



2009
API
CONFERENCE
ST. JOHN'S
NOVEMBER 18-20

Conference Guide

2009 Atlantic Planners Institute Conference
Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland
St. John's, NL

Schedule

Wednesday, November 18, 2009		
9:30am	Coffee (Signal Room)	
10:00 – 12:30pm	Workshop 1 (Garrison Room) Sustainability: Challenges for Professional Practice <i>Nick Pryce, MCIP & Kevin Brook, MCIP</i>	
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (Signal Room)	API Council Meeting 12:00 – 6:00pm (Hibernia Room)
1:00 – 2:30	Registration (Main Lobby)	
1:30 – 5:00	Workshop 2 (Garrison Room) Coastal Zone Management <i>Keith Mercer, Jack Saunders, MCIP, Paul Jordan, MCIP & Nicole Hynes</i>	
5:00 – 7:00	Registration (Main Lobby)	
	Dalhousie Alumni Social 5:00 – 7:00pm (Narrows Lounge)	NL Branch AGM 5:00 – 6:00pm (Confederation Room)
7:00 – 9:00	Opening Reception Sponsored by the City of St. John's (Court Garden)	

Thursday, November 19, 2009

8:00 am	Registration (Main Lobby)		
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee		
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome & Introductions (Garrison & Signal Rooms)		
9:30 – 10:30	Keynote Speaker (Garrison & Signal Rooms) Leading Change Through Innovation in Business Strategy, Public Policy and Community Engagement <i>David Wheeler, Dean Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University</i>		
10:30 – 11:00	Nutritional Break		
11:00 – 12:30pm	Full Session (Garrison & Signal Rooms) Attracting Talented Workers to Atlantic Canada <i>Jill Grant, FCIP Karen Kronstal, Rob Greenwood & Josh Lepawsky</i>		
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (Court Garden)		
1:30 – 3:30	Session 1 (Signal & Garrison) Small Towns Weathering Change <i>Wayne Caldwell, MCIP, Katie Temple, Jeff Ward, Gerhard Weiland, MCIP</i>	Session 2 (Salon C) Equilibrium Housing <i>Le Doan Paul Arsenault</i>	Session 3 (Salon D) Climate Change Planning Techniques CIP Workshop <i>Gary Davidson, FCIP Beate Bowron, FCIP</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Nutritional Break		
4:00 – 5:00	Session 4 (Signal & Garrison) Minimizing our Human Impact on the Environment <i>Holly McMacki, MCIP Ben Sivak, MCIP</i>	Session 5 (Salon C) LiDAR & 3-D Modeling <i>Roger Wells, MCIP Janice Anthony</i>	Session 6 (Salon D) Integrated Approach to Planning & Climate Change <i>Paul Jordan. MCIP Gary Mersereau</i>
6:00 – 10:00pm	Awards Banquet Spirit of Newfoundland (Masonic Temple)		

Friday, November 20, 2009

8:00am	Registration (Main Lobby)		
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee		
9:00 – 10:30	Session 7 (Signal) Resurgence of Regional Planning in NL <i>Mary Bishop, FCIP</i> <i>Katherine Perrot</i> <i>Rob Griffiths, MCIP</i>	Session 8 (Garrison) Redevelopment & Change <i>Lydia Lewycky, MCIP</i> <i>Giovanni Paquin</i> <i>Neil Dawe</i>	Session 9 (Columbus Suite) Recent Trends in Planning Law <i>Andre Daigle, MCIP</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Nutritional Break		
11:00 – 12:30pm	Session 10 (Signal) Integrated Community Sustainability Plans <i>Holly McMackin, MCIP</i> <i>Erica Chisholm-Keith</i> <i>Stephen Jewczyk, FCIP</i>	Session 11 (Garrison) Community Engagement Processes & Tools <i>Ken O'Brien, MCIP</i> <i>Elizabeth Oliver</i> <i>Dawn Boutilier, MCIP</i>	Provisional Member Forum (Columbus Suite) <i>Mary Bishop, FCIP</i>
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (Court Garden) API AGM		
1:30 – 4:00pm	Mobile Workshop 1 Robin Hood Bay Regional Waste Management Facility	Mobile Workshop 2 MUN Campus Master Plan	

Session Information

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Pre-Conference Workshops

Workshop 1 – Sustainability Workshop

Garrison Room

This workshop seeks to engage planners in developing a policy position on sustainable development for API. The objective is to eventually have a policy document adopted by the organization that will guide API and its members in carrying out activities towards implementing sustainable development within our different jurisdictions.

Workshop Facilitators: Nick Pryce, MCIP
Kevin Brooks, MCIP

Workshop 1: 2.5 LU
Website Code: ATCON09-01

Workshop 2 – Coastal Zone Management Workshop

Garrison Room

This workshop will explore coastal management challenges and propose planning solutions using examples from Atlantic Canada. With the help of participants and speakers, this workshop will define the coastal zone, scan issues in the Atlantic Region, explore topics such as public access and property rights and discuss possible solutions.

Workshop Facilitators: Jack Saunders, MCIP
Keith Mercer
Paul Jordan, MCIP
Nicole Hynes
David Mitchell

Workshop 2: 3.5 LU
Website Code: ATCON09-02

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**Keynote – Leading Change Through Innovation in Business Strategy,
Public Policy and Community Engagement**

Signal and Garrison Rooms

Dr. David Wheeler will make the case for new thinking around how we perceive the roles of business, government and society in addressing complex problems. Dr. Wheeler will draw on his experience of creative approaches to challenges such as climate change and energy policy, technology development and commercialization, and the role of business schools in educating for sustainability. In addition, he will advocate the re-invention of some of our traditional institutions and their mandates.

Presenter: David Wheeler, Dean – Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University

Keynote Speaker: 1 LU
Website Code: ATCON09-03

**Full Session – Strategies for Attracting Talented Workers to Atlantic
Canada**

Signal and Garrison Rooms

In recent years, many cities have found inspiration in the work of Richard Florida and have initiated strategies to attract talented and creative workers, and the industries that employ them. Florida suggests that talented people are attracted to places that are tolerant and diverse, attractive and rich in amenities. A team of researchers, with funding from the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, is currently investigating the social dynamics of innovation in 16 city regions, including several in Atlantic Canada. This work is trying to understand the various factors that make talented people come to and stay in particular city regions.

Presenters: Jill Grant, FCIP
Karin Kronstal
Robert Greenwood
Josh Lepawsky

Full Session: 1.5 LU
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Session 1 – Small Towns Weathering Change

Signal and Garrison Rooms

This session combines theoretical and case study research with a real life example of how a small town can weather changing times. Wayne and Katie will examine innovative practices that have helped communities prosper even where there is a stable or declining population. The Newfoundland town of Grand Falls-Windsor will be highlighted. Jeffrey will present the history of Grand Falls-Windsor's as it is one of the earliest expressions of the Garden City Movement in Canada. Having celebrated its centennial in 2005 and recently dealing with the impacts of the closing of the mill, Grand Falls-Windsor has entered the next phase of its history. The town has recently completed and will soon be implementing the Grand Falls-Windsor Riverfront and Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Gerhard will present the downtown redevelopment plan and its future impact.

Presenters: Wayne Caldwell, MCIP
Katie Temple
Jeffery Ward
Gerhard Weiland, MCIP

Session 1: 2 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-05

Session 2 – Equilibrium Housing

Salon C

Equilibrium Housing is CMHC's latest initiative where by the private and public sectors come together to build houses that have a low impact on the environment, are healthy for the occupant, and also generate as much energy as it consumes on a yearly basis. The winner of the Equilibrium Housing Demonstration project will be speaking about the Moncton Vision Home project.

Presenters: Le Doan
Paul Arsenault

Session 2: 2 LU

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Session 3 – Climate Change Planning Techniques CIP Workshop **Salon D**

This 2 hour interactive workshop, developed by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) with funding from the Climate Change Adaptation Branch of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), will focus on climate change adaptation planning. Its purpose is to introduce planners to climate change issues and outline actions that they can take to both mitigate and adapt to a changing climate in their communities.

Presenters: Gary Davidson, FCIP
Beate Bowron, FCIP

Session 3: 2 LU

Website Codes: ATCON09-07

Session 4 - Minimizing our Human Impact on the Environment **Signal and Garrison Rooms**

Water, one of our most important resources, is increasingly becoming a planning and development issue in our communities. Holly's presentation will explore how best practices in hydrogeology and concerns about the sustainability of an area's aquifer can impact urban planning. Ben's presentation will demonstrate how communities with limited fiscal capacity can successfully manage a water-monitoring program that links water quality science to land use planning policy.

Presenters: Holly McMackin, MCIP
Ben Sivak, MCIP

Session 4: 1 LU

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Session 5 – LiDAR & 3-D Modeling

Salon C

This session will explore how new technology and tools can assist in decision making and planning. LiDAR (light detecting and ranging) used in the Halifax Regional Municipality is assisting with understanding and decision-making around climate change and sea level changes. The 3-D modeling technology using by the City of St. John's is employing is helping to show the impacts of new buildings on streetscapes and public views downtown.

Presenters: Roger Wells, MCIP
Janice Anthony

Session 5: 1 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-09

Session 6 – Integrated Approach to Planning and Climate Change

Salon D

The Atlantic Regional Adaptation Collaborative is a partnership between the four Atlantic Provinces, API, the four Atlantic Engineering Associations, all of the Atlantic Municipal Associations/Unions, the Insurance Bureau of Canada and many other partners. It is presently a \$10 million initiative funded partially through Natural Resources Canada and our partners to provide tools to municipalities, planners and engineers to address climate change in Atlantic Canada. The presentation will focus on exploring adaptation tools for communities, how those tools will be tested and a tool kit to be developed for municipal planners, engineers and municipal officials. The project is intended to be finished in 2012.

Presenters: Paul Jordan, MCIP
Gary Mersereau

Session 6: 1 LU

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Session 7 – Resurgence of Regional Planning in NL

Signal Room

Regional planning hit its stride in Newfoundland and Labrador in the 1970s, as it did in many other provinces. After decades of silence, regional planning has come into focus again. There are three major regional planning efforts underway: The Corner Brook-Humber Valley region in western Newfoundland; the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA); and the Northeast Avalon Region including St. John's. Municipal and local involvement is an important aspect of these on-going planning processes. Hear about the resurgence of regional planning in Newfoundland and Labrador and the issues influencing the unique outcomes of each initiative.

Presenters: Mary Bishop, FCIP
Katherine Perrot
Rob Griffiths, MCIP

Moderator: Corrie Davis, MCIP

Session 7: 1.5 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-11

Session 8 – Redevelopment and Change

Garrison Room

Recent redevelopment initiatives in Atlantic Canada have taken many forms. This session will provide an overview of two unique projects. Crescent Valley in Saint John is a 388-unit provincially owned public housing project that has undergone a comprehensive revitalization plan. Pleasantville in St. John's is a historic military site that is being redeveloped by the Canada Lands Company into a mixed density residential community. These presentations will highlight the planning process and the contribution of each project to sense of place and quality of life.

Presenters: Lydia Lewycky, MCIP
Giovanni Paquin
Neil Dawe

Session 8: 1.5 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-12

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Session 9 – Recent Trends in Planning Law: Recalibrating Best Practices

Columbus Suite

Each year, decisions from various courts impact how planners carry out their roles and responsibilities. In order to ensure that best practices are up to date, it is important to understand where vulnerabilities lie. Andre will highlight recent case law in zoning and subdivision matters and provide practical suggestions on how to recalibrate some best practices in planning.

Presenter: Andre Daigle, MCIP

Session 9: 1.5 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-13

Session 10 – Integrated Community Sustainability Plans: Atlantic Case Studies

Signal Room

This session will compare and contrast ICSPs being prepared across Atlantic Canada. Speakers will discuss the processes used to develop their ICSP and will explore the differences and similarities between the experience in urban and rural settings.

Presenters: Holly McMackin, MCIP
Erica Chisholm-Keith
Stephen Jewczyk

Session 10: 1.5 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-14

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Session 11 – Community Engagement Processes and Tools

Garrison Room

Neighbourhood planning processes require unique tools to engage and involve residents. This session will examine two community engagement processes: the experience in the Georgetown neighbourhood in St. John's where the City is working with a neighbourhood association to fashion policies and plans at the neighbourhood level; and a process involving a citizens advisory committee in Calgary engaged in a hands on workshop to assess the impacts of higher density.

Presenters: Ken O'Brien, MCIP
Elizabeth Oliver
Dawn Boutilier, MCIP

Session 11: 1.5 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-15

Provisional Member Forum: Moving to Full Membership in CIP

Columbus Suite

In 2009, the Membership Committee would like to see more provisional members fulfilling the requirements for full membership in CIP. As part of this initiative, the Committee has organized a session at the conference to assist Provisional members with their experience logbooks, preparing for and taking the written exam, and preparing for the final examination.

Facilitator: Mary Bishop, FCIP

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Mobile Workshops

Mobile Workshop 1 – Robin Hood Bay Waste Management Facility

The Provincial Waste Management Strategy (2002) outlines timelines and goals for Newfoundland & Labrador by 2020 including a full service modern waste management facility at Robin Hood Bay, St. John's. Consequently, Robin Hood Bay has been undergoing a transformation over the past couple of years - the 'dump' many remember, is no more, and in its place is a brand new integrated waste management facility. This mobile workshop provides an informative tour of the new Robin Hood Bay Waste Management Facility highlighting some of the new procedures dealing with leachate and methane gas. The features of the waste management facility include a Residential Drop Off which keeps the general public off of the landfill, a Household Hazardous Waste depot and a two stream Materials Recovery (Recycling) Facility. All of these features make Robin Hood Bay a more environmentally friendly site that will allow the City of St. John's to provide modern waste management services to its residents - including curbside recycling pick up.

Mobile Workshop 1: 2 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-16

Mobile Workshop 2 – Memorial University Campus Master Plan

In 2005, Memorial University of Newfoundland developed a Campus Master Plan for its St. John's campus that provided a vision for the future brought about by anticipated development and change. The vision and consultation pieces of the master plan were key components. The master plan sought to provide a physical framework for future growth and development of the campus including open space, analyze existing space inefficiencies, and develop design guidelines. Join us on a tour of MUN campus and hear about highlights of the plan and what improvements have been made to date.

Mobile Workshop 2: 2 LU

Website Code: ATCON09-17
