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7pm - 9pm

Dear Mayor and Council,

REMINDER: Building A City of Green & Thriving Neighbourhoods

You are invited to a public talk on Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods being co-hosted by the City of Vancouver and [C40 Cities](#).

Keynote and Panel Discussion on Complete Neighbourhoods & 15-Minute Cities
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
7pm-9pm
UBC Robson Square Theatre

The event is now sold out. Reserved tickets have been set aside for Council members. Councillors wishing to attend are requested to contact andrew.pask@vancouver.ca.

***Building A City of Green & Thriving Neighbourhoods* showcases the tangible steps that cities can take to create more sustainable, vibrant, mixed-use, inclusive communities.**

There's been a lot of discussion about *why* complete neighbourhoods, 15-minute cities and other related concepts are important to cities. Enabling opportunities for residents to have easier access to daily and weekly needs is better for health, the environment, and the economy - to name just a few reasons.

Here in Vancouver, the recently approved Vancouver Plan seeks to ensure a greater variety of housing choice, more shops and services and neighbourhood-scale public spaces and amenities in all parts of the city. Now that the policy direction is in place, there is important work to be done to translate the concept into practice.

But how do you create a complete neighbourhood? What are the initiatives that other cities have implemented to make their communities more liveable?

This event goes beyond the more general case-making for 15-minute cities and looks at *how* to make them happen – the **tools, actions, case studies, best practices** that can serve as a practical guide to creating complete, connected communities in Vancouver and across the Lower Mainland.

We're digging into this challenge with the help of five prominent speakers:

- **Carlo Ratti (Milan & Boston)** – Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Politecnico di Milano. Carlo directs the MIT Senseable City Lab, a research group that explores how new technologies are changing the way we understand, design and ultimately live in cities.
- **Ginger Gosnell-Myers (Vancouver)** – Indigenous Fellow with the SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. Ginger's work focuses on decolonization and urban Indigenous policy and planning.
- **Hélène Chartier (Paris)** - Director of Urban Planning and Design at C40 Cities where she supports cities to develop, implement and share planning strategies that contribute to sustainable and equitable urban growth.
- **Jay Pitter (Toronto)** – An award-winning placemaker who works at the crossroads of urban design and social justice. Jay's practice mitigates growing divides in cities across North America.
- **Josh White (Vancouver)** - the City of Vancouver's newly appointed General Manager of Planning. Most recently, Josh served as the City of Calgary's Director of City and Regional Planning and brings a range of public and private sector experience to his new role.

The discussion will be of interest to anyone passionate or intrigued about cities and city-building. The evening's discussion will:

- Offer a mix of perspectives and considerations on complete neighbourhoods

- Explore different planning topics (e.g. housing diversity, public space, active mobility, social and cultural amenities, sociability, equity), and
- Consider the applicability of a 'complete neighbourhoods' or '15 Minute City' approach to new neighbourhoods (green, grey and brownfield sites) and existing residential communities in North American cities.

The event is co-presented by the **City of Vancouver** and **C 40 Cities**, and is sponsored by the **UBC School of Architecture + Landscape Architecture** and the **Vancouver Public Space Network**.

Best,
Paul

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