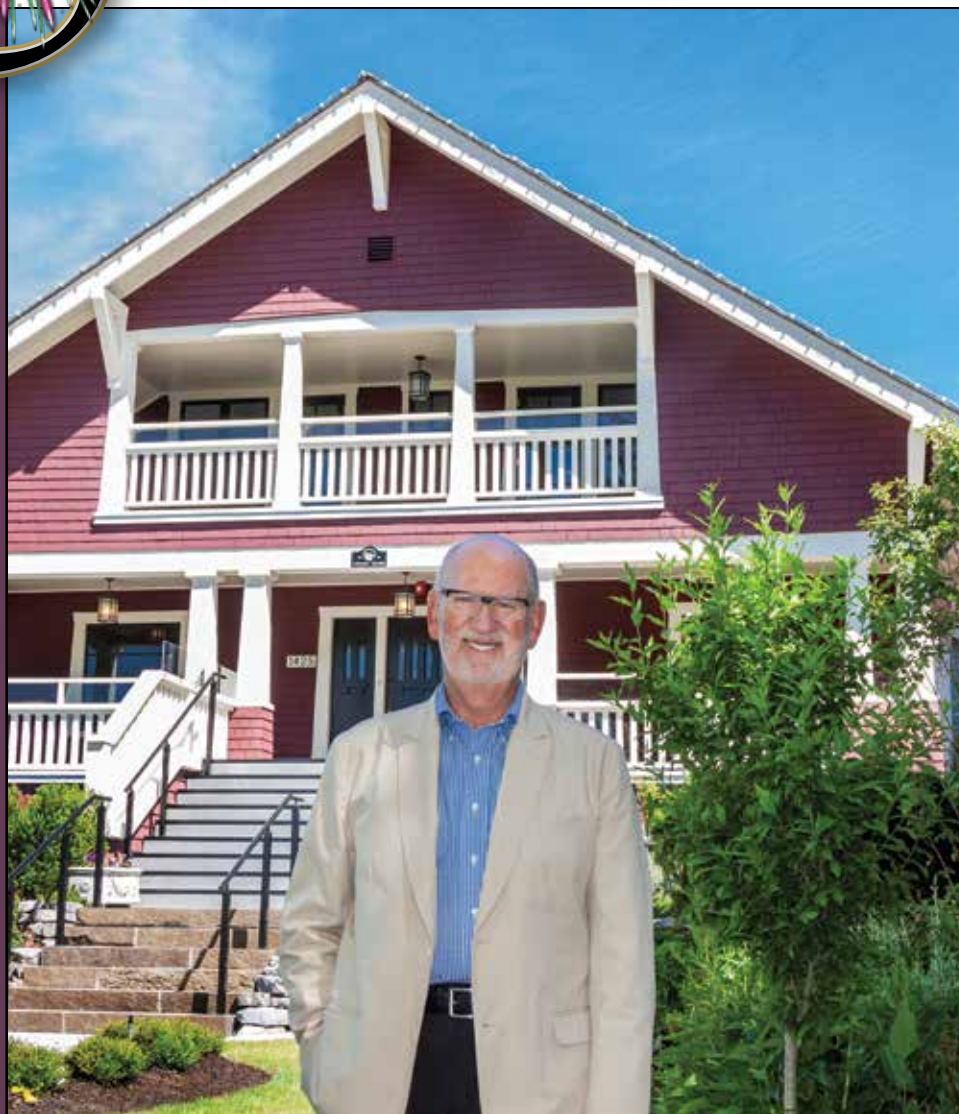


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In 2000, a Professional Education Roundtable was formed by representatives from several professional land-use organizations.

It was agreed that a joint conference every 5 years was one of the best approaches to share professional development opportunities. BC Land Summits were organized in 2004, 2009, and 2014 with the following primary objectives.

- Create a conference that is interactive and encourages networking among professionals.
- Create a broader and richer event than any one professional organization.
- Share knowledge between and among professional organizations.
- Enjoy the synergy of a shared major event.
- Collaborate and foster awareness of the interdisciplinary nature of professions.
- Showcase best practices and collaborative solutions and case studies that highlight working solutions.

- Generate ideas and a future professional vision for land use and management in Western Canada.
- Incorporate an interdisciplinary and complementary trade show profiling innovative products and services.

This year's event was held at the beautiful Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, BC, welcoming nearly 800 attendees...

After two very successful Summits and early planning for the third event, the BC Land Summit Society (BCLSS) was officially incorporated under the *BC Societies Act* in 2012. The five Member organizations of the BC Land Summit Society—the BC Association of the Appraisal Institute of Canada, the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists, the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects, the Planning Institute of British Columbia, and the Real Estate Institute of British Columbia—continue to work to foster multidisciplinary relationships and enhance innovative programming for future conferences.

The 2019 BC Land Summit continued to celebrate the theme: Collaborations and Connections. This year's event was held at the beautiful Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, BC, welcoming nearly 800 attendees who enjoyed over 50 sessions, deep dives, mobile workshops, and tours delivered by 120 presenters and leaders.

There were many notable sessions and highlights. The Summit opened with a strong attendance at the conference Welcome Reception, allowing delegates and sponsors opportunity to socialize and network. The opening ceremonies included thoughtful remarks from Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin, who inspired attendees with sentiments of the impacts of climate change and the shared responsibility humans have to protect the land and the planet overall.

That message was echoed in an encouraging talk by Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier. As the opening keynote presenter, Sheila spoke about healing through the power of land-based solutions and becoming more attuned with nature, an often overlooked topic, yet one vital to all.

Following the morning plenary, delegates enjoyed a networking break before heading off to the

first of several education sessions. Five concurrent breakout sessions, as well as four longer deep-dive sessions, were offered Thursday morning, with subject matter ranging from invasive species, to planning and design of the farming-urban interface, to forestry and rural land valuation.

Conference delegates were able to take in the Vancouver harbourfront with the convenience of a portable boxed lunch supporting the conference themes of wellness, connection, and collaboration.

Deep dive sessions continued into the afternoon, allowing presenters to expand on ideas and introduce a forum for additional dialogue. Thursday afternoon provided 13 additional breakout sessions with topics such as triple net leases, best practices for professionals working in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and land registry and land information systems in British Columbia.

In addition to onsite learning, Thursday's program provided delegates with an opportunity to explore outside the traditional conference walls with a series of mobile workshops including a tour of Oakridge Town Centre, Models of Social Purpose Real Estate, and a Walking Spirit Trail.

Delegates reconvened for an evening gala reception in the grand foyer, followed by a plated dinner and entertainment from comedian and impersonator Mark Critch. Mark successfully wrapped up the day with his humorous insights into Canada's land, political climate, and "lava lamps."

Friday's keynote address was presented by Edward Glaeser, the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics at Harvard University. He explored the shaping of cities through technology and the learning, connecting, and collaborating that takes place in large urban centres. Professor Glaeser identified the relationship between happiness and population, as well as successful city building.

After that information-packed session, delegates were provided an opportunity to network before heading out to morning sessions



*2019 BC Land Summit
Keynote Speaker Edward Glaeser*

about cemeteries and climate action and deep dive presentations on bioregional food system planning, the land development process, and the numbers behind housing affordability.

Following another mobile lunch, conference attendees selected from another 14 afternoon education sessions on subjects ranging from parks, indigenous land use, land use and transit planning, to social impact land use projects. Mobile tours included touring the living roof of the Vancouver Convention Centre and a bike tour along the Vancouver seawall.

The three-day event concluded with a happy hour to allow delegates to continue discussion, share experiences, and deepen new industry partnerships and friendships.

While a post-Conference survey will collect official feedback from the event, early notes of gratitude would indicate the 2019 Summit was a hit. The successes must be shared with the many partners, sponsors, and exhibitors that attended and supported the conference. Accordingly, the BC Land Summit Society would like to acknowledge and extend its appreciation to the following organizations.

Agricultural Land Commission

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Feature Dinner Presenter Mark Critch*

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The BCLSS would also like to recognize the efforts of event emcees Ms. Lindsay Chase and Mr. Andre Gravelle, the event volunteers, as well as the BCLSS member organization and the Westin Bayshore staff that went above and beyond to ensure conference attendees were well taken care of. Thank you.

More information about the 2019 BC Land Summit and future events can be found at www.bclandsummit.com. ▲

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