

September 14, 2017

Dear Transportation Advisory Committee members,

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.

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 including yours.

A few highlights for your committee:

A transportation focused workshop called Healthy & Active Transportation is planned. Currently we are finalizing Peter Topalovic of Hamilton as the speaker. (In the event Peter is unable to speak, another speaker of similar caliber will be sought to speak on this topic.)

In John Fleming's presentation "Future Proofing London - City-building for Resiliency", he will discuss the impact of future fuel prices and the impact on our ability to move people, goods and services in London.

In the workshop "Resilient City Case Study: Curitiba, Brazil" presented by Urban Planner Luis Patricio, examples presented in this case study are based on five aspects: transportation as well as water, food, waste and natural disasters.

We also expect transportation to be a component of other workshops as it is an integral component of resilience.

A number of community organizations will be invited to have booths at the Saturday event to promote themselves and their programs – although I can't confirm which programs they will be promoting, it is possible there may also be transportation aspects to these as well.

In addition to attending, we invite your advisory committee to support the event with a financial contribution from your advisory committee budget.

Financial contributions received will be used for honorariums & travel costs for our 20+ speakers - which make up the largest portion of our expenses. For example, we have budgeted \$250 for out of town speakers such as Peter, and honorariums of \$50-\$100 for London based speakers. (City of London staff & some other organizationally based speakers present at no charge due to organizational policies, although we still may need to cover travel costs in some cases.)

The total costs for the Saturday portion of the conference are estimated to be \$5,000. The Advisory Committee for the Environment has already committed to a minimum contribution of \$1,000. LEN, TREA and London Community Foundation have also made financial commitments to the event. The London Public Library is a significant in kind contributor providing meeting space for planning, rooms for the Saturday, promotional, registration and logistical support at no charge.

Contributions of any amount are appreciated and we would greatly appreciate the support of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

We hope to receive a confirmation on how many TAC members are interested in attending, and whether you would like to support the conference by September 29th. (Please send confirmations to myself via email. Transfers of funds will be coordinated via the Clerk's Office.)

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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Resilient Cities Conference – London, Ontario

(final title to be confirmed)

November 17 & 18, 2017

- Draft Schedule -

Friday, November 17th

- Daytime Workshops & Evening Presentations coordinated by LEN

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

- Full day workshop schedule. (Draft schedule below – Almost all details confirmed)

9:15-10:00am	Keynote – 'What makes a Resilient City?' How the 100 Resilient Cities initiative is helping Toronto to prepare for a rapidly changing future' - Elliott Cappell (Chief Resiliency Officer of Toronto)				
10:00-10:20am	Coffee/tea break				
10:20-11:20	Climate Change and Health - A Local Perspective Speaker: Randy Walker	Healthy & Active Transportation Speaker: Peter Topalovic	Indigenous Resilience: Re-awakening Ancestral Wisdom Speaker: Andrew Judge	Renewable Energy Panel (Geothermal and Wind) Speakers: Terry Nother and Gary Zavitz	Black Creek Community Farm: Building Resilience through Urban Agriculture Speaker: Leticia Boahen
11:30-12:30	London's Emergency Management Program; From Tornadoes to Trainwrecks Speakers: Henry Klausnitzer & Andre-Luc Beaugard	Resilient City Case Study: Curitiba, Brazil Speaker: Luis Patricio	Equity, Poverty, Living Wage Speaker: Dr. Chris Mackie	Pathway Thinking for Community Energy Planning Speaker: Shane O'Neill	The Future of Food Speaker: Natasha Arsenijevich
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch				
1:30-2:30pm	Migration and Urbanization in a Changing Climate Speaker: Dr. Robert McLeman	Valuing Nature's Services in Urban Environments Speaker: Paul Ronan	Local Financing of the Resilience Revolution Speaker: Andre Vashist	Passive Solar Design and Retrofits Speaker: Marianne Griffith and Toms Davis	Food is Food, not Waste Speakers: Carrie Warring, Elle Lakusiak, Paul van der Werf
2:45 - 3:45pm	Climate Adaptation for Cities: Lessons from the Maritimes Speaker: Dr. Brennan Vogel	Future Proofing London - City-building for Resiliency Speaker: John Fleming	Engaging Citizens in their Community Speaker: Wes Kinghorn	Divestment from Fossil Fuels: A Realistic Goal Speaker: Alex Leonard	Urban Agroforestry: the Food Forest City Speaker: Gabor Sass
4:00 pm - onwards: Pints & Politics on Resilient Cities at the Fox and the Fiddle, 355 Wellington St.					