



Keeping it Rural

2017 Conference

SOUTHERN INTERIOR BEETLE ACTION COALITION

CONFERENCE NOTICE

Please join us June 20th & June 21st 2017 in Kelowna for two days of amazing presentations and workshops on rural community development.

*The Conference will run from **8:30 AM** Tues June 20th to **4:30 PM** Weds June 21st*

Keynote Speakers include:

- ❖ **Peter Kenyon** (Australia) Peter is an internationally recognized expert in small town renewal, youth empowerment and Asset Based Community development. Over the past four decades, Peter has worked with over 2000 communities across the world. In 1991, Peter created the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. to share successful community development stories and tools. www.bankofideas.com.au
- ❖ **Maggie Donin** (Vermont) Maggie is the Beginning Farmer Specialist with the Intervale Center. Created in 1988, the Intervale Center is now a globally recognized leader in agriculture sector and local food development. Maggie will be speaking on Intervale's amazing accomplishments in preserving farms - and developing a new generation of farmers – in Vermont. www.intervale.org
- ❖ **John Davis** (Minnesota) John is the Executive Director of Lanesboro Arts. Come learn how Lanesboro (pop. 754) economically revitalized itself into a thriving destination arts community – reversing population decline and creating local jobs www.lanesboroarts.org/about/lanesboro
- ❖ **Nils Christofferson** (Oregon) Nils is the Executive Director of Wallowa Resources. Nils will present on how Wallowa Resources is working to enhance stewardship and create greater economic development opportunities from the natural resources in Wallowa County. www.wallowaresources.org

Please register for the conference on-line at www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2017/SIBAC

The Conference will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Kelowna Airport Hotel.
A limited number of rooms are available for a conference rate of \$159/night plus taxes.
For reservations, please call 1-855-900-5505 and request the “SIBAC” group block rate.

Please check the SIBAC BC Rural Centre website for updates about the conference
www.bcruralcentre.org/current-projects/keeping-rural-conference/2017-conference.