

Green Scenes *Guided Sustainability Tours*

Green Scenes is a program of "green tours" designed to showcase urban sustainability initiatives in the region and around the world. In partnership with the Center for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University, *Green Scenes* provides green tours in the following sectors: waste and resource management, energy, food security, green buildings/roofs, public spaces/land use, transportation and green businesses.

The *Green Scenes* series of tours and mobile workshops is ideal for professionals and academics as well as governmental delegations. Tours include both commercial and residential sites and can be custom designed and packaged into a half day, one, two or three day "conference" format.

Tours include transportation, catering, guest speakers/experts, tour guide and certificate of completion from the Centre for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University.

Sample 3 day conference schedule

Day One

Arrive Vancouver, Hotel Check in
Registration
Evening: Welcome Reception, guest speakers, overview of conference

Day Two

Buffet breakfast, overview of day, guest speaker
Green Building Tour (includes lunch in Chinatown)
Evening reception and dinner with guest speaker

Day Three

Buffet breakfast, overview of day, guest speaker
Storm water control/traffic calming tour
Lunch
Alternative Energy Projects Tour
Evening: Closing Reception & dinner, guest speaker



UniverCity, a green development

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Sample tours

Sector: Green Buildings

Green with Envy: The Green Market (Full day)

The greater Vancouver area is leading the way in terms of green building, particularly in the residential sector. Join green building experts on a tour of residential and commercial green buildings. Residential sites may include Koo's Corner, a 6 unit townhouse project with innovative heating and renewable energy systems and the Pomaria, a 30 storey building with extensive roof top gardens. Commercial sites may include the award winning Glen Eagles Community Centre or the National Works Yard, a LEED Gold engineering operations facility.



Koo's Corner

After lunch in Vancouver's vibrant Chinatown, we travel to a neighbouring municipality to tour a unique development. UniverCity is a complete, sustainable, mountaintop community, comprising walkable neighbourhoods on approximately 200 acres of university

land, surrounding the Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain campus. It includes approximately 4500 multi-family residential units, along with a commercial village center, new schools, parks and other community amenities, with a total value in excess of \$1.4

billion. The community goals are twofold: to create an attractive, healthy and safe community, appealing to a variety of markets that will bring new life to the campus; and to generate long-term revenues for university endowment funds.

Sector: Solid Waste Management

One Person's Garbage is Another's Treasure (Full day)

Discover how Greater Vancouver, with a population of over two million people, is leading the way in sustainable waste management. The first stop will be at the waste-to-energy facility, which converts about 25% of the region's solid waste into electricity used to power local homes. Next we'll tour the Surrey Waste Transfer Station – the first LEED-certified project of its kind in North America.



Vancouver Landfill

Finally, we visit the **Vancouver Landfill**. This site, owned and operated by the City of Vancouver, implements several measures to control its environmental impact. Managing leachate, collecting landfill gas, encouraging wildlife habitat, recycling and composting are all key components of this operation at the edge of the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area. The tour includes a stop at greenhouses operated by Maxim Power, where landfill gas is used to generate electricity and heat.

Sector: Stormwater Control

The Green Streets Scene (1/2 day)

Vancouver has taken an innovative streets design approach to managing storm water and calming traffic. As a result of their Greenways plan, partnerships between the City of Vancouver and the community have blossomed, dramatically shifting the urban streetscape. Join Streets Design and Greenways experts on this tour of green spaces. Visit "country lanes", a sustainable alternative to the traditional asphalt lane; the Crown Street project, an environmentally sustainable streetscape and fish habitat enhancement project and Still Creek, an urban stream that has been daylighted through innovative development agreements between the City and developers.