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## All Candidates Meeting Boosts Municipal Elections

Surrey—The municipal election debates peak this year with an all candidates forum to be held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. The forum, moderated by former Board of Trade Chair, Peter Holt, will provide residents an opportunity to question candidates and determine how candidates’ priorities align with their own.

The theme of the Forum will be, “creating a healthier, more livable Surrey.” Participants will be able to probe candidates on key issues such as access to parks, schools, work and shopping; safety; farmland protection; affordable housing; transportation; and others. The forum is hosted by Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Smart Growth BC.

“We are pleased to host this all candidates meeting. Certainly it is in keeping with Kwantlen’s commitment to public discussion and to supporting our community,” said Dr. David Atkinson, Kwantlen Polytechnic University President and Vice-Chancellor.

For the Forum, Smart Growth BC has published its “Pocket Guide to Election Issues.” This 12-page booklet is meant to help voters understand the land use responsibilities of our elected officials. It provides a short background on top growth issues, and suggests questions around matters of importance to our community. Thousands of copies will be distributed as an insert in local newspapers. They will also be available at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Forum, and for free download from [www.smartgrowth.bc.ca](http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca). Those readers who will fill-out a short online survey to evaluate the Guide will be entered into a draw to win a luxury vacation in Whistler.

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*Smart Growth BC is the leading non-governmental organization working towards creating more livable communities in British Columbia.*

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