



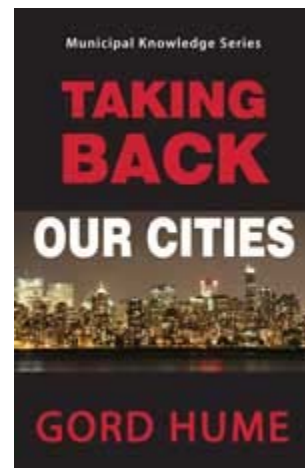
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Meet the Author



A passionate advocate for strong municipalities, [Gord Hume](#) is one of Canada's leading voices for creative communities. The author of [Cultural Planning for Creative Communities](#), and [The Local Food Revolution](#) Gord is an enthusiastic champion for bold new strategies that will strengthen our communities at the grassroots, municipal level. His experience and progressive thinking have made him a much sought-after speaker at conferences and events across Canada and the US.

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