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**PEOPLE.**

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**URBANITY.**

**MOVING**

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**ECOCITIES.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZERS

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pride that we invite you to attend Ecocity World Summit 2011, and to submit your proposals. This important international conference will gather professionals, academics, and decision-makers who are interested in discussing the major issues related to sustainable urban development. More than 1,500 participants are expected from around the world. The event will be held at the city's convention centre from August 22 to 26, 2011.

Ecocity World Summit 2011 will be a great opportunity to showcase research projects and achievements that will help governments, researchers, and professionals answer the challenges they are facing in the search for solutions that contribute to a healthier and more sustainable world.

The overarching theme of the conference is "**People. Ecology. Urbanity. Moving Towards Ecocities.**" This international event will build on work of past Ecocity World Summits while adding new conference topics, participatory methods, and projects that will last beyond the life of the conference. Detailed conference content and design are under development in collaboration with international partners, while ensuring that the particular urban ecological expertise of Montréal is highlighted.

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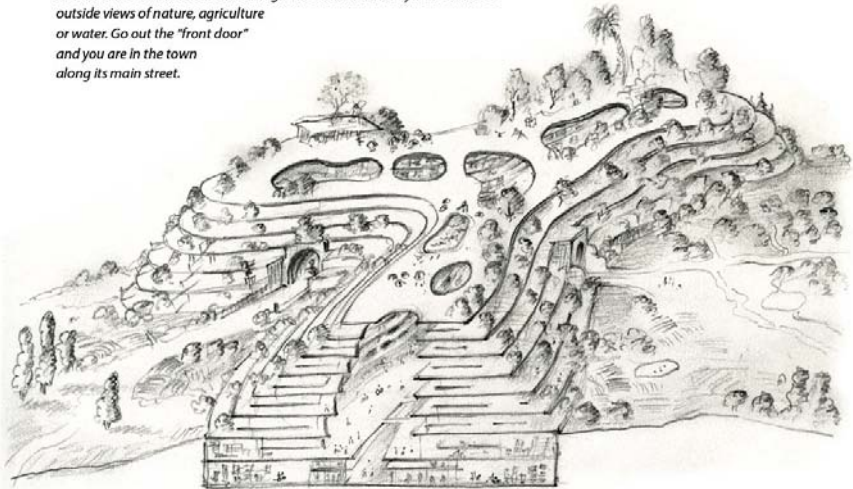
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## Town As Hill

*A town can be a hill. Terraced housing with small elevated "yards" can face outside views of nature, agriculture or water. Go out the "front door" and you are in the town along its main street.*



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## INTERCONNECTING THEMES



### CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ECOCITY

Cities must be part of the solution to climate change: up to 70% of GHG's are generated in cities, home to more than 50% of the world's population. An ecocity will address climate change by meeting the challenges of urban sprawl, mass transit, waste reduction and treatment, as well as building standards, materials and design. Ecocities will also become more flexible and resilient to adapt to the threats and increased risks to infrastructure resulting from climate change. Sessions in this theme area will focus on how climate change challenges can best be addressed by ecocities. The sub-themes are: combining mitigation and adaptive strategies to address climate change; housing, urban design and climate change; economics of climate change in cities: impacts and opportunities. This theme will be of particular interest to those who provide technologies which reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in cities.



### ECOMOBILITY, URBAN PLANNING, PUBLIC SPACE

How should we organise cities and suburbs to enable sustainable forms of mobility? How can we activate public space? Cities and suburbs are dynamic entities—constantly in transformation. They are ceaselessly being recalibrated and adapted, like any ecosystem, to their changing populations. The transformative qualities of urban areas present ongoing challenges and opportunities. Many metropolitan areas are now automobile-dependent because they have been built and rebuilt to favour motoring. Other modes of travel, such as walking and cycling, are not only poorly-supported, but often dangerous. We have not yet come to terms with dominant approaches to planning, which have turned so much urban space over to the automobile. We must instead strive for conviviality in how we meet our basic needs, namely housing, food, self-development, leisure, and transportation. The challenge is fundamentally a question of design. Sessions in this theme area will explore the following key questions. How and why should we rethink the organisation of our cities in a long-term perspective while taking transformative steps in the short-term? On what inspiring examples can we draw, and what are the conditions for their emergence? What outcomes can we anticipate, and with what tradeoffs? What roles can planning and design play in developing realistic strategies to encourage walking, cycling, and the use of mass transit, as well as the implementation of these strategies?



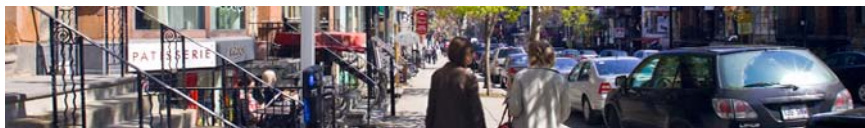
## GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE ECOCITY

Transforming our cities into ecocities implies a new vision of not only their physical form, but also of the way they are governed. It will be necessary to re-think the roles and responsibilities of municipal government, as well as those of other orders of government, to bring them into line with an integrated vision of sustainable development. Citizens must also be oriented to new and more significant forms of participation in urban planning and management. Sessions in this theme area will be guided by three sub-themes: civic involvement; social change and innovation; and government and governance. A number of key questions will be explored. What are the political and administrative conditions required to effect these changes? What experiences do we have for guidance?



## ECONOMICS OF THE ECOCITY

What is the purpose of the economy in an ecocity, and how do we define terms like “sustainable development,” “prosperity,” “well-being,” and “quality of life” in line with that purpose? Three key sub-themes build on this foundational question. First, how can we favour local economies? Here, we will examine ways to keep wealth and prosperity within an ecocity as we consider how its inhabitants feed and entertain themselves. Important challenges must be addressed in regard to financing the economy, confronting the trend toward globalization, balancing public and private sector engagement and managing relations between the ecocity and its surrounding regions. The Transition Town and post-carbon city social movements may produce instructive new approaches. Second, how can we encourage decent work in an ecocity? Here, we will consider green jobs and possible new modes of work, such as work sharing and shorter work weeks, as well as sectors that are best suited to an ecocity. Third, how should we manage energy and materials needs of an ecocity? Here, we will consider issues related to systems of production, consumption and waste management, and the details of how a low-carbon economy would function in an ecocity. What, for example, is the ecological footprint of an ecocity? What systems of water management and wastewater treatment are best suited to ecocities, bearing in mind their geographical setting? How are economic and environmental prosperity maintained in an ecocity?



## HEALTH AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

An emerging body of research shows that urban living conditions influence the health of individuals and populations and that the uneven distribution of environmental conditions, resources and amenities in urban areas result in social inequalities in health outcomes. This new field of public health study touches on several subjects including but not limited to air quality, urban heat islands, pedestrian and cyclist safety, active transportation, water quality, obesity, heart and lung disease, and mental health. This theme area will focus on ways and means of urban development that result in health promoting environments for all (e.g., acting on building, street and sidewalk configurations, quality of public spaces, greening of public spaces, promoting social engagement and social cohesion, etc.). Specific sub-themes include: (i) determinants and processes through which urban living conditions influence health and social inequalities in health; (ii) interventions, programs, and policies to improve urban living conditions which improve health and reduce social inequalities in health; and (iii) measuring and evaluating the impact of interventions, programs, and policies designed to improve living conditions and which improve health and reduce social inequalities in health.



## BIODIVERSITY AND URBAN AGRICULTURE

Biodiversity, green spaces and urban agriculture are inter-related concepts which contribute (directly and indirectly) to our general well-being: to health, the environment, and the quality of our lives and that of the landscape around us. Over the past few years, science has made possible many advances in social, economic and ecological services. Among these are solar shading and the cooling effect, the capture of rainwater and atmospheric pollutants, and food safety. Furthermore, it is widely recognized that protecting the greatest possible number of living species is necessary for the preservation of healthy ecosystems. With community outreach, these efforts have extended to involvement in our economic health, taxation system and social development. Despite recognition of the value that biodiversity, green spaces and urban agriculture have delivered, a part of this heritage still requires development, solidification and enhancement.



## ARTS, CULTURE AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Transforming our cities is a creative act on a grand scale. There needs to be space for everyone to participate in imagining and making the ecocity—and keep on reimagining and remaking it as it evolves. Showcasing youth leadership in the arts, culture, and the environment of the ecocity allows academics and artists, thinkers and doers to share the ideas and actions with all kinds of people from different histories, different perspectives and different ways of being in the ecocity. These diverse contributions, both within the convention centre (interactive conferences, workshops, roundtables, posters, etc.) and outside the convention centre walls (creative and participative public events and the discovery of Montreal’s burgeoning ecocity), enhances the emerging ecocity and ensures its resilience—playing a similar role to that of biodiversity in an ecosystem. We invite youth and those collaborating with them in environmental, artistic and cultural milieus to present the creative leadership of the next generations and their ways of facing our environmental challenges in the creation of ecocities.



## AN ECOCITY PROJECT...ON THE GROUND

Design charrettes to “greenstorm” on potential projects to be realized on the ground after the conference will be organized to take advantage of the presence of international experts at Ecocity 2011.

### CONFERENCE TRACKS

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- 1. Northern climate cities: Ecocity policy, planning and design**
- 2. Re-building better in Haiti and other post-disaster zones**
- 3. Ecocity Montréal**
- 4. Community engagement/citizen and youth participation**
- 5. Measuring ecocity progress: indicators, standards and best practices**

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to invite the submission of the following proposals.  
Please note that all speakers and presenters are required to register for the Summit.

## INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

### Individual Research and Best Practice Proposals (20 minutes)

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Academics and other professionals are invited to propose individual presentation of 20 minutes relating to one or more of the conference themes. Sessions will be created by combining proposals treating similar themes. Time will be made available at the end of each session for interaction with participants. Proposals should include:

- Presentation title
- Speaker(s)
- Theme(s) and keywords addressed
- General description
- How will this presentation help participants to create Ecocities?

### General – Fast, Fun and Passionate (7 minutes)

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Propose a short 7-minute, 21-slide presentation on one or more of the conference themes. Slides are automatically timed and presentations can only last 7 minutes. This format requires a well-conceived presentation, good visuals and a great deal of rehearsal. Proposals should include:

- Presentation title
- Speaker(s)
- Theme(s) and keywords addressed
- General description
- How will this presentation help participants to create Ecocities?

Individual presentations will be grouped in sessions by the program committee. Time will be allocated at the end of the session to permit discussion between the presenters and participants.

### Posters

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Poster presentations provide an opportunity to introduce innovative approaches related to the conference themes. Poster sessions are available to all delegates, with a distinct category for students. Poster proposals should include:

- Poster title
- Presenter(s)
- Theme(s) and keywords addressed
- General description
- How will this poster help participants to create Ecocities?

## WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS







You may also submit a full session. Please note that in the case of a full session, all expenses (including registration fees of presenters) are to be paid by the organizer of the session.

### Session – Complete Proposal (90 minutes)

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Propose a 90 minute session that treats one or more of the conference themes.

The proposal should include:






-  Session title
-  Theme(s) and keywords addressed
-  General description
-  Session outline
-  Speakers
-  How will this session help participants to create Ecocities?

The session organizer will be responsible for the content of the session, confirming all speakers and identifying a session chair.

### Facilitated Discussion (90 minutes)

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Propose a facilitated discussion that touches on one or more of the conference themes. The purpose of these sessions is to allow for maximum delegate participation in exploring and developing knowledge amongst people who share ideas, challenges and opportunities. The proponent is required to frame the discussion with a succinct introduction, facilitate the discussion to ensure broad participation, and summarize the key points at the close of the session. Proposals should include:

-  Session title
-  Facilitator/Speaker(s)/Moderator
-  Theme(s) and keywords addressed
-  Key questions to frame the discussion
-  How will this session help participants to create Ecocities?

### Training Workshop (1/2 or full day, first day of conference)

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Full or half-day workshops provide opportunities for skills development in one or more of the conference themes. Workshops typically include presentations, practical exercises, and case study reviews. They are highly interactive and provide resources and other tools for participants to use after the conference. Proposals should include:

-  Workshop title
-  Facilitator and other presenters
-  Theme(s) and keywords addressed
-  General description
-  Workshop outline
-  Case studies and other resources provided
-  How will this session help participants to create Ecocities?

### Symposium or Colloque (1/2 or full day)

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We invite academics or professionals who are interested in organizing a symposium or colloque within the framework of the Ecocity World Summit to contact the conference secretariat directly to indicate their interest. Proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

We are very interested in receiving artistic proposals (installations, performances, exhibits, ephemeral art, etc.) Please e-mail us at [program@ecocity2011.com](mailto:program@ecocity2011.com) to signify your interest.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26
08h30	TRAINING WORKSHOPS	OPENING PLENARY SESSION	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 2	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 4	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 6
09h00		BREAK			
09h30		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
10h00		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
10h30		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
11h00		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
11h30		LUNCH			
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13h00		LUNCH			
13h30		PLENARY SESSION : THEME 1	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 3	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 5	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION
14h00		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
14h30		PLENARY SESSION : THEME 1	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 3	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 5	
15h00		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
15h30		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
16h00		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
16h30		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
17h00	WELCOME RECEPTION	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 1	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 3	PLENARY SESSION : THEME 5	
17h30		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS			
18h00	GREEN STORMING, ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND SURPRISE EVENTS				

### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Plenary sessions will feature internationally renowned guest speakers.
- Workshops will promote the exchange of best practices, allowing the transfer of expertise from those who have participated in successful projects.
- The presentation of research projects will advance knowledge based on the definition and conditions of ecocities.
- Mobile workshops will provide tours of selected innovative projects in the Montréal area.
- Evening sessions will be open to the public in order to allow host city residents to benefit from the expertise of international guest speakers.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDE AND DEADLINE

To submit a proposal, please access the Ecocity World Summit 2011 Proposal Submission Centre at [www.ecocity2011.com](http://www.ecocity2011.com) and select the Call for Proposals Section.

The deadline for Proposal Submission is January 31, 2011. Please note that you can begin the proposal submission process once you have created your account and keep the file open for editing until the deadline or until you are certain that you have no more changes left to make. All of the information that you enter into the system will be saved each time you access your file so that you can pick up where you left off.

### PRÉSENTATIONS EN FRANÇAIS

La langue officielle du Sommet étant l'anglais, les résumés devront être soumis dans cette langue. Même si la majorité des présentations sera en anglais, le comité de programmation s'engage à offrir la possibilité d'accueillir quelques présentations en français. Votre capacité de présenter en anglais facilitera le travail de sélection. Veuillez vous assurer de sélectionner la langue de votre choix dans le système d'appel de communications en ligne.

### PRESENTATIONS IN FRENCH

Since the official language of the Ecocity World Summit 2011 is English, proposals must be submitted in that language. The Program Committee will select some presentations to be given in French, however the vast majority of presentations will be given in English, so your willingness to present in that language will assist the selection process. Please be sure to select the language of your choice in the online call for proposals system.

### LENGTH OF PROPOSAL

The maximum length of the proposal is:

- 250 words for individual presentations;
- 500 words for workshops and special sessions.

For your convenience, a character countdown window is available on the proposal submission site.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **January 31, 2011**

Deadline for proposal submissions

### **April 30, 2011**

Notification of acceptance of proposals



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