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Residents Given the Opportunity to Shape Surrey's Future during "TownShift: Visions for Surrey"

Note: Images Attached

Surrey – Residents will get the chance to discuss the future of their city in a unique series of events entitled *TownShift: Visions for Surrey*. The presentations will highlight the architectural and urban design propositions for Surrey's town centres, which were developed earlier this year during *TownShift: Suburb Into City*, the largest international ideas design competition ever undertaken by a Canadian municipality.

"The purpose of the *TownShift* project is to engage the public to develop innovative and sustainable design for our communities," says Mayor Dianne Watts. "I was impressed by the range and depth of the imaginative proposals and I'm looking forward to hearing from others about how to incorporate the visions into our town centres."

TownShift: Suburb Into City was launched in November 2009 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.

The competition attracted 138 submissions from 20 countries, and 27 finalists were selected by the five-member *TownShift* jury. Renante Solivar of Vancouver took the overall top prize 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, his entry also won first prize in the Guildford category.

In the second phase of the project, *TownShift: Visions for Surrey*, residents will get a chance to view and offer their opinions about the designs, which are intended to make Surrey's town centres more walkable, livable, engaging and sustainable.

"This is a rare opportunity to have a visually-driven public discussion about urban alternatives," says *TownShift* co-organizer Trevor Boddy. "These meetings will provide Surrey residents with a visual gateway into shaping the future of their city."

For more information, including the design highlights for each community, visit: www.townshift.ca.

"TownShift: Visions for Surrey" presentation schedule:

CLOVERDALE
Thursday, Nov. 18:

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
5500 180 St. (access off Highway 10) room 1853, Boardroom

FLEETWOOD
Tuesday, Nov. 23:

Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex
16555 Fraser Highway, Multi-purpose Room 3

GUILDFORD
Thursday, Nov. 25:

Guildford Recreation Centre
15105 – 105 Ave., Multi-purpose Room, Level 2

SEMIAHMOO
Tuesday, Nov. 30:

Sunnyside Hall
1845 – 154 Street

NEWTON
Thursday, Dec. 2:

Newton Community Hall
enter via Wave Pool, 13730 – 72 Ave., Multi-purpose Room 3

The presentations are open to the public and admission is free:

6:00 pm **Open house:** display of selected *TownShift*'s competition panels; meet the designers and organizers (tea, coffee, and dessert served).

7:00 pm **Visual presentation:** *TownShift* project co-organizer Trevor Boddy will outline key design ideas.

8:00 pm **Community dialogue:** public comments, queries and suggestions.

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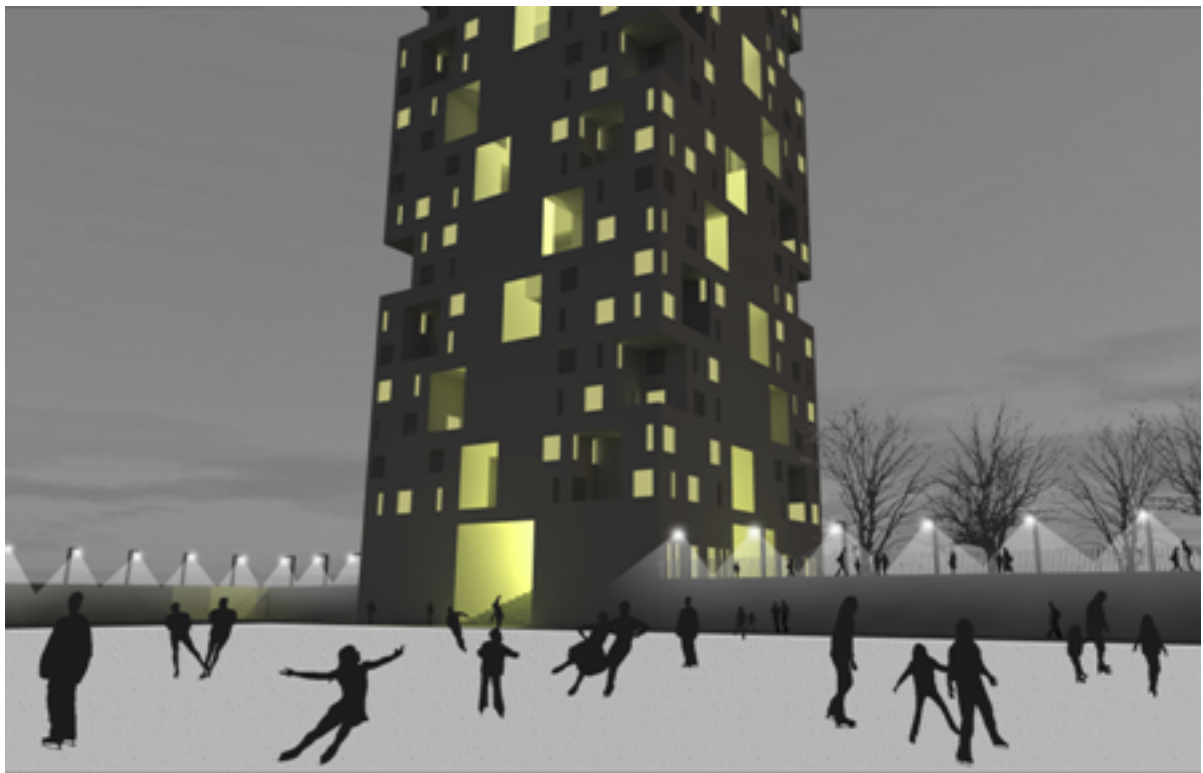
Attached Images:

1. TownShift Second Prize for the Cloverdale site, designed by Claudia Moneira of London, England.
2. TownShift First Prize for the Fleetwood site, designed by Martin Liew of Richmond, B.C.
3. TownShift First Prize for the Guildford site, and overall grand winner, designed by Renante Solivar of Vancouver.
4. Townshift First Prize for the Semiahmoo site, designed by Robert Denvir of Dublin, Ireland and Vancouver.
5. TownShift Second Prize for the Newton site, designed by Alan James of Vancouver.











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