



Winners Announced in Surrey's Town Centres Design Competition

Top submissions selected from 138 entries from around the globe

Surrey, BC, Canada (February 24, 2010): Submissions from Canada, the UK, Ireland, the United States and Colombia have been selected as the winning entries in the "TownShift: Suburb Into City" design competition sponsored by the City of Surrey.

TownShift: Suburb Into City is really five contests in one, launched in November to attract fresh design ideas from all corners of the world in order to provide a vision for the future growth of Surrey's five growing town centres - Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton and Semiahmoo.

Surrey is poised to surpass Vancouver's population in the next couple of decades. The City is also rapidly shifting away from its rural roots and becoming more urban, with a new major downtown city centre development already underway at Surrey Central City.

TownShift was created to solicit sustainable design ideas for Surrey's other growing town centres, in a way that allows them to be independent, provide local services, and reduce our dependence on driving - while also keeping these town centres connected to the rest of Surrey,

The competition attracted 138 submissions from 20 countries, and 27 finalists were selected by the five-member TownShift jury. All 27 have been on public display at Simon Fraser University (SFU) Surrey Central City for the past three weeks, and will remain on display until Feb 28th, the closing day of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. These entries are also posted at www.townshift.ca

Renate Solivar of Vancouver took the overall top prize of \$15,000 for his entry "Return of Ritual" which proposes structuring a new bold, brightly coloured construction along 152nd Street in front of Guildford Mall. In addition to the \$15,000 first prize, his entry also won \$10,000 for first prize in the Guildford category, for total winnings of \$25,000.

"The response to TownShift was even greater than we had expected, and the submissions cover a wide range of potential ideas," said Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts. "I'm looking forward to the next steps which involve assessing these submissions with a view to possible implementation in them one day in development plans for all five of our growing town centres."

The next steps in taking new ideas and making them into reality will be explored at a special panel discussion entitled “**Where Do We Go From Here?**” at Kwantlen Polytechnic University’s main Surrey Campus on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:00PM.

Prizes

\$15,000 Grand Prize for Best Overall Design

\$10,000 for each First Prize

\$2,000 each Second Prize

Winning Entries

Guildford

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| 1st prize + overall prize | Entry #42 | Renante Solivar, Vancouver, BC |
| 2 nd prize | #26 | Vincent Siu, Vancouver, BC |
| Mention | #158 | Felicisimo Macalino, Vancouver, BC |

Semiahmoo

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| 1 st prize | Entry #34 | Robert Denvir, Vancouver, BC |
| 2 nd prize | #99 | Matthew Johnson, Houston, Texas |
| Mention | #71 | Gerry Gleeson, Dublin, Ireland |

Fleetwood

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| 1 st prize | Entry #143 | Martin Liew, Richmond, BC |
| 2 nd prize | #148 | Luis Mujica, Medellin, Colombia |
| Mention | #54 | Stephanie Webb, Baytown, Texas |

Cloverdale

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| 1 st prize | Entry #144 | Peeroj Thakre, Vancouver, BC |
| 2 nd prize | #131 | Claudia Moreica, London, UK |
| Mention | #85 | Robert Toth, Vancouver, BC |

Newton

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| 2 nd prize | Entry #73 | Alan James, Vancouver, BC |
| 2 nd prize | #30 | Richard Hulbert, West Vancouver BC |

- ***More details about TownShift are contained in the backgrounder attached.***
- ***Renderings and other graphics are available for download at www.townshift.ca***

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BACKGROUND

TownShift: An Ideas Competition **An initiative of the City of Surrey**

TownShift's sites are in Surrey, but the issues are global,

Surrey will surpass Vancouver as British Columbia's most populous city within two decades. In recognition of this, an all-new downtown is currently rising in Surrey's City Centre, and attention is shifting to the other Town Centres of Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton and Semiahmoo.

- Cloverdale: Round-Up - Building Affordability
- Fleetwood: Marker - Shaping Gateway Identity
- Guildford: Cornered - Place-Making at Mall's Edge
- Newton: New Town - Connecting Density to Transit
- Semiahmoo: Up - Forming Plaza through Residential Towers

Five Different Sites, Five Scales of Design, Five Futures for Suburbia

Can the ideas of designers shift suburbia into true urbanity? Can we build livability, walkability, sustainability, and residential density around the shopping mall, along the retail strip, beside the rec centre, and down the street from bungalows?

The International Response

Entry deadline was January 6, 2010. 138 design submissions were accepted from participants in 20 countries as follows:

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| Australia | Ireland |
| Brazil | Italy |
| Bulgaria | Japan |
| Canada | Russia |
| Canary Islands | South Korea |
| Colombia | The Netherlands |
| Croatia | Ukraine |
| France | United Kingdom |
| Germany | United States |
| Hungary | Yugoslavia |

Submission breakdown:

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| Cloverdale | 27 submissions |
| Fleetwood | 21 submissions |
| Guildford | 32 submissions |
| Newton | 20 submissions |
| Semiahmoo | 38 submissions |

27 top entries from contestants in 10 countries were selected by the TownShift five member jury and will remain on public display at Surrey Central City until February 28th, 2010. The entries are also posted at www.townshift.ca, and a publication is also to follow.

TownShift Competition Jury

- David Miller, Miller-Hull Partnership, Architecture Chair, University of Washington, Seattle
- Steven Teeple, Teeple Architects, Toronto
- Jane Durante, Durante-Kreuk Landscape Architects, Vancouver
- Peter Webb, Senior Vice President, Concord Pacific Developments, Vancouver
- Mary Beth Rondeau, City Architect, City of Surrey

TownShift Competition Organizers

- Allen Aubert, Coordinator
- John Sprung, Documentation
- Trevor Boddy, Content and Communications
- Scott Kemp, AIBC Liaison
- Jean Lamontagne, Planning Director, City of Surrey
- Sean Ruthen, Assistant