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URBAN STUDIES

# RETHINKING THE REGION

## WHEN

Saturday, March 1st  
8:30 am - 3 pm

Lunch provided

## WHERE

SFU Surrey

Room 5240

Is it true that “what’s good for Surrey is good for Vancouver”? This Saturday workshop digs into the meaning and the limits of our regional relationships, powers, potential, and understandings. We ask: what is regional thinking? And: why is it important for the economic, health, political and transportation options that we will face in our daily lives? The event will bring together approximately 100 urban professionals, students, and members of the interested public, at SFU Surrey for a day of learning, interacting, brainstorming, and contributing to collaborative and critical regional thinking and action planning.

## RSVP REQUIRED

[www.sfu.ca/reserve](http://www.sfu.ca/reserve)

Admission: FREE. Participants are expected to stay for the entire event. Register by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## FEATURING

- Local leaders panel
- Lunchtime keynote: former minister George Abbott
- Large + small group dialogue
- Setting action priorities
- Metro Vancouver report-back

Join SFU Urban Studies for a day of learning, sharing, and building ideas and action priorities for our regional future.

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**8:30 am - Coffee and Registration**

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**9:00 am - Welcome and Introductions**

Karen Ferguson, Director, SFU Urban Studies

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**9:10 am - Panel: The Natural Logic of Regional Thinking**

Moderator: Ken Cameron (Adjunct Professor, SFU Urban Studies)

Panelists:

*Regional Economic Development:* Anita Huberman, Surrey Board of Trade

*Regional Transportation:* Dr. Anthony Perl, Professor, SFU Urban Studies

*Regional Health:* Dr. Tim Takaro, Professor, SFU Health Sciences

*Regional Governance:* Vicki Huntington, MLA Delta South



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**10:45 am - Small Group Digestion and Discussion**

(Facilitated by SFU Urban Studies graduate students)

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**11:45 am - Lunch and Keynote: The Struggle for Regional Planning in B.C.**



One of the most effective ministers of the last three decades, George Abbott, served as BC's Minister of Education (2010-12), Health (2005-09), Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (2009-10), Sustainable Resource Management (2004-05) and Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services (2001-04). Prior to his election to the Legislature, he served for 17 years in local government.

Introduction by Joanne Curry, VP External Affairs, SFU

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**1:15 pm - Small Group Digestion and Discussion**

(Facilitated by SFU Urban Studies graduate students)

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**2:00 pm - Large Group Report Back**

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**2:40 pm - Metro Vancouver Response**

Metro Vancouver Response panel from Planning, Policy and Environment staff

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**3:00 pm Conclusion**

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