



MAPLE RIDGE

British Columbia

# LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2023



## CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

Thursday April 13 | Albion Community Centre  
**PROGRAM**



# Agenda & Program

<b>8:30 am to 9:30 am</b>	Registration & Check In
<b>8:30 am to 9:30 am</b>	Networking <i>Light Breakfast Snacks, Coffee and Tea</i>
<b>9:30 am to 10:00 am</b>	Climate Action Summit Day Welcome by Mayor Dan Ruimy
<b>10:00 am to 10:15 am</b>	Keynote Address Honourable George Heyman, BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
<b>10:15 am to 10:30 am</b>	Presentation Dr. Alison Shaw, Executive Director of the Action on Climate Team (ACT) at Simon Fraser University
<b>10:30 am to 11:30 am</b>	Panelist Discussion, “Demonstrating municipal leadership in addressing Climate Change.” Facilitated by Jas Johal, CKNW
<b>11:30 am to 12:00 pm</b>	Panelist and Audience Moderated Q&A <b>PANELISTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Hon. George Heyman</li><li>• His Worship Mayor of Maple Ridge, Dan Ruimy</li><li>• Former Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Don Iveson <i>*virtual participation</i></li><li>• Town of Gibsons Natural Asset Technician, Michelle Lewis</li><li>• Executive Director of the Action on Climate Team Simon Fraser University, Dr. Alison Shaw</li></ul>
<b>12:00 pm to 12:30 pm</b>	Lunch Break <i>Catered Lunch</i>
<b>12:30 pm to 2:00 pm</b>	World Café Workshops and Action Plan Discussion Tables, Facilitated by FlipSide Sustainability and Dr. Alison Shaw
<b>2:00 pm to 2:30 pm</b>	World Café Workshop Discussions Summary & Wrap Up
<b>2:30 pm to 2:45 pm</b>	Closing Remarks by Mayor Dan Ruimy



## Jas Johal, Panel Moderator

Jas Johal hosts a daily 3-hour public affairs program on western Canada’s most listened to news radio station, CKNW. Each day the program provides unrivaled coverage of news and current affairs, from politics, the economy, technology, plus arts and culture. Prior to hosting the program, he served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly here in British Columbia. He has also served as the Asia Bureau Chief for Global National News, based in New Delhi, India and in Beijing, where he traveled extensively reporting on the economy, domestic and foreign policy, and on the environment.

# Speaker & Panelist Biographies



## **Hon. George Heyman, BC Minister**

George Heyman is BC's Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Before being elected MLA for Vancouver-Fairview in 2013 and re-elected in 2017 and 2020, George was Executive Director of Sierra Club of BC, and served three terms as president of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU).

George has also been a faculty member of Simon Fraser University's Dialogue and Negotiation program and has served on advisory committees for post-graduate and undergraduate degree programs at three B.C. universities.

George is a passionate advocate for environmental responsibility and for a more sustainable, modern and diverse economy. He is also a co-recipient of Canada's 2020 "Clean 16" Award for introducing the BC government's Clean BC climate and economic roadmap.



## **His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy, Maple Ridge**

Dan Ruimy brings more than 25 years of experience as a business executive to his role as Mayor for the City of Maple Ridge. He has developed and delivered strategic training and leadership programs for multiple organizations, and in the hospitality industry he assisted in the opening of over 140 franchise restaurants.

Originally from Montreal, Dan opened his "Bean Around Books" store and coffeeshop in Maple Ridge in 2011, known as a social hub for those who share a love of reading and conversation.

Dan also served as the Member of Parliament for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, hosting community town hall meetings and round tables, and advocating for federal investments in Maple Ridge for infrastructure and for seniors, youth and environmental programs.



## **Don Iveson, Former Mayor of Edmonton & Executive Advisor for Climate Investment and Community Resiliency**

Don served as Edmonton's Mayor from 2013 to 2021 with a guiding principle to make things better for the next generation. This long-term view is now embedded in: Edmonton's smart-growth City Plan; City Council's Energy Transition Strategy; and Edmonton's nation-leading climate resilience Citywide Flood Mitigation Strategy. Don's political leadership also extended to the national stage, serving as Chair of Canada's Big City Mayors.

He works part-time with Co-Operators as Executive Advisor for Climate Investment and Community Resiliency. Don is also ramping up Civic Good, a public policy advisory practice working on climate, housing, governance and civic innovation projects. Don is also a School of Cities Canadian Urban Leader at the University of Toronto and volunteers as Board Co-Chair of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

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## **Michelle Lewis, Town of Gibsons**

Michelle is the world's first-ever Natural Asset Technician, a role similar to that of an Engineering Technician. But as a member of the Town of Gibsons' Infrastructure Services department, Michelle focuses on natural assets/systems rather than engineered assets.

Many other local governments account for their natural assets through an environmental or sustainability lens, whereas Gibsons' Natural Asset Technician ensures natural assets are woven through every single department including financial, building, and planning.

The role reflects the town's commitment to integrate natural asset management into decision-making, planning and operations. The role is centered on the core principles of asset management, ecology and financial planning, and working to develop management plans for all of Gibsons' natural assets within the Gibsons watershed.



## **Dr. Alison Shaw, Simon Fraser University**

Dr. Alison Shaw is a scientist and practitioner with over 20 years' experience in pioneering climate change and sustainability research-to-practice approaches. She was the first authorized research observer in the 2001 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change process and has since been designing ways to integrate climate and sustainability strategy into policy and practice at all scales. As founder of FlipSide Sustainability, she leveraged her training as a scientist, strategist, and organizational coach to guide organizations into the new era of business consciousness.

As Executive Director of ACT – the Action on Climate Team at Simon Fraser University, Alison and her team work with forward-thinking partners to develop practical and effective approaches that accelerate resilience, promote decarbonization, and advance multi-solving across equity, biodiversity, and other sustainability goals.



## **Dave Bennett, FortisBC**

David A. Bennett is Director of Renewable Gas and Low Carbon Fuels at FortisBC. Prior to this role he served as Director, Communications and External Relations. David has been involved in the oil and gas industry for over 20 years, holding positions with Shell Canada, Westcoast Energy, Centra Gas BC and most recently, FortisBC. During that time, his roles have included work in marketing and customer service, business development, strategic planning, managing energy product and service development activities, product management for natural gas product lines and energy efficiency and conservation programs, communications, risk management and gas supply. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Victoria with a double major in economics and computer science.

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