

BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan

BC First Nations Technical Advisory Group

Biographies

Aaron Coelho



Aaron Coelho is a climate change specialist with Urban Systems Ltd. His focus is on climate change resilience planning, primarily working with indigenous communities. Aaron's strength lies in his ability to navigate the complex and sensitive nature of climate change and work directly with communities and stakeholders to develop adaptation plans.

Aaron's background is in hydrology and water resources; however, his work extends to include a broader range of climate change considerations including infrastructure planning, human health, food security and social impacts.

Through community engagement, integration of western science and Traditional Knowledge and vulnerability and risk assessment approaches, Aaron helps communities prioritize proactive resilience strategies to prepare for the environment and economy of tomorrow.



Andrea Reimer started her public work as a community organizer on issues of social, economic and environmental justice. In 2002 she was elected to the Vancouver School Board, and went on to be elected to three terms on Vancouver City Council. Andrea led many groundbreaking City initiatives including the effort to be the Greenest City on Earth, Vancouver's nationally significant municipal framework for reconciliation with indigenous peoples and a commitment to transition to 100% renewable energy, the first major city in the Americas to do so.

She also served on the Metro Vancouver Regional District as a Director and Vice Chair of the Climate Action Committee and nationally as Vice Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund. After retiring from municipal politics in 2018, Andrea was awarded a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design in recognition of her civic leadership.

This past year, Andrea founded Tawâw Strategies, a consulting firm that offers strategic advice, coaching and training to leaders prepared to act with uncommon courage on climate, justice, governance reform and modernizing the economy. She also is an educator at UBC and SFU, teaching on topics ranging from public policy to power, and public engagement to renewable energy transitions.