

“The Natural City” International Symposium

The University of Toronto’s Centre for Environment and the World Society for Ekistics
Toronto, 23-25 June, 2004

Summary of Daily Program

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE, 2004

• Plenary Session

- Welcome and Introduction
- Panel Discussion: The Natural City (dedicated to Jane Jacobs, author and activist in the City of Toronto)
- The Natural City: Providing the Context

Part I

- Session I: The Toronto Setting
- Session II: Restoring the Brownfields: The case of Toronto’s Distillery District: Panel Discussion
- Session III: The Federal Government and the Natural City

Part II

- Session I: Re-Discovering Toronto’s Roots
- Session II: Community Engagement in the Natural City
- Session III: Contested Images of the Natural City

• Plenary Session: Keynote Address by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 2004

Part I

- Session I: The Text of the Natural City
- Session II: Respecting Natural Limits
- Session III: The Architecture of the Natural City

Part II

- Session I: Coping with the Hazards of Nature
- Session II: Building the Natural City
- Session III: The Social and Economic Impacts of Climate Change on the Health of Communities: A Web of Interrelationships: Panel Presentation

Part III

- Session I: The Humanity and Culture of the Natural City
- Session II: Designing the Natural City
- Session III: The Natural Ground of Cities

Part IV

- Session I: Rethinking the Philosophy of Nature
- Session II: Economic opportunities in the Natural City
- Session III: Lessons from India, Japan and Cuba

• Plenary Session: The 2004 C.A. Doxiadis Lecture by the Hon. David Crombie

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 2004

Part I

- Session I: Promoting Awareness of the Natural City
- Session IIA: Campus Sustainability and Student-Run Initiatives
- Session IIB: Campus Sustainability and Student-Run Initiatives
- Session III: Engineering the Natural City

Part II

- Session I: Greening the City
- Session II: Transportation and the Natural City
- Session III: The Natural Polis

Part III

- Session I: Planning the Natural City
- Session II: International Perspectives
- Session III: Future Challenges for the Natural City

• Plenary Session: Synthesis – Next Steps

Opening Plenary Session



Fig. 1: Dr Ingrid Leman Stefanovic, Chair of the Symposium, delivering her introductory statement on behalf of the University of Toronto and the World Society for Ekistics.

Fig. 2: Left on stage: Participants of the Panel Discussion on the Natural City dedicated to Jane Jacobs, author and activist in the City of Toronto.

Fig. 3: Participants in the Medical Sciences Auditorium, University of Toronto.

