



8th VANCOUVER URBAN FARMING FORUM

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2020

8:30 am to
4:00 pm

in the
Pacific Room
at the
Pacific Coliseum



presented by **VANCOUVER URBAN FARMING SOCIETY**





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plenary AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (MORNING SNACK AVAILABLE)		
9:00 - 9:25	WELCOME - MADISON REID, VUFS CHAIR & FORUM HOST		
9:25 - 10:25	KEYNOTE SPEAKER - EVAN BOWNESS, PHD CANDIDATE, UBC		
10:25 - 10:45	URBAN FARMING INITIATIVES & ANNOUNCEMENTS: FRESH ROOTS, PHABC, UBC SALA, VANCITY		
10:45 - 11:00	15-MINUTE BREAK		
	PACIFIC ROOM	GREEN ROOM (UP THE ELEVATOR)	LOUNGE (UP THE ELEVATOR)
11:00 - 12:00	SESSION A City of Vancouver Update: Vancouver Urban Farming Guidelines Review CAITLIN DORWARD	SESSION B Unpacking White Privilege in the Food Movement ZSUZSI FODOR BONNIE KLUHN VERONIK CAMPBELL KAREN AGESON STACY FRIEDMAN	NETWORKING ROOM
12:00 - 1:20	LUNCH BREAK		

	PACIFIC ROOM	GREEN ROOM (UP THE ELEVATOR)	LOUNGE (UP THE ELEVATOR)
1:20 - 2:20	SESSION C Policy and Possibilities: Census Findings and Policy Examples from Other Jurisdictions ANGELI DELA ROSA	SESSION D Urban Bee-keepers & Flower Growers: Opportunities and Challenges THANUSHI EAGALLE ELLY RAKHMETOULINE SARAH COMMON DEB AND LIAM ROSE DYKSTRA	NETWORKING ROOM
2:20 - 2:35	15-MINUTE BREAK		
	PACIFIC ROOM	GREEN ROOM (UP THE ELEVATOR)	LOUNGE (UP THE ELEVATOR)
2:35 - 3:35	SESSION E Food Waste Management: An unpackaged future OLGA LANDSCORP KARLY PINCH MARC WANDLER	SESSION F Workshopping the City of Vancouver Urban Farming Guidelines SHAUNA MACKINNON MICHAEL ABLEMAN ELANA EVANS AARON QUESNEL CAMIL DUMONT CHRIS THOREAU KAREN AGESON CAITLIN DORWARD ANGELI DELA ROSA	NETWORKING ROOM
3:35 - 4:00	CLOSING & FINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS		



KEYNOTE *address*

9:25am - 10:25am

KEYNOTE *speaker*

we are pleased to welcome

Evan Bowness PhD Candidate, UBC

Evan is a PhD Candidate at UBC's Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability and the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of British Columbia, and he also teaches at the University of Manitoba's Department of Sociology. He is grateful for the invitation to speak with you as an uninvited guest on the territories of the Coast Salish peoples.

Evan is an urban political ecologist and visual sociologist. His dissertation explores how urban food politics are embedded in social struggles for land – both in the city and the country.

This talk is part of Evan's broader research on food sovereignty in urban places, which features

interviews with urban agrarians in Metro Vancouver. Evan will share some findings from his research about urban agriculture and land struggles, and discuss opportunities within the urban farming community to support social mobilization for food systems change and creating a more equitable world.

Many of us in attendance at the Urban Farming Forum are what Evan calls 'urban agrarians' – city folk who care about foodlands and food providers. As urban agrarians, we are concerned about the health of the land that provides us with nourishment. We also share a concern for the people who steward that land—the food providers who cultivate and harvest our food. Evan's argument (drawn from a paper he wrote with Dr. Hannah Wittman at UBC) is that people who live in cities have a responsibility to foodlands and to exercise solidarity with food providers, especially those who experience problems that can be hard for city folk to see. He will start by provoking some collective thoughts about

what responsibility and solidarity mean for urban agrarians. We will also consider how not everyone has equal responsibilities, owing to the fact that some people are more privileged than others. We will identify our responsibilities and privileges, as well as opportunities (both in the city and beyond) for contributing to a sustainable and just food system. And we'll talk about the different ways in which urban agriculture can provide a source of urban agrarianism and space for social justice.

If you'd like to check out more of Evan's academic work, public scholarship, or his projects as an amateur photographer and videographer, you can find out more or get in touch on his website: www.EvanBowness.ca. Evan's research is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Mitacs and the Public Scholars Initiative, and he's thankful to UBC's Public Scholars Initiative and the Centre for Community Engaged Learning for supporting this event.



11:00am - 12:00pm | *in the* Pacific Room

SESSION
A

city of
VANCOUVER
update:

VANCOUVER
URBAN FARMING
guidelines review

SESSION A *presentation*

Description

In 2016, the City of Vancouver adopted Urban Farming Guidelines to legitimize urban farming as a permitted land use activity and licensable business type in residential, industrial, commercial, and historic area zones. Council directed staff to collaborate with stakeholders on reviewing the policy after a pilot period and to report back to Council on its effectiveness. Caitlin Dorward, Social Planner from the City of Vancouver, will provide an interim update on this review currently underway, including a summary of feedback heard thus far, issues under consideration, and opportunities to provide further input.

speaker

Caitlin Dorward Social Planner, City of Vancouver

Caitlin is a Social Planner at the City of Vancouver working in the areas of food policy and childcare planning. Prior to this, she served two terms as a member and co-chair of the Vancouver Food Policy Council. She worked previously a Planner at the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission and as Senior Research Associate at KPU's Institute for Sustainable Food Systems. Caitlin is a graduate of UBC's Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

11:00am - 12:00pm | *in the Green Room*

SESSION
B

unpacking
**WHITE
PRIVILEGE**
in the
FOOD MOVEMENT

SESSION B *dialogue*

Description

"Unacknowledged white privilege gives the lie to the food movement's rhetoric of justice, good intentions, and sustainability."

– Rachel Slocum

Food movements across so-called BC and beyond are beginning to get past the awkward dance we typically do around naming and addressing race, power, privilege, and oppression in our work. The understanding that food systems and efforts to create change within them are still benefiting and governed by those with racial and other forms of privilege is growing.

Coming to terms with these realities can be a vulnerable, uncomfortable, and confusing process for people with white and light-skinned privilege who, while likely holding

strong social justice values, are confronted with the role their privilege unintentionally plays in reinforcing the marginalization of others.

Recognizing this emerging dynamic in our movement, just over a year ago the hua foundation, in partnership with the Vancouver and Kamloops Food Policy Councils, hosted the inaugural "Unpacking White Privilege in the Food Movement" series. Over 1.5 days, a supportive learning space was held for those with white and light-skinned privilege working in food systems and movements in Vancouver and Kamloops. The workshops were a starting place in unpacking how our racial privilege shows up in our work and explore what being a white anti-racist means in a food systems and movement context.

This session at the forum is not a workshop on these topics, but rather, a conversation hosted by some of the folks participating in the Unpacking White Privilege in the Food Movement project. Attendees will be invited to be facilitated and engage in the conversation with us. The conversation is open to anyone with a focus on white privilege and anti-racism in food systems and movement work.

hosted by

Zsuzsi Fodor

Bonnie Kluhn

Veronik Campbell

Karen Ageson

Stacy Friedman

1:20pm - 2:20pm | *in the Pacific Room*

SESSION
C

policy and possibilities:

CENSUS FINDINGS & POLICY EXAMPLES

FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

SESSION C *presentation*

Description

How can cities meet their sustainability goals while supporting the growth of a vibrant urban farming sector? This session presents preliminary findings of the Vancouver Urban Farming Census and how the urban farming sector has changed since the last census in 2016. We will highlight specific examples of how other cities use policy to support urban farming, and discuss recommendations for how the City of Vancouver can use policy to advance, rather than hinder, the growth of the urban farming sector.

speaker

Angeli dela Rosa Researcher, Vancouver Urban Farming Society

Angeli dela Rosa is a food policy researcher for the Vancouver Urban Farming Society. She recently completed her studies in Sustainable Agriculture at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Richmond, BC. While at KPU, she conducted agricultural field research on summer cover crops, worked as a food policy research assistant at the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems, and served as the president of the Sustainable Agriculture Students Association. She recently completed her urban farming internship at Farmers on 57th. She also has years of experience in coordinating experiential learning programs in the post-secondary and non-profit sectors.

1:20pm – 2:20pm | *in the Green Room*

SESSION
D

**URBAN
BEE-KEEPERS**

**& FLOWER
GROWERS:**

*opportunities and
challenges*

SESSION D *panel*

Description

A growing number of urban farming businesses are producing honey and cut flowers. Panelists will describe their operations & discuss the benefits and challenges of operating hives and fields of flowers in an urban context.

moderated by

Thanushi Eagalle *Farmers on 57th*

panelists

Elly Rakhmetouline *Late Bloomers Flowers*

Sarah Common *Hives for Humanity*

Deb and Liam *Six Legs Good Apiary*

Rose Dykstra *Front Yard Flower Co*

2:35pm - 3:35pm | *in the* Pacific Room



FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT:

AN
unpackaged future

SESSION E *panel*

Description

How do urban farms contribute to a low to zero-waste economy, and how can farmers leverage their participation in the zero-waste economy to attract more customers? Olga Landscorp will talk about how using local compost products contributes to the circular economy, while improving production results. Karly Pinch will share the opportunities and challenges of minimizing waste in a Community Supported Agriculture food distribution model.

panelists

Olga Landscorp *Society Promoting Environmental Conservation*

Karly Pinch *Former CSA Farmer*

Marc Wandler *Susgrainable*

2:35pm - 3:35pm | *in the Green Room*

SESSION
F

WORKSHOPPING
THE CITY OF
VANCOUVER
urban farming
guidelines

SESSION F *workshop*

Description

Urban farmers and policy makers will convene to discuss key aspects of the urban farming guidelines, the challenges they pose to urban farm businesses, growth of the sector and possible policy solutions. Facilitated by Shauna MacKinnon, author of VUFS report: 'Class B' Urban Farm Guidelines: Impacts and Recommendations, attendees of the session will increase their understanding of the day-to-day and economic realities of urban farming. Cross-jurisdictional planners and city staff are asked to join the discussion with the goal of discussing creative and specific solutions to improve city policy on urban farming.

facilitator: **Shauna MacKinnon** Agriculture & Sustainable Food Systems Consultant

Farm Profiles will be provided by:

Michael Ableman *Sole Food Street Farms*

Elana Evans *City Beet Farm*

Aaron Quesnel *Sky Harvest*

Camil Dumont *Inner City Farms*

Chris Thoreau *Food Pedalers*

Karen Ageson *Farmers on 57th*

**Invitation to all
planners and city
staff! Please join
the discussion.**

forum **LUNCH**

12:00pm - 1:20pm

thanks to:

Sky Harvest for providing micro-greens for today's lunch, and other local growers from whom today's lunch was sourced. And to all the farms, farmers and field workers who grow the food we eat everyday.

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Late Bloomers Flowers
Farmers on 57th
Food Pedalers
Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society
Front Yard Flower Co
Oh My Greens
Public Health Association of BC
Six Leg Apiary
Sky Harvest

Sole Food Street Farms
Society Promoting Environmental Conservation
Susgrainable
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We want to acknowledge that this event is taking place on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam (Musqueam), Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) traditional peoples. As farmers, settlers and organizers, it is important for us to recognize the indigenous stewardship that has come before us and the struggles and stories that these lands have composted over many years.

Food Gratitude

Thank you to the PNE for catering the Forum and their commitment to sourcing local and in-season ingredients. We appreciate all the farms, farmers and fieldworkers for growing the food that made it to our plates today.

about VUFS

Aiming to grow urban farming as a *viable, thriving and vibrant* sector in Vancouver and beyond, Vancouver Urban Farming Society is a convening organization that strengthens the growth of the urban farming sector through *education, advocacy, networking and business support.*

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