

Convening for Action in British Columbia



The Story of the 2009 Penticton Forum: Smart Planning & Living Water Smart

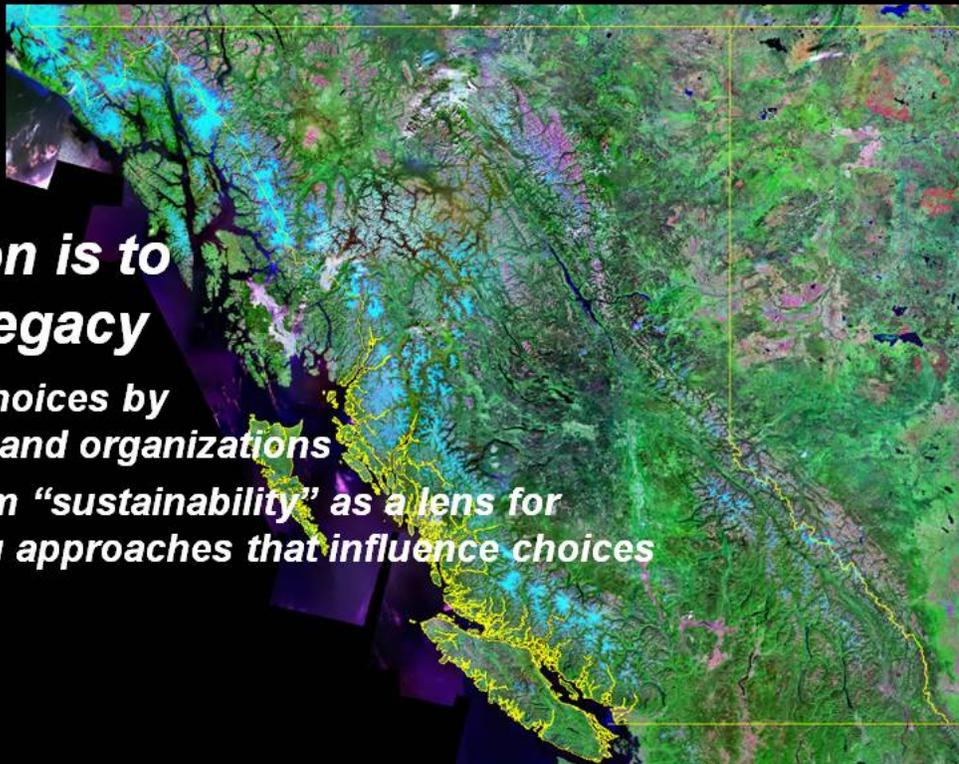
Making Green Choices to Create Liveable Communities & Protect Stream Health

The New Business As Usual:

Visualize What We Want British Columbia to Look Like in 50 years

The Mission is to Create a Legacy

- 1. Influence choices by individuals and organizations*
- 2. Use the term "sustainability" as a lens for considering approaches that influence choices*



Convening for Action in British Columbia

The Story of the Penticton Forum Held at the 2009 BCWWA Annual Conference

Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers - Teamwork for a WaterSmart World

Preface

This consolidated document comprises the set of six stories that have been published on the Water Bucket website to foreshadow what participants can expect at the **Penticton Forum**. The following challenge provides context for advancing a 'regional team approach' on April 29, 2009:

- ❑ *How do we align our efforts at three scales – provincial, regional and local – to do business differently, prepare communities for change, and choose to be water smart?*

The Forum is an adjunct to the annual conference of the BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA); and is co-hosted by three provincial Ministries (Environment, Community Development, and Agriculture & Lands), the Okanagan Basin Water Board, and the BCWWA Water Sustainability Committee.



The Forum Explained

- ❑ **On March 6th:** Story #1 titled ***Smart Planning & Living Water Smart: Approaches & Tools for Doing Business Differently in BC*** described the scope of each module in order to foreshadow what to expect.
- ❑ **On March 13th:** Story #2 titled ***Doing Business Differently - Convening for Action in the Georgia Basin*** elaborated on how a 'regional team approach' is being advanced on Vancouver Island and in Metro Vancouver to establish consistent expectations when making 'green choices'.
- ❑ **On March 20th:** Story #3 titled ***Doing Business Differently - Convening for Action in the Okanagan*** explained what it means to have a clear vision, what is possible when the vision is shared, and how 'convening for action' is taking place in the Okanagan.
- ❑ **On March 27th:** Story #4 titled ***Creating Our Future: Sustainability by Design & The Natural City Vision*** foreshadowed the 'book-end roles' that Patrick Condon and Vic Derman will play in setting the context and providing a blueprint for action, respectively.
- ❑ **On April 3rd:** Story #5 titled ***Creating Our Future: Today's Expectations are Tomorrow's Standards for Living Water Smart*** provided an overview of the provincial policy framework that enables local governments to design their communities in harmony with water.
- ❑ **On April 17th:** Story #6 titled ***Town Hall Sharing: How Will Embracing the Living Water Smart Vision Help Your Community Do Business Differently?*** foreshadowed how audience interaction will be achieved, and how we can build commitment and motivate British Columbians to want to change.

Organized under the umbrella of the Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia

By the BCWWA Water Sustainability Committee in collaboration with the Okanagan Basin Water Board, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, Ministry of Community Development, and Ministry of Environment