Shifting from Net Zero to Net Positive

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Over the past decade, numerous building projects have been presented as having “net zero” energy performance. Such claims have been made using a variety of different approaches - onsite and off-site renewable energy technologies, purchasing green energy credits, etc. Efforts have subsequently been directed at formulating clear definitions of net zero and these have provided some degree of clarity and theoretical framing. The emerging notion of “net positive energy” buildings which, if considered as more than simply being on extension of net-zero energy, raises a host of theoretical and practical issues and introduces several new design considerations and possibilities.

This presentation is directed at the consequences of viewing the role of a building in adding value to its context and systems in which it is part. Rather than considering only the generation of more exporting energy versus its importation to individual buildings or the grid, the emphasis shifts to the maximization of energy performance in a system-based approach. Net Positive Energy approaches open a host of new technical, behavioural, policy and regulatory issues and opportunities not currently evident with Net Zero Energy buildings. These challenge the primacy of “individual” buildings as the most effective unit to make significant energy gains and the current expectation that each and every building should be required to attain net zero performance.

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Dr Cole has received numerous academic and professional awards and distinctions for his research, teaching and leadership activities in the field of green building. He holds the designation of North American Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Distinguished Professor and UBC Distinguished University Scholar. Dr Cole is a past Director member of the Canadian Green Building Council; a Cascadia Fellow; a recipient of the US Green Building Council’s Green Public Service Leadership Award, the AIBC’s Barbara Darymple Memorial Award for Community Service, the Sustainable Buildings Canada’s Life-time Achievement Award and the Canada Green Building Council’s Lifetime Leadership Award. Dr Cole was a recipient of the 2013 World Green Building Council Chairman’s Award.

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