

# City of Surrey – Mayor Dianne Watts

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**Surrey: Positioned for Growth:**

- ½ million people
- One of the fastest growing cities in Canada
- 1/3 of the population is under 19 years old

**Surrey: Positioned for Growth:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest border crossing: \$15B annually
- Surrey Fraser Docks: 4000 employees
- 48% of Region's industrial land
- ALR: \$150M annually

**Developing Effective Public Policy:**

- Stable Environment at City Hall
- Whistle Blower Policy
- Respectful Workplace Policy
- Lobbyist Registry
- Streamlining Processes

**Creating a Strong Social Fabric:**

- Crime Reduction Strategy
- Sustainability Charter
- Livability Accord
- Beautification Strategy
- Homelessness & Housing Fund
- Child & Youth Friendly City Strategy

**Creating a Strong Economic Climate:**

- Lowest Residential Taxes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lowest Business Taxes

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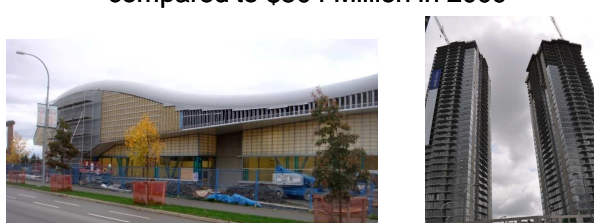
**Surrey Named:**

- **Best Place in BC to invest**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Best Place in Canada to invest**
- **an economic overachiever for 2011**



**2010 Building Numbers:**

- **\$1.2 Billion in total construction**  
\*compared to \$859 Million in 2009
- **\$805 Million in residential construction**  
\*compared to \$504 Million in 2009



City of Surrey  
**Economic Investment**  
Action Plan



- 1 Capital spending to build infrastructure and create new jobs;
- 2 New Economic Investment Zones;
- 3 Streamlining Approval Processes;
- 4 Pre-Servicing of Business Lands
- 5 The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Investment and Job Creation;
- 6 Business Retention and Expansion Program; and
- 7 Establishing Business Incubator Areas.

**ECONOMIC INVESTMENT ACTION PLAN - PHASE 2**



- 1 Build Surrey Program;
- 2 Clean Energy Hub;
- 3 Business Incubator Areas;
- 4 Strategic Partnerships;
- 5 Creating Efficiencies; and
- 6 Economic Investment Zone Extension.

**Investing in our City's Future**  
**Build Surrey Program**



**The Build Surrey Program**  
➤ **the most comprehensive capital construction program in Surrey's history**





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## The Build Surrey Program

➤ *New City Centre Library – Opening 2011*



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## The Build Surrey Program

➤ *New City Hall & Community Plaza in City Centre*  
– Opening 2013



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## The Build Surrey Program

➤ *City Centre: a vibrant downtown core*



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## The Build Surrey Program

➤ *Newton*



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## The Build Surrey Program

➤ *Cloverdale*



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➤ *South Surrey*



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**The Build Surrey Program**

➤ **Guildford**



**The Build Surrey Program**

➤ **Fleetwood**



**Clean Energy Hub**

**Incentives for Clean Energy Companies:**

- Eliminate Property Taxes for 3 Years
- Reduce Building Permit Fees by 50%
- Reduce Business License Fees to \$1



**Clean Energy Hub**

**City will dedicate land for:**

- Demonstration Projects
- Research & Development
- Incubator Businesses



**Clean Energy Hub**

**Create Strategic Partnerships:**

- Mayor's Clean Energy Advisory Network
- Partnerships with:
  - \*PowerTech & BC Hydro
  - \*SFU
  - \*Kwantlen
  - \*Private Sector



**What we are doing now:**


- Surrey Clean Energy Action Plan
- Surrey Corporate Emissions Action Plan
- Green Fleet Plan
- Hydrogen Fuelling Station
- New Green Wall
- District Energy
- Bio-Fuel Facility



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**India Business Mission**



**Focused on:**

- \*education
- \*clean energy
- \*wood/manufacturing
- \*film/entertainment
- \*info & communications technologies

**Designed to:**

- \*facilitate business
- \*create investment and job creation in Surrey
- \*open market opportunities in India



- Create jobs and attract investment
- Advantage growth opportunities
- Create sustainable communities

