

Better Cities Film Festival

Sat 30 Nov 2019, 2PM - 4:30PM with intermission, followed by a panel discussion

The Film House at FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

250 St Paul St, St.Catharines ON

The Better Cities Film Festival collects, curates and presents the very best shorts from international filmmakers on the theme of improving the places we live. This afternoon session offers a customized selection of films on the topics of housing, mobility, urban design and placemaking to consider the question “How can we build a better St. Catharines?”

FREE event and popcorn (for attendees) sponsored by Better Neighbourhoods Inc., St. Catharines.

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PROGRAM

Introductions - 2:00PM - 2:10PM (10 min)

Welcome - Walter Sendzik, Mayor of the City of St. Catharines (Steve R to confirm)

Program overview - Kahlin Holmes- MPI., CNU-A Planner, Project Manager Better Neighbourhoods Inc., St. Catharines.

Trailers

1. Niagara Society of Architects Film Series - 2:00
2. Better Cities Film Festival Trailer - 2:10

Session One

2:10PM- 3:18PM (68 min)

1. The Before | After Project - 1:45
2. Saga City - 16:25
3. Seaside City of Ideas - 15:35
4. Great Streets for Los Angeles - 4:05
5. Caroline Woolard Flips the Real Estate Script - 8:58
6. LA's Forbidden City - 5:00
7. CNU25.Seattle: Pocket Neighborhoods Tour - 7:33
8. Nomadic Community Gardens - 7:14
9. Big Kids, Little City: Complete Streets - 1:21

INTERMISSION

3:20PM- 3:40PM (20 min)

Explore the Interactive Slide Show Quiz in the Film House lobby presented by Better Neighbourhoods Inc., St. Catharines.

Session Two

3:40PM - 4:32PM (52 min)

10. Urban Planning Lingo: A-Z - 4:10
11. DTLA Street Futures - 4:32
12. Zurich: Where people are welcome and cars are not - 9:42
13. There's Always a Way - 3:32
14. Parkside Park-In - 2:10
15. I'd Rather Stay - 19:02
16. Built to Last - 2:54

“How can we build a better St. Catharines?” Panel Discussion

4:40PM - 5:10PM (30 min)

Guest speakers:

Amanda Knutson - Planner II, City of St. Catharines

Jeffrey Sinclair - Homelessness Action Plan Advisor, Region of Niagara

Drew Toth –Founder, Elevate Living Inc. Real Estate Developer

Greg Redden -Macdonald Zuberec Ensslen Architects Inc. and Chair of the City of St. Catharines Committee of Adjustment and Consent

Phillip Gordon Mackintosh, Author & Professor of Geography and Tourism Studies, Brock University

Moderated by Kahlin Holmes MPI., CNU-A Planner, Project Manager Better Neighbourhoods Inc., St. Catharines.

MIX + MINGLE with neighbours + refreshments at Mahtay Cafe

5:15PM-7:00PM at 241 St Paul St, St. Catharines, ON

Join fellow festival attendees for casual conversation at Mahtay Cafe (across the street from the venue). Light refreshments sponsored by the Niagara Society of Architects.

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DESCRIPTIONS FOR WEB:

The Before | After Project - 1:45

Showcasing public space transformations worldwide from car-oriented to people friendly, as seen from Streetview.

Saga City - 16:25

A story of how a fictional town, "Colvert," addressed common problems of traffic congestion, sprawl, pollution, and economic down turn.

Seaside City of Ideas - 15:35

Andres Duany takes you on a walking tour of Seaside Florida, "the cradle of New Urbanism" during which he reinterprets the principles of New Urbanism as not only good design, but for their environmental benefits and their economic resilience

Great Streets for Los Angeles - 4:05

In 2015 Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti challenged Angelenos to reimagine their streets as public spaces. Eight teams heeded his call. Here are their stories.

Caroline Woolard Flips the Real Estate Script - 8:58

Impelled by her own personal experiences, artist and organizer Caroline Woolard advocates for permanently affordable space in New York City, banding together with artists and non-artists alike to build a real estate investment cooperative.

LA's Forbidden City - 5:00

Follow urban planner Mark Valliantos on a walking tour of missing middle housing. Duplexes and fourplexes and courtyard apartments which were popular building types in the 1930s but are now illegal in most of Los Angeles.

CNU25.Seattle: Pocket Neighborhoods Tour - 7:33

In this short Ross Chapin and Karen DeLucas of Ross Chapin Architects takes on a tour of two Seattle area Pocket Neighborhoods, which are small clusters of houses or apartments arranged around garden courtyards, pedestrian streets and indoor atriums.

Nomadic Community Gardens - 7:14

A short film about putting disused city space to good use.

Big Kids, Little City: complete streets - 1:21

Short animations with kid-friendly explanations of urban planning terms, narrated by kids.

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Urban Planning Lingo: A-Z - 4:10

Youtube's Chris Jones gives a quick and sarcastic primer on urban planning terms.

DTLA Street Futures - 4:32

This short is an exploration into the future of streets and cycling in Los Angeles. Looking at CicLAvia as a model for testing the future, the video argues for a new design driven by issues of sustainability, affordability, and the pedestrian pleasures of leaving your car behind.

Zurich: Where people are welcome and cars are not - 9:42

Reknown professor of transportation Norma Garrick takes you on a tour of possibilities when a city decides to pursue a comprehensive public transportation network.

There's Always a Way - 3:32

“There’s Always a Way” is a stop-motion animated short featuring “Little Boy Blue”, who is visited by the spirit of his Grandmother who was killed while crossing a street.

Parkside Park-In - 2:10

A group of concerned citizens park their cars in the second travel lane in order to create a physical barrier and effectively create a road diet.

I'd Rather Stay - 19:02

Planners and public health professionals work toward addressing problems presented by the shifting demographic in North America – ‘a ticking time bomb’. The solution may well be found in the words and wisdom of older adults as they consider what makes a neighbourhood a healthy and inclusive place to grow old.

Built to Last - 2:54

A brief primer on New Urbanism, the movement's vision for building places people love.

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