



SPEAKERS SERIES

Free Public Lecture Walking in the Watershed A Cowichan Tribes' Perspective on Street Safety and Human Habitats

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT	The Cowichan River has been a means of travel for Cowichan people since time immemorial. But today, due to traffic and urbanization along the river corridor, it's often unsafe for Cowichan families to walk or bike near their homes and the places they need to go. This presentation will share the process and results of a Cowichan Tribes Transportation and Mobility that involved engagement with Cowichan community members about how to best address the hazards they encounter during daily trips through the community. In 2016 the plan was recognized by the Canadian Institute of Planners with an Award for Planning Excellence.
WHO	Presented by Cowichan Tribes Referrals Coordinator, Natalie Anderson and Paul Siggers, EcoPlan International, who prepared the study. Details below.
WHEN	Thursday Sept 28 th , 2017, 7 pm
WHERE	VIU Cowichan Campus, 2011 University Way, Duncan, BC. Lecture Hall – Rm 140

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More Info: [Cowichan Tribes Transportation and Mobility Plan \(2015\)](#)

About the Speakers:



Natalie Anderson grew up in the Cowichan Valley, and is part of the referrals team at Cowichan Tribes. She coordinated the Cowichan Tribes Transportation and Mobility Plan. Natalie holds a B.A. in Political Science and Government from UBC, and is a descendant of the Metis, Cree, and Anishinaabe peoples of present day Manitoba.



Paul Siggers is an associate at EcoPlan with experience in strategic planning, community engagement, planning for healthy communities, structured decision-making, and monitoring and evaluation programs. Paul holds a B.A. in Literature from Simon Fraser University and Diploma in Applied Urban and Rural Planning from Langara College, and is a member of the Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians.

Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month @ 7pm to learn about the health and sustainability of the Cowichan watershed and surrounding areas. This series is made possible with financial assistance of the Real Estate Foundation of BC and venue donation by VIU – Cowichan Campus.

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