Extreme hot weather can be a serious health threat in our region. Climate change models indicate these hot weather events will become more frequent and intense over the coming decades. Join speakers Sarah Henderson (UBC) and Anders Knudby (SFU), and moderator Tim Takaro (SFU) as they chart a map of our Lower Mainland’s extreme heat events and health risks. Sarah will take us back to the summer of 2009, when the Lower Mainland experienced a 7-day extreme hot weather event, which taxed the health of our at-risk populations. As a result of this event, Sarah has been involved in the research and development of a new local Heat Health Warning System to assist health agencies and the general public to better prepare for hot weather. Anders will provide insights into Greater Vancouver’s unique urban heat “archipelago,” and will demonstrate how health authorities and local governments can map heat-health risk hot spots—areas with high temperatures, population sensitivities to heat, and insufficient infrastructure and/or public facilities—throughout the region. This talk will be moderated by Tim Takaro, Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University.

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