

Meeting Water Challenges: Are You Ready?

with
**ROBERT
SANFORD**
and
Don Gayton

Monday, November 28, 7 – 9:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30)
Cleland Theatre, 325 Power St., Penticton



Robert Sanford is the EPCOR Chair for Water and Climate Security at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health.

He is the co-author of the UN *Water in the World We Want* report on post-2015 global sustainable development goals relating to water. In his work Robert is committed to translating scientific research outcomes into language

decision-makers can use to craft timely and meaningful public policy. He overlays how international examples can and will affect our **local water issues**.

Sandford speaks and writes poetically about our relationship with water.

“All you have to do, is walk by a lake or beach by the ocean and you can feel the water within yearning for the water without. We have a very strong physical connection to water and need to pay attention to those deep intuitive sensibilities that make water so much a part of our way of life and our identity as Canadians.

With sea level rising, extreme weather events being the new normal, it's not just about protecting yourself, it is understanding what is happening globally and regionally and how that will impact you.”

Renowned author, his latest books - *Storm Warning: Water and Climate Security in a changing Canada* and *The Climate Nexus: Water, Food Energy and Biodiversity in a Changing world* where he co-authored with Jon O'Roidan, will form the basis of his presentation and discussion.

Don Gayton is the Wetlands Coordinator for the Okanagan Basin Water Board.



Don will set the stage for his colleague and friend, by providing the audience with a brief presentation on the Okanagan's water and wetland history. He will bring us to present day through photographic examples and lively narrative.

Don's presentation will provide perspective and context, helping us to understand Robert's message at the local level.

Don has authored many works including: *Impacts of Climate Change on British Columbia's Biodiversity*, *Basic Concepts in Ecological Restoration*, and *BC grasslands*. Currently he is working on a *Wetland's Strategy* on behalf of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.



Introducing the evening is Dr. Anna Warwick-Sears, Executive Director of the Okanagan Basin Water Board. She will provide the audience an understanding of how the water board is unique, how it operates and what projects they are currently involved in.

This event is FREE

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