

August 23, 2017

To: All London Advisory Committees

Hello everyone,

In response to the growing concerns regarding Climate Change and severe weather events, a number of groups have come together and are planning a

Resilient Cities Conference November 17th & 18th

London Public Library – Central Branch & Other locations tbd

Resilience is defined as “the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience”.

- <http://www.100resilientcities.org>

The conference goals include

- Increase awareness of issues.
- Motivate action.
- Increase number of engaged citizens and/or their engagement level.

Involved organizations/groups include:

- Advisory Committee for the Environment (ACE)
- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Planning Services Department (via Gregg Barrett - Manager, Long Range Planning and Research & Staff Liason for ACE)
- London Environmental Network
- Thames Regional Ecological Association
- London Public Library

This event is a follow up to the successful Urban Agriculture conference that attracted 250 individuals in November 2016 and the popular Pollination conference in 2015.

****Please mark your calendars for this event.** As you can see from the following draft schedule it will be a very interesting and informative event.

We also invite fellow advisory committees to support the event with a financial contribution from their advisory committee budget.

While climate change impacts are one of the main reasons for organizing this conference, the conference will be about much more than just preparing London for a changed climate regime.

How does London adapt and evolve due to the myriad of current and future stresses it is faced with?

Resilience is a multi-faceted concept and is strengthened by a diversity of opinions and stakeholders. That is why we are reaching out to all advisory committees.

Financial contributions received will be used for honorariums & travel costs for our 20+ speakers - which make up the largest portion of our expenses. Contributions of any amount are appreciated – and transfers of funds will be coordinated via the Clerk’s Office.

If you could please review our request and contact me via email for any additional information you need before (or after) your next meeting would be appreciated.

We hope to receive confirmations on how many advisory committee members are interested in attending, and which committees would like to support the conference with a financial contribution by September 29th. (Please send confirmations to myself via email.)

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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 Chair – Advisory Committee for the Environment
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Resilient Cities Conference – London, Ontario
(final title to be confirmed)
November 17 & 18, 2017

- Draft Schedule -

Friday, November 17th

- Lunch / Daytime Event – details to be determined
- Evening Presentation – details to be determined

Saturday, November 18th - London Public Library (Central)

- Full day workshop schedule. (Draft schedule below – times/topics likely to adjust)

Time	Floods, Trains, Tornadoes, Drought	Moving & Building	Living (People/ Social)	Fueling (Energy)	Feeding (Food)
9-9:45	Keynote – Climate Change / Why Resilience is Important				
10-11	Heat Stroke (MLHU) and/or Drought – Agricultural Impacts	Healthy transportation / Mobility	Indigenous Knowledge	Renewables(Pa nel discussion potentially)	Waste / Composting
11:15-12:15	Emergency Preparedness	Resilient City Case Study: Curitiba, Brazil	Equity, Poverty, Living Wage	Community Energy Action Plan	Sustainable Farming Practices
12:15-1	Lunch				
1-2	Refugees & Immigration from Climate Change	Ecosystem Services through Green Infrastructure	Engaging Citizens in their Community	Earthships & Sustainable Buildings	Food Waste – Sustain Ontario
2:15-3:15	Flooding	Urban Planning (City of London)	Social / Local Financing	Divestment from Fossil Fuels	Growing - Agroforestry
3:30-5	Collaborative Interactive Workshop				
Pints on Resilient Cities					