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## SFU Medical School in Surrey

The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) commissioned Roslyn Kunin & Associates to complete a study on the economic benefits of a medical school. The findings show that a medical school in Downtown Surrey would contribute \$159.9 million to the provincial GDP on an annual operational basis – amounting to \$3 billion over 20 years and supporting 1,800 jobs.

For capital costs for the Medical School, findings estimated \$864,000 in GDP contribution to the provincial economy, 8 jobs supported and \$212,000 government tax revenue for every \$1 million of capital costs – for example, a \$10 million construction project would bring almost \$9 million in GDP contribution towards for the provincial economy, support 80 jobs and generate over \$2 million in tax revenue in a year. Notably, the medical school would also draw out-of-province visitor spending, the report said, generating \$127,000 in tax revenue for B.C. for every \$1 million of visitor spending.

“Excluding the above qualitative benefits, a Surrey Medical School will produce hundreds of millions of dollars each year and billions of dollars over the life of the facility,” the report concluded, adding that the BIA should make “every effort... to encourage the approval of funding and establishment of an SFU medical school featuring distributed practise in central Surrey.”

SFU's page on the progress of the project remains at "internal community engagement" – only the second in seven steps (with "proposed medical school announced" as the only completed step preceding it). The website noted that "internal community engagement" was completed this spring.

Officials have yet to begin five following steps: External community engagement, analysis of accreditation process, preliminary curricular model, costing analysis and vision for the school itself.

The school would be partnered with both Fraser Health and the First Nations Health Authority, according to SFU. Currently, the school says it expects to welcome its first class within four years.

In a statement, DSBIA CEO Elizabeth Model said it is crucial for the project to go ahead – not only for Surrey itself, but for the province at-large.

"While the focus of the report is on the economics associated with a medical school, we also need to be mindful of the major impact it would have on health outcomes by training more health professionals, creating greater access to primary care and helping to address some of the critical challenges facing our acute care system," Model said in her statement.







## Renewal

Written by Jiven Lal

*A few of our current and past directors at the Extraordinary General Meeting with CEO, Elizabeth Model.*

Over the past twenty years, the DSBIA has operated on five-year terms. This most recent renewal included a proposal that the term be extended to seven years, rather than five years. This extension follows trends of best practice among other BIAs — reducing costs of renewal, more efficiently utilizing staff hours and resources, and providing greater stability for the association to engage in longer term planning.

The renewal process worked to engage the business community, so that the DSBIA may continue planning and operating in a manner that best serves our members. In 2021, DSBIA staff and Board of Directors revised the Strategic Plan as the first step of the renewal process. Beginning in January 2022, the DSBIA engaged in a two-month long renewal survey campaign, during which members were given the opportunity to complete a comprehensive survey designed to ascertain business priorities. This information would be essential for creating a budget for the coming term that accurately reflected the needs and wishes of the members.

Thirty-six questions were employed to focus on priority levels for different DSBIA initiatives. A single question asking if respondents supported the continuation of the DSBIA under a renewed seven-year mandate found 94.19% support for the continuation of DSBIA for another seven years.



Armed with information gathered during renewal surveys, DSBIA staff drafted new budget proposals — three of which were taken to the DSBIA Finance Committee with changes, they chose on budget to take membership for approval.

The DSBIA Management Committee and the full Board of Directors presented the proposed financial budgets to membership over five renewal meetings. Three meetings were organized, with breakfast, lunch, and evening options included to ensure all businesses would have an opportunity to attend. An additional breakfast time was arranged, as well as an evening virtual meeting allowing members to provide their unique perspectives, and additionally serving as community building opportunities.

On July 20th, 2022, the DSBIA held its Extraordinary General Meeting at City Centre Library. At the meeting, the Board of Directors were present to discuss member concerns and answer questions. At the meeting, all three proposed motions were passed: providing the DSBIA with a seven-year mandate, adopting the proposed levy strategy, and approving the proposed budget for 2023.

The final steps of renewal lie with the City of Surrey. City staff will go over documentation and contact property owners, informing them of renewal intentions. In February 2023, Surrey City Council will approve (or disprove) the renewal. Should all go as expected, the new DSBIA term is slated to begin April 1st, 2023.





Hood Goods, Surrey's latest exotic snack store, has recently opened a block away from Central City. As you walk in the door, you will be amazed by the great variety of products. The first thing that captures your attention would be the sports shoe and tray wall that is displayed in a bright, clean, and minimalist environment, making Hood Goods distinct from other regular snack stores. Not only does it offer a great variety of snacks, but it also sells sports shoes and customizable trays. You can custom orders with any image or colors available!

The snacks Hood Goods offers cannot be commonly found in Canadian retailers. They are rare products that are mostly imported from foreign countries such as Mainland China and Japan; Naruto Ichiraku Ramen Candy, Sneaky Stardust Gum Powder, and Power Poppers Sour Foam. Some featured snack flavors include Key Lime Pie flavor m&m's, Kit Kat raspberry blast, and Skittles Wild Berry + Tropical. The snacks are visually appealing to children as some of them include fun games. The top of Thumb Shots Lollipop allows consumers to flick the knob with their thumbs and aim for a goal.

Hood Goods also takes its snack selection a step forward by introducing an ice cream bar and a dessert display fridge filled with candy apples and mini cake jars. According to the reviews, its products have reasonable and better prices compared to similar stores in the lower mainland.

If you want to buy exotic snacks that you have never tried before, Hood Goods is the perfect place for you. Drop by 10221 King George Boulevard or call 604-399-9443. Hood Goods is also available on SkiptheDishes and Uber Eats for delivery and pickup options.

*Operating hours of Hood Goods are Monday to Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to follow @hoodgoods.ca on Instagram for its updates!*

Written by Cara Cheng



## Explore the George New Business - Hood Goods

Ustaad G76 is a modern Indian restaurant located at 10009 Whalley Blvd, Surrey. Ustaad G76 is centrally located in one of the largest and fastest growing cities in our province; within walking distance of King George Skytrain Station.

Ustaad G76 features their delicious best sellers Butter Chicken, Butter Naan, Cholle Bhature, and Roti starting as low as \$1.99. Ustaad G76 offers a variety of spice levels from mild to extra hot spiciness on main course meals.

Looking for something to try instead? Try Amritsari Kulcha! Amritsari Kulcha qualifies as a delicious meal all by itself. A traditional Punjabi recipe, Chole Kulche is made from maida (white refined flour) and cooked in a tandoor. The Kulche is stuffed with potatoes, cottage cheese, pomegranate seeds and spices. Generously glazed with a dollop of butter, it is served with chole – the spicy chickpea curry. The dish comes with an assortment of salads that include mustard carrot pickle, lemon wedges, onions and green chutney.

Be sure to check out Ustaad G76 for tasty Indian cuisine at 10009 Whalley Blvd. Operating hours for Ustaad G76 are Monday to Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

***"They have amazing food and servers are super nice. We loved the food so much that we ended up going there twice on the same day. They were very kind to offer a complimentary dessert on my husband's bday. Highly recommended."***

**- SHAHNAAZ GHOTRA**

***"Amazing food, amazing service, amazing people. It's very busy, so maybe call before, still got the spot for the food. They were about to close but got us in. Very polite and nice people."***

**- VISHAL ARORA**



## Explore the George New Business - USTAAD G76 Surrey Central

Written by Leanna Villar



Fresh Healthy Cafe offers fresh and healthy alternative fast food located at 13660 George Jct Unit 115, at King George Hub. Fresh Healthy Cafe is conveniently within walking distance from King George Skytrain Station.

Fresh Healthy Cafe's mission is to provide customers with fresh and healthy alternatives to unhealthy fast food sourcing and serving the freshest, highest-quality ingredients. Fresh Healthy Cafe uses biodegradable packaging materials in all stores.

Fresh Healthy Cafe sells the highest quality food and beverages, meets the diverse nutritional need for all customers, serves all products in 100% biodegradable packaging, and designs stores to incorporate a smaller carbon-foot print by using sustainable materials and resources.

Fresh Healthy Cafe's most popular item is their Teriyaki bowl, comprised of a Quinoa base, grilled chicken, portobello mushrooms, edamame, green pepper, cucumber, tomato, corn, sesame seeds, Teriyaki sauce, all for just \$12.

This month, Fresh Healthy Cafe's seasonal feature is their matcha green tea smoothie and matcha green tea bowl. For as low as \$6.50, the seasonal features are healthy, antioxidant-filled, smooth, creamy, and delicious.

*Located in King George Hub. Operating hours for Fresh Healthy Cafe are Monday to Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*



## Explore the George New Business - Fresh Healthy Cafe

Written by Leanna Villar

ARMADA EVS (Electronic Vehicle Systems) has been in business since 2010. Since it's inception, ARMADA EVS has been bringing the best combination of quality, value and performance electric toys/vehicles as well as offering unparalleled service and technical support to meet the demands of our customers and dealers. ARMADA EVS has you covered with all of the essential parts in stock. ARMADA EVS specializes in all electric toys/vehicles and upholds the inventory to support them.

Based in beautiful British Columbia and proudly Canadian. ARMADA EVS delivers local to Metro Vancouver - Fraser Valley area of British Columbia and ship anywhere in Canada and USA. You can visit, pickup or buy items in store or get them delivered. ARMADA EVS has a retail showroom in Downtown Surrey.

In August, ARMADA EVS will be hosting a huge end of Summer Sale at the New Showroom at Unit 3-13890 104th Ave, Surrey.

In addition, there will also be a showcase of all the electric Standup scooters, Electric Bicycles, and Electric Motorcycles at the PNE Marketplace. Anyone, who is interested in purchasing or learning more about personal electric vehicles can seek assistance at booth #627. There will be a chance to purchase a raffle ticket to win a Scooter.

Electric Scooters are easy to ride. For commuter riding between work, home or school you can easily get 50km range on one charge. Maintenance cost is very low, with batteries costing between \$360 to \$540 every year and a half to two years on new batteries. Technical service for E-Bikes are available by appointment on [armadascooters.com](http://armadascooters.com)

*Operating hours for ARMADA EVS are Monday to Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*



## Explore the George New Business - EV Revolution

Written by Leanna Villar



# Meet the rest of our Interns -

## Our High School Interns

The Downtown Surrey BIA (DSBIA) hires university students every summer to assist with research projects, marketing initiatives, communication campaigns and events. Since 2017, the DSBIA applied for funding from Canada Summer Jobs to hire high school students to perform at various events and activities being held in the area throughout the summer.

In addition, we have paired the students with a university intern to learn additional skills such as marketing and communications, social media and community engagement. We were fortunate and received funding for three high school students that started with the DSBIA on June 28th.

Since then, they have assisted at Canada Day, Fusion Fest and Surrey Voices as well as performing at the 8 hour Music Marathon at Civic Plaza and pop-up events at King George Hub.

Follow us on Twitter (@dtsurreybia) to find out where they will be next. We would like to thank the Federal Government and our MP, Randeep Sarai for their support for this project.



### **Gia Bruce, Social Media and Performance Intern**

This semester we welcome Gia Bruce to the Downtown Surrey BIA as a Social Media and Performance Intern. Gia is enrolled at North Surrey Secondary School, entering her Grade 12 year. As the social media intern, she will be working with the Click On Surrey Team; writing captions, editing graphics and assisting various businesses in the Downtown Surrey area to help promote their products and services.

In her spare time, Gia practices Taekwondo, takes part in choir and takes acting classes. Gia has an interest in biology and paleontology. She enjoys reading and writing. Her favourite book being Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo. She has a passion for writing and hopes to continue her studies in creative writing after completing high school. Her dream school for post secondary is the University of British Columbia, and she hopes to enroll in their creative writing program after high school.

**Written by Meg Dutton**

### **Meg Dutton, Performance and Community Engagement Intern**

This semester, Downtown Surrey BIA is excited to welcome Meg Dutton as Performance and Community Engagement Intern. In September, Meg will be entering her Grade 12 year at Fraser Heights Secondary School. You can see Meg performing during Music Marathon, as well as Thursdays at King George Hub this summer.

Besides school, Meg is enrolled in the senior program of SMASH Theatre School. During Meg's free time, she enjoys musicals and has been part of 11 productions. At Music Marathon at Civic Plaza, you can hear Meg performing her favourite songs from the popular production, "Dear Evan Hansen".

After graduating high school, Meg wants to major in Social Justice and Human Rights.

Her other interests include crocheting and baking. Meg enjoys spending time to make cute amigurumis to decorate her living room. Meg is talented in baking. She has treated her colleagues to delicious cream puffs.

We are lucky to have Meg on our team. This summer is expected to be better with her!

**Written by Suren Ghazaryan**



### **Suren Ghazaryan, Performance, Communications and Marketing Intern**

The Downtown Surrey BIA is happy to welcome back Performance, Communications and Marketing Intern, Suren Ghazaryan. In September, he will enter Grade 12 at Tamanawis Secondary School and is aiming to study computer science at the University of British Columbia. His goal is to one day become a game developer or an IT specialist. This summer, Suren will be performing at events, as well as assisting with Downtown Surrey BIA's Instagram and Twitter posts to keep the community updated on upcoming events.

Suren is a talented piano player with a deep interest in music. He won a talent show by playing piano facing backwards. He can speak three languages; English, Armenian, and Russian. Other hobbies of his include swimming, playing online chess, telling terrible dad jokes, and solving a rubix cube in less than a minute. His favorite Starbucks drink is the Caramel Ribbon Crunch Frappuccino. Come see Suren perform on Thursdays at King George Hub, and at Music Marathon on Wednesday, August 10th at Civic Plaza!

**Written by Gia Bruce**





# august

## Community Calender

FOLLOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

**Music on the Plaza** | Civic Plaza (City Hall) | every Tuesday from 6:30-8pm from July 5-September 6

**Plaza Days** | every Thursday from 12-2pm | Civic Plaza – family activities from July 7- September 1

**Babytime Wednesdays** | 10:00 am - 10:30 am | City Centre Branch This program is for babies 0-1 and their caregiver. Join us for songs, stories, rhymes and bounces to help your baby develop speech and language skills. After a 30 minute storytime, there will be a social time for babies and their caregivers. | 604.598.7427 or surreylibraries.ca

**Family Storytime I Fridays 10:00 - 10:30 am I** City Centre Branch - This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Join us for fun stories and songs for the whole family! Help imaginations grow and build a love of reading.

**Mini Meat Draws and 50/50 Draws** Every Saturday and Sunday tickets on sale at 3pm at Whalley Legion 10767 King George Blvd.

**AUG 04 630PM - 8PM Virtual Community Conversations - Redevelopment Updates for Downtown Surrey**

*Guest: Elizabeth Model*

Get Aug04 Community  
Conversation tickets at:



**AUG 06 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**

*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**AUG 06 Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park**

*Fun & entertainment starts at 6pm, movie starts at dusk. Movie: Sing 2*

**AUG 11 Virtual Community Conversations 630PM - 8PM - Food Insecurity and Waste Management**

Get Aug06 Community  
Conversation tickets at:



**AUG 13 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**

*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**AUG 13 Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park.**

*Fun & entertainment starts at 6pm, movie starts at dusk. Movie: Encanto*

**AUG 13 11:30AM - 8PM Afro-Caribbean Festival at Civic Plaza**

**AUG 14 Pakistan Festival at Civic Plaza (behind City Hall)**

**AUG 16 530PM - 730PM Community Picnic at Kwantlen Park**

*Clean up the park, activities and games. Contact at 604.501.5050.*

**AUG 20 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**

*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**AUG 20 Movies Under the Stars at Holland Park.**

*Fun & entertainment starts at 6pm, movie starts at dusk. Movie: Sonic*

**AUG 20 Battle of the Brews at Civic Plaza from 1-5pm. Beer and Music.**

**AUG 27 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**

*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*



# september

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**SEP 10 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**  
*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**SEP 16 9AM - 6PM Easter Seal Drop Zone at Central City Office Tower**  
*Info: dropzonebc.ca*

**SEP 17 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**  
*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**SEP 24 10AM - 3PM Surrey Urban Farmers Market at Royal Kwantlen Park**  
*Free entertainment! Shop local. 13035 104 Ave, Surrey*

**SEP 26 6PM - 8PM All Candidates Meeting at Civic Hotel**  
*Mayoral Candidates*

**SEP 27 6PM - 830PM All Candidates Meeting at Civic Hotel**  
*Council Candidates*

**SEP 29 6PM - 830PM Chubby Cree Performance at City Hall**  
*Central Stage at City Hall. Tickets \$24.*







# Movie Under the Stars

Written by Flora Xu

What better way to spend Saturday nights than enjoying family-friendly movies under the stars? The annual Movies Under the Stars is back at Holland Park on August 6th, 13th and 20th. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with live performances from local performers, including live dances, music and a magician. The evening continues with fun and interactive games where there will be lots of prizes to be won. We will end the night with a movie when the sun goes down. We will be playing a different movie each week. So if you have been itching to watch **Sing 2**, **Encanto** or **Sonic the Hedgehog 2**, stop by and enjoy the company of others.

On August 6th, Show off your spectacular vocals and bless your eardrums with the breathtaking performances from **Sing 2**. Let the power of music heal any broken hearts as we also listen to our musical act from local artist Alec Dore.

On August 13th, Get up and dance to the beat of the rhythm with the Madrigals. Experience the magic surrounding **Encanto** and the enchantment from our live magic show by Rod Chow Magic.

On August 20th, Fasten up your seat belts to go on an adventure zooming across the city with Sonic. We will be showing **Sonic the Hedgehog 2**. We will be warming up our legs with a Zumba dance party to get our hearts pumping.

We would like to thank our presenting sponsor, PCI Developments, our gold sponsors SFU, Wesgroup and the City of Surrey as well as our silver sponsors, KPU, Hamilton Duncan, ICBA and Anthem Properties. Without their support, these free events would not be possible.



# Music Marathon

Written by Alexandra Wiens

The first Music Marathon of the summer took place on July 13, 2022. Civic plaza was filled with music from 9 am to 5 pm. The music ranged from musical theatre numbers to classical piano to top 40 hits – Zumba style. The Downtown Surrey BIA is lucky to have many interns who have a knack for performing! Kaylee and Riya, music marathon veterans, brought their talents back for another summer of performing, singing songs in Japanese and Spanish, while mixing in top 40 hits. The high school interns Gia and Meg showed off their abilities by singing various songs that captivated the plaza. Suren continued to wow the crowd by playing the keyboard. His take on Believer by Imagine Dragons was a real crowd pleaser.

We also had Surrey community members Elie Mei Job and Garrett Kid, perform alongside the DSBIA interns. Elie Mei performed in the morning and got the crowd singing along to her cover of Dancing Queen by ABBA. Garrett performed a mix of covers and original songs. He wonderfully connected his musical talents and storytelling ability through his performance of some amazing original songs.

Mattmac ended off the day with an incredible performance. Mattmac is a music producer and recording artist from Garden Hills First Nations in Manitoba. His music has had more than 150,000 streams on Spotify, and his single "Paradise" has hit #1 on the NCI Indigenous Music Countdown on SiriusXM.

Since many people who come to enjoy the plaza are coming during their lunch break, we thought it would be great to get people moving and help them destress by hosting a lunchtime Zumba session. Marifer Robledo brought her incredible energy, and fantastic music, making the plaza come alive!

If you missed Music Marathon, don't worry, you still have another opportunity to perform at or enjoy on Wednesday, August 10 2022, 9:00 am-5:00pm at Civic Plaza.



# August Placemaking Plans

Written by Alexandra Wiens



Throughout the summer, the interns will continue to host events and activities for all community members to join in. In short, activating a public space is a simple way to give back to the community.

A big focus will be on activating the plaza at King George Hub. Every Tuesday evening at 6pm and running until August 9, we will have free Zumba classes. Zumba is a great way to get your body moving, and it's hard not to smile while doing fun dance moves in a great space with great music and people. This event is open to all people and of all fitness levels.

Also, at King George Hub, our high school interns will perform every Thursday from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm for what we're calling Lunch in the Plaza. Mixing together the intern's singing talents, musical theatre, and piano! Spend your lunch hour with us and enjoy some music while sitting in the plaza. The team will also set up outdoor games for kids of all ages (that means adults, too) to participate in on various mornings in the plaza. Whether you live in the area, are on a break from work, or need to get the kids out of the house, find the team and challenge them to a game of mini plaza hockey!

The Downtown Surrey BIA is looking at other ways to create a sense of place, switching gears and focusing on placemaking through art. By bringing a sense of humanity and diversity to the places where we live, work, and play, public art enhances the quality of our surroundings. We have reached out to developers to work with them to use their construction hoarding in a way that spices up the area by contributing temporary art on temporary fencing throughout Surrey Central. The team is putting together other ways of bringing art to the area, so stay tuned for more!



# Surrey Voices

Written by Riya Charla



Surrey Voices is a series of events that celebrate Surrey's diversity through storytelling, dance, music and art. Each week showcases a different culture and a variety of different forms of art. This July, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association brought three days of performances, featuring Indigenous, Chinese, and Indian cultures to Civic Plaza.

July 8 showcased Indigenous Day featuring pow wow dancing by the Wild Moccasin Dancers Shyama-Priya and David Whitebean, followed by storytelling by Haida storyteller Kung Jaadee. The event was a success, as people walking by and staff members joined the dance workshop and enjoyed the performances.

July 22 brought Chinese culture day, featuring Chinese Lion dance and workshop presented by the Vancouver Chinese Lion Dance Association. People walking by as well as people on their breaks gathered to watch the Lion dancers depict a story through dance. The audience got to try some of the moves while wearing the lion. This was followed by Chinese crafts, as we had our staff and people join us to create Chinese lanterns.

July 29 was Indian day, where we featured our last performance, ending with the following Indian performers: Bollywood dancer Karima Essa and Bollywood singer Kaushal Deo. We enjoyed hosting the performers and audience members for our last Surrey Voices of the summer.



# Community Conversations

Written by Riya Charla

This summer, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association has organized four community conversations: How to support LGBTQ+ youth, Sugar and Sugar Cravings, Surrey Redevelopment Updates, and finally, Food Insecurity and Waste Management. We started off with our first event in June and continue to bring events until August.

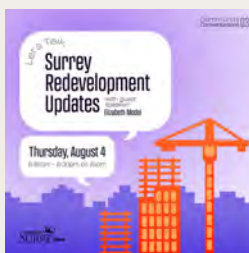
Our first Community Conversation showcased How to support LGBTQ+ youth in June featuring Jen Marchbank, who is a professor of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies at the Simon Fraser University. We started off with a presentation from Jen, followed by a Q&A with the audience and discussions in breakout rooms. We had several members from organizations such as Qmunity and Phoenix Society, as well as a member from the City Council join us and show their support for LGBTQ+ youth in our community.

Our next event was held on July 21 on Sugar and Sugar Cravings featuring Diana Bedoya, who is a senior lecturer at the Simon Fraser University and has taught several courses on health and nutrition. During the event, Diana had an insightful presentation on how we can maintain a balanced diet with the presence of sugar in all foods. The audience was also engaged in conversations about the food industry, the government and how sugar is used for marketing purposes. The event was a success as people left with a better understanding on controlling their sugar cravings and incorporating whole foods into their diet.

We look forward to hosting two more events in August on Surrey Redevelopment Updates by our CEO Elizabeth Model on August 4, followed by a discussion on food insecurity and waste management by SFU professor Dr. Tammara Soma on August 11.

The Community Conversations series will continue in the fall, so stay tuned for more events.

Get Aug06 Community Conversation tickets at:



Get Aug04 Community Conversation tickets at:



Join our upcoming

# Community Conversations

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 or call 604.580.2321

Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>

## Surrey Redevelopment Updates

with guest speaker  
 Elizabeth Model

register



Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>

## Food Insecurity & Waste Management

with guest speaker  
 Dr. Tammara Soma

register



# music marathon

august 10<sup>th</sup>

9am-5pm at Civic Plaza

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**August 13**



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