Dancers Mark Gifford, CEO, Real Estate Foundation of BC Michelle Buchholz, Graphic Recorder, Cassyex Consulting	Asia Pacific Hall
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Our Water, Our Future Leanne Sexsmith, Co-Director, Healthy Watersheds Initiative Zita Botelho, Co-Director, Healthy Watersheds Initiative	Asia Pacific Hall
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break Coffee, tea, and light snacks available	Samuel & Frances Belzberg Atrium
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Te Ao Māori and Water Management in New Zealand Anne Haira, Deputy-Secretary of Climate Change/Partnerships & Public Affairs of the Ministry for Environment, Government of New Zealand	Asia Pacific Hall
11:45 AM - 12:40 PM	Lunch	ICBC Concourse
12:40 PM - 1:00 PM	Debut Screening of "The Wetlands" Norm Allard, Community Planner, Lower Kootenay Band	Asia Pacific Hall
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Centering Indigenous Rights in Watershed Work Tara Marsden, Former Senior Indigenous Advisor, Healthy Watersheds Initiative Dr. Roger William, Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle	Asia Pacific Hall

	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>Breakout Session One <i>Connecting with Others in Thematic Sessions</i></p> <p><i>Advancing UNDRIP in your Work</i></p> <p><i>Technique Talks</i></p> <p><i>Incorporating Intergenerational Learning into your Watershed Projects</i></p>	<p>420 Strategy Room</p> <p>ICBC Concourse</p> <p>470 Hamber Foundation Boardroom</p>
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	<p>Break <i>Coffee, tea, and light snacks available</i></p>	<p>Samuel & Frances Belzberg Atrium</p>
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Breakout Session Two <i>Connecting with your Watershed Peers</i></p> <p><i>See Registration for Breakout Room Location</i></p>	<p>420 Strategy Room</p> <p>ICBC Concourse</p> <p>470 Hamber Foundation Boardroom</p>
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<p>The Future of BC's Watersheds <i>Fin Donnelly, Parliamentary Secretary for Watershed Restoration, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, The Province of BC</i></p> <p><i>Lori Halls, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, The Province of BC</i></p>	<p>Asia Pacific Hall</p>
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	<p>Closing Session <i>Leanne Sexsmith, Co-Director, Healthy Watersheds Initiative</i></p> <p><i>Zita Botelho, Co-Director, Healthy Watersheds Initiative</i></p> <p><i>Michelle Buchholz, Graphic Recorder, Cassyex Consulting</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Roger William, Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle</i></p>	<p>Asia Pacific Hall</p>

KEYNOTE | ANNE HAIRA



Anne Haira has had a rich and diverse career spanning the public and private sectors. She is part of the executive leadership team at the Ministry for the Environment in New Zealand where she leads the climate change division alongside the Ministry's partnerships and public affairs function.

Anne has also held senior leadership roles within Primary ITO where she led a large national field team responsible for customer and industry relationships. Prior to that, she pioneered Fonterra's Māori Strategy and the strategic development of Fonterra's relationships with Māori.

She worked as a senior lawyer with commercial law firm Kensington Swan for over 10 years advising a wide range of iwi and hapū on Treaty of Waitangi claims, settlement negotiations and post-settlement issues.

She began her career in government and held policy roles at the Ministry of Economic Development and Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development). She has also worked overseas for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in New Caledonia as well as the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs in Vancouver, Canada. Anne affiliates to Te Arawa, Ngāti Kahungunu and Rangitāne and lives in Wellington.

SKWXWÚ7MESH NATION SPAKWUS SLULUM EAGLE SONG DANCERS

We are honoured to begin our Symposium with the Skwxwú7mesh Nation Spakwus Slulum (translated, "Eagle Song Dancers).

"Spakwus Slolem presentations brings out "Chiax", the protocol and laws of our canoe culture, for our Longhouses. Some of our Elders today still have memories of early years, travelling across the waters in great canoes to visit Family in distant land, and exercising our Chiax. Spakwus Slolem presents a glimpse into this culture through singing/drumming and dance, and audience participation."

- To learn more about the Spakwus Slolem, Eagle Song Dancers visit eaglesongdancers.org

COUNCILOR CHARLENE ALECK



We are honoured to have Charlene Aleck, Councilor with səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation provide a welcome. Charlene has forever been an advocate for səlilwətał people and environment in all the things she has done in her life. Charlene is thoroughly invested in culture and tradition, and making a difference for her people and creating a way forward for all. She is serving her fourth term as Elected council.

ZITA BOTELHO



Zita Botelho is the Director of Watersheds BC, where she leads a team that supports communities to strengthen local watershed security. In her role as Co-Director of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative, Zita works with REFBC to support program development, project development, peer learning, and team collaboration.

MARK GIFFORD



Mark Gifford is the CEO of the Real Estate Foundation of BC, and provides support for governance and staff leadership in the design and implementation of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative and community relations strategy.

DEANA MACHIN



Deana Machin (MBA, B.Sc.) has been active in the field of First Nations fisheries management and policy for 20 years, specializing in strategic planning and Indigenous engagement in fisheries governance and management initiatives. She is a member of the Syilx (Okanagan) Nation and grew up in her community on Okanagan Lake near Vernon, BC which has grounded her strong values about First Nations' rights to and roles in the governance and management of their lands, waters, and resources.

MICHELLE BUCHHOLZ



Michelle is a Wet'suwet'en woman and was raised on Wet'suwet'en territory, now known as Smithers, B.C. She is from the Cassyex (Grizzly Bear) House and the Gitumden (Wolf) Clan. She holds a Master's of Public Policy from Simon Fraser University and is a self-taught artist. She began working as a graphic recorder and facilitator in 2016 and considers herself a life-long learner.

TARA MARSDEN



Tara Marsden served as the Senior Indigenous Advisor to the Healthy Watersheds Initiative from Jan 2021 to June 2022. During this time, she identified and enabled best practices in supporting Indigenous-led watershed work. She also led HWI's groundbreaking UNDRIP evaluation work, and served as the staff liaison to the Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle. She is currently a Senior Indigenous Fellow with the Real Estate Foundation of BC.

LEANNE SEXSMITH



Leanne Sexsmith leads on strategic programs and partnerships, including REFBC's learning and impact assessment strategies. She is Co-director of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative, a program delivered in partnership with Watersheds BC, and provides oversight and direction on grant funding, management, reporting, and shared learning.

DR. ROGER WILLIAM



Roger William is a member of Xeni Gwet'in First Nation (Tsilhqot'in) and has lived all his life in Nemiah Valley (Xeni). His first language was Tsilhqot'in, and he was in residential school at the St. Joseph Mission in Williams Lake for three years, where he learned English. Roger has hunted, fished a lot in Xeni Gwet'in Caretaker Areas and Tsilhqot'in Territories. Roger started traditional and pow wow dancing and drumming in 1993.

FIN DONNELLY



Fin Donnelly was elected MLA for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain in the 2020 general election. He is Parliamentary Secretary for Watershed Restoration. He is a member of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish, and Food, and the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner.

LORI HALLS



Lori Halls is the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for the province of BC.

DEBUT SCREENING OF “THE WETLANDS”

Join us from 12:40 pm – 1:00 pm in the Asia Pacific Hall for a screening of the short documentary “The Wetlands”.

Over the past several years, the Yaqan Nukiy Lower Kootenay Band in Creston, BC has undertaken a massive wetland restoration project spanning over 517 hectares. As of 2021, over 121 hectares of the site’s floodplains, wetlands, streams and rivers have been restored and connected for a variety of wildlife species through the Yaqan Nukiy Wetlands Restoration Project.

“The Wetlands” is about creating an introduction to the large scale restoration work underway on Lower Kootenay Band Lands, it can also be used for a teaching primer for life cycles and why restoration work is needed in primary classrooms. Too often it is easy to overwhelm presentations with information and the idea of having a short film to help guide interests was formed.

“The Wetlands” is created and presented by Norm Allard, Community Planner with the Lower Kootenay Band.

We look forward to providing Symposium participants several opportunities to engage with each other in smaller group conversations. There will be two afternoon breakout sessions, each with concurrent conversations you can choose to be part of.

You do not need to register for Breakout Sessions ahead of time. We look forward to your participation!

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Connecting with Others in Thematic Sessions

Choose from three concurrent thematic sessions:

➔ ADVANCING UNDRIP IN YOUR WORK | *420 Strategy Room*

Take a deeper dive on how to implement UNDRIP in your work with Tara Marsden

➔ TECHNIQUE TALKS | THE BIG, THE SMALL, AND THE INNOVATIONS | *ICBC Concourse*

An opportunity for project teams to connect and learn from each other about a variety of technique topics including monitoring, restoration, and planning.

➔ INCORPORATING INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING INTO YOUR WATERSHED PROJECTS | *470 Hamber Foundation Boardroom*

Hear from an intergenerational panel and discuss learnings and practices on engaging across generations.

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO | 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Connecting with your Watershed Peers

Gather with attendees from your watershed. These regionally focused discussions will center on learning from each other about the conditions in your watershed, successes, and challenges in your HWI work, and sharing current and future priorities for watershed security. See registration for Breakout Room locations.

LOCATION

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

Address: 639 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2G3

Located on the territories of the x̣ṃəθkwəỵəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



VENUE ACCESSABILITY

The Gallery has underground paid parking available for guests. Entrance and exit are located on Hornby Street. Entry to the parkade closes at 7pm. You will be able to exit parkade anytime before or after 7pm.

On parkade level P1, there are 3 accessible stalls, and an elevator that gets you into the tower across the courtyard from the Gallery. There is no access to the Gallery's elevator from the parkade.

The Gallery has a wheelchair accessible flat and level path located between Christ Church Cathedral and Cathedral Place on Georgia Street. This takes you through the courtyard and to the Gallery entrance. A grey plaque with directional signage for this route is at street level on Hornby Street.

An accessible and all gender washroom with grab bars and wheelchair clearance is located on the bottom floor level below the exhibition levels, and accessible via the elevator. There are also two gendered multi-stalls bathrooms accessible via stairs.

AGENDA

	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
6:30 PM	Doors Open <i>Drinks and Canapés</i>	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM	Live Music <i>Cheri Maracle & Brendan Peltier</i>	<i>Mezzanine Level</i>
7:25 PM - 7:45 PM	Opening <i>Welcome </i> <i>Chief Janice George & Willard 'Buddy' Joseph</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
	<i>Emcee </i> <i>Ta7aliya Nahanee, CEO, Nahanee Creative</i>	
	<i>Opening & Prayer Mavis Underwood, Chair, Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle</i>	
7:45 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner <i>Family Style Platters</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Minister Remarks <i>Hon. Minister Nathan Cullen, Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
	<i>Hon. Minister George Heyman, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change</i>	
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Gratitude & Celebration with Dessert <i>Shawna Davis, Author & Artist</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
	<i>Mark Gifford, CEO, Real Estate Foundation of BC</i>	
9:00 PM - 9:15 PM	Closing <i>Lydia Hwitsum, Chief, Cowichan Tribes</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
9:15 PM - 10:00 PM	Live Music <i>Cheri Maracle & Brendan Peltier</i>	<i>Main Floor</i>
10:30 PM	End of Event <i>Get Home Safe</i>	

SPEAKERS

EMCEE | TA7TALIYA MICHELLE NAHANE



Ta7taliya Michelle Nahane, Skwxwú7mesh, is a decolonial creative & strategist catalyzing social change to transform colonial narratives & impacts. She works within the intersection of class, culture and creativity, focusing on social change through facilitation, communications and design.

As the founder and CEO of Nahane Creative, she has worked in Indigenous-specific communications design for over 25 years to influence opinions, change behaviours and mobilize community action. She now applies those skills and experiences to decolonization, indigenization and anti-racism.

Ta7taliya designs and hosts facilitated decolonial workshops that answer the question “what now?” in this era of truth & reconciliation. Her approach earned her the 2019 City of Vancouver Award of Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion. She is a 2020 Dialogue Associate with the Simon Fraser University Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. In 2018, she earned a Master of Arts in Communication from Simon Fraser University where she focused on Indigenous Critical Theory & Decolonization.

MAVIS UNDERWOOD



Mavis Underwood grew up in the Tsawout community in Saanich Nation, where she serves as an elected member of the band council. She began her career as a certified teacher and has taught First Nations studies, learning assistance, counselling, and social studies. She has also served as Aboriginal Deputy Director with the Province of BC, as Executive Director of NIL/TU,O Child and Family Services, and as an adult educator at the Saanichton School Individual Learning Centre.

SHAWNA DAVIS



Shawna Davis is Laxskiik(eagle clan) from Wilps Sakum Higookxw of the Gitksan Nation, with a Nisga'a father clan. She has been practicing beadwork for four years and is grateful for the opportunity to tell stories through the medium of beadwork. She was born and raised in Northwest Coast of what is currently known as British Columbia and now lives in New Hazelton, BC with her family.

MARK GIFFORD



Mark Gifford is the CEO of the Real Estate Foundation of BC, and provides support for governance and staff leadership in the design and implementation of the HWI grants program and community relations strategy.

CHIEF JANICE GEORGE & WILLARD 'BUDDY' JOSEPH



We are honoured to have Hereditary Chief Janice George and her husband Willard 'Buddy' Joseph provide a welcome. Skwetsimeltxw Willard 'Buddy' Joseph and Chepximiya Siyam' Janice George are accomplished weavers and teachers from the Squamish Nation. They have co founded L'hen Awtxw Weaving House to share the teachings and practice of traditional Coast Salish wool weaving.

HON. MINISTER NATHAN CULLEN



Nathan Cullen was elected MLA for Stikine in the 2020 provincial election and is the current Minister for the Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship. He previously served as minister of Municipal Affairs, minister of state for Lands and Natural Resource Operations, as chair of the Environment and Land Use Committee and a member of the Cabinet Committee on Economy.

HON. MINISTER GEORGE HEYMAN



George Heyman was first elected as the MLA for Vancouver-Fairview in 2013. Since 2017, George has served as Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Since his appointment as Minister, George has been dedicated to advocating for the people and addressing climate change. He took on a major role in creating the CleanBC plan aimed at the reduction of air pollution while creating more jobs and economic opportunities for people, businesses and communities in the renewable energy sector.

CHIEF LYDIA HWITSUM



Lydia Hwitsum is the current Chief of the Cowichan Tribes. She is a citizen of the Cowichan Nation located in Duncan on Vancouver Island. She has advocated for Indigenous and human rights locally, nationally, and internationally. Lydia has more than 20 years of experience in leadership positions in Indigenous governance in British Columbia and throughout Canada.

CANAPÉS

Wild Mushroom Bruschetta
fresh herbs, truffled tahini (vegan)

Leek & Gruyere Tart
caramelized onion, royale (vegetarian)

Miso Roasted Eggplant
sesame & sweet tamari glaze (vegan, gluten free)

Beet Cured Salmon Gravlax
potato crisp, dill crème fraîche (gluten free)

Bison Pemmican Meatball
cherry glaze (gluten free)

PLATTERS

Bannock Fry Bread
creamery butter

Citrus Salad
orange and grapefruit segments, arugula, pomegranate seeds, pistachio nuts, red onion, red wine-honey vinaigrette (vegan)

Green Beans
almonds, tarragon, butter, citrus (vegetarian, gluten free)

Wild Rice Pilaf
seeds, dried fruit (vegan, gluten free)

Cedar Plank Wild Salmon
maple-miso glaze (gluten free)

DESSERT

Spiced Pear Crumble
toasted almond & oat crumble, chantilly cream (gluten free - vegan without chantilly cream)

Fruit Plate
(dairy free, vegan)

SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

Freshwater Fizz
gin (or vodka), fresh lemon, sugar, vegan egg white, soda

DINNER MENU

MUSIC

CHERI MARACLE



Cheri Maracle is a Haudenosaunee/Irish Actress, Singer, Playwright and Host, of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. She has been performing on stages across turtle Island and abroad for over 25 years and has many tv, stage, and music credits to her name.

BRENDAN PELTIER



Having 30+ years of performing experience and enjoyed success from a very young age in the field of music, Peltier adds his musical texture to whatever project comes over the horizon. Using his musical background, Peltier can be found dabbling in the music end of commercials and television productions in the Toronto area.

GRATITUDE

VENUES

Thank-you to the staff at the Simon Fraser University Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue and the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art for providing support and unique spaces for our Symposium and Celebration Dinner.

BON VIVANT CATERING & EVENTS

Thank-you to Chef Dino Renaerts, Sommelier Nessa van Bergen and the staff of Bon Vivant Catering & Events for the thoughtful menu you prepared for our Celebration Dinner.

FLORALS



Thank-you to Vanessa Hope for creating the floral arrangements for the Celebration Dinner. Vanessa, of Yale First Nation, is a woman with a deep passion for kinship. Devoted mother of four, she places her four children above all else, but close behind follow a grand circle of family and friends that she also nurtures with devotion.

Vanessa naturally enjoys sustaining her local indigenous culture; you can often find her fishing and hunting with family, foraging for mushrooms or nettle, cooking for large family events, and stepping into a knowledge keeper role.

Vanessa has been arranging florals for friends and family for 21 years. She has a natural flair for creativity and is known for capturing the essence of events within her works. She finds flow in the process and takes great joy in contributing to her community.

A special thanks to Freida George and Roxanne Dool for harvesting the cedar roses.

THANK-YOU!

Our deep gratitude goes out to the many people whose passion and understanding of this work are reflected in the data and stories that grew out of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative. There is much to listen to, build from, and act on from these outcomes and learnings.

A special thanks goes out to the staff of the Real Estate Foundation of BC and Watersheds BC for facilitating the implementation of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative.

Guidance from our Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle and Senior Indigenous Advisor/UNDRIP Fellow has been integral to all aspects of the Healthy Watersheds Initiative and is deeply appreciated.

We are grateful to Nahanee Creative for providing decolonial workshops to HWI project teams, which were highly valued and important in bringing decolonizing learnings and practices into our watersheds work.

We would like to thank our Provincial Partners and HWI Steering Committee members Jennifer Vigano and Carys Pinches, for their important support, guidance, and involvement throughout HWI.

We also appreciate the leadership and commitment of the Honourable George Heyman, the Honourable Nathan Cullen, the Honourable Josie Osborne, the Honourable Selina Robinson, and Parliamentary Secretary Fin Donnelly.

We thank you all for joining us today and being a part of this celebration for our watersheds!

For more information on the Healthy Watersheds Initiative visit our website at www.healthywatersheds.ca





HEALTHY WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE

We are thankful to HWI project teams, our Indigenous Leaders Advisory Circle, the BC government and community partners for working with us to respect and restore the fresh water on which we all depend.

Visit: www.healthywatersheds.ca
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Instagram: @HealthyWatersBC

