

September 6, 2017

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 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

Advisory committee members interested in attending should visit the London Public Library website to register for the Saturday workshops. To register for the Friday evening session please visit Eventbrite.

It would also be appreciated if you or your committee secretary can email me to advise of your participation.

Thank you very much,

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# Resilient Cities Conference – London, Ontario

*(final title to be confirmed)*

**November 17 & 18, 2017**

## - Draft Schedule -

### Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - London Public Library (Central)

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

<b>Resilient Cities Conference: Preparing London for a rapidly changing future</b>					
<b>Saturday Workshop Chart - Topics / Times</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Rapid Response</b>	<b>Moving &amp; Building</b>	<b>Living (People/ Social)</b>	<b>Fueling (Energy)</b>	<b>Feeding (Food)</b>
<b>9:00- 10:00am</b>	Keynote – 'The 100 Resilient Cities model and its application in Ontario' - Elliott Cappell (Chief Resiliency Officer of Toronto)				
<b>10:00- 10:20am</b>	Coffee/tea break				
<b>10:20- 11:20</b>	Heat Strokes of the 21st Century	Healthy transportation	Rethinking Resilience from Indigenous Ways of Knowing	Renewable energy panel	Middlesex London Food Policy Council - Update
<b>11:30- 12:30</b>	Emergency Preparedness	Resilient City Case Study: Curitiba, Brazil	Equity, Poverty, Living Wage	Community Energy Action Planning	Sustainable Farming Practices
<b>12:30 - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				
<b>1:30- 2:30pm</b>	Refugees & Immigration from Climate Change	Valuing nature's services in urban environments	Local Financing of the Resilience Revolution	Passive solar design and retrofits	Sustain Ontario Food Waste Campaign
<b>2:45 - 3:45pm</b>	Climate Adaptation for Cities: Lessons from the Maritimes	Planning a Resilient City	Engaging Citizens in their Community	How to Divest from Fossil Fuels: 101	Urban Agroforestry: the Food Forest City
<b>Pints on Resilient Cities</b>					