



## 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, United Kingdom, Ireland, 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 five contests in one, and was 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.

Renante 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 152<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of Guildford Mall. In addition, 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 unique ideas," said Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts. "I'm looking forward to the next step which involves assessing the designs and determining how we can incorporate these visions in our plan to enhance our growing town centres."

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](http://www.townshift.ca)

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.

The entrants were asked to consider sustainable design ideas that will allow the town centres to be independent, provide local services, and reduce our dependence on driving - while also keeping these areas connected to the rest of Surrey,

The next step in the design process 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

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***Winning Entries***

**Guildford**

**1st Prize & Overall prize \$10,000 + \$15,000**

**#42 Return of Ritual**

Team: Renante Go-Soco Solivar

Vancouver, Canada

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#26 The Animated Public Datum**

Team: Vincent Siu

Vancouver, Canada

**Honourable Mention**

**#158 Guildford Cornered: Place-Making at Mall's Edge**

Team: Felicisimo M. Macalino; Apollo R. Reverente

Vancouver, Canada

**Semiahmoo**

**1st Prize \$10,000**

**#34 A Place in Space**

Team: Robert Denvir

Vancouver, Canada

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#99 Vertiplaza**

Team: Matthew Johnson; Jason Logan; Josh Robbins

Houston, United States

**Honourable Mention**

**#71 Semiahmoo Urban Heart**

Team: Gerry (Gerard) Gleeson, BA Hons Arch

Dublin, Ireland

## **Fleetwood**

**1st Prize \$10,000**

**#143 Urban Typography**

Team: Martin Liew MAIBC MRAIC; Martin Peter IA  
Richmond, Canada

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#148 Fleetwood Tower**

Team: Paisajes Emergentes (Luis Callejas; Edgar Mazo; Sebastian Mejia; Lovisa Lindstrom; Sara Hellgreen)  
Medellin, Columbia

**Honourable Mention**

**#54 Welcome to Fleetwood**

Team: Alp Bozkurt; Peter Ho; Stephanie Webb  
Baytown, United States

## **Cloverdale**

**1st Prize \$10,000**

**#144 Surrey Crossing - Crossing Surrey**

Team: Fang Liu; Tracey Mactavish; Henning Knoetzele; Peeroj Thakre (ph5 architecture inc.)  
Vancouver, Canada

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#131 Home Years**

Team: Claudia Moreira; Hugo Moreira; Robert Tensen  
London, United Kingdom

**Honourable Mention**

**#85 Round-up Cloverdale**

Team: Jesse Ratcliffe; Robert Toth  
Vancouver, Canada

## **Newton**

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#73 Connecting Density to Transit**

Team: Alan M James; Philip C Davis; Colin Weston; Kim C Barnsley  
Vancouver, Canada

**2nd Prize \$2,000**

**#30 Newton Place**

Team: Richard Hulbert; Judy Tang  
West Vancouver, Canada

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

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:

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](http://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
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