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ECONOMIC FORUM 2016: BALANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

With BC taking a leadership approach through legislation to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to prepare the province for the emerging low-carbon economy, learning about best practice through local and regional thought leaders is the focus of the Township's 2016 Economic Forum.

This November, the Township of Langley's Economic Development and Investment Department invites stakeholders and the public to explore the topic of **Balance – Economic Growth in a Low Carbon Future**, during its 6th Annual Economic Forum.

The event will be held Thursday, November 17, from 11:30am to 3:00pm, at the Langley Events Centre. The Forum, which includes lunch, is free and will feature experts sharing best practice on sustainable business and growth. Space is limited and registration is mandatory. Register online at invest.tol.ca/news before Thursday, November 3. This event is expected to reach capacity!

"We know so many people are environmentally aware these days. We know we have to take care of our community and our planet for future generations," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "Many regional and local businesses are leading innovative, sustainable practices and are investing in the future by providing greener options that reduce our carbon footprint."

"There are many steps that can be taken to help care for the environment, including clean energy, greenhouse gas reductions and energy efficiency that business and citizens alike can embrace," he said. "We look forward to hearing from industry experts about this highly relevant global topic, and expect those who attend will come away with tangible ways to make a difference."

Keynote addresses will be delivered by the BC Ministry of Environment's Parliamentary Secretary Jordan Sturdy, Business Council of BC's Chief Economist and Vice-President Ken Peacock, as well as from Cara Pike, Principal of Social Capital Strategies.

Panel discussions, facilitated by the event moderator Chris Turner, an expert on sustainability, renewable energy, and liveable cities, includes thought leaders from Vancity, Britco, Concert Properties, Clay Construction, Infinity Properties and Vesta Properties.

This forum is presented in partnership with event sponsors featuring FortisBC as gold sponsor. Additional event sponsorship is being supported by Business in Vancouver, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, Wesgroup, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Fraser Valley Real Estate Board and Vesta Properties.

This event is expected to reach capacity. Register online today at invest.tol.ca/news to hold your spot, and join us on November 17 to learn more about industry best practices and contributions to climate leadership for BC.

For more information, contact the Township of Langley's Economic Development and Investment Department via email to invest@tol.ca or by phone to 604.533.6084.