Welcome to the SFU Public Square 2018 Community Summit, Brave New Work. We’re excited to have you here for Creating a Diverse & Resilient Economy in Metro Vancouver. This event is part of our larger 2018 Community Summit where we are considering how we can all thrive in the changing world of work.

This panel conversation event will focus on the future of employment in Metro Vancouver, and planning for the employment lands that support the regional economy. What are the trends and issues related to employment in various sectors in Metro Vancouver, and how does land use planning, regulation, and market demand affect the future of work regionally? How will we thrive in this changing regional economy?

Panelists will provide brief presentations on emerging trends which will be followed with an in-depth audience question and answer period and table discussions. Staff from the City of Vancouver will also be on hand to participate and hear your input on policy and planning issues related to employment and industry planning in Metro Vancouver.

The purpose of today’s event is to convene a values-based discussion on the planning of the future economy of Metro Vancouver with the goals of raising awareness about the future challenges related to planning for employment and employment lands and to provide some initial input to regional planning initiatives on employment and the economy.
GORDON PRICE | MODERATOR
Gordon Price, previously the Director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University, is a fellow with the SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. In 2002, he finished his sixth term as a City Councillor in Vancouver, BC. He also served on the Board of Metro Vancouver and was appointed to the first board of TransLink in 1989.

SHACHI KURL | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANGUS REID INSTITUTE
As Executive Director of the Angus Reid Institute, Shachi Kurl can be found offering analysis on CBC’s “At Issue,” Canada’s most-watched political panel, as well as in The Globe and Mail, the National Post, and other influential forums. At the Institute—one of North America’s premier nonpartisan, not-for-profit research and public opinion polling organizations—she works to further public knowledge, debunk myths, and contribute to debate and discussion in meaningful ways, enhancing the understanding of issues that matter to Canada and the world. She brings nearly two decades of public policy expertise to her role, spending the first part of her career as a political reporter.

Kurl is a recipient of the prestigious Jack Webster Award for Best TV Reporting. Along with former Australian and UK Prime Ministers Julia Gillard and Margaret Thatcher, she is an Alumnus of the US State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Her expertise has been sought by policymakers who have invited her to testify before parliamentary committees at the House of Commons. She holds a degree in Journalism and Political Science from Carleton University.

ANDREW PETROZZI | PRINCIPAL & VICE PRESIDENT, RESEARCH (B.C.), AVISON YOUNG
Building on a decade of journalistic experience working as a reporter at Business in Vancouver (BIV) newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, the Times-Colonist and The Province as well as an editor at BIV, the Employment Paper and the Arrow Lakes News in Nakusp, B.C., Andrew Petrozzi joined Avison Young in November 2010 as the research manager for Metro Vancouver. He was named vice-president, research (B.C.) in July 2012. He was subsequently made a Principal in February 2017.

BRYAN BUGGEY | DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, VANCOUVER ECONOMIC COMMISSION (VEC)
Bryan is responsible for economic and business development at the City of Vancouver’s Economic Commission. In his role as Director, he is leading a team in charge of projects and programs aimed at supporting the Vancouver business ecosystem move towards a knowledge-based, low-carbon, circular economy. Bryan also heads up the sector development team that focuses on foreign investment, trade and local business growth primarily in the technology, innovation and cleantech industries. Bryan is actively involved in the City’s Greenest City Action Plan, Renewable City 2050, Zero-waste 2040, Digital Strategy, and Smart City initiatives and brings the economic development and business opportunity lens to the conversations around public policy development. From this involvement, Bryan is able to direct the development of programs and projects that support local innovators and businesses in making an impact in the local economy as well as promote Vancouver to a global audience of potential business investors in the knowledge-based, low carbon economy. Bryan’s team manages well-known economic programs such as VEC’s Green & Digital Demonstration Program, Thriving Vancouver, Start-up City, as well as projects on industrial affordability, circular economy and major events that promote and celebrate the sustainable and innovative business.

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