



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE FORUM ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30, 2008

Inn at the Forks, Winnipeg, Manitoba

NEW REALITIES

Three major factors will continue to fundamentally affect the delivery of public services – climate change, demographics and the infrastructure gap. They affect what services are delivered and how. The conference provides an opportunity to consider the impacts of these key factors on the delivery of public property services, now and in the future, and how to best respond.

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Thursday, May 29

8.00 to 8.30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast** (*foyer outside Forks Ballroom*)

8.30 to 8.45 **Conference Opening** (*Forks Ballroom*) – Julian Patteson, City of Brampton, Forum Chair, and Cathie Macdonald, Forum Convenor
Welcome – Glen Laubenstein, CAO, City of Winnipeg

8.45 to 9.45 **Overview of the issues and opportunities**

Speaker – Glen Murray, President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute, and former Chair, National Roundtable on the Economy and the Environment

Discussion

Break

10.15 to 12.00 **Changing demographics and new workplaces**

Changes in demographics have meant that there are fewer trained and experienced people to do the work that is needed in both public and private businesses. Human Resource experts deal with many aspects of this issue, educators with others. Our contributions are around making workplaces that encourage staff to be the most effective and productive. Much is being done to make use of new technologies and to design workspace for workstyles of the new generation of employees. This session explores the changing context and workspace solutions.

Moderator – Michel Nadeau, Director, Real Asset Management, City of Montreal (Forum Member)

Speakers –

Mandy Sutherland, Applied Research Consultant, Steelcase Applied Research & Consulting – Overview of trends and implications

Carolyn Austin-Diggs, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Real Property Management, GSA, USA – GSA: One of the “Best Places to Work”

Lori Robinson, Senior Vice President, Strategic Asset Management, Ontario Realty Corporation (Forum Member) – ORC’s new workspace strategies

Discussion

Thursday, May 29 (continued)

12.30 to 1.45 **Lunch – The Fort Gary Hotel** (*The Club Room*)

Speaker – Tom Gouldsbrough, Division Manager, Corporate Planning & Development and Downtown Office Project Manager, Manitoba Hydro – Manitoba Hydro's new green building in downtown Winnipeg

2.15 to 4.30 **Climate change imperatives (Open Session)** (*Forks Ballroom*)

In past conferences we have discussed ways of slowing climate change through environmental sustainability initiatives including the use of standards like the LEED and BOMA Go Green. We also need to talk about ways to adapt to the effects of global warming. What will happen that will impact the use, forms and locations of public property? What new government services will be required and what current ones will become obsolete? How will services have to be delivered differently? How will the changes be made?

Moderator – Chris Corps, President, Asset Strategies Ltd. (Forum Advisor)

Speakers –

Christopher Henderson, Executive Chair, Delphi Group and President Lumos Energy – Clean Energy and Climate Change: Opportunities and Risks for Public Real Property Management in a Sustainable Energy Future

Nichola Wade, Executive Director, Carbon Neutral Operations, Climate Action Secretariat, Office of the Premier of British Columbia – BC business planning

Pam Kertland, Manager, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation, NRCan – Adaptation tools and public property management

Andrew Smith, Assistant Secretary, Property Management, Australian Department of Finance & Deregulation – Australian responses (Energy Efficiency in Government Operations Policy (EEGO) and its implementation)

Discussion

4.30 to 5.30 **Reception (cash bar)** (*foyer outside Forks Ballroom*)

7.00 to 9.00 **Conference Dinner** (*Forks Ballroom*)

Speaker – Barry Rempel, President and CEO, Winnipeg Airports Authority – On Leading Transportation Innovation & Growth

Friday, May 30

8.30 to 9.00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast** (*foyer outside Forks Ballroom*)

9.00 to 11.00 **The infrastructure gap – shifting the paradigm** (*Forks Ballroom*)

The recent FCM report, “Danger Ahead: the coming collapse of Canada’s municipal infrastructure”, advises that municipalities have a \$123B gap, of which \$40B is for community and recreational facilities. Governments world wide tend not to fund the maintenance of infrastructure, and all levels of Government, federal, provincial and municipal, face the same issues although the options available are different. Treasuries will never have enough funding available. This session explores the multi-faceted problem – the funding gap, the accounting and budgeting dimension and the program and service delivery dimension – and looks at jurisdictions outside of Canada, with an emphasis on shifting the paradigm to find solutions. To what extent can Public Policy shift the infrastructure paradigm and encourage new ways of accessing, using, funding and managing infrastructure? How do we encourage programs to think strategically about their portfolios and occupancies? How do we build capacity and leadership to do this?

Moderator – Judith Amoils, President, Thinking Strategy: New Paradigms Inc.
(Forum Associate)

Speakers –

Jacques Haché, Director of Real Property, Strategy & Plans Directorate, Parks Canada – Successful public funding strategies

Tony Thompson, Executive Director, Real Property & Environmental Management Division, NRCan – Case Study on new science and technology partnership models

James McKellar, Professor, Academic Director, Real Property Program, Schulich School of Business, York University (Forum Academic Advisor) – What is the difference between infrastructure and real estate? Why is it important to make the distinction when addressing funding gaps?

Olga Kaganova, Senior Associate, International Activity Center, The Urban Institute, USA (Forum Advisor) – How should governments engage the private sector in developing solutions? How should decisions be made around this?

Ginny Gibson, Professor of Corporate Real Estate, Land Securities Trillium Fellow, Department of Real Estate & Planning, The University of Reading Business School, UK – What are the risk issues to be considered in infrastructure renewal? How should these be managed?

Discussion

Break

11.15 to 12.00 **Conference Learnings and Closing**

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Discussion

12.30 to 4.00 **Lunch at the Provincial Legislature Dining Room, followed by tour of the Legislature Building and bus tour**