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City of Victoria and ICLEI Canada Announce 2022 Livable Cities Forum

VICTORIA, BC — This year's in-person event, hosted by the City of Victoria in partnership with ICLEI Canada and the Canadian Urban Institute, will focus on equity and climate action.

The Forum, taking place between October 3 and 5, 2022, at the Victoria Conference Centre, will welcome more than 250 delegates from across Canada and beyond. During three days of workshops, plenaries and sessions-on-the-move, the Forum will bring together local government staff and elected officials, community members, universities, health authorities, Provincial Government ministries and federal departments.

"We are thrilled to be coordinating the annual Forum in Victoria again this year," said ICLEI Canada's Executive Director, Megan Meaney. "Delegates will explore ideas and innovative solutions from Canadian and international speakers on responding to climate change while building more connected and livable neighbourhoods and communities."

This year's Forum will look at important synergies between efforts to address social vulnerabilities exposed through the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to increase climate resilience and achieve net-zero emissions in communities across Canada through an equity lens.

"We are excited to once again be the host city for the Livable Cities Forum," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "The high-calibre and practical sessions offered at the Forum will be presented by a diverse range of climate professionals and practitioners from across Canada who will provide their expertise on how to practically embed equity into a variety of climate action initiatives. Equity seeking groups are disproportionately affected by climate change; addressing this is a top priority for the City, and we look forward to learning from and with others at this event."

During the Forum, delegates will participate in a variety of sessions in the following program themes: **equity, diversity and inclusion, infrastructure for the people** and **building net-zero communities**.

Forum presenters and sessions will be announced over the summer months. Registration to attend the Forum will be open from June until the end of September.

The announcement of this year's Forum also has a timely link to the release of the British Columbia Chapter of the National Knowledge Assessment, which examines climate change impacts and approaches to adaptation across British Columbia. It is part of the National Assessment Process, [Canada in a Changing Climate: Advancing our Knowledge for Action](#), led by Natural Resources Canada, that assesses how and why Canada's climate is changing, the impacts these changes are having on communities, the environment and the economy and how we are adapting across the country. The report is available at [Changingclimate.ca](#).

For further information on the Livable Cities Forum and to register as a participant, visit LivableCitiesForum.com.

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