

SCARP's LUNCH TIME LECTURES!

Please join us – Wednesday November 18th @ 12:15

MAKING UBC A LIVING LABORATORY

Geoff Atkins

Leader of University Sustainability - The University of British Columbia

Geoff arrived at UBC in 1996, and has overseen the creation of a pioneering deferred maintenance assessment and planning program; Canada's largest University energy retrofit; the creation of a leading edge community plan; the development and implementation of the U-Pass program which brings low cost transit passes to all students; and an unprecedented building program in excess of one billion dollars over the past seven years. He was fundamental to the establishment of the UBC Sustainability Office, which led directly to the Ecotrek project, the largest energy and water retrofit project in Canada. The Ecotrek project is more than a cost recoverable mechanism to reduce energy consumption while improving infrastructure. The award-winning project—recognized by CAUBO's 2008 Quality and Productivity Awards Program—is part of a larger vision of sustainability launched in 1997 when UBC became the first Canadian university to adopt a sustainable development policy.

Geoff's fundamental belief in Canada's Finest University drives him to seek new and creative solutions to meeting the University's infrastructure requirements. Whilst an advocate of a comprehensive sustainability approach, he says "Social sustainability is among the issues on which we'll be concentrating in the next while. We've had a lot of success with ecological and economic sustainability initiatives through Ecotrek and Project Renew. Now it's time to unleash our social science disciplines by taking a broader approach to what can make UBC the best possible place to live, work, and study." Today, more than ever before, universities are realizing they need to set good social, environmental and economic examples for their societies to follow.

All are welcome

WMAX Room 150 12:00 – 1:30

Lunch will be provided for \$2