

Sustainability by Design: Growing a Greater Region
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Title

Urban Nodes: Centres for Live/Work/Play

Date

Thursday, Feb 23rd, 2006

Speaker

Mark Seasons – University of Waterloo, Associate Professor

Location

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
SFU Surrey Centre Campus
13450 102nd Ave, Surrey
Easily accessed by SkyTrain

Bio / Talk Summary

Mark Seasons is an Assistant Professor with the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo. He joined the school and moved to Waterloo five years ago, after twenty years of professional planning practice in Canada's urban centers, including Toronto, Calgary, Ottawa, and work abroad in Auckland New Zealand. He is a past President of the Canadian Institute of Planners and has served on the National Capital Commission. His particular expertise includes downtown revitalization, business improvement areas, and urban renewal. His recent interests include planning, indicators development, evaluation and monitoring the development of core areas in Canada's cities, management for vibrant core areas and effective regional plans.

Dr Seasons recognizes that nodes are accepted long-range planning strategy, pivotal to the Liveable Region Strategic Plan's vision for growth management and sustainability at the regional level. There are tensions of interests, i.e. of short-term land use and economic development vs. long-term vision, of regional objectives vs. local community aspirations. He questions whether the node strategy reflects current and foreseeable reality regarding the complex work/accessibility dynamics, the appropriate composition of successful nodes, and what might be the consequence of abandoning a nodes strategy.

Pre-registration is required

Space is limited; please contact Laura Brend at lbrend@fraserbasin.bc.ca, or 604.488.5352.

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