



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2014 LEADERSHIP FORUM
FEBRUARY 5-7, 2014, RICHMOND, BC**

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Program Highlight #1

**Keynote Address: Think Locally and ACT Globally
Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods
Wednesday, February 5th, 1:45-3:00 pm**

We begin this year's Forum with what promises to be a rousing and participatory keynote address from a highly accomplished and well-travelled speaker and local government leader who brings his international perspective to BC for the first time. Join Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods, who will share his experiences in the local government sector at the local, state/provincial, national and international level, and will also draw on the experiences of delegates to illustrate the profound role that local government leaders can and do play. This will not be a "sermon on the mount" type presentation, nor a mere question and answer forum, but rather a session where all participants are equal and all have something to share.

Peter Woods has been a teacher, an academic, a senior administrator and an industrial advocate in state and federal courts in addition to his 26 years of local government service as Mayor and Councillor of Concord, Australia (since an amalgamation now known as the City of Canada Bay). He has extensive political and board experience in both the public and private sectors, nationally and internationally, and is currently serving as Ambassador for the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC). Among many other distinguished positions and directorships, Mr. Woods has been President of the Australian Local Government Association, a member of the Council of Australian Governments chaired by the Prime Minister of Australia, and a member of numerous Ministerial Councils and State and Federal Boards of Enquiry. He is a Justice of the Peace, holds a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Letters, Teachers Certificates, and a Certificate in Commercial Mediation. He received the Order of Australia Medal in 1995, the Outstanding Service Medal in 2002 and was conferred the title "Emeritus Mayor" for long and distinguished service. He has been recognized for his work with Aboriginal people, and has extensive experience in Asia-Pacific and around the world through his service with UCLG-ASPAC, the International Union of Local Authorities, the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, the United Nations, etc. His list of achievements goes on and his experiences are many and varied. Mr. Woods is sure to entertain, educate and inspire – you don't want to miss this opportunity to hear him speak!