



MEDIA ADVISORY

27 Visions for the New Surrey from Designers Worldwide: Feb. 4 Exhibition and Talks Celebrate “Urbanizing the Suburbs”

Major exhibition of finalist designs in TownShift Ideas Competition from 10 countries opens at SFU Surrey Central City: “Which One Do You Think Is Best?”

Surrey, BC, Canada: Media and the public are invited for their first glimpse of Surrey re-made for a more sustainable and urbane future. While 27 finalists selected from 138 submissions received in the *TownShift: Suburb Into City* international design ideas competition go on display at Simon Fraser University (SFU) Surrey Central City on Thursday, February 4th, the winners will not be announced until February 24. The stunning and colourful drawings of the Surrey of the future include the first and second prize winners in each of the different town centres, plus the overall Grand Prize Winner, but the judges have also selected another dozen projects of interest. Form your own opinion about which schemes are best before learning the judges' choice on February 24.

TownShift was launched in November to seek design submissions for five growing town centres in Surrey - Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton and Semiahmoo.

The competition offers \$75,000 in prizes, with winners to be announced on February 24th. The exhibition is free and open to the public seven days per week during business hours until February 28

What: **Public Exhibition of Finalists and Panel Discussion**
TownShift: Suburb Into City

Date: **Thursday, February 4, 2010**

Where: **Dale B. Regehr Grand Hall**
SFU Surrey Central City
13450 – 102nd Avenue
Surrey, BC

Times: **5:00 PM – Advance Media Preview**

6:00 PM – Official Public Opening of Exhibition by Mayor Dianne Watts

7:00 PM – Panel Discussion – “Urbanizing the Suburbs”

- **Bing Thom** - Surrey Central City architect
“City Centres for Surrey and Richmond”
- **Lisa Rochon** - Globe and Mail architecture critic
“Urbanizing Suburban Toronto”

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