

# WALKING, CYCLING & GREAT PUBLIC SPACES

## LESSONS FROM BOGOTA AND BEYOND

AN EVENING WITH **GIL PEÑALOSA**

**AUGUST 20, 2008 - 7:00PM**

SFU HARBOUR CENTRE, ROOM 1900

515 WEST HASTINGS ST, VANCOUVER



We are now facing a "perfect storm" of increasing global warming and environmental degradation, growing traffic congestion, an obesity crisis, soaring energy costs and slowing economic growth. It is time to go beyond baby steps and take some major leaps. We must re-position walking and cycling as key parts of the solution to these major challenges.

### ABOUT GIL PEÑALOSA

In 1995, the Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia appointed Gil Penalosa as the Commissioner of Parks, Sport and Recreation for the City. Gil led his team to design and build over 200 parks and initiate the opening of 91 kilometres of car-free city roads on Sundays. The Ciclovía has enabled 1.5 million people to come out each week to walk, run, skate and bike... and to re-imagine public space.

Gil is currently the Executive Director of the Canada based non-profit Walk & Bike for Life as well as a successful international speaker on creating better, healthier communities. His work is built on fostering strong linkages between walking, bicycling, parks and trails – leading to improved public health, better transportation systems, and a cleaner environment.

### RESERVATIONS

Admission is free. As seating is limited, reservations are required.

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