

**Green Infrastructure Leadership Forum
Held in Nanaimo on December 3, 2007**

Creating Our Future:

A Positive Settlement Strategy for Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

– *What could it look like?*



Setting the Context



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CAVI Chair



- **Rod Sherrell**
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- **Tim Pringle**
REFBC Executive Director

CAVI Explained



**It started with an idea and a conversation:
Parksville 2005 and 2006.**

It is about sharing knowledge and ideas.

It is about creating partnerships.

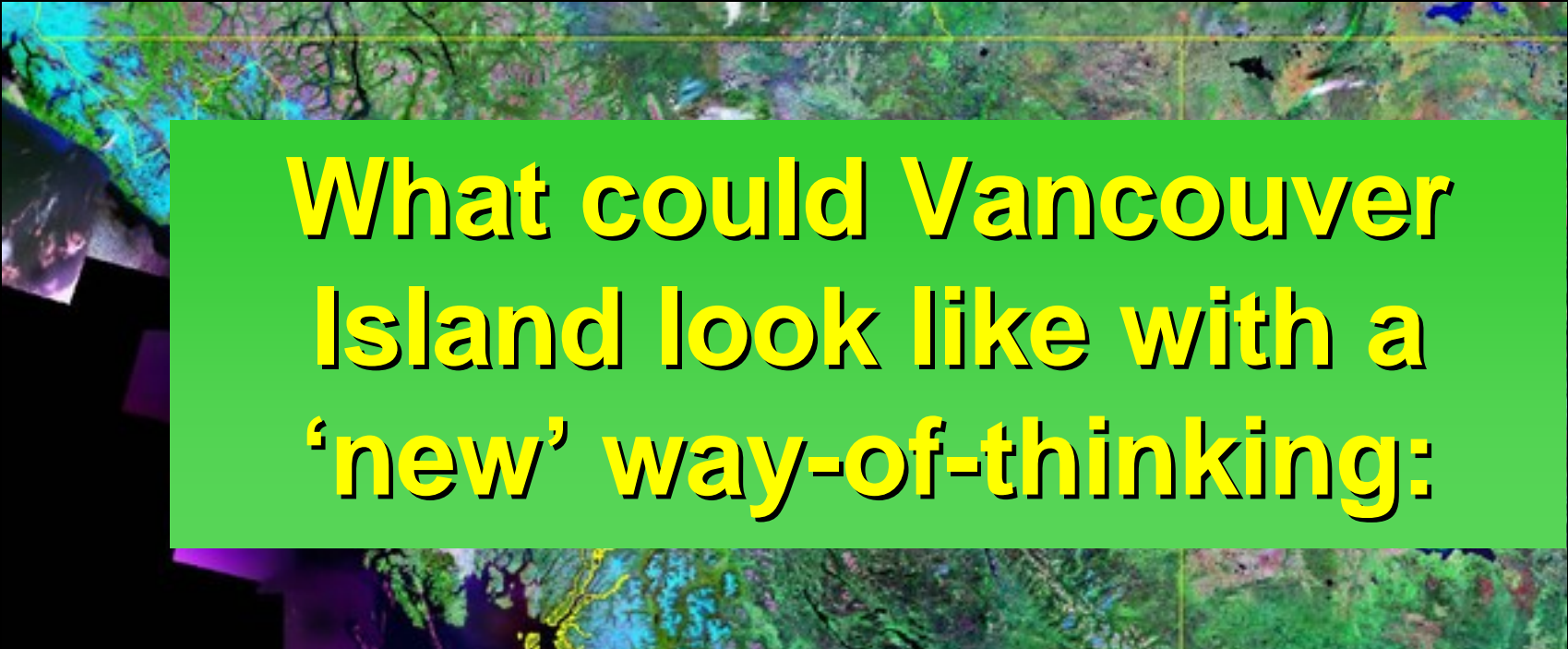
So who is CAVI?

What Does CAVI Do?

CAVI brings together those who plan and regulate (local government), those who build (developers) and those who provide the legislative framework (the Province).

CAVI provides support to organizations with a focus on water sustainability, and helps them develop and share their ideas and successes so that others can see how they too can get on board.





What could Vancouver Island look like with a 'new' way-of-thinking:

The CAVI Vision: By 2010 Vancouver Island will be well on its way to achieving water sustainability

CAVI promotes a *Design with Nature* way of thinking and water-centric planning to create livable communities in balance with ecology

Where and how land is developed determines....

- **How water is used**
 - *sustainability of supply*
- **How water runs off the land**
 - *sustainability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat*

...so, mimic the natural environment !

We Can Create Our Future: Convening for Action on Vancouver Island


Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks
**VANCOUVER ISLAND
SATELLITE IMAGE MAP**

This map shows the Province of British Columbia's satellite image map of Vancouver Island. The map is a composite of satellite images and is not a true color photograph. It is intended for general information and is not to be used for legal or other purposes.

Scale 1:500,000

Legend

Water	Urban	Protected Areas
Forest	Highway	Other
Other	Other	Other

***“What the cell is to the body,
the site is to the region”***

Patrick Condon, 1998
University of British Columbia

**Let's visualize what we want
Vancouver Island to look like:**

**The Leadership Forum is the start of a
conversation about *Why, Where* and
How development should occur so that
Settlement is in balance with Ecology**

After today, our hopes for tomorrow are...

We hope to develop an ongoing conversation about planning that results in good decisions for the future needs of our communities.

We hope to move beyond awareness of big picture issues to local actions that help Island communities develop solutions to their specific challenges

A Positive Settlement Strategy means Benefits Exceed Liabilities



Settlement is human activity of any kind upon the land. It is habitation. **Habitation** is layered systems.

Ecology is natural systems. It is water, climate, flora and fauna, and their relationships.