

Campus hosts sustainability conference

MORNING STAR STAFF

Four renowned experts on the topics of community sustainability, environmentalism and climate change will address a range of local and global issues.

Okanagan College and Willis Associates present the Conference on Community Sustainability in a Changing Global Environment at the Kalamalka campus Friday and Saturday.

The first session will begin at 7 p.m. with presentations from John Robinson, a professor from the Institute of Resources, Environment and Sustainability at the University of B.C., and Bruce Sampson, an international environmental consultant.

Robinson will speak about climate change issues and share some of the work he and his institute are engaging in on the issue of trying to integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation in broader strategies of social change for sustainability.

Sampson will review three global challenges: energy, climate, and ecosystems, and will touch on his experiences with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and the approach leading businesses are taking to address these issues.

The second day of the conference will kick off on Saturday at 9 a.m. with a presentation by Tim Lesiuk, climate change secretariat for the B.C. government.

Lesiuk will discuss various approaches to sustainability in the face of climate change that might be especially effec-

tive in communities struggling with these issues, independent of the struggle in larger urban environments.

The final speaker for the conference will be Richard Hebda of the Royal B.C. Museum and the University of Victoria.

Hebda, an internationally acclaimed specialist in the field of climate change, will focus on what communities can do to alter best practices so that they address the complex issues of climate change.

Following Hebda's presentation, a roundtable discussion with all four speakers will take place.

Tickets for the conference are \$50 for both sessions and \$30 for one session for the general public.

The conference is offering a student rate of \$30 for both sessions and \$20 for one session for post-secondary students.

Seating is limited and tickets can be purchased at the Kalamalka campus and the Bean Scene.

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