

Western's Local Government Program Alumni Society invites you to attend our 2012 Annual Conference

Dear Colleagues,

Western's Local Government Program Alumni Society is pleased to announce our 2012 Annual Conference on **Opening Government & Engaging Citizens**, which takes place on Friday, November 2, 2012 at Museum London, 421 Ridout Street North, London. Please join us as inspirational speakers deliver a thought-provoking agenda that will focus on the changing dynamic of openness and citizen engagement.

Registration fees are:

Alumni Early Bird: \$90.00 Non-alumni Early Bird: \$100.00 Alumni Regular Registration: \$100.00 Non-alumni Regular Registration: \$110.00

This year's conference features a keynote address by **David Miller**, former City of Toronto Mayor, who will provide a unique perspective on the changing relationship between government and citizens. The theme will be further explored through dialogue with MassLBP Principal and Co-Founder **Peter MacLeod**, and presentations from municipal leaders **Rick O'Connor**, **Sean Galloway** and **Denise O'Connor** on examples of how municipalities are embracing a new model of openness and engagement.

New for 2012, we've added a pre-conference event – the opportunity to have cocktails and conversation with a leading thinker in the field of local government. Join us on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at Museum London for an evening of conversation with **Brock Carleton**, Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, who will provide a national perspective on the key challenges facing local governments in the future. This event has a fabulous menu and tickets are only \$50.

This event offers a unique and affordable professional development experience and terrific learning opportunities for those with an interest in municipal government.

If you are planning to spend Thursday night in London, a special group rate of \$109.00 is available at the <u>Delta London Armouries Hotel</u> until October 1, 2012 under the group – Local Government Program Conference. Rooms are limited, so book early by contacting the hotel at 1-800-668-9999.

Please register online by Sunday, October 14, 2012 to be eligible for early bird pricing: http://localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/annualconference.asp

We look forward to welcoming you in London!

Sincerely,

Kate Graham, MPA'08 2012 Conference Co-Chair **Kyle Pratt, MPA'07** 2012 Conference Co-Chair

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