

Purpose/Objectives

- Convene regional stakeholders to discuss the value of a multi-stakeholder collaboration in promoting the region's prosperity.
- Present a proposed approach for multi-stakeholder, regional collaboration.
- Secure support for a "made in Metro Vancouver" approach to regional collaboration.

Venue: Wosk Centre for Dialogue @ SFU, 580 W Hastings St, Vancouver

Host: Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

11:30 Registration, buffet lunch, and networking

12:30 **Welcome**

Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

12:40 **Keynote: Tom Clark, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**

Metro Denver is considered a desirable and competitive place to live, work and invest. And Metro Denver EDC is one of the key reasons for this success. A model of regionalism at work, Metro Denver EDC brings together public and private stakeholders in the seven counties of metropolitan Denver and northern Colorado to collaborate on advancing the region's prosperity. Complementing and supporting the work of local economic development agencies, Metro Denver EDC engages in collective actions to address key issues such as business workforce conditions, quality of life and the natural environment.

Moderator: Anne McMullin, President & CEO, Urban Development Institute

1:30 **The Metro Vancouver Economy**

Metropolitan areas represent the basic unit and geography of today's economy. The prosperity of Metro Vancouver depends on the effective leveraging of the region's natural, cultural and economic assets and the creation of vibrant and strong networks linking the private and public sector in innovation and new economic opportunities. How is the workforce changing? Where are the gaps?

- Tom Hutton, Professor, UBC
- Andrew Ramlo, Executive Director, Urban Futures
- Linda Hepner, Director, Metro Vancouver Board, and Mayor, City of Surrey

Moderator: Evi Mustel, President, Mustel Group

2:15 Break

2:35 **Investing in Metro Vancouver**

From the perspective of local business leaders, what are the opportunities and challenges of operating in Metro Vancouver? Why do they invest their money and skill here? And what are the limiting factors on continued growth?

- Jonathan Whitworth, CEO, Seaspan
- Bing Thom, Principal, Bing Thom Architects
- Angela Robert, CEO of Conquer Mobile
- Murray Driediger, President & CEO, BC Fresh
- Patrick Sauriol, Executive Director, DigiBC

Moderator: Kathryn Gretsinger, Journalist

3:45 **Metro Vancouver Regional Prosperity Initiative Presentation**

Green Paper – Proposed 'Framework for a Regional Prosperity Initiative in Metro Vancouver'

- Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

3:55 **Responding Panel & Moderated Discussion**

- Gregor Robertson, Director, Metro Vancouver Board, and Mayor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Silvester, President & CEO, Port Metro Vancouver
- Martha Piper, Interim President & Vice Chancellor, University of British Columbia
- Tony Geheran, Executive VP and President Broadband Networks, Telus

Moderator: Miro Cernetig, Co-founder, City Age

4:55 Closing Remarks

- Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

5:00 Networking Reception

Networking Reception is from 5 – 7