

Fraser River Flooding, Flood Management and the Environment
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
Slesse Room, Evergreen Hall, 9291 Corbould Street, Chilliwack, BC

Time Description

8:30 Doors open and sign in

9:00 Welcome

Chief Robert Gladstone – Shxw̓ha:y Village

Steve Litke – Fraser Basin Council

9:20 Overview of the Area

Speakers will provide historic context for flood management, the dynamic Fraser River and accompanying ecological systems in Chilliwack. Mike Church – Professor Emeritus UBC Geography

Mike Pearson – Pearson Ecological

Neil Peters – MFLNROD Inspector of Dikes (retired)

10:00 Case Study 1: Dike upgrades, alignment and/or re-alignment

The potential for neighbouring communities to collaborate on flood mitigation solutions is imperative for building successful regional resilience to future flood disasters. In this case study, we'll learn about a current ongoing collaboration among multiple levels of government to provide upgraded flood protection infrastructure in the Chilliwack area. Brent Baron from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada will share insight on current federal government programs to build resilience in First Nations communities. We'll also hear from Lory Oberst, Housing Manager at Skwah First Nation, Chief Robert Gladstone of Shxw̓ha:y Village and Frank van Nynatten from the City of Chilliwack on how each individual community is approaching this issue.

11:10 Case Study 2: Co-benefits: Browne Creek Wetlands & the Vedder River

Multiple benefits can be achieved through a single, well-planned project. In this case study, we'll learn about the Vedder River flood protection infrastructure and how the presence of setback dykes have allowed for multiple co-benefits. We'll hear about a collaborative, multistakeholder partnership to build the Browne Creek Wetlands as well as how the trail system is heavily used for recreational purposes.

12 Lunch

1:00 **Field Tour:** Bus will travel to significant locations for case studies: current dyke alignment
- through Skwah First Nation and to Browne Creek Wetlands. Bus to return for 4 pm

3:30