Decoding Depressed Downtowns
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Downtowns & associated retail & hospitality has been hard-hit. What are the next steps to making inner-cities vibrant again, ensuring robust and lively streets, and bringing business back to life.

Urban Resilience + Future Growth in Downtown Coquitlam, BC
3:15pm - 4:15pm
This tour and discussion is focused on how Coquitlam is balancing supporting its' community today and adapting for future growth. Andrew Merrill, Director of Development Services, will speak to the City of Coquitlam’s COVID-19 Community Support and Recovery Plan (CSRP) to foster community resilience and recovery. Coquitlam’s CSRP is a multi-phased local recovery strategy led by the City and made up of different programs and initiatives to provide support to residents, businesses, and non-profits. Afterwards Andrew will focus on the Coquitlam’s new City Center Area Plan as the City is looking at creating higher densities, mixed-use, and pedestrian friendly space in its downtown area.

Personalizing the Trends: You, Disrupted!
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Leaders of NEXT cohorts from all (3) cities will discuss what mid-career looks like in 2020 - how we are leading remote teams, managing our children’s education needs, developing business, and keeping our powder dry for the anticipated recovery.