

Today I am here to inform you about....

- 1. Convening for Action in BC
- 2. The Partnership for Water Sustainability
- 3. The "ISMP Course Correction" and the 2-day course planned for this Fall

Looking back, the 'REAC Consultation Workshop' hosted by Surrey in May 2005 was the springboard for "Convening for Action in British Columbia"





Because it is lonely being a champion, and everyone in local government is so busy, participants expressed a strong desire to pool resources and convene on-the-ground to share 'how to do it' experiences

"Convening for Action in British Columbia" is cross-fertilizing seven initiatives that are 'water-centric' and precedent-setting

Comox Valley: An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement

Regional District of Nanaimo: **Action for Water**

Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan

Capital Regional District: Bowker Creek Blueprint

Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste & Resource Management Plan

South Okanagan-Similkameen Local Government **Ecological Standards and Practices Capacity-Building Initiative**

Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy

"Beyond the Guidebook 2010" tells the stories of 'convening for action' champions in over 40 local government settings in three regions



Incorporated as a society in 2010, the Partnership is....

- The legal entity for the Water Balance Model
- 2. The hub for a 'convening for action' network in a local government setting
- 3. Implementing an educational program to transfer knowledge, develop leadership capacity and "achieve more with less"
- 4. Fostering alignment of regional and local actions with provincial goals
- 5. Helping the Province implement the *Living Water Smart* and *Green Communities* initiatives
- 6. Building on the *Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia* through partnerships

The experience, lessons learned and outcomes described in 'Beyond the Guidebook 2010' have informed the framework and objectives for an "ISMP Course Correction" that will ...

- Achieve more with less
- Reduce 'infrastructure liability'

Paradigm-Shift for the "ISMP Course Correction"

'Model-Centric'

Output-Oriented Process



Framework

How does the drainage system work?

What are the environmental values?

What are the costs to upgrade drainage system?

What is the community input?



Outcome

A report in four volumes



'Landscape-Based'

Outcome-Oriented Process



Framework

Stage 1 – "What Do We Have?"

Stage 2 – "What Do We Want?"

Stage 3 – "How Do We Put This Into Action?"

Stage 4 – "How Do We Stay On Target?"



Outcome

A new watershed



The "ISMP Course Correction" aligns with the proposed 'Ecological Health Plan' because....



- The EHP is the vision for "healthy and vibrant ecosystems that sustain us all"
- Decisions made in individual ISMPs directly affect EHP
- The ISMP is a tool to 'make real' the EHP

A 2-day course on the "ISMP Course Correction" will be

- 1. Taught by champions in local government
- 2. Inter-departmental in scope
- 3. Integrated
- 4. Eligible for professional development credits

And will....

- 5. Guide practitioners through the 'how to' steps
- 6. Help municipalities fulfil regulatory requirements

In closing, at this point in the process, we ask only that you ...

- Reflect on what you have heard
- Discuss with your peers
- Stay tuned for further announcements