

October 1, 2017

To: Cycling Advisory Committee

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 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 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 following your meeting. (Please send confirmations to myself via email.)

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Susan Ratz
 Chair – Advisory Committee for the Environment
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Friday November 17th

The London Environmental Network will host a daytime workshop (for its members), and an evening Sustainability Soiree (open to the public) to tie in with the conference.

Saturday November 18th

Resilient Cities Conference: Preparing London for a rapidly changing future					
Saturday Workshop Chart - Topics / Times					
Time	Rapid Response	Moving & Building	Living (People/Social)	Fueling (Energy)	Feeding (Food)
9:00-10:00am	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 Tomados to Trainwrecks Speakers: Henry Klausnitzer & Andre-Luc Beauregard	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 Tom 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: Dr. Gabor Sass
4:00 pm - onwards: Pints & Politics on Resilient Cities at the Fox and the Fiddle, 355 Wellington St.					