



# City of Revelstoke Media Release

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**Revelstoke, BC** --- The City of Revelstoke's Youth and Tech Working group is pleased to announce that on February 22<sup>nd</sup> dozens of technologists will converge at Revelstoke Secondary School for the Revelstoke Tech Summit, *Hack into Tech: The Future of Work*. The one-day event will address the skills our youth will need to succeed in an increasingly tech-centred job market.



VP engineering at buddybuild, and former VP engineering at Mozilla Foundation, David Ascher will be the keynote speaker. Ascher started programming at age 11 and has been involved in hundreds of software projects since including VP of Engineering at Mozilla Foundation and more recently, buddybuild, a Vancouver based mobile continuous integration service company. In his keynote address, David will share anecdotes on the evolution of work, thoughts about working remotely, and suggestions on mistakes to make and mistakes to avoid.

"I still enjoy tech and software, but I'm also concerned about the choices technologists make and their impact on the world," says Ascher.

"The workforce is evolving at an incredible rate through technologies such as AI, machine learning and augmented reality, to name a few. Youth will need to be equipped with the technical and soft skills to forge a career in an increasingly complex labour market." says Hayley Johnson, Tech Strategy Coordinator for the City of Revelstoke.

"School District #19 (Revelstoke) is extremely excited to be working with the City of Revelstoke, guest speaker David Ascher, discussion panel members, trade show presenters and workshop facilitators to provide a dynamic, highly energized set of career exploration opportunities for Revelstoke Secondary Students," says Michael Haworth, Vice-Principal of Technology for SD19.

“Drawn to the outdoor lifestyle and vibrant community, Revelstoke is fast becoming a hub for tech and innovation workers from around the world, and we have been blown away by the incredible support from locally-based technologists and organizations willing to share their knowledge and insights with Revelstoke’s youth,” says Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development, City of Revelstoke.

The Revelstoke Tech Summit is sponsored by City of Revelstoke as part of the High-Tech Strategy, a two-year project to strengthen the local economy through the promotion of the tech sector. The initiative is funded the by BC Rural Dividend Fund, which provides \$25 million a year to assist rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less to reinvigorate and diversify their local economies.

A detailed program of events can be found at [www.revelstoketechsummit.ca](http://www.revelstoketechsummit.ca).

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