

Urban Change

Urban change has been the norm in Metro Vancouver for decades. ElderCollege has been following it for the last five years with the **Urban Change** course, initially touching upon population growth and the resulting pressures on density and transportation, and continuing with presentations on what is being done to still make Vancouver a desirable place to live. This year Urban Change focuses on the North Shore, and the way its environment has been maintained and improved even as its population increases.

September 21: Affordable Housing

There is public recognition of the need for affordable housing, housing that is needed for all those that provide the services that the North Shore needs, yet don't earn enough to buy an ordinary house. Wendy Tse, a planner with the City of North Vancouver, will present the City's *Affordable Housing Action Plan*, hot off the press.

September 28: Moodyville Village

Moodyville village was included in the City of North Vancouver's updated *Official Community Plan* by request of a single family housing neighbourhood. Courtney Miller, Planner, Community Development, City of North Vancouver will be making a presentation demonstrating how a single family housing neighbourhood will be transformed to a modestly higher density, comprehensive services community.

October 5: Lynn Valley Center

Lynn Valley Center is one of five villages identified as a growth center within the district, as a result of the updated *Official Community Plan* for North Vancouver District and the City of North Vancouver respectively to create higher density communities. Karen Rendek, Senior Planner, and Suzy Lunn, Policy Planner, District of North Vancouver, will be making a presentation on its history and how its plan is being executed.

October 12: Urban Farming

Join our presenter for a look at the history of urban farming on the North Shore, and learn about developments involving the Edible Garden Project and Loutet Farm.

October 19: Protecting Our Streams

The urban fabric of the North Shore is divided by strips of natural parklands each with a stream that drains water from the mountains to the sea. The North Shore Streamkeepers are an organization dedicated to maintaining and protecting these streams from urban pressures and damage. Karen Munro , Past President and Coordinator, will discuss what the Streamkeepers do to save the natural beauty, the streams and their parklands.

October 26: Changing Waterfront

To support increased density, plans are being made to increase public amenities. The City of North Vancouver is rebuilding the city's waterfront at the foot of Lonsdale into a string of major public spaces. Heather Reinhold, Manager, Waterfront Strategic Initiatives, will be reviewing all the activities and construction taking place along the shore from the city's west boundary east to the Sea Span dry docks and shipyard.

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