

# SS-24 - THE UNCONVENTIONAL PLANNER

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TRANSFERABLE SKILLS FOR  
ANY WORKPLACE

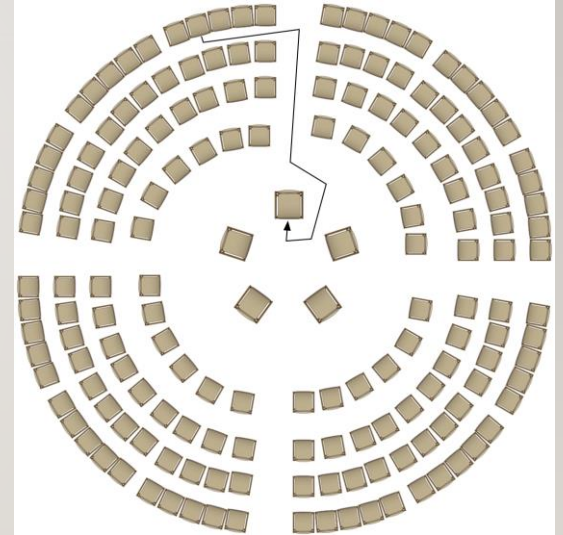


# SPEAKERS

- Pat Bell, MCIP RPP - Community Energy Association
- Brent Gilmour, MCIP RPP - Canada Green Building Council
- Devin Causley, MCIP RPP - Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Kim Warburton - TD Bank Group
- Ken Forrest, MCIP RPP - City of Fredericton

# INTRODUCING THE FISHBOWL FORMAT

- An open conversation - **anyone can participate**
- Audience members can “**tag-in**” to presenters circle at any time to join conversation by taking one of the two empty seats or swapping out another person.
- **Introduce yourself** with joining the conversation - name and career stage
- Moderator inserts questions to facilitate the conversation.



# CAREER INSIGHTS

- Invest in yourself. Identify your interests, and desired skills. Set aside some time and funds each year to support your own development.
- Find a passion outside of work that doesn't compete with your paid passion. This keeps the mind engaged and interested. Also avoids professional conflicts of interest.
- Don't marry your plan: plan, but know the plan will change.
- Remain curious and open to opportunities that come your way. When you take the time to build and nurture your networks, opportunities come from unexpected places, from people who see your potential – if you are curious and flexible you will learn quickly and build your career – don't overthink "what's next" it's a journey that has many paths.
- Say “Yes.” Accept or volunteer for new opportunities that come up in your workplace. Face your insecurity, expand your comfort zone, and learn on the job.

# CAREER INSIGHTS

- Research and writing skills are easily transferable and good information is more available than ever before.
- Become comfortable with a new definition of “planner.” Even if it means you don’t always feel like you fit in.
- Accomplish one thing every day (it matters, if only for you).
- Aim to be patient but persistent or persistently patient. Change happens; just not on the timeline we expect.
- Share your knowledge, it's invaluable, we all benefit, and it's a great legacy. It's ok to leap and take chances to advance your passion(s) – wonderful things happen when you do.

# THANK YOU!

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