

# Taking Action:

## Canadian Urban Forest Network



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# Canadian Urban Forest Network (CUFN)

The CUFN was created in 2004 and is the largest network of urban forestry experts, academics and practitioners in the country. (900+ members)

Organized by Tree Canada, the CUFN advocates for urban forests all across Canada under the guidance and leadership of the CUFN steering committee.

## The CUFN seeks to:

1. build value by helping and empowering those who practice urban forestry;
2. bring together those who are interested in urban forestry;
3. facilitate the exchange of information about urban forestry in Canada; and
4. increase awareness about the urgent issues facing Canada's urban forests.



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**Three primary tasks undertaken by the CUFN to achieve their mandate:**

1. Update the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy
2. Help deliver and promote the Canadian Urban Forest Conference
3. Grow the Canadian Urban Forest Network



# CUFN – Pacific Region

Since 2016 CUFN Pacific has had a Pacific Region Steering Committee in place.

The goal is to move forward the mandate of the CUFN in BC in a way that is specific to the needs of the region.

## **Steering Committee membership currently includes:**

- Municipalities
- Professional Associations
- Academia
- Consultants
- NGOs



# CUFN – Pacific Region

## CUFN Pacific Region deliverables to date:

1. 2015 Pacific Region Workshop
2. 2017 Pacific Region Workshop
3. 2019 Pacific Region Workshop - **You are here!**
4. 3 Year Action Plan
5. Part Time Regional Coordinator



# CUFN – Pacific Region

## Objectives

- Grow a vibrant, active, and broad network that provides resources, guidance, events and shared community
- Connect the various players in field of urban forestry and related disciplines
- Serve as a hub for information dissemination, research linkages and extension
- Create and increase awareness of the profession of urban forestry

## Discussion Questions

- With these objectives in mind, what could this type of network provide for you in your urban forestry work? Please be as specific as possible.
- What are some of the key challenges that you encounter in your urban forestry work?

