

Seminar on

BALANCING CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan is booming and major development pressures are arising almost everywhere in the provincial landscape. Sudden prosperity brings risks: how are we to protect and conserve critical natural landscapes as development pressures increase? Can we successfully integrate and balance development and conservation planning?

This one-day seminar is by invitation only however should spaces be available registration will be open. We are bringing together a cross-section of the Saskatchewan planning and conservation communities to identify the issues and options to better balance conservation and development interests. Seminar findings will be recorded, summarized, and published and are intended to contribute to the evolution of successful proactive planning in Saskatchewan.

The seminar will focus on the following themes:

- Is there a need to increase the emphasis on conservation planning as development pressures increase in Saskatchewan?
- What are the essential elements, tools and techniques to advance conservation objectives in Saskatchewan?
- What issues need attention in Saskatchewan's Statements of Provincial Interest (SPI) Initiative or more generally in provincial legislation, to achieve integrated landscape planning that properly balances conservation and development objectives?
- What can Saskatchewan learn from other jurisdictions, such as Alberta, that have previously experienced rapid growth and resource boom development pressures?

The participation is limited and attendance is by invitation only. Should spaces become available registration will be opened.

Please register by June 3, 2011. We cannot guarantee a space after that date. An Event Agenda is attached to this invitation.

For further information,

contact **Bonnie Pfeifer** to register or to be put on a wait list should space become available at 306-337-2300 or bonnie.pfeifer@uregina.ca

June 16, 2011

at the
University
of Regina

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*(Attendance is limited
and by invitation only)*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

June 3, 2011

SEMINAR DETAILS

- A maximum of 40 participants
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Seminar proceedings will be distributed post seminar
- Attendance fee charge of \$50.00 per person (contact us if this is a problem for your organization)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Please let **Bonnie Pfeifer** (bonnie.pfeifer@uregina.ca) know by **June 3, 2011**, whether you plan to attend this seminar or not.
- Advance payment of **\$50** (which includes GST) for seminar attendance can be made by credit card by calling **Jeff Morman** (1-866-874-2257) or by sending your credit card details to jeffrey.morman@uregina.ca
- You may also pay by cheque (made payable to the University of Regina) or by cash or by credit card on site at the start of the event. Receipts will be available on site.
- For further information please contact: **Bonnie Pfeifer** at 306-337-2300 or bonnie.pfeifer@uregina.ca

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Douglas Olson holds a Doctor of Design degree in landscape planning from Harvard University and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Manitoba. A landscape architect and regional planner with over 20 years of experience, Douglas specializes in broad scale, spatially explicit land use planning and design. He has served as an instructor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. He is a member of the Canadian and American Societies of Landscape Architects and the International Association of Landscape Ecology. Douglas has worked in Africa, Central America, Colombia, China, Mongolia, and Europe, as well as throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Ryan Walker is a member of the Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Institute of Planners. He has worked at the University of Saskatchewan in the Regional and Urban Planning Program since December 2006, where he teaches urban planning and has chaired the program for the past three years. He has lived and worked in most provinces of Canada, and Tanzania, Swaziland, Australia and New Zealand.

Gary Howland has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Toronto. He has planning work experience in Saskatchewan and Ontario. He has farmed near Lumsden since 1975 and in the past decade become increasingly involved in both the conservation and development side of planning issues in the Regina area. He is President of the Lumsden Valley Community Association, a citizen's group focusing on conservation planning issues in the Qu'Appelle Valley system north of Regina.

AGENDA

THURSDAY JUNE 16

LOCATION: Room 120, Springboard West, 2 Research Drive, Regina

(in the Research Park, immediately south of the main University of Regina campus)

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Dr. Doug Olson President, O2 Planning and Design Inc., Calgary	Doug will explain his experience in the past several years with regional scale, integrated landscape planning, based on his work as a planning consultant with the Calgary Regional Partnership, and more recently, in the South Saskatchewan Region, one of seven regions created under Alberta's Land-Use Framework. His talk will be illustrated with relevant national and international examples.
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Dr. Ryan Walker Chair, Regional and Urban Planning Program, University of Saskatchewan	Ryan will discuss conservation design concepts with reference to Randall Arendt, as well as growth and conservation balancing strategies used in Ontario, British Columbia, and Oregon. He will also briefly discuss Saskatchewan's Statements of Provincial Interest.
11:30 – 12:00 a.m.	Gary Howland President, Lumsden Valley Community Association	Gary will discuss the potentials and problems of conservation planning in Saskatchewan's urban regions under the existing planning framework, based on his experience in the RM of Lumsden north of Regina.
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (PROVIDED ON SITE AT NO CHARGE)	
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Panel Statements	Drs. Olson and Walker will be joined by Ben Sawa, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, and by agriculture and municipal sector panel members. The new panel members will briefly give their comments on the conservation vs. development challenge.
1:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Open Discussion	All seminar participants will have the option to comment on the critical issues and possible options for balancing conservation and development interests in Saskatchewan. Panel members will comment as appropriate.

All presentations will allow time for questions and discussion.