



FUTURE OF THE REGION

Forums for discussion intended to **CHALLENGE** traditional thinking and **STIMULATE** actions

SFU WOSK CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE

The **Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues** - is the latest outreach component of Metro Vancouver's Sustainable Region Initiative (SRI). As the title implies, this series of high-profile debates and discussions is intended to help decision makers shape the future of the region by presenting a range of views which hopefully challenge and stimulate fresh thought on a range of regional issues. *Throughout 2008, regional dialogues are being held concurrently in the North Shore, Central/Northeast, South and the SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue.*

WASTE MANAGEMENT

February 26, 2008

Our Economy's Booming, Our Population's Growing and so is our Waste. How do we minimize generation of solid waste in the region, maximize reuse, recycling and energy recovery from solid waste and manage residuals?

ROLE OF THE REGION - ECONOMY AND TRANSPORTATION

March 19, 2008

The rapidly expanding global economy is forcing us to make decisions. How do we balance the requirements of a regional transportation network, environmental improvement and livability while supporting the demand for goods movement for the continent? How do we ensure a robust economy for the future? What's Metro Vancouver's role?

REGIONAL GROWTH

May 1, 2008

Connecting transit and density and ensuring room for industry - key issues in regional development

This dialogue series will explore the linkages between transportation and density, as well as the need for mechanisms, such as a designation for industrial lands in Metro Vancouver.

CLIMATE CHANGE

July 16, 2008

More extreme weather and flooding events, changing precipitation and snowpacks, rising sea levels, and pressure on wildlife and vegetation - all are changes we can anticipate with climate change. To what degree will these changes impact the region? How do we balance efforts to mitigate emissions while acknowledging that climate change impacts will continue to occur? Global, national and local proponents are calling for radical adaptation - what is required? What is the role of the region?

AGRICULTURE

November 19, 2008

Fertile soils, a temperate climate, and access to water make our region's farmland very productive. However, some of the region's farmlands are not productively used and there is continued pressure to convert farmland for transportation and urban development. How do we increase actively farmed land and sustain the vitality of our farming industry? Can we improve the local food system? What strategies can we put into place? What is the role of the region?

Venue: *Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
Simon Fraser University*

Facilitator: Rafe Mair
Time: 11:30 am - 2 pm
(lunch 11:30 am - 12:00 pm)

