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Why Open Data is Not Enough

Presented by Kevin Jardine, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Citizens' Services

Kevin Jardine joined the ministry of Citizens' Services in January, 2010 as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Business and Workforce Transformation.

Prior to this, Kevin worked in the Premier's Office as Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Assistant Deputy Minister for Cabinet Operations. And from 2005 to 2008, he was an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Integrated Land Management Bureau.

A public servant in the Provincial Government for almost ten years, Kevin has held several technical and management positions. Starting first as Lands and Resource Analyst in support of First Nations' treaty negotiations, Kevin then worked as the Kootenay Regional Manager in Nelson for the previous Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management before returning to Victoria in 2005 to assume an Executive role in the Integrated Land Management Bureau.

Over the past several years, Kevin has successfully led the development and implementation of many corporate and Cabinet-endorsed strategies in subject areas as diverse as Mountain Caribou recovery, species and ecosystem conservation, and the establishment of GeoBC as a leading public sector organisation in the area of geographic information management and provision.

Kevin has a keen interest in technology and public sector service transformation. Building on his academic training as a Geographer, work in the private sector and his experience over the last decade as a Public Servant, Kevin is now helping government achieve its vision for a 21st century public sector.

Leveraging Open Data to Engage Citizens, Enhance Public Services and Decision Making

Presented by Alex Miller, President, ESRI Canada Ltd

Alex Miller is founder and President of ESRI Canada Limited. Mr. Miller is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton with a B.Sc. in Surveying Engineering. He has over 35 years experience in surveying, mapping, engineering, information systems design and management consulting. Mr. Miller is also active in the Canadian advanced technology sector, and provides leadership in many areas of land and natural resource issues related to the application of information technology through various professional and industry associations. He is Co-Chair of the GeoConnections Policy Advisory Committee, and Chair of the Geomatics Canada Advisory Committee.

Open Data and Open Applications - Open Possibilities

Presented by Mark Gayler, Technology Strategist, Western Public Sector, Microsoft Canada

Mark Gayler is a Technology Strategist for Western Canada Government. He is responsible for helping Government customers understand the value and benefits of adoption and deployment of the Microsoft technology platform, particularly in the areas of interoperability, optimization, and

Open Government. Mark relocated from the UK to Canada in 2007 and now lives in Vancouver with his wife and daughter.

Prior to this role, Mark was Manager of the Technology Specialist team for Microsoft Public Sector in UK servicing major UK Public Sector clients such as UK Cabinet Office, Department of Work and Pensions, Ministry of Defence, and HM Revenue and Customs.

Mark joined Microsoft in 2003 as Manager for the Enterprise Strategy Consulting team as part of Microsoft Consulting Services in UK servicing major UK customers in Finance, Commercial, and Public Sector. Prior to that he spent 15 years in IT Consulting building Enterprise IT solutions for blue-chip customers including Swissair, European Patent Office, United Nations, Delta Air Lines, and UK Cabinet Office.

[Open Data @ The City of Vancouver](#)

[Presented by Jonathan Mark, GIS Manager, Information Technology, City of Vancouver](#)

Jonathan Mark is the City of Vancouver's GIS Manager and is in the Information Technology Department in the Financial Services Group. He has been in that position since 1990. In this role, he and his Team are responsible for the City's corporate GIS infrastructure (core software, hardware, and databases) as well as the implementation of VanMap for both staff and the public. The Team is also very involved in the City's Open Data initiative. Jonathan has spoken at many GIS conferences including URISA BC, URISA International, Autodesk University, and GeoTec. Prior to joining the City in 1984, Jonathan taught in the Urban Land Economics Division of the Faculty of Commerce at UBC.

[Leveraging Open Data](#)

[Presented by Barry Logan, Executive Director, ICIS \(Integrated Cadastral Information Society\)](#)

Barry Logan is the Executive Director of ICIS. Barry vigorously embraces the ICIS vision of collaborative sharing and integration of geospatial data for the benefit of British Columbia. He enjoys interacting with all ICIS stakeholders in order to further the society's success by increasing the value that this unique business model can deliver. Prior to joining ICIS, Barry had a successful career as the President of Squirrel Systems, a leading total solutions provider of computer systems for the hospitality industry.

[BIEAP/FREMP Atlas - Sharing Data of the Commons](#)

[Presented by Rob Knight, Director, Community Mapping Network](#)

I recently retired as a Biologist with the Ministry of Environment in the Environmental Stewardship Division at the Surrey BC office.

I am one of the founders and Directors of the Community Mapping Network, a program of the BC Conservation Foundation <http://cmnbc.ca>

I was a provincial civil servant since 1978 and have worked in fisheries management and community stewardship support since then, all in the Lower Mainland Region (Powell River to Manning Park for those who know the geography of south west BC).

[Open Data Access, from the Public's Perspective](#)

[Presented by Stephen Bohus, 3D Software Developer, Parallel World Labs](#)

Stephen Bohus holds a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Toronto, and he has been involved in the use of computer graphics visualization since the early 1990s. During his stay at the Centre for Landscape Research, Stephen helped develop a 3D graphics programme for high end Silicon Graphics workstations that was used in the disciplines of Urban Design, Landscape Architecture, Regional Planning and Architecture. Consulting work was completed for professional clients including the NCC, City of Ottawa, Canadian Centre for Architecture, City of Toronto, University of Toronto, and ETH Zurich. Currently Stephen is working for Parallel World Labs, in the creation of software for virtual worlds for a new museum in Norway, and he has also completed the production of a 23m (76') tall backlit satellite map of Norway.

[VanTrash - A case study in building a service using Open Data](#)

[Presented by Luke Closs, Co-Creator of VanTrash.ca](#)

Luke Closs is a Vancouver based Internet Toolsmith with a passion for building tools that improve people's lives. He currently works as a development lead for a globally distributed product development team for Socialtext, building Social Software for enterprises and organizations. In his spare time he builds cool things at Vancouver Hack Space and balances things on his face.

[Open Source, Open Data in Commercial Real Estate](#)

[Presented by Naz Ali, National Mapping Specialist, CB Richards Ellis](#)

Naz Ali is the National Mapping Specialist at CB Richard Ellis. She is responsible for various aspects of spatial map designs, demographic analysis and GIS databases. She has also been involved in several geo-spatial modeling projects along with orthorectification, georeferencing, image interpretation and mosaicking of satellite and airborne data.

Naz leads the Canadian Mapping Group at CB Richard Ellis and also chairs the Metro Vancouver MapInfo User Group.

[Data for Community Engagement: Research on Apps for Climate Change and the Green Communities Act](#)

[Presented by Karen Fung, Master's Candidate in Urban Planning](#)

As a master's candidate at the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia, Karen Quinn Fung explores the influence of information technology, social media and community organizing on urban issues such as transportation and public space. A blogger since 2005, she brings a mindful and interdisciplinary approach to civic engagement and government collaboration empowered simultaneously by online conversations and facilitated face-to-face meetings. Her professional experience includes stints in technical writing, supporting user-centered design in a large software development organization, online student outreach for nurturing campus life, and social media consulting.

[Open3 Motion](#)

[Presented by Darrin Fast, Systems Analyst, City of Vancouver](#)

Darrin Fast is a Systems Analyst for the City of Vancouver assigned to Vancouver's Open3 Implementation and Sustainment project. Darrin's work with the City has also included information management and decision support planning. Darrin is currently finishing his

degree in computer science at Simon Fraser University and has received a Multimedia diploma from the Vancouver Film School. Prior to working for the City Darrin studied Philosophy at Simon Fraser University.