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Dear Chair & Board:

RE: Cities Fit for Children Conference – May 10-11, 2012

The Cities Fit for Children Planning Committee are pleased to invite you to register for the 3rd provincial Cities Fit for Children Summit to be held in Kamloops May 10th and 11th, 2012 at Thompson Rivers University Conference Centre.

This provincial summit is dedicated to the sustainable development of our cities - urban and rural areas. The conference will bring together provincial, regional, municipal, and local leaders involved in policy decisions to help design and build healthy and safe communities for children and their families.

Building on the successes of the first two summits (Kelowna 2007, Langley 2009) the key objectives are:

- to emphasize the role of local partnerships, strategies and successes, including business engagement strategies which contribute to liveable and healthy cities for children, youth, and families;
- highlight effective policies and practices that demonstrate visionary municipal, regional, and provincial initiatives that contribute to the health and well-being of the community; and
- provide an opportunity to share, learn and network on how leaders at any level can make a difference, not only for the community but specifically for children and youth.

The conference boasts a variety of themes to find your interests met – business engagement and creative partnerships; healthy built environments and natural play; policy makers and practitioners; and inclusive and diverse communities.

Keynote presentations hosted over the two days include Dr. Paul Kershaw, Lorraine Copas, Bob Peart, and a Mayor's panel discussion. Dr. Paul Kershaw is one of Canada's leading thinkers about caregiving and family policy. He will explore how today's generation of families raising young kids have a bad deal and in turn will propose a practical solution – A New Deal for Families. Lorraine Copas joins us as Executive Director from the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC). Her discussion will focus on the role of the Council and the

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importance of building inclusive communities. Bob Peart is a registered professional biologist with a Masters in Education. He will share current research and provide background on why it is so crucial for our future to reconnect our children with our natural environment. The Mayor's Panel discussion will focus on highlighting unique programs, best practices, and how to address gaps/barriers in policy or process to make their cities more family friendly.

From the Planning Committee, we hope you will consider this conference and encourage you to also consider the opportunity for your staff to attend as well.

For ease of registration we have included a one page registration form that can be completed and mailed, faxed, or emailed back. Details are on the form. In addition, you will find a summary Schedule of Events highlighting the sessions you can expect to attend during the two days.

We look forward to receiving your registration and seeing you May 10th and 11th for this important discussion on developing Cities Fit for Children.

Sincerely,



Nicole Beauregard,
2012 Cities Fit for Children Conference Chair
City of Kamloops

More information:

<http://www.kamloops.ca/citiesfitforchildren/index.shtml>

May 10-11, 2012
Thompson Rivers University

The Summit is dedicated to the sustainable development of our cities by building healthy safe communities. The objective of this summit is to emphasize the role of local partnerships, strategies and successes which contribute to livable and healthy cities for children, youth and families



Conference Outcomes:

- Roadmaps and action plans for governments, non profits, and the business community to address the needs of children and youth in the planning processes of social and community development.
- Recommendations of programs and policies that can be implemented to make cities fit for children, youth and families.
- Poster presentations that enhance literature base for future research and project work.
- Recommendations on understanding disability and universal design through the Healthy Build Environment.

Conference Themes

- Inclusive and Diverse Communities • Business Engagement and Creative Partnerships • Policy Makers and Practitioners
- Healthy Built Environment and Natural Play

The 2012 Cities Fit for Children Provincial Conference is an excellent opportunity for our leaders and decision makers of the region to attend presentations from various speakers across the province, as well to participate in on the conversation of how to build healthy safe communities for our children and youth. This conference will showcase the exemplary policy and practices that make communities more family friendly through accessibility, business practice, natural play, environmental design, and community partnerships.

Please complete the registration information:

Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Phone:	
Address:	
Email:	
Pre-Conference Tour May 9 th , 3:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dietary Concerns/ Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have any mobility concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Would you like to mentor a youth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (for details please contact Nicole Beauregard)
Registration Fees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday \$168 <input type="checkbox"/> Friday \$168 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference \$308 (HST Included)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Registration (5 or more – 25% discount)	
Credit Card: Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> # _____	Expiry: _____
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Cities Fit for Children: Schedule of Events
(an email will be send to all delegates for Session Selection)

Wednesday May 9, 2012		Location
3:15pm	Pre-Conference Tour: Places and Spaces Unique to Kamloops	Tournament Capital Centre
Thursday May 10, 2012		
8:00am	Registration Opens	Grand Hall
8:00-9:00am	Master of Ceremonies: Karl de Bruijn, Assistant Superintendent-Kamloops/Thompson School District #73 Continental Breakfast and Entertainment	Grand Hall
9:00-11:00am	Opening Prayer and Drummers: Tk'emlups Indian Band Welcome Address: Byron McCorkell, Director - Parks, Recreation and Culture and Dr. Alan Shaver, President -Thompson Rivers University Keynote Speaker: "A Canada That Works for all Generations – New Deal for Canada" Paul Kershaw – UBC, HELP BC	House of Learning
11:15-12:30pm	Entertainment, Luncheon and Keynote: SPARC BC, Loraine Copas	Grand Hall
12:30-2:30pm	Session A: Mayor's Panel City of Williams Lake - Kerry Cook City of Kamloops - Peter Milobar City of Nelson - John Dooley City of Vernon – TBD City of Penticton – TBD District of Clearwater – TBD SunPeaks Mountain Resort Municipality - TBD Moderator: Ken Christian, Councillor - City of Kamloops	Grand Hall
2:30pm-3pm	Poster Presentations	Terrace Room
3-4:30pm	Concurrent Sessions B: B1: "Local History, the City, and Children" Will Garrett-Petts and Rob Schoen – TRU/SD#73 B2: "Re-establishing our Connection with Nature in Urban Environments" John Buchko - Urban Systems B3: "Getting Outside in Sooke: A Nature Kindergarten" Enid Elliott and Frances Krusekopf B4: "Inclusive and Diverse Community: Empowering Youth" Sharon Shepherd	Rooms: 130 Mountain Rm Grand Hall 209
4:30-6:30pm	Networking - Wine and cheese, Children's Art Opening and Entertainment	CAC- Rotunda

Friday May 11, 2012		Location
7:00- 7:30am	Registration and Information Opens	Grand Hall
7:30-8:00am	Continental Breakfast	Grand Hall
8:15-9:45am	Concurrent Sessions C: C1: "Planning a Sustainable Community for Children" City of Kamloops Panel Presentation C2: "Multi-Faith Network" David Dalley and Jasbir Rhandawa, Neighbourhood Faiths Program/Early Intervention Physiotherapist C3: "Collaborative Soup" Sharon Stevens, Kate Stebbings – Communications Solutions C4: "Municipal Strategies to Re-create Children's Play" Bob Yates, Planner	Rooms: Mountain Rm 130 209 Grand Hall
9:45-10:15am	Poster Presentations	Terrace Room
10:30-12:00pm	Concurrent Sessions D: D1: "Literacy in the Environment" Violet Hughes and Frances Warner - LITE D2: "Working Together in Aboriginal Culturally Diverse Communities" Catherine Disbery and Carol Lust - Aboriginal Catch D3: "Understanding Disability and Universal Design" Heather McCain - Citizens for Accessible Neighbourhoods D4: "Living Wages: Making Cities Truly Livable for Children and Families" Michael McCarthy Flynn - First Call	Rooms: 130 209 Mountain Grand Hall
12:15-1:45pm	Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Bob Peart - Founding Chair of the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada	Grand Hall
1:45-2:45pm	Concurrent Sessions E: E1: "Municipal Strategies for Early Childhood Development" Steve Meikle – Manager Community Services Saanich and Bob Yates, Planner E2: "The Community Accord Journey in the Tri Cities" Susan Foster E3: "Seed to Plate" Laura Kalina, Robin Reid, Kendra Besanger - Kamloops Food Policy Council E4: "Planning Strategies for Aboriginal Communities" Marcia Dawson and Kim Adamson	Rooms: 130 209 Grand Hall Mountain Rm
3:00-3:30pm	Closing Address: Joanne Schroeder , HELP BC	Mountain Rm
3:30-3:40pm	Closing Prayer and Drummers: Tk'emlups Indian Band	Mountain Rm

