

*The Community Development Society  
invites you to participate in it's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference*

**June 22-25, 2008**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada**



conversation

collaboration

and

democracy



*creative community engagement*



## SETTING THE STAGE: CONFERENCE FOCUS

The Community Development Society (CDS) is excited to be celebrating our 40th annual conference in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. Community development is the foundation of all societies, regardless of whether this is consciously acknowledged or supported. In order to build healthy, sustainable communities, pursuing a meaningful dialogue with all citizens, including those in our private and public sectors, is vital.

We invite you to contribute to our conversation in June of 2008 as we convene those passionate about community—from practitioners to academics, researchers and interested citizens. Through thoughtful exchange of ideas, best practices and a vision of the future, the doors to epiphanies, collaboration and expanded networks will open.

The Community Development Society, Saskatchewan (CDSS) Chapter is hosting the 40th Annual Conference in concert with 14 local and provincial organizations including:

- Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation
- Canadian Community Economic Development Network
- Centre for the Study of Co-operatives
- Community University Institute for Social Research
- Prince Albert Co-operative Health Centre
- Saskatoon Health Region - Public Health Services; Primary Health Services
- Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
- Saskatchewan Economic Development Association
- Saskatoon Housing Authority
- Saskatchewan Prevention Institute
- Service Canada
- University of Regina Social Work Student Society  
Saskatoon Campus

Some of the questions which will inform the development of the our Conference Tracks are:

- How does community development inform democracy?
- How do we bridge the gap between government decision makers, public policy formation and citizen participation?
- What role should/could community developers play in encouraging marginalized groups to get involved in affecting public policy?
- How does the state of democracy influence community development?
- What is the role of leadership versus the role of community development?
- How do we increase participation in community building?
- How can we and should we assess the level of democracy in organizations and workplaces?
- How can grass roots empowerment enhance community sustainability and evolve healthy governance?





## PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The **Call for Abstracts** for our learning event has now closed and presenters will be confirmed in January with an expanded Program being announced in February of 2008.

The **Welcome Reception** at the Delta Bessborough will feature a facilitated World Café conversation. Delegates will have the option of later stepping outside to the Bessborough Gardens for live entertainment at the annual Sasktel Jazz Festival.

Engaging **Mobile Learning Workshops** are planned for Tuesday taking delegates to 'community development in progress' within Saskatoon and surrounding area.

*The heartbeat of the world pulses through us all. . . .*

Our **Monday Night Social** hosted by the Western Development Museum will allow you to explore the foundation of Saskatoon's community supported by a 'home cooked meal'.

Delegates will then embrace the rhythm and music of Regina based performers **Drumapalooza**. Drumming is a unifying force and a natural community builder. Delegates are invited to wrap up the evening by participating in a drumming circle.

### Confirmed Keynote:

*Sandy Heierbacher*

Sandy is the Director of the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD), which connects those who actively practice, promote, and study dialogue and deliberation in the United States. In addition to her work with NCDD, she has consulted for organizations such as the Corporation for National Service, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Kettering Foundation in the areas of inter-group dialogue, public participation and deliberative democracy. Sandy has an M.A. from the School for International Training.



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*Paul Born*

Paul is the Co Founder and President of Tamarack an Institute for Community Engagement. The son of refugees, he grew up in a small Mennonite community in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia Canada. After a formative time in seminary he founded and has led some of Canada's leading human service organizations. His development work has been recognized nationally and internationally including the United Nations Top 40 practices world wide which he received for a millennium campaign he led to reduce poverty in his community to lowest in Canada.





The Registration Fee for all  
Preconference Workshops is  
\$100.00 USD

## PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Regional Community and Economic Development

*Through Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship*

**Presenter: Brent D. Hales, Ph.D.**

Trent Lott National Center of Excellence for  
Economic Development and  
Entrepreneurship University of Southern  
Mississippi

The workshop will provide participants with the tools, tactics, and program to engage youth in school-based entrepreneurship programs. The work of the Southern Mississippi Youth Entrepreneurship Program will be highlighted. Workshop participants will receive direct training on the promotion of school-based entrepreneurship programs and strategies to collaborate with civic, business, and governmental organizations to ensure successful program implementation.

Workshop participants will also receive training on how to engage community and economic development professionals in the inclusion of entrepreneurial activities in holistic regional development. Best practices from participating schools and regional development organizations will be highlighted from first-person accounts.

### Beyond Talking Heads & Flipcharts: *Towards Creative, Collaborative & Democratic Community Engagement*

**Presenters: Dale Hamilton &  
Esther Farmer of Lateral Strategies**

This workshop engages participants in fun, theatre-based games that will demonstrate the value of “play” in the relationship-building process. Lateral Strategies has coined the term PIES to describe this process (Performance & Improvisation Engagement Strategies). Participants will be led through an abbreviated community engaged, culture-driven process wherein governments, service agencies and academic institutions can build collaborations with local arts and cultural organizations in order to co-create inclusive, democratic community engagement, which in turn can play a key role in not only cultural but also social and economic regeneration.

Successful business, religious & political leaders have long recognized that *how* one communicates can be as important as the message itself. This workshop will assist participants in communicating more effectively in a community development context by initiating new creative conversations, which in turn can lead to community development success stories.

Please note that absolutely no theatre experience is required to participate in this workshop.

Willing workshop participants will be invited to perform in 10-minute presentation at the CDS conference.

### Capacity Building for Public Issues Facilitation

**Presenters: David Procter**, Center for Engagement and Community Development  
**Dan Kahl**, Kansas State University Research and Extension

**Timothy Steffensmeier**, Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy Kansas State University

Through an interactive, participatory process, workshop participants will engage to: (1) identify the importance public issues play in community life, (2) consider the best timing and methods for organizing community forums, (3) identify the unique roles facilitators play in public issues discussion, (4) incorporate facilitator best practices, and (5) identify a variety of public issue forum assessment strategies. Participants will receive facilitation coaching and practice in a variety of specific facilitation techniques. Following this workshop, participants will have a roadmap for organizing, facilitating, and assessing public issue forums.



## HOST HOTEL

Often called the Castle on the River, the Delta Bessborough Hotel has been recognized as Saskatoon's most distinguished landmark since opening in 1935. Built by the Canadian National Railway, it was the last of the Chateau-style hotels built in Canada.

Situated in the heart of downtown Saskatoon on five acres of private waterfront gardens, the Delta Bessborough is nestled between two riverfront parks on the South Saskatchewan River. The Elizabethan gardens overlooking the South Saskatchewan River have been a focal point of the hotel throughout its history. Once the site of elegant garden parties and mildly competitive croquet games, they now serve as a focal point for numerous festivals, community events and special occasions.

CONFERENCE HOTEL RATE IS \$149.00 CAD PER NIGHT. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-890-3222.

Be sure to mention that you're with the CDS conference to secure the reduced rate. All applicable taxes still apply.

**Room Block will be held until May 19th, 2008**

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601 Spadina Crescent East  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7K 3G8  
Toll Free Tel: 1-888-890-3222  
Fax: 1-306-653-2458



## ENTERTAINMENT AT YOUR DOORSTEP

The Hotel Bessborough is one of the host venues to the annual Sasktel Jazz Festival which features ten days of jazz and blues entertainment in Saskatoon.

The 2008 Jazz Festival will coincide with the 2008 International Community Development Conference with weekend performances prior to and following the Conference held onsite at the Bessborough's outdoor stage.

Light sleeper? Rest assured...weekday performances are held away from the hotel at a local performing arts center.





## ARRIVING IN SASKATOON

The Saskatoon John G Diefenbaker International Airport is conveniently located within 15 minutes of all local hotels and the downtown area.

Transportation from the airport is available as follows:

United Cabs Ltd 306-652-2222

**Rental Car Agencies operating out of the airport terminal:**

Avis 306-652-3434

Budget 306-664-0670

Enterprise 306-664-4454

National 306-664-8771

Thrifty 306-244-8000



## Come Early and Stay Late...

Saskatoon is ideally located to access all areas of the province, especially the northern wilderness with its fine resorts and fabulous sporting and recreational activities.

An extensive array of tour opportunities are available to complement the interests of visiting delegates.



## Run, walk or ride the waterway...

Walk, run or jog 19 kilometers of riverbank directly from your host hotel.

The Meewasin Valley Centre, which provides a glimpse into the history of the city and the South Saskatchewan River Valley, is set on the riverbank, as are the Ukrainian Museum of Canada and the renowned Mendel Art Gallery. Take a guided boat tour and discover the natural and cultural heritage of the area. Or, take an evening riverboat cruise and watch the world go by as you enjoy dinner and unparalleled views.

**To learn more about Saskatoon, Saskatchewan & Canada, visit:**

**Tourism Saskatoon** [www.tourismsaskatoon.com](http://www.tourismsaskatoon.com)

**Tourism Saskatchewan** [www.sasktourism.com](http://www.sasktourism.com)

**Canada Tourism** [www.travelcanada.ca](http://www.travelcanada.ca)

**Saskatoon Business Information** [www.sreda.com](http://www.sreda.com)

**University of Saskatchewan** [www.usask.ca](http://www.usask.ca)



# Rates and Fees CDS International Conference

June 22 – 25, 2008 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

## Early Bird Rates

Registration must be postmarked by May 9, 2008

### Full Conference:

This registration includes access to all plenary sessions, workshops, paper sessions, the mobile learning workshops, as well as all meal functions, the opening reception and the awards banquet.

Member Fee .....	\$300 USD
Nonmember Fee .....	\$410 USD
CDS Student Fee .....	\$200 USD
Nonmember Student Fee .....	\$245 USD

### Single Day Registration:

This registration includes all events for that day.

Monday, June 23 2007 .....	\$150 USD
Tuesday, June 24, 2007 .....	\$150 USD
Wednesday, June 25, 2007 .....	\$150 USD

### Guest/Retiree Registrations:

\$300.00 – This registration includes all meal functions, educational sessions, mobile learning workshops and awards banquet

### Pre Conference Workshops

All pre-conference workshops.....\$100 USD

## ONLINE

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

at [www.comm-dev.org](http://www.comm-dev.org).

Available February 2008

**Refunds can be issued on or before June 1, 2008. NO refunds will be issued after this date.**

CDS Conference

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*Individuals that register as nonmembers for the conference will receive a one year complimentary membership in the Community Development Society. For member benefits, visit [www.comm-dev.org](http://www.comm-dev.org)*

## The Community Development Society follows the core Principles of Good Practice.

- Promote active and representative participation toward enabling all community members to meaningfully influence the decisions that affect their lives.
- Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action.
- Work actively to enhance the leadership capacity of community members, leaders, and groups within the community.
- Incorporate the diverse interests and cultures of the community in the community development process; and disengage from support of any effort that is likely to adversely affect the disadvantaged members of a community.
- Be open to using the full range of action strategies to work toward the long-term sustainability and well being of the community.



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