



Dutch Canadian Sustainable Planning & Building Network Newsletter #2



A great time in Vancouver

Last June 2nd till June 7th I visited Vancouver. I had a great time! Two meetings were organized to discuss the output of the network. The Consulate General of the Netherlands and the DCSPBN organized a seminar in Vancouver, in pancake restaurant The Dutch. And we had a virtual meeting with many people from Toronto and several in Amsterdam and Vancouver. We had a booth on the CaGBC-expo in Vancouver where I met many people and during the week I visited some very nice people too. I experienced a lot of enthusiasm regarding the network.

The network will become a meeting place where people with interest in the same topics -academics, students, companies and government- but with a different background will inspire each other. Several ideas to practice the idea of sharing knowledge came up. Many activities were initiated to realize this idea in practice. Canadian specialists for example will combine their travels to Europe with a visit to the Netherlands. There we will organize workshops and seminars regarding their topic together with Dutch specialists and students. The idea of practical projects, for example Dutch architects assisting Canadian companies, arose and the embassies and consulates in both countries promised to assist.

I will be organizing activities regarding Sustainable Housing & Neighborhood Transformation, the topic I adopted. The idea is to create a group of people who want to share their knowledge and thoughts in this field. Feel free to contact me if you are interested!

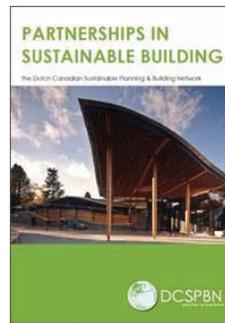
Dutch and Canadian people share the same dreams and like to cooperate. I already expected it but after my visit I am sure; sharing thoughts and knowledge will create a win-win: A win-win for sustainable building.

Anke van Hal



Dutch Canadian seminar June 4th

On Tuesday June 4th the Consulate General of the Netherlands in Vancouver and the Dutch Canadian Sustainable Planning and Building Network organized a seminar. The theme of the seminar was the "opportunities for international partnership in sustainable housing". We came together at de Dutch restaurant, an orange and green venue at a great location at the Coal Harbor waterfront. It is Orange because of the Dutch touch and Green because of the LEED Gold certification of the building. Sustainable building experiences differ in many countries. Anke van Hal, Mark Roseland and Blair McCarry talked about their experience with international technologies in sustainable planning and building. Anke van Hal is a professor sustainable housing and neighborhood regeneration and founded the Dutch Canadian network to learn from each other. Mark Roseland is Director of the Centre for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University and Professor at SFU. He worked for the city of North Vancouver as chief city planner. He showed us the development of Pando | Sustainable Communities (pando.sc), a multilingual online network designed to promote knowledge-sharing and collaboration among sustainable communities researchers and practitioners around the world. Blair McCarry is one of the principals and Senior Engineer at Perkins + Will. He also serves on the Board of Directors of CaGBC. Blair McCarry has 40 years of experience in engineering and energy systems and spoke about his focus is on 'whole-systems sustainability'. After these interesting presentations Michael Geller moderated a dialogue between the participants, which generated a lot of interesting ideas and suggestions for the network.



Partnerships in Sustainable Building

The main goal of the network is to exchange knowledge in Sustainable Building and Planning. One of the first actions to reach this was to publish a book with some information on building in Canada and the Netherlands, but especially show innovative and sustainable Planning and Building projects in Canada and the Netherlands. These projects can inspire members in both countries for using new sustainable methods and products. For example we show the VanDusen Garden Visitor Centre of Vancouver based architects Perkins + Will which is totally build according to the Living Building challenge program, a certification that really exceeds LEED and BREEAM in green goals. Another example is the collaboration project between UBC and TU Delft, which shows us that students in Canada and the Netherlands have different perspectives on comparable problems and can help each other with this. Anke van Hal presented the publication: "Partnerships in Sustainable Building" at the DCSPBN seminar on June 4th in Vancouver. At the same time co-founder of the network Annemarie van Doorn presented it at the Provada fair in Amsterdam. Annemarie and Ermal Kapedani, young professional working for the network in The Hague, made a lot of new contacts for the network and got inspired by the many ideas. The online publication will be updated when new supporting partners get involved or with new interesting projects. With big events we will publish it in hard copy.

Find the publication online on our: [website](#)



Videoconference Canada – the Netherlands

At June 7th the first Toronto event of the Dutch Canadian Sustainable Planning and Building Network (DCSPBN) was scheduled: a video meeting with interested parties from Vancouver, Toronto and the Netherlands. With special thanks to Mr. Rick Huijbregts from Cisco, the event could take place in the excellent video meeting rooms of [Cisco](#) in respectively Amsterdam, Toronto and Vancouver. We were very pleased to see such a great outcome and interest in the Network. With representation of both the Dutch and Canadian governments, the city of Toronto, the universities of Ryerson and Wageningen and a lot of architectural and engineering firms.

During the meeting professor Anke van Hal, founder of the DCSPBN held a presentation about the origin of the network and how the Network can be useful for the participating parties. After the presentation the floor was opened for a central discussion. During this discussion it soon became clear that there is a lot of interest for the network, and great suggestions have been discussed. We are happy add all of the participants as new Members of the Network. Thank you all for a very successful first event!



The next steps and events

The network will have a presence at the Dutch Green Building Week taking place in Amsterdam in September 2013. In addition, a visit by Brent Toderian, former Vancouver Chief Planner, a key note speaker is under discussion. A week later the network will take part at the Meeting of the Minds international conference in Toronto where Anke van Hal will attend and give a lecture. On September 11-12 Dunefield consulting, Simon Frasier University (SFU), the Dutch Foundation for Sustainable area development and the DCSPBN will organize an assessment and seminar for students and professionals, we expect both Canadian and Dutch presenters. In early October the network will participate in the Green Building Festival in Toronto. At the end of the month, we hope to welcome renowned Canadian architect Michael Green and Peter Moonen of the Canadian Wood Council at the Architecture Faculty of TU Delft.

Canadian architects have expressed great interest in collaborating with Dutch architects, whom they hold in high regard. We would like to introduce them to each other. Three Canadian and two Dutch universities are now partners in the network. They have expressed interest in setting up collaborative research projects as well as joint online courses and design studios. Discussions with Ryerson University, UBC and TU Delft are already under way. Nyenrode Business University is considering offering a course that would formulate a new business plan for Vancouver's Granville Island. The next step of the SFU assessment in September will be an exchange between students of SFU and TU Delft.

If you are interested in participating or helping with any of these (or other) activities, please let us know.



Piet Hein in Toronto

June 17th 2013,

Today is my first day at the office in Toronto. The view on the Toronto skyline is amazing, something you can't find in the Netherlands. The Dutch Consulate General where I will work is located right in the heart of downtown Toronto, really what you call a prime location. The coming six months I will be working for the Dutch Canadian Sustainable Planning and Building Network. Together with Ermal Kapedani (The Hague) and Hens Zoet (Vancouver), we will try to set off to a very successful network.

Just before I left for Toronto the network had its first event; a video conference with potential members for the Network in Toronto, Vancouver and Amsterdam. It was very exciting to see the enthusiastic feedback we got from the participants. A lot of suggestions that could be useful for the network, and so for us the opportunity to make it come true.

Just two months ago I was asked by Anke van Hal to do an internship in Toronto for the network, now I'm here, a very exciting step for me and I'm looking forward to make a very successful six months.

Best regards,
Piet Hein Hoeksma

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Why Jaga supports the network

Headquartered in Waterloo, Canada, Jaga Climate Systems is the North American division of Jaga International. Founded in 1962, Jaga International is one of the world's leading specialists in the manufacture of award-winning, energy-saving heating solutions. Each year, Jaga produces more than one million feet of wall-mounted and trench heating featuring its unique Low-H2O technology. Jaga joined the rapidly growing network of leaders within the sustainable building sector to help improve both the quality and quantity of green building initiatives.

"At Jaga, we are always looking for new ways to further our reach into the sustainable building industry, so joining the Dutch Canadian Network made sense for us," said Chris Heerius, Executive Director, Jaga Climate Systems. "Through the network, we hope to create an ongoing dialogue about ways that sustainable building practices can enhance not only the environment, but also the health of building occupants. With offices in both the Netherlands and Canada, we will be able to use our position in the network to reach like-minded entities in both countries," added Heerius. "We are thrilled to be part of an organization that understands the importance of sustainable building and how it enables us to create a better future globally."



CaGBC EXPO

The Canadian Green Building Council organized the CaGB Conference and EXPO, this year in Vancouver. The network had a booth at the EXPO where Anke van Hal, Hens Zoet, Maarten den Ouden and Tom van der Meulen promoted the network and her goals. We had a lot of attention from people in different work fields. Supporting partner of the network, Jaga, joined us at the booth to promote their Climate systems, read more about it in this newsletter.



Pando.sc

Mark Roseland is Director of the Centre for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University and Professor at SFU. He worked for the city of North Vancouver as chief city planner. He founded the sustainable community Pando.sc. Pando.sc is an online community with a professional focus, where researchers, academics, and public and private-sector practitioners share knowledge, network, and collaborate on sustainability solutions that can be enacted at the community level—such as green building, reduction and recycling of local waste, water management, participatory democracy, land use, and much more.

More details are available at: <http://www.pando.sc/about-us>



ENTREZ magazine

ENTREZ is a new Dutch iPad-only magazine on living and interior design. The magazine is combined with e-commerce and provides in comfort for the customer. The concept of 'window shopping' is taken to the next level in ENTREZ, you can not only buy the shown interiors in the appurtenant web shop, but even the whole house.

ENTREZ offers interactive inspiration in living, interior, architecture and design. ENTREZ is about experiencing the magazine, not only reading it.

By only publishing it on tablet – first iPad only, Android will follow – the magazine is developed in a sustainable way. Printing and distribution is prevented. ENTREZ appears every two months in the Apple Newsstand and available in several countries, also Canada. The first edition (June) is for free.



Social Networks

People who are interested in the network can receive the newsletter, get invited for network events and will be invited for the LinkedIn. At the LinkedIn page you can see who else is involved in the network and meet them. Sign up at the group: "[Dutch Canadian Sustainable Planning & Building Network](#)" or wait to be invited by us.

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