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Dredging Critical To Maintain Fraser River

In the last two editions we have been exploring Fraser Surrey Docks through the words of CEO Jeff Scott. In this final segment, the topic is maintaining and improving the Fraser River through a program of dredging.

The river is dynamic. When the winter snowpack melts, there's a terrific volume of water released (the Freshet) which carries huge amounts of silt, sand and gravel as well as logs, trees, and so on, down the river. When the current slows it settles to the river bottom and must be removed through dredging. We've had to maintain the river depth at 11.5 metres, all the time so we have that navigational depth during the freshet. It's critical to our operations.

Now we need a deeper channel. Most Panamax vessels (ships that are designed to fit through the Panama Canal) when fully loaded, require a 12 to 12.5 metre depth, and we're about a half to a meter short. Customers don't want to load to 70 or 80 percent to maintain a safe draft. We must go deeper. Getting there will require a capital dredging program, which is a one-time project to deepen the channel. Then, it must be maintained every year. It all costs money and right now we're the only significant contributor. That's not sustainable, so we're looking at growing our business to generate more revenue for all the stakeholders, who can cover the costs and create a sustainable maintenance dredging model. Currently the other major carriers (car carriers) have a draft of



about 10.5 metres, so they don't need the deep draft. But that will change over time.

We've proposed a five-year project, which would take us to 13.5 metres in steps over that period. Our feeling is that if we deepen the channel in conjunction with our regular maintenance dredging, we'll get a much more secure and stable channel by the end of the five year period. Integrating them will have capital and maintenance being done together over the five-year period. The port benefits because it can get a savings on maintenance dredging, which then can be used toward the net benefit of capital dredging and thus make the project much more economical.

What role do you see Fraser Surrey Docks playing in maintaining the Industrial or Working aspect of the river?

We have to ensure that we grow in partnership with the community. The Fraser is a working river

but it's for public use. However, it's our role to grow and provide expand opportunities for business both in import and export. We are a deep-sea terminal and we want to increase our volume and our activity. That's what provides more work in Surrey. We have to do our part to continue and promote the importance of the industrial area, to sustain it. We need these lands to create these work opportunities, these jobs and to create a fluid supply chain for the movement of goods. So at minimum want to sustain it, and although we're not necessarily wanting to expand our footprint, we want to be able to grow in the most efficient way within our existing structure. This, in turn, will attract other industries. Just in our area we have Catalyst, and the Pacific Link business park opening up. Fedex has just opened up their terminal and Frito Lay is operating there.

The port is continuing to

grow and facilitate trade, but to maximize our structure, our road and rail connections, the river requires more dredging. The critical thing that our stakeholders can do is continue to help identify the importance of that and the importance of maintaining that capacity right here in their own back yard. We are the only deep-sea terminal in Surrey, we're very proud of that. ●

The Surrey Board of Trade supports the expanded development of the existing operation of the Fraser Surrey Docks Coal Transfer Facility to increase economic development and job creation, and strongly encourages other stakeholders to support this industry development.

Heritage Rail Launch Means Heritage Business

The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS), an SBOT member, is about to go operational. This truly unique heritage enterprise will begin running the restored BC Electric Interurban tram on **June 22**, with a launch at the site of the newly built replica Cloverdale Station – built by donation – at the foot of 176A and Highway #10 in Cloverdale.

Mayor Watts, Councillors, the President of SRY Railink, representation from BC Hydro, who still own the rail line, and a host of other guests will witness the cutting of the ribbon, and take the first official ride.

BCER Car 1225, originally built in 1913, has been meticulously restored to the time period of the 1940's when the interurban trams moved people around the Fraser Valley with an efficiency scarcely equalled even now, 100 years later. 1225 was the last interurban car to run. After it's early run to Steveston on February 28, 1958, it returned to the barn in Kitsilano and was decommissioned. The era was over.

All but seven of the massive interurban fleet were burned, however the FVHRS has acquired 1225 from a museum in Perris, California, and Car 1304, the Connaught (named for the

Governor General in 1912, the Duke of Connaught who toured in this car).

After 20 thousand volunteer hours of restoration, 1225 is ready to go while it's mate, 1304 is undergoing its own rebuild and will join 1225 in a couple of years.

On June 22 following the launch, 1225 will carry passengers from Cloverdale to Sullivan (at 152nd Street) hourly on Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays through Thanksgiving. "This is a major step forward in promoting business in Surrey. Another very good reason to explore your own city, invite your out of town guests, and offer

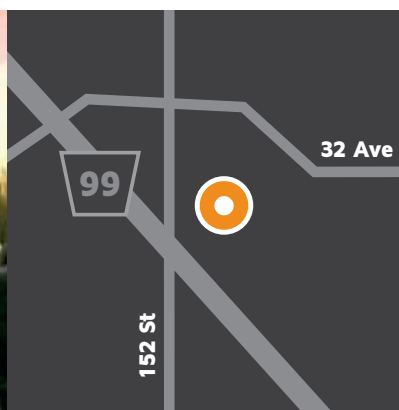


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From the President's Desk

It is a tough task to write, in a few short words, on what has transpired during the past year at Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) and as President.

I would like to thank both the Cloverdale and South Surrey- White Rock Chambers of Commerce for their efforts this past year. We reached a new level in building a business partnership between the three parties.

A memorandum of understanding between our three organizations was signed recently. This will create the foundation to further work together in the name of advocacy, economic development and other commonalities, as well as promote Surrey as a whole on the business front.

Each organization has their area and membership they represent in the various areas of the city, however, as one group we can create a stronger voice for the business community in Surrey.

Items of advocacy projects undertaken during 2012/13 I'm just scratching the surface on the many issues the SBOT has tackled. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Light Rail Links, was launched in May 2013 in support of the City of Surrey's vision for a new Light Rail Transit system to connect communities south of the Fraser
- At an April Board meeting, we decided to ask the government for an increase in tax credits to support BC's film industry in an effort to help create jobs

- In February, the SBOT asked for a comprehensive and urgent review of the carbon tax in the name of consistency across all industries. Further, the Board was not in support of the BC Government contemplating an increase in the BC Corporate Tax rates.

- In February, the SBOT released a position paper on Post Secondary Funding advocating that the level of access to post-secondary education in Surrey and the South Fraser region be brought up to the level provided to the rest of BC. There are 940,000 people in Surrey and the South Fraser region, the largest and fastest-growing region of BC. We produce 22% of BC's high school graduates and yet Surrey students have less access to post-secondary institutions than students in the rest of BC. In short, collective Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Simon Fraser University-Surrey together offer only 12.7 post-secondary spaces for every hundred 18-24 years olds in the region. The rest of BC receives almost four times that level of access.

On the national stage the SBOT was well represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hamilton last September, where we received nation-wide support on two policy resolutions, which will be brought to the federal government for consideration.

The first on Cross Border Shopping, asks the federal government to eliminate outdated duties on finished products entering Canada,

Jim Mihaly
49th Surrey
Board
of Trade
President



and seeks enforcement of all tax exemption limits for returning travelers.

The second asks the federal government to promote the domestic reuse and remanufacture of waste expanded polystyrene (EPS).

As a delegate representing Surrey I couldn't be more proud of our SBOT for being a business leader locally and provincially but on a national front as well.

Finally, I'd like to thank my Board of Directors. It was truly a team effort with plenty of hard work behind the scenes to get the job done. And speaking of team, what can you say about Anita and her team at the SBOT, each of whom, go above and beyond in carrying out their duties from week to week. And a special thanks to our membership who support the SBOT year in and year out!

A special thanks to the over 500 volunteers who serve the various committees that comprise the SBOT, and worth mentioning the hard work and commitment displayed by a group of dedicated volunteers during our membership drive in 2012. Amazing job!



Government Advocacy Defines the Surrey Board of Trade

In June, we'll hold our Annual General Meeting and there will be a changing of the guard as outgoing President Jim Mihaly passes the gavel to Bijoy Samuel, and as this year's term comes to a close, I'd like you bring you up to date on the advocacy we've been actively pursuing:

1. The Surrey Board of Trade wants the provincial government to support film industry. The Board of Directors have asked the provincial government for an increase in tax credits to support BC's film industry to help create jobs. There is an economic urgency for the province to support its creative economy, specifically its film & television industry. In 2012, in Surrey there was an \$880,000 economic impact to Surrey. Permits issued were: 26 for TV series; 3 for Feature Films; 20 for Commercials; 4 for Bollywood Films and 3 other related film industry businesses. The income from the film and TV sector to Surrey residents is over \$24 million in annual payroll.

"The Surrey Board of Trade doesn't disagree the government has been generous, but there's a 10 per cent tax-break difference between B.C. and Ontario. We want the tax break to be closer so that the local film industry can compete to obtain business", said Anita Huberman, CEO.

2. Changes to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program Are Bad for Business. Our position is that changes announced by the government concerning the Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW) program will add delays and red tape for Canadian businesses. Most companies using temporary foreign workers are small

and medium businesses (small and medium enterprise – SMEs) which can't afford to wait to find the appropriate workers and they don't have many options for training.

First, there is a concern that if this new process takes more time, employers may not be able to staff a project within a timeline and delays may result in lost economic opportunities. Second, there is the timing associated with a training plan. Training for skilled and technical positions may take two years or longer, once a candidate has been identified. The biggest losers of the announcement are SMEs, particularly those in Alberta (accounting for more than 40% of the total program in 2012) and Saskatchewan where labour is scarce and SMEs have little capacity for training.

3. The Surrey Board of Trade applauds business reporting strategy on organized crime violence. We support the decision to release the names of gangsters by BC's anti-gang policing agency and to develop a strategy to include business to help combat organized crime violence. The Surrey Board of Trade as part of its Business Watch - Report Crime Campaign in partnership with the Surrey RCMP, that started over 5 years ago, will be reiterating the message of asking businesses to report crime, every time! "Businesses need to report crime or suspicious behavior so that police can bring the appropriate resources to handle the situation", said CEO, Anita Huberman.

4. New Provincial Changes to the BC Recycling Regulations might affect your business. I would like to hear your comments or any concerns on the financial

**Anita
Huberman**
Surrey Board
of Trade CEO



and logistical implications of the Extended Producer Responsibility on your business in Surrey.

On April 1 of this year the BC Government passed a law that requires businesses to assume responsibility for the collection and recycling of packaging and printed material once a resident is done with its use. The changes that require this, have been made to the *BC Recycling Regulation* and the "responsibility" is referred to as an *Extended Producer Responsibility*. There are penalties for non-compliance with the regulation, which include fines and prohibition from selling, offering for sale, distributing or using the product in question, in a commercial enterprise.

If your business has a permanent establishment in BC and you are a brand owner, franchisor or first importer (i.e., retailer or distributor) of packaged goods or printed paper sold to residents, then you are likely to meet the Recycling Regulation's "producer" definition, which means that you should take immediate action to comply with the regulation. For more information on the regulation, go to www.multimaterialbc.ca.

I wish you all a good summer of business as well as leisure!

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TAX BITES - POST ELECTION TAX PLANNING

By Marek Zhanel, CGA

The concept of income tax deferral, and potentially savings, by incorporating is essential for funding a growing business. This article outlines the basics of planning tax in the context of the current and proposed tax rates on income earned in BC. I eliminated the complexities of multiple personal tax brackets and different corporate tax rates by focusing on highest marginal personal and small business tax rates.

Highest marginal personal income tax rates

Type of income	2013	2014-2015
Salary or interest (income over \$150,000)	43.70%	45.80%
Dividend (from small business)	33.71%	37.98%

Corporate income tax rates

Small business (up to \$500,000)	13.50%	13.50%
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The existing 2013 and the Liberal proposed 2014-2015 (based on information available) tax rates are:

A corporation is a legal entity separate from its owner. As a result, the corporation and its owner are two distinct taxpayers. To extract funds earned by the corporation, the owner must either receive a salary or dividend. In addition, the owner may arrange to receive interest on any loans made to the corporation.

The payment of salary is an expense to the corporation deductible from its pre-tax income. The payment of dividend is a distribution of after-tax corporate profits. Generally speaking, the owner manager is entitled to determine the amounts and timing, but also the character for income tax purposes (salary or dividend) of the funds personally received from the corporation. The income tax deferral arises where the corporation retains some or all of the earnings. The income tax savings or cost become apparent by comparing the amounts of net salary to the net dividend personally received.

Consider a corporation earns \$1,000 before taxes in 2013. The company could pay the entire \$1,000 as salary to the

owner who, after paying salary tax at 43.7%, retains \$563. Alternatively, the corporation could pay tax at 13.5% to retain earnings of \$865 to fund the growth of the business, or distribute it as dividend to the owner who, after paying the dividend tax at 33.71%, retains \$573. So by retaining the earnings the corporation defers paying \$302 in taxes as compared to the salary alternative. Or, if fully distributed as a dividend, the owner receives \$10 or 1% more as compared to salary.

Fast forward to 2014 or 2015 and consider the corporation earns \$1,000 before taxes then. The company could pay the entire \$1,000 as salary to the owner who, after paying salary tax at 45.8%, personally retains \$542. Alternatively, the corporation could pay tax at 13.5% to retain earnings of \$865 to fund the growth of the business, or distribute it as dividend to the owner who, after paying the dividend tax at 37.98%, retains \$536. So by retaining the earnings in 2014 or 2015 the corporation defers paying \$323 in taxes as compared to the salary alternative. Or, if fully distributed as a dividend, the owner receives \$6 or 0.6% less as compared to salary.

Careful analysis is required to determine the best mix of salary and/or dividends, depending of the specific circumstances of the owner manager. The above outlined income tax deferral or potential tax savings are key factors. It remains to be seen if the 2.1% increase in the highest marginal personal tax rate will be a temporary measure limited to 2014 and 2015, but the concurrent increase in the corporate income tax deferral may assist with the decision to retain earnings in the company to grow the business. ●

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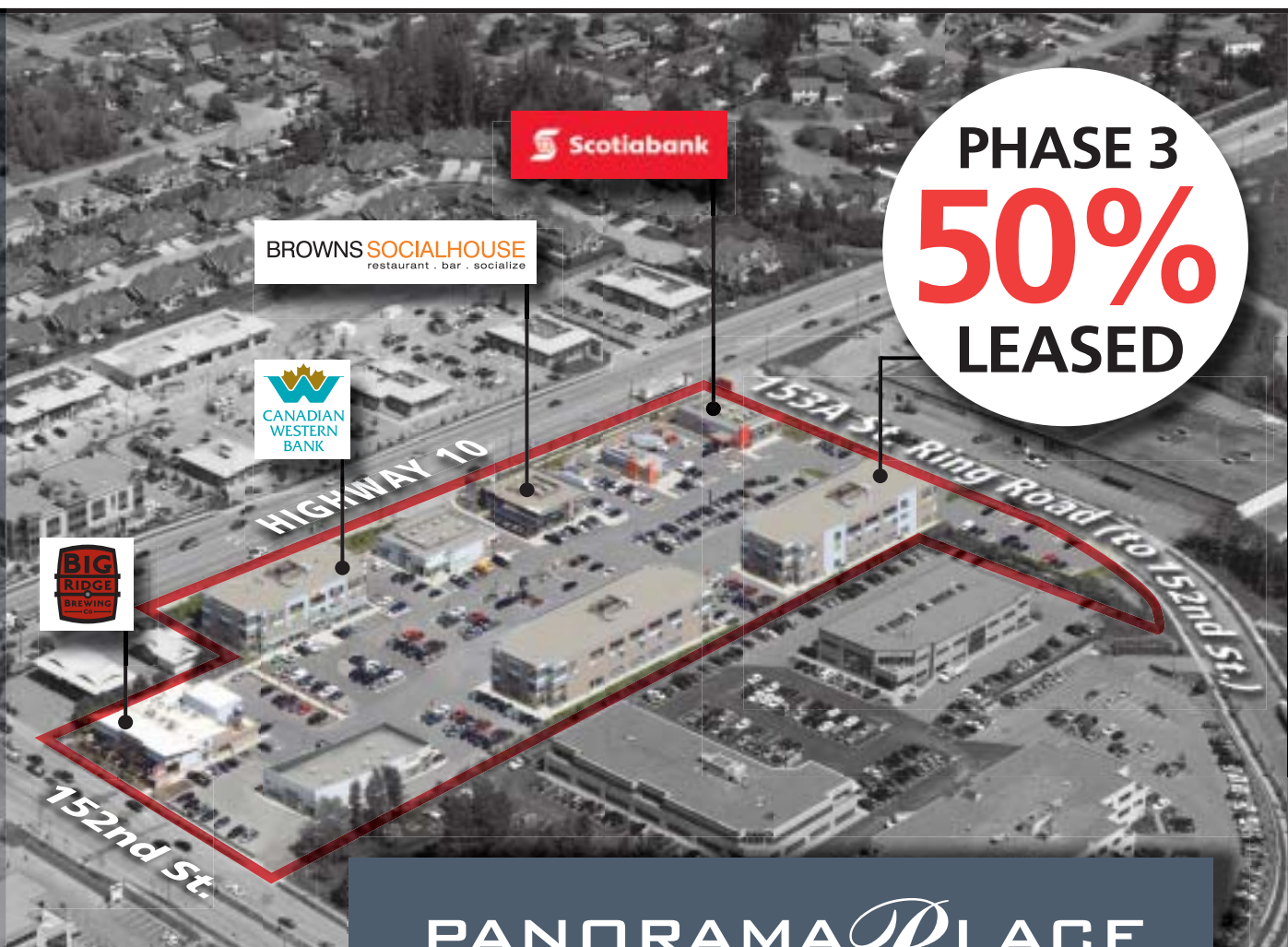
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By Jock Finlayson



The BC Liberals won a comfortable majority government in the May 14 election. During the campaign, Premier Christy Clark put bread-and-butter economic concerns at the heart of her narrative – a strategy that seemed to pay off for her party. It is therefore timely to take stock of the province's economy and to highlight some of the goals that the re-elected Liberal government may wish to pursue in the coming months and years.

Approaching the half-way point of 2013, BC's economy is growing -- but at a fairly slow pace. The Business Council's current forecast looks for real gross domestic product to advance by 1.6% this year, similar to last year's performance and roughly in line with Canada's growth rate. The job market has been sluggish over the past 12 months, and it may continue to struggle in the near term. Among the factors temporarily weighing on BC's economy are slower global growth, soft retail spending, and a fall-off in residential real estate activity. Looking beyond 2013, we expect to see improvements in the main economic indicators.

The election put a spotlight on oppor-

tunities to further develop BC's natural resource wealth, including natural gas. Premier Clark outlined a bold vision to make BC a significant player in the emerging global marketplace for liquefied natural gas (LNG), by constructing several LNG plants and related infrastructure. These plants would allow the processing and sale of BC-produced natural gas to customers in Asia at prices well above those now prevailing in North America, leading to substantial economic benefits over time. But moving forward with LNG won't have much impact on the economy in the short-term – the big investments are 2-5 years away, and any earnings from gas exports to Asia aren't likely to be realized until late in the decade.

During the Liberal government's new four-year term, BC's economic fortunes will be tied to a recovery of non-energy exports and to the buoyancy of "domestic demand," particularly consumer spending, housing markets and business non-residential investment. BC's non-energy exports should expand as the US economy continues to heal and as global growth gains momentum after slipping back in 2012-13.

The outlook for domestic demand depends on the state of the job market, the trajectory of household incomes, and whether BC is viewed as an attractive jurisdiction for companies and entrepreneurs to invest and do business.

The overarching public policy challenge is to build on the province's existing assets to strengthen the underpinnings of economic prosperity. This calls for a sustained focus by government, business leaders and educators on the following priority areas.

People and talent: There is an ongoing imperative to upgrade the skills and educational qualifications of the workforce. This means increasing the opportunities for training and advanced skills development, continuing to raise educational attainment among the young adult population, and reducing mismatches between the supply of skills and credentials produced by the education/training system and the demand for labour by employers.

Investment and innovation: British Columbia's economic success hinges on boosting business investment in productivity-enhancing assets like machinery, equipment and advanced process technolo-

gies, and on upping our game on innovation more generally. This requires a fresh look at the role of tax policy in fostering (or inhibiting) business investment and growth. We also need to think about how the private and public sectors can better collaborate in building a more innovative BC economy.

Connecting to global markets: With Asia on track to account for half of the world output by 2020, it's vital that we develop infrastructure to enable BC businesses, industries and communities to connect with key overseas growth markets. This includes investing in road and rail improvements, expanding capacity at our ports and major airports, and promoting British Columbia as a preferred place for Asian-based multinational companies to locate their North American corporate offices. ●

Spring Shows Growth in Real Estate in the Fraser Valley



New FVREB President Ron Todson

Ron Todson, an Abbotsford Realtor with twenty-seven years in the business took over as President of the 2800 member strong Fraser Valley Real Estate Board at their February 2013 AGM.

The Current Market: "We're seeing signals that the stand-off between buyers and sellers over the last six months is coming to an end. Traffic at open houses has increased, sellers are quicker to accept offers and homes selling on average two weeks faster than they did in January. As well, a diminishing inventory makes buyers more motivated to act."

The Board posted 2,582 new listings last month, a decrease of 9 per cent compared to the 2,846 posted during February last year pushing the total number of active listings down by 1.6 per cent compared to 2012.

"Each market is different. currently, the market for detached homes is balanced in North Delta and Langley. The condo market

is brisk in Abbotsford and Central Surrey and town home sales are steady in North and Central Surrey as well as Cloverdale. What's not doing well generally anywhere in the Fraser Valley is sales of higher-end homes unless they are priced competitively."

The Man: "I started in real estate in 1981, when interest rates were hitting around 21%. During that time, as a realtor, you weren't allowed to have another job so you floated or you sank. I liked Real Estate because you're involved in the biggest purchase that most people will make in their lifetime, it's a great place to be. I like that it's my own business, I come and go as I please and I work with people. I enjoy the business aspect of real estate as well."

The Mission: "After 27 years I wanted to contribute something back. We are trying to create and improve services that make realtor's lives easier, to have all the necessary

tools including certain mobile solutions that we're working on - I could find you a property, write you a contract, you could sign right on my iPad, then send it off to the listing broker. At one time the iPad or my Laptop computer, and my iPhone would have been so alien to me."

Finally, we want to improve our thirty year old building, establish better practices for the Board governance, and we are talking about amalgamation with other Boards to eliminate duplicate services. This will be far down the line but this conversation has started and I want to continue it.

Future Realtors: Our median or average age is around 55 with its own subset of challenges and opportunities. But it's also nice to have new people that are tech savvy, I provide the real estate savvy. If they have trouble with the social or sales skills, I can help them with that too. ●

FEDEX Delivers Its Vancouver Service Centre in Surrey

Almost a year after standing on the 48 thousand square foot concrete slab, which formed the floor of the largest Fedex freight facility in Canada, on a blazing sunny day, the company celebrated the official opening of the Surrey-based Vancouver Service Centre. This time the ceremony was held in the massive freight hall which has 39 doors on each

side, with representatives of the city, logistics and business communities on hand to welcome this anchor tenant to the Wesgroup PacificLink Business Park at the foot of Scott Road hill.

The 85 thousand square foot warehouse set on 16 acres, along with the administrative centre is home to 20 staff; 14 city drivers and 4 line haul drivers with dock and office staff. ●



HR Solutions for Immigrant Talent Initiative

By John Coward



The Surrey Board of Trade's *HR Solutions for Immigrant Talent Initiative* has been developed through funding provided by the Employer Innovation Fund, that will give BC employers new and innovative resources, information and programs, to recruit and retain skilled new immigrants. Overseen by the Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC) and funded by the Government of Canada and Province of BC, the Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) was one of 11 organizations funded to develop a project that will address immigrant talent hiring and retention challenges faced by B.C. employers. This SBOT Project will provide workshops, resource navigation and immigrant HR support for our members, with a "one-on-one" hands on approach provided by a roving HR specialist, designed to assist small and medium sized businesses to integrate immigrants into their labour pools.

We are delivering the *HR Solutions for Immigrant Talent Initiative* in partnership with Douglas College The Training Group and together will be hosting 12 awareness workshops across Surrey, providing employers with resource kits, including local resources designed to assist them in recruiting, selecting, integrating and retaining immigrants into their workplaces. Employers interested in customized training will be provided with a business needs analysis followed by a detailed training plan developed and delivered by Douglas College Industry Liaison Specialists. Resources and training

are provided at no cost for employer or employees who participate in the initiative, and will be arranged to accommodate business work schedules, provided onsite or offsite and outside of regular work hours if required.

Employers recognize that BC's skilled immigrants are a talent pool that can address our labour shortages. We also know firsthand the challenges and opportunities in hiring and integrating skilled immigrants into our workplaces. This initiative will go a long way to give local employers new and effective ways to attract and integrate skilled new immigrants into their workforce. Anita Huberman the Board's CEO noted, "we are pleased to receive funding from the federal and provincial governments to support this initiative, and look forward to assisting employers across Surrey with skilled immigrant workers employment solutions.

For more on the *HR Solutions for Immigrant Talent Initiative*, please contact John Coward, Industry Manager, SBOT at 604.889.0094 or john.d.coward@gmail.com

To reserve your workshop seat or book a support consultation, contact John Harrison, Industry Liaison, Douglas College The Training Group, 778.985.8971 or harrisonj@douglascollege.ca ●

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Announcements & Congratulations

The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) has been recognized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers competition as one of the best workplaces for Canadians over 40 years of age. This is the third year BDC has received this prestigious distinction. **More info:** www.bdc.ca.

BDC Venture Capital is helping innovative Canadian technology SMEs break into US and global markets, by partnering with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) to expand the Canadian Technology Accelerator (CTA) program in the United States. The partnership will enable further development of new accelerators in Boston, New York City, San Francisco and Philadelphia to help some of the most promising Canadian companies access new clients and investors in the US and abroad, and result in a strengthening of our venture capital ecosystem as a whole. BDC Venture Capital is also involved with accelerators at home, such as **Growlab, Extreme Startups, Hyperdrive and FounderFuel**. **More info:** bit.ly/1910xV7; www.bdc.ca.

Mayor Watts and City Council have named **Bill Reid**, Surrey's Good Citizen of the Year. Reid has tirelessly served the community for over five decades. His many accomplishments include: Executive Director of the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, former VP for the Cloverdale BIA and former President of the White Rock Chamber of Commerce, Board member for Cloverdale Rodeo, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient, former MLA for Surrey-White Rock Cloverdale (1983-1991) and Minister of Tourism. **More info:** www.surrey.ca/city-government/13233.aspx.

The **City of Surrey's** new responsive web design provides optimal viewing on all devices, whether it is a Smartphone, tablet or any sized desktop monitor. It includes easy reading and navigation with minimal resizing, scrolling and panning. There are more and more city services available online and via various Smartphone apps. **More info:** www.surrey.ca/city-government/13347.aspx.

City of Surrey and **Coast Capital Savings** are bringing you Canada Day celebrations July 1 2013. Don't miss the headline entertainment, midway, soccer demonstrations, storytelling, the market-place, and lots of interactive activities for kids. **More info:** www.surrey.ca/canadaday.

Clarity Marketing & Design has relaunched after 8 years of business. The relaunch followed shortly after the owner, **Samantha Gernhart** was named as a finalist for the Surrey Women in Business Awards. Clarity Marketing & Design provides web, logo, graphic, seo and social media services. **More info:** www.claritymarketingdesign.com.

On May 11, **Kwantlen Polytechnic University's (KPU)** Langley campus presented the 2013 Science Rendezvous. They showcased experiments featuring wireless robots, do-it-yourself rockets, dancing fire, and extracting DNA. There was also a chemistry magic show, a bug lab and a marine organism show and tell. **More info:** sciencerezvous@kwantlen.ca.

At their convocation this year, **Kwantlen Polytechnic University** is awarding Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees to **Janet Austin**, CEO of the **Vancouver YWCA**, **George Melville**, chairman and owner of **Boston Pizza International** and KPU Governor, **Susan Davidson**, founder of **Glorious Organics Cooperative**, and **Charan Gill**, founding president of **Progressive Intercultural Community Services**. Honorary degrees are awarded to those honoris causa (for the sake of honour)

in recognition of dignified achievements or outstanding service to the public. Members of the community-at-large are invited to nominate honorary degree candidates. **More info:** kwantlen.ca.

Prestige Performance Consulting Ltd has a mission to increase Board of Trade membership value beyond discounts, to help businesses evolve. Benefits to members include a **Complimentary** strategic business performance review that zeros-in on key goals, risks and high priority areas and **15% discount** on all prestige consulting services. **For more information talk to Galia Shakur at** consulting@pbmc.ca

During National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2013, **Prospera Credit Union** employees from the Okanagan to Vancouver contributed 1,360 volunteer hours for **United Way** agencies in their local communities. In total, 170 staff members participated in 30 volunteer opportunities. The **Surrey Food Bank** was one of 13 charitable organizations involved. "Based on the success we've experienced this year, we look forward to making Days of Caring an annual opportunity for our staff to give back," says Prospera's President & CEO **Bruce Howell**. **More info** www.prospera.ca.

The Silber family has made a generous donation of \$50,000 to **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation**. Funds will go towards medical equipment for the new Critical Care Tower. **More info:** www.smhfoundation.com.

Trinity Western University Master of Arts in Leadership Leadership Forum takes place July 29, and offers practical tips, tools, techniques for today's leader. **More info:** twu.ca/leadershipforum.



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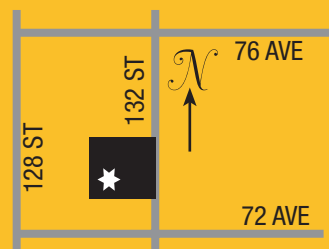
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