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**Time:** 8:00 am - 10:00 am

**Location:**

Ramada Plaza Conference  
Resort  
10251 St. Edwards Drive  
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**Urban and Regional Information  
Systems Association (URISA - BC Chapter)**

The B.C. Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association is hosting a breakfast seminar entitled **Kelowna Fires and GIS**.

The fire in Kelowna this summer created an emergency situation of a magnitude never seen before by City of Kelowna and Regional District staff. The computing systems and GIS played a key role in the dissemination of information. The fires spanned City and Regional boundaries requiring data from different systems to be combined as well as different agencies to work together. A solid computing infrastructure and GIS system provided the required information in an efficient and timely manner. Many lessons have been learned from this event which will be incorporated into future emergency procedures.

Our speaker for this seminar is Rob Entwistle. Rob is the Technical Systems Manager for the City of Kelowna's IS Department. In this role he is responsible for the design, implementation and support of the computing infrastructure for the city. With over 20 years experience in IT, Rob's career began at MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates, before moving to Kelowna and working for Okanagan University College and the City of Kelowna. Rob has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Lakehead University.

**Cost : \$ 35 (includes breakfast)**

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