

**The Queen's Land Forum
Second Annual Conference for Senior Executives
May 17–18, 1999**

The Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel
146 Kingston Street
Victoria, British Columbia
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Conference Program

**Current Initiatives, Issues, and Impacts –
Setting the Public Lands Agenda for the 21st Century**

Day 1, Monday, May 17

8:30 - 9:30 Registration at Coast Harbourside Hotel

9:30 - 9:35 Welcome and Introduction of Conference Chair Bill Lye, Convenor

9:35 - 9:45 Chair's opening address Bruce Maitland, City of Vancouver

9:45 - 10:15 Setting the Theme Hok-Lin Leung, Queen's University

Interdependency of governments and the impacts of the initiatives of one on the others. Overview of current initiatives to be discussed.

10:15 - 10:30 Health Break

10:30 - 12:00 Heritage Preservation

Municipal perspective (Bruce Maitland) on how to save a major building and maximize returns. Provincial (Peter Kallos, BCBC) and University (Sam Kingdon) perspectives on preservation and economic re-use of heritage buildings. Tour of St. Ann's Academy at 5 p.m.

12:00 - 1:30 Buffet Lunch at Coast Harbourside Hotel

1:30 - 3:00 The Homeless Crisis—An Urban Challenge

Address by Elizabeth Greaves, member of the City of Toronto Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, and panel discussion with Jill Davidson (City of Vancouver) and Debbie Graham (City of Calgary) on current responses. Moderator: Cathie Macdonald.

3:00 - 3:15 Health Break

3:15 - 4:45 Climate Change – Impacts of Kyoto and Current Initiatives

Presentation by Ian McGregor, Deputy Head, Federal Climate Change Secretariat. Panel discussion of impacts on urban and rural land use, urban transportation, and municipal services with Jack Meredith (BCBC) and Ian Smith (City of Vancouver).

5:00 - 6:00 Tour of St. Ann's Academy

Heritage Preservation: Tour with Peter Kallos. A bus has been chartered.

7:00 - 9:00 Conference Dinner at the Coast Harbourside Hotel

Dinner Speaker: Mr. Jack Ebbels, Deputy Minister, BC Ministry of Energy and Mines and Minister responsible for Northern Development, on current BC land claims issues and an overview of the Nisga'a Treaty.

Day 2, Tuesday, May 18

8:30 - 9:30 Late registration (coffee/tea available)

9:00 - 10:30 A New First Nation Land Regime – Steps Toward Self-Government

The passage of Bill C-49 will mark the start of new First Nation public lands management responsibilities. The new regime gives the responsibility for the development, management and administration of reserve lands to Band Councils under Band specific land codes. This will substantially change the relationships of the participating bands with provincial and municipal governments, and effectively removes the federal government from these relationships. Presentations by Leroy Paul and Geneviève Thériault, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

10:30 - 10:45 Health Break

10:45- 12:15 Land Claims Overview – Past Present, Future

The current focus on Nisga'a and BC masks the national scope of these claims. Many have been finalized in the North, BC is in progress, and many more can be anticipated in central and eastern Canada. Impacts on industry, public and private land owners. Presentation by John Langford, Chief Federal Negotiator, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office.

12:15 - 1:30 Buffet Lunch – Speaker: Kevin Dove, BC Hydro, "Building Mutually Beneficial Business Relationships with First Nations"

1:30 - 3:00 Case Study – Conversion of Canadian Forces Base Nanaimo

The base was closed in late 1995, and the surplus lands are simultaneously in the centre of the City of Nanaimo and in the centre of the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation land claim. Presentation and panel discussion of how the land claim, the local and the federal interests have been balanced in a unique accommodation. Paul Gonu (PWGSC), Michael Rodger (Senior Treaty Negotiator for the Snuneymuxw First Nation), John Langford (Chief Negotiator, Vancouver Island, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office), and Randy Fasan (Canada Lands Company).

3:00 - 3:15 Health Break

3:15 - 4:00 Conference Wrap -Up (Conference Chair and Selected Panelists)