

# PEOPLE, PLACES, PERSPECTIVES

*A series on shaping dynamic communities, in cooperation with the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich.*



## PUBLIC LECTURE

### When We're 64 ... Urban Design and Aging Populations

Around the globe, cities are faced with responding to an aging society. Planning to meet the needs of our older and less mobile population raises challenging questions about the design and function of Canada's urban and suburban areas. From inaccessible buildings, to a lack of public seating and limited transportation options, our cities restrict the capacity of our seniors to live and move comfortably within their communities.

What does an "age-friendly" city look like? How should our cities, neighborhoods and new developments respond, and how can we refurbish our existing public and private spaces to accommodate the changing face of our cities?

**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008: 7 to 8:30 pm

**Fee options:** \$16 plus GST or Seniors/Students: \$14 plus GST

**Location:** David Lam Auditorium, MacLaurin Building, UVic

**Course code:** CMCR231 2008S C01

*Speakers and Workshop Facilitators:* Glenn Miller, FCIP, RPP and Director of Education and Research, Canadian Urban Institute. Gordon Harris is President and CEO of the SFU Community Trust and has practiced as a Vancouver-based planner for 20 years.

*Lecture Moderator:* Dr. Elaine Gallagher is the Director of the Centre on Aging at UVic. She serves as Canada's lead researcher for an international project on age-friendly communities.

## WORKSHOP

### Aging Gracefully: Cities Adapting to Demographic Change

Our cities and municipalities have been designed for our active and suburban lifestyle. As increasing numbers of seniors with health and mobility challenges strive to "age in place" in their residential homes and neighbourhood centres while remaining active, pressures are placed on the health care, transportation and services they rely on. Many of the public, private and commercial spaces in our communities are not adapting quickly enough to meet these changing needs. This phenomenon presents challenges for urban and regional planners, developers, architects, engineers, as well as for the health care and social service professionals, volunteers and advocates that support our communities. How should our cities plan for the needs of an aging, less mobile population and how can we effectively implement these changes?

Workshop facilitators enhance your understanding of the dynamics of our aging population and its impacts on contemporary urban design. Applying the principles of Universal Design and specialized assessment tools, you strengthen your capacity to evaluate urban spaces, plan for and create more accommodating, integrated and accessible environments.

**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2008: 9 am to 1 pm

**Fee:** \$125 plus GST (includes registration in evening lecture)

**Location:** TBA

**Course code:** CMCR239 2008S C01

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Please include the course code when you call or email.

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