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Surrey City Hall: 1 Year to Completion



New Surrey City Hall, northeast view from the new library, climbs out of the ground on its way to completion in the fall of 2013, just over a year from now. Just passing ground level now, the "hall" will top out at six stories. Along with its Civic Plaza on the south side it will cost around \$50 million.

IECBC and ASTTBC Sign MOU

IECBC (Immigrant Employment Council of BC) and the Surrey Board of Trade are partners in providing employers and businesses in Surrey with topical, current, and better access to information on issues related to workforce integration of immigrants.

The Surrey Board of Trade congratulates IECBC and Surrey Board of Trade member ASTTBC (Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC) on their signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on August 15th with Jobs, Innovation and Tourism Minister, Pat Bell. They have agreed to work together on a Mentoring Program, supported by both the BC Government and the Federal Government to ensure that immigrants that come to Canada have access to networks and connections to find quality jobs that are commensurate with their skills.

The Honorable Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation was present and spoke to the B.C. government's strategy to create and support jobs in the province's fast-growing technology sector.

"Technology is one of eight key sectors we identified in 'Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan', but it's doubly important in that technology supports all of the other sectors through product and service innovations that allow them to grow and create jobs," Bell said. "Technology enables growth in all sectors and growth means jobs for B.C. families." As jobs in the technology sector continue to grow twice as fast as any other, B.C.'s Technology Strategy predicts by 2014 there will be over 100,000 high-tech jobs supporting BC families.

Surrey Board of Trade Releases Government Poverty Reduction Policy

The Surrey Board of Trade applauded the City of Surrey on their launch today of Surrey's Poverty Reduction Plan. The Surrey Board of Trade today also launched their Government Poverty Reduction Policy.

"Often the business voice is missing from the homeless and poverty reduction conversation. From a business and economic perspective, the Surrey Board of Trade took a leadership position and believes that a focus on poverty reduction is integral to our economic future," says Anita Huberman, CEO Surrey Board of Trade.

"We have Surrey being a leader, and from a business perspective we want BC and Canada to be leaders."

Poverty increases healthcare costs, policing burdens and diminishes educational outcomes. This in turn depresses productivity, labour force flexibility, and economic

expansion. This really comes at a huge cost to taxpayers.

The Surrey Board of Trade has already recognized through previous position papers that homelessness and a lack of accessible and affordable childcare are central issues that challenge our robust economy.

More specifically, the Surrey Board of Trade is asking that the Government of Canada in conjunction with the provinces design and implement a 'National Poverty Reduction Strategy' with goals, objectives and target dates to reduce/eliminate poverty in our country. Their ask is to include an 'Affordable Housing Strategy' and specifically address a 'National Child Care Program' to enable parents to work and contribute to the economic well-being of their families, communities and country.

The Surrey Board of Trade asks

that all programs dealing with poverty and homelessness are to lift people out of poverty rather than to make living in poverty more manageable.

In addition, the Surrey Board of Trade is asking that the Government of British Columbia work cooperatively in a timely fashion with civic governments throughout the province, local community champions, and homebuilders to develop new, innovative and creative ways to convert, buy or build housing stock to develop affordable housing options for people in our province.

For the full policy paper, please go to our website: www.businessinsurrey.com/storage/advocacy_docs/SBOT%20Poverty%20Policy%20Recommendation.docx



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President Articulates Organizational Vision

In my first article as Surrey Board of Trade President, I want you to know that Surrey's business organization continues to serve its business members and its city to ensure that we have a vibrant community economically and socially. Don't these go hand in hand? In July, the Board Team took our very comprehensive Strategic Plan from last year and further elevated the value proposition of the Surrey Board of Trade to its members, government stakeholders and the community in general. For the past six years, the Surrey Board of Trade has garnered significant media exposure for our government advocacy work, locally and nationally, our membership continues to grow, along with our cost-saving, marketing, networking, workplace, international programs. It is the vision of this board team to be more. We have a great foundation. You know that saying: don't think of only what you are, but what you can be, and what you can do. Our Strategic Plan encompasses this

philosophy. Our focus as we move into Fall 2012 to June 2013 will be:

Objective 1 Business Attraction
Marketing-Image

Objective 2 Business Research

Objective 3 Business Training and Business Resource Centre

Objective 4 Policy Development and Advocacy

Objective 5 Strategic Workforce Plan

Objective 6 Leadership Surrey Dialogues and Youth Entrepreneurs

Objective 7 Cultural Industry Attraction

Objective 8 Livability Scorecard

As we go through each objective and achieve results, I will update you.

I also wanted to provide you an update around our work to bridge Surrey's business community. We are the only city in Canada that has two Chambers of Commerce and a Board of Trade. With the leadership of Mayor Watts and her Economic Development Team at the City of Surrey, they are helping us to bridge our

organizations, around government advocacy and business support services, with the ultimate goal being to have one business organization.

The Board of Trade/Chamber of Commerce movement goes back 450 years and is global. It is a unique industry that is tasked to speak independently to government on behalf of business on key issues such as labour laws, tax issues, transportation needs, health care needs, environment, international, and more. We act as a hidden employee for business and connect businesses with each other. I hope that at the end of my term in June 2013 that we are one step closer to uniting Surrey as a whole, building Surrey as a whole and working on our economy together.



Jim Mihaly
49th Surrey Board
of Trade President

Demonstrating Opportunity to Enhance Success

As each Summer passes by, the Surrey Board of Trade staff continue to focus their energy on improving operational efficiencies, responding to member requests, participating in and responding to community needs, and speaking to critical issues in the media. Each Summer continues to get busier. The reality that I hear is the economy is soft, sales are slowing down for some industries and social improvements are needed. The articles that you read in this newspaper are to help you engage, help you make a difference through the vehicle of the Surrey Board of Trade to enhance your business success.

In addition to the many proactive results that appear in this Business in Surrey newspaper, I just wanted to highlight some recent activity so that you know that the Surrey Board of Trade is working for our members and working to help build Surrey:

- Bidding Opportunities for BC/Federal Government contracts are sent regularly to our members.

- Participating in organized Global Business Forums, such as Centrallia, are key to business expansion
- Working on a direct flight from India to the Lower Mainland creates jobs
- Working on Government Advocacy Positions, such as those that we will be working on in the areas of Industry, Transportation, Environment, International at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM in September in Ontario.
- My recent National Film Board appointment will provide local opportunities
- Business Training Program in the areas of: Managing People, Growth, Yourself and your Business help to sustain your workplace
- Advice is sought for new developments in Surrey from the Cloverdale Fairgrounds to the new Century Group development to the pending South Surrey Hotel/Casino

- Community involvement is key in events such as the recent BC Summer Games
- Building ties with our Global partners to build trade opportunities
- Building the Canada Global Trade Association
- Showcasing Surrey's Innovation – helping to build Surrey's brand

I thank the members of the Surrey Board of Trade. It is always my wish to grow our organization, do things differently and innovatively. An organization cannot stand still. Yes the Surrey Board of Trade is successful, but to continue its road to success, my philosophy is and will continue to be one that includes journeys with new exciting adventures.



Anita Huberman
Surrey Board
of Trade CEO

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GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY UPDATE

Speaking on behalf of business to benefit our economy

CRIME

- Advancing call for a Surrey Designed Community Court
- Focus on Aggressive Panhandling affecting businesses
- Marijuana Policy Paper to be released
- City-wide Crime Reduction Breakfasts to continue
- Gang Violence Prevention Toolkit for Business
- Employee Fraud Business Workshops
- Judicial Accountability – call for improvements
- Good news on Wire Theft Bylaw by City of Surrey

ENVIRONMENT

- Federal government call to enact legislation to recycle Styrofoam
- Focus on Disaster Planning-Business Continuity Plan

FINANCE & TAX

- SBOT PST Business Program to be implemented in October
- City Budget Education Session – learn how the city's budget works and where your tax dollars go – October 3 from 5-7pm at the SBOT office
- Understanding the Carbon Tax
- Pooled Registered Pension Plans

INTERNATIONAL

- Cross Border Shopping Policy – call to Federal Government to review tariffs, import duties, supplier pricing practices
- International Education – VISA issue

INNOVATION

- Working with regional chambers to build a business attraction program working collaboratively with government, universities and stakeholders

SOCIAL POLICY

- Poverty Reduction Paper released
- Post Secondary Education Funding – paper to be released in October

- Immigration – Skills Program – more work to be done on this
- Business and Families (met with Provincial Minister)
- Labour Research Program – seeking funding

TRANSPORT

- TravelSmart position to be released
- Fraser Surrey Docks – Port Metro Vancouver (Fraser River Dredging) – more work needs to be done on the Fraser River
- Blaine Amtrak Stop – released position to support
- Aldergrove Border Crossing – continue work to advocate for a 24/7 commercial crossing

A Qualified Positive Outlook For BC's Economy

Despite global uncertainty, BC's economy continues to outperform most other North American provinces and states. The onset of recession across much of Europe, sluggish US growth and a slowdown in China and other major emerging economies will weigh on BC's prospects over the next 12-18 months.

Also, a high level of major project activity, an expanding mining industry, and continued growth in tradable services and advanced technology should provide a lift. Overall, I expect that BC will see real economic growth in the range of 2% per year in 2012-13, accompanied by modest gains in employment, retail sales, and business investment.

Although there are significant downside risks, BC's economy remains surprisingly resilient, with real gross domestic product advancing at 3% p/a over 2010-2012. With a rapidly shrinking government deficit and a credible plan to return to a balanced budget, the province's fiscal position is sound. The export sector is becoming more diversified, both in terms of products and markets. The province's role as Canada's gateway to the Pacific and our multiplying linkages to Asia are key positives for BC over the medium-term.

Turning to the US – still our biggest trading partner – most forecasters expect growth of 2% for some time. Since the recession ended in mid-2009, America has experienced the weakest economic recovery in half a century. There is little reason to expect a faster economic expansion over

the rest of 2012 or into 2013. However, US housing markets appear to have bottomed out, and residential investment appears to be on a slow upward trend – welcome news for BC's lumber industry.

On a less positive note, BC's natural gas exports are off, reflecting low prices as well as increased US domestic production and expanding supplies. Given the abundance of shale gas across North America and advances in drilling and production technologies, most analysts see prices remaining low. Gas exports to the US may decline further – a picture that underscores the need for the province to capitalize on growing Asian demand for the commodity. Thankfully, the BC government is pressing ahead on this, with an aggressive strategy to develop the liquefied natural gas sector.

The strong Canadian dollar is working to temper export gains, while exerting downward pressure on imported inflation. Now trading above parity with the US dollar, the Loonie is likely to remain near there for some time. BC's increasing trade and commercial orientation toward Asian markets has somewhat lessened the macroeconomic effects of a higher dollar, compared to the situation 10 or 20 years ago. Still, an overvalued currency does pose a competitive challenge for a number of trade-exposed local industries, including tourism, film production and parts of the agri-food sector.

BC's advanced technology industry is sometimes overlooked by economic analysts, but with 80,000 direct jobs the sector is an important part of the province's economic

base, particularly in the lower mainland.

A new report by KPMG estimates that the broadly defined high technology sector accounts for 6% of the province's GDP and has grown at an above-average annual rate of since 2001. Going forward the province should continue to benefit from a diverse mix of technology sub-sectors and an abundance of entrepreneurial and technical talent in the sector.

Nationally, forecasters expect consumer spending to rise at a pace below the long-term average over the next couple of years. A similar scenario is anticipated in BC, where record high household debt loads will limit overall gains in consumer outlays. Retail sales are expected to increase by around 4% per year over 2012-13.

The housing market isn't expected to add much to economic growth in BC this year or next. Sales in the frothy Vancouver area market recently fell to their lowest levels since 2000; in many other regions of BC, home sales have slowed to the point where market conditions now favour buyers. Some economists believe the Metro Vancouver housing market is "overvalued" by 10-15%, suggesting some risk of a period of flat to falling housing prices after the previous multi-year run-up.

Jock Finlayson is Executive Vice President & Chief Policy Officer of the Business Council of BC.



TAX BITES

By Marek Zhanel, CGA

The Harmonized Sales Tax ("HST") has been in effect in British Columbia since July 1, 2010, but it is scheduled to be extinguished on March 31, 2013. The following day (coincidentally April Fools' Day) will bring the resurrection of the Goods and Services Tax and the BC Provincial Sales Tax ("GST/PST") sales tax combo. While there may be a sense of déjà vu for established British Columbia based businesses, new businesses may not have had the pleasure of dealing with the GST/PST sales tax regime before.

Any tax regime can be complex to deal with, so making the switch from one to another requires care. The point of this brief article is to prompt British Columbia based businesses to review their capital asset purchase strategy, in light of the coming changes. Planning the purchase and therefore choosing the tax regime that will apply could result in considerable savings. Remember, March 31, 2013 only is a few months away.

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Generally speaking, under the HST, the tax paid amount is refundable. While under the GST/PST, the GST remains refundable, but the PST tax is payable unless specifically exempt.

As a result, the difference between the two tax regimes is attributable to the PST rules and exemptions. The PST exemptions will return somewhat modified, according to Minister Falcon "improved", but the referendum mandates the BC government to "reinstate" the PST.

Therefore, it would be prudent for

businesses to review the differences under both tax regimes as they apply to their operations. It is not often that businesses have the benefit of forewarning.

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NB: This article does not constitute tax advice. It is strongly recommended to seek professional advice.

SBOT to Roll Out PST Business Program

- As PST Info is Released

The Surrey Board of Trade remains alert for the release of PST information from the government, and their preparations for new systems/procedures.

We contacted the BC Ministry of Finance. As soon as the transitional rules are released and more information is received, the SBOT will immediately begin a PST Business Program, which includes workshops where you can ask specific questions and obtain information on our website at businessinsurrey.com. In response to an inquiry into timelines and so on, they replied:

While the Provincial Sales Tax Act has been passed by the Legislature, work continues on transitional, consequential and related amendments to the Act and on drafting the regulations (most exemptions are provided for by regulation). Detailed information about how the PST will apply to specific transactions or to specific sectors cannot be provided until this work is complete and

the necessary legislation and regulations have been enacted. The government intends to release a final proposed version of the legislation later this year to support business outreach and awareness, with the regulations to follow as soon as possible when complete. Information on business registration for the PST and the new electronic services for business is available at the Ministry of Finance PSTinBC website at www.pstinbc.ca/moving-forward/faqs/faqs.

The current plan: Business Registration and Outreach beginning in October, lasting the six months prior to the return to the PST.

Business outreach seminars, beginning in October, will provide information and training on tax application, collection, compliance and reporting rules related to the PST. Registration of approximately 100,000 businesses using a new online system will begin in January 2013. Businesses will benefit from new e-services such as online registration, remittance, and self-service options, and web based training videos.

TransLink's TravelSmart Program Endorsed by the SBOT

The SBOT has considered the value of the TravelSmart programs to member businesses, and has endorsed the program and communicated support for Travel Smart to our members, to the City of Surrey, and be an ongoing contact to explore future partnership opportunities.

TravelSmart, offers tools and strategies to help business people understand that travel choices impact everything from the wallet - to health - to the air quality of the region through ride-sharing or cycling to work, or

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BUSINESS IN SURREY INTERVIEW by David R. Conn

ANNA MATHEWSON, City of Surrey Manager, Sustainability



Since 2008, the City of Surrey has been operating under a Sustainability Charter as its overarching policy document which is a framework implementing a 50-year vision for a sustainable city. The concept of sustainability is about living well within our means, and considering the social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts of everything we do. For more information, see www.surrey.ca/sustainability.

All City departments are responsible for implementing the Charter. However, in 2009 the City created a Sustainability Office and hired a manager to be a catalyst for sustainability within the City government and the community.

The Manager, Sustainability is Anna Mathewson. She holds a master's degree in resource management from SFU. Previously she worked with the BC Treaty Commission, the Fraser River Estuary Management Program, and the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program.

DRC: How would you summarize the work of the Sustainability Office since it was created?

AM: We have made considerable progress on the corporate front and within the community. We have demonstrated significant leadership, including on energy and emissions. The City began to measure and report its corporate energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in 2009. City Council endorsed a Corporate Emissions Action Plan in 2010. The plan targets a 20% reduction in emissions by 2020. That is a very ambitious goal, given the growth we are experiencing, but we have committed to reducing our carbon footprint. As part of these goals, we have greened our City fleet – obtaining E3 Fleet “Gold” certification, and testing a number of new vehicle technologies and fuels. In the City Centre we are building a new City Hall that will be LEED gold certified.

Other key accomplishments over the past three years include identifying sustainability indicators and targets to monitor progress, establishing the EnergyShift program, implementing a City Awards program, launching the Sustainable Development Checklist, and working with local schools to raise student awareness of climate change and energy.

Critical pieces that relate to our goals have been completed by many City departments. They include a Walking Plan, a Child and Youth Friendly Strategy, a City Cultural Plan, and an Ecosystem Management Study.



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Improving the Agreement on Internal Trade

– from “Policy Wins” of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

On June 15, 2012, the federal government's Committee on Internal Trade announced the approval of amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) to ensure a more effective person-to-government dispute resolution process.

Canada's patchwork of internal trade regulations blocks the free flow of workers, goods and services across the country, hindering growth, innovation and our ability to compete in the global market.

The implementation of Canada's 1995 Agreement on Internal Trade has been too slow to help the many businesses burdened by internal barriers to trade. Governments must do much more to strengthen the agreement, remove the remaining barriers to trade, investment and labour mobility, and improve the enforcement provisions of the agreement.

Prior to the announcement on June 15, 2012, the person-to-government dispute resolution mechanism in the AIT lacked significant penalties for non-compliance. Businesses deserve the ability to make their own case and to ensure that their rights are protected. To rectify this discrepancy, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, through a resolution from the Surrey Board of Trade, called for amendments to the person-to-government dispute resolution section of the AIT. These amendments needed to include an appeals process, monetary fines and the suspension of dispute-

resolution privileges for non-compliance.

This fall the SBOT will attend the Canadian Chamber AGM in Hamilton Ontario, where it will pursue two resolutions; one encouraging the federal government to take a more active role in facilitating the recycling and remanufacture of surplus and waste Styrofoam to benefit Canadian plastics manufacturers; and to ask the government to level the playing field on tariffs, taxes and other impediments which cause Canadian products to be expensive enough compared to US prices to result in a virtual exodus Canadian shopping dollars.



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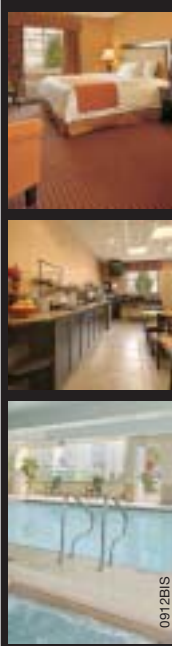


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Social Policy Team Meets the Minister

On July 5, members of the Social Policy Team of the Surrey Board of Trade met with Mary MacNeil, the provincial minister of Children & Families to discuss the SBoT Business & Families position paper as well as a wide variety of issues which impact the family unit, including those who are employees and business owners. She provided the group with an overview of the ministry and its work, stressing that it was one of the few ministries which saw increases – in this case 40% since 2001. She reiterated that money was very tight and while carrying



out the mandate, they continued to seek economies wherever possible. In the above photo, Minister MacNeil is engaged by Susan Papadionissi (right). Surrey Councillor Judy Villeneuve is at her left, Anita Huberman and Team Chair, Gerard Bremault.



From Policy to Practice

In Collaboration with the Children's Partnership of Surrey-White Rock and the Surrey Board of Trade, the first Award was presented to Andrea Rasmussen of Wilson Rasmussen LLP at the SBOT Annual General Meeting in June. In the above photo, Andrea Rasmussen receives the award from Greg Walker of the BC Lottery Corp and Past President, Mary Jane Stenberg.



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Abbotsford Attracts Big Players to Aerospace Expo

The Abbotsford Air Show audience and participants enjoyed the great weather as the show celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Over 100 thousand people attended to watch the aerobatics, the vintage planes and enjoy the weekend.

At that same time the Abbotsford Aerospace & Defense Expo brings the industry to the city and airport to do business.

Jean-Paul Laube, Business Development Manager for the Abbotsford Airport, and a director of the Surrey Board of Trade, said that the Expo hosted 35 exhibitors and 300 visitors. Among those attending were Lockheed Martin, Cascade Aerospace, Rockwell Collins, Avcorp, AIT, Seaspac EADS and many more including MacDonal Dettweiler and Airbus.

Keynote speakers included the Hon

Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Diversification and David Schellenberg, the CEO of Cascade Aerospace and Chair of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada

Industry consultants, Aerospace BizDev, in a recent newsletter, referred to the expo as the most significant aerospace and defense business development event in western Canada

Laube echoed that saying, that the event has now become an important B2B event at the national level and the place to do aerospace defense and marine business in the west.



Jean-Paul Laube

The "Employment Program of BC"

Beginning in April of this year, there was a significant change in the way job seekers accessed job search programs. The provincial government launched the "Employment Program of BC (EPBC)," a new model for employment services in BC, completing a lengthy process of moving responsibility for employment programs from the federal government. And as with previous programs they are provided free of charge for participants and businesses.

The new system emphasizes partnerships between community stakeholders to promote local economic development while

creating efficiencies in how services are delivered. In Surrey, this meant the closing of all previous "legacy" programs and the opening of five new WorkBC Employment Services Centres (ESCs) across the major hubs of the city – South Surrey, Cloverdale, Newton, Whalley and Fleetwood-Guildford.

While each individual ESC has slightly different partnership benefits for local employers, one of the primary mandates of the EPBC is to help businesses streamline their employee recruitment strategies.

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Announcements & Congratulations




Find out how membership in the Surrey Board of Trade opens doors to new business opportunities, locally and internationally! Be a part of Surrey's business voice at all levels of government.

ABC Recycling is celebrating their 100 year anniversary this year. The company is a Canadian family enterprise with 6 locations and more than 150 employees across BC. They celebrated with a family fun day fundraiser benefitting the **Kidney Foundation of Canada**. **More Info: Julie Prescott at 778-329-8042 or Julie@julzandco.com.**

Canadian Blood Services opened up a new state of the art donor clinic in Surrey on August 1st. The new location is located at 15285 101 Avenue, Surrey. **More Info: Jeffrey O'Brien at 604-501-0354 or Jeffrey.obrien@blood.ca.**

The **Canadian Tourism College** is pleased to announce the arrival of a new program, the Higher National Diploma in International Tourism & Events Management, in partnership with International Hotel Management Institute (IMI) in Luzern, Switzerland. **More Info: Gwen Donaldson at 604-736-8000 or Kim Russell at 604-582-1122.**

 The **City of Surrey** and the **Surrey RCMP** welcomed **Supt. Bill Fordy** as the new Officer in Charge of the **Surrey RCMP Detachment**. Supt. Fordy began his career in Surrey as a Constable 1989. He assumed his new duties on June 4 and will be promoted to Chief Superintendent in the near future. **More Info: Tara Foslien at 604-375-4584.**

Community Savings Credit Union CEO **Doug Eveneshen** went undercover, acting as a Member Services Representative in a Surrey Branch on June 29th. **More Info: Kirsten Allen at kallen@comsavings.com or 604-637-5192.**

Community Savings Credit Union has donated \$5,000 to the **Protein for People Project**, a local non-profit initiative working to ease the strain on local families in need. The organization works with BC salmon canneries to provide a source of quality protein to local food banks. **More Info: Kirsten Allen at kallen@comsavings.com or 604-637-5192.**

David Lanphear has been named Vice-President of Commercial Banking and Insurance at **Envision Financial** and is responsible for the financial performance, leadership and overall strategic direction of their commercial banking and commercial insurance teams. **Barry Christiansen** was named Vice-President of Retail Banking and Insurance and is responsible for the financial performance, leadership and overall strategic direction of their retail banking and insurance teams, including 20 branches and 16 insurance locations. **More Info: Cheryl Shaw at 604-539-7360 or cshaw@firstwestcu.ca.**



Envision Financial opened its newest insurance office location at 114-7322 King George Boulevard in Newton, replacing their former Scottsdale insurance location. **More Info: Sarah Pederson at 604-539-7057 or spederson@envisionfinancial.ca**

FASTSIGNS of Surrey welcomed local businessman **Richard Janzen** as the centre's new owner. As the new owner, **Janzen** will call upon his 18 years of professional sales and marketing experience. Additionally, **Janzen** will be backed by the current teams' years of knowledge, as well as by the support of **Rick Fijal**, the centre's previous owner. **More Info: 604-599-6677 or www.fastsigns.com/654.**

Forever Young Skin Spa has moved to a bigger and more prominent location in Surrey at #390-8148 128 Street, Surrey, in the Payal Business Centre. They have added more treatments, some of which are covered by health insurance plans and began selling water fountains and bamboo curtains and have a large showroom for senior mobility products. **More Info: 778-218-1514 or 604-671-5714 or www.foreverskincare.net**

The Hampton Inn & Suites Langley/Surrey has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence award, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide. 10% listed on TripAdvisor receive this award. **More Info: Alnoor Tejpar at 604-530-6545.**

The Government of BC is hosting Job Fairs around the Province this fall. Surrey's event will take place on November 23rd. Employers can sign up now to participate. **More Info: Jordan Humphries at 604-646-3596, jhumphries@pacegroup.com or www.bcjobsplan.ca/job-fairs.**

The Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre marked its first anniversary on June 1st with the recognition of 12 donors, naming specific areas of the building in honour of each who were part of the effort to match a \$5 million donation made by **Pattison**. Close to 40 other donors who donated \$5,000+ are being recognized on a newly installed touch-screen display, using technology from Surrey-based **MAPT Media**. **More Info: Jason Howe at 604-585-5666 x 778284 or Jason.howe@fraserhealth.ca.**

The Johnston Group has appointed **Ramon Solinas** to the position of Regional Marketing Director in **BC for the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance plan**, effective September 1st. Ramon joined the Chambers Group Plan in 2001. **More Info: Graham Barnes at 250-655-0526 or gbarnes@uniserve.com.**

McQuarrie Hunter LLP has welcomed **Jamie Woods** to their team. He works with small to mid-sized family owned and operated businesses advising on the purchase and sale of a business, company set-up and reorganizations, commercial leases and other contracts, shareholder agreements, and employee issues. **More Info: Susan Van Dyke at susan@vandyke.ca or 604-876-7769.**

National Bank Financial Partners in Caring Gala, now in its 23rd year, was held in May in support of Peace Arch Hospital's ER. With great sponsorship and auction support from local individuals and businesses, and the support of those in attendance, over \$175,000 was raised. **More Info: Febe Galvez-Voth at 604-535-4520 or febe@pahfoundation.ca.**

Peace Arch Hospital Foundation chair **Kim Karras** resigned from her position in June after 12 years of service. The new chair of the foundation is **Graham Cameron**. **More Info and for a full list of directors: Febe Galvez-Voth at 604-535-4520 or febe@pahfoundation.ca.**

The Semiahmoo Foundation: Louise Tremblay is the new Director of Development. In her role, she will be responsible for securing major funding and planned gifts. **More Info: L.tremblay@shsbcc.ca.**

Save the date for **South Fraser Community Services Society's** fundraising gala event on November 3. They will be unveiling their new name and branding at this event. **More Info: Wes Everaars at 604-589-8678 or development@southfraserservices.bc.ca.**

South Fraser Tours joins **Big Ridge Brewing Company**, **Central City Brewing Company** and **Amber Jack's Tap House** in announcing the Sensational Surrey Craft Beer Tour. Specializing in small groups, patrons of "Nectar of the Gods" will taste the best Surrey has to offer in locally produced craft draft beer, enjoying a baker's dozen tasters from 3 local pubs, 2 of which are

breweries, all of them specializing in unique craft draft beer. **More Info: Dan Goy at 604-839-2879 or info@southfrasertours.ca.**

The Surrey Food Bank has appointed a new Community Partnership Coordinator. **Kuldip Ardawa** has taken on the role of building partnerships with community stakeholders and raising awareness of the **Surrey Food Bank's** services. **More Info: Marilyn Herrmann at execdir@surreyfoodbank.org.**

Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation: The Canadian Public Relations Society has awarded last year's 100 Days to Give Campaign the Bronze Award of Excellence in both the Canadian Marketing Communications Campaign of the Year and the Canadian Community Relations Campaign of the Year categories. Special acknowledgement to the **Jim Pattison Foundation** for helping to launch the campaign with such a generous gift, **thornleyHAYNE Creative Communications** for its work on the campaign materials, **Coast Capital Savings** for its role as campaign business lead, and the many people from **Fraser Health** who gave some of their time to help the campaign. **More Info: Jason Howe at 604-585-5666 x 778284 or Jason.howe@fraserhealth.ca.**

Surrey Memorial Hospital's pharmacy will undergo a major expansion following a \$226,000 donation to **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation**. The gift from the **Milan & Maureen Ilich Foundation** will complete a renovation budget of \$1.6 million and help the adult pharmacy department grow in size and keep up with the expected increase in demand created by a \$512 million expansion and redevelopment of the hospital. **More Info: Jason Howe at 604-585-5666 x 778284 or Jason.howe@fraserhealth.ca.**



 Funding from three donors to **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation** has allowed **Fraser Health's** Adolescent Day Treatment Program in Surrey to use the therapeutic horse sessions for the first time. Combined, the **Edith Lando Charitable Foundation**, the **North Delta Rotary** and **TELUS Vancouver Community Board** have donated more than \$15,000, which will allow three groups of teens to take part in a series of workshops with the horses this year. The Adolescent Day Treatment Program supports

adolescents aged 13 to 18 who are experiencing severe psychiatric difficulties such as psychotic, mood and anxiety disorders, and who are also struggling with their academic, family, and social functioning. **More Info: Jason Howe at 604-585-5666 x 778284 or Jason.howe@fraserhealth.ca.**

Surrey RCMP Special Constable Josh Waltman will be a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in October for his dedication to the RCMP. **More info: Josh Waltman at 778-593-3532 or Joshua.waltman@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.**

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