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Summit 2025

Vancouver, Robson Square March 3rd/4th

URBC Recap & Reflections

URBC in Review

Seed \$ From
Public Safety
Canada (PDCP)

UR+ Vancouver
(2017)

Seed \$ From
BCCA and
EMBC

UR+BC Built
Environment
(2018)

Seed \$ From
NRCan and
CSSP

URBC online
event series
(Sept 2020)

URBCx 2021
Development in
Hazardous Areas

URBC 2022
Regional Hub for
global forum

URBC 2023
Cascading
Hazards,
Multihazard
Solutions

BC Climate
Resilience
Summit
(BCCRS) 2025



URBC Recap & Reflections

- Taking an 'all of society' approach to CCA/DRR is difficult, necessary & rewarding
- We stand on the shoulders of giants as they say... & we've been doing this now for nearly 10 years!



A Balancing Act: Tradeoffs of Growth & Development in Hazardous Places such as [#beautifulbc](#)



Since 2017, a primary 'actionable strategy' has been advocating for an open, living risk model that captures the major hazards of concern for Southwest BC; one that is stewarded in an ongoing way by a community of practice made up of scientific/research expertise, academia, & practitioners from public/private/NPO sectors.

These are the collaborative, ongoing partnerships needed to address cascading & compounding hazards in Southwest BC.



Actionable Strategies from UR 2017

- **Support Resilient Infrastructure:** Incentivize resilient new buildings & retrofits by developing financial and legislative frameworks, such as low-interest loans & performance-based design incentives.
- **Strengthen Risk Governance & Funding:** Pre-finance disaster recovery by creating municipal risk pools & leveraging reinsurance to increase economies of scale.



Actionable Strategies from URBC 2018

- **Strengthen Land Use Planning & Building Resilience:** Promote resilience ratings & establish clear performance levels for buildings (e.g., life safety, post-disaster functionality).
- **Optimize Infrastructure & Asset Management:** Ensure post-disaster buildings are fully operational by integrating resilience into procurement & construction practices.



Actionable Strategies from URBC 2020

- **Build Financial Tools & Incentives:** Use incentives like rebates & tax benefits to encourage voluntary retrofitting, while focusing on financial resilience, insurance gaps, & the need for innovative financial models.
- **Improve Infrastructure Resilience:** Focus on adaptive infrastructure planning, incorporating climate resilience & nature-based solutions to ensure long-term sustainability.



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