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PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH DISCUSSED AT UDI PANEL

Mayors and Council members from throughout the Fraser Valley gathered in the Township of Langley this week to talk to developers and business people about working together in a fast-growing region.

Presented by the Urban Development Institute Fraser Valley, the Mayors' Panel Luncheon and Municipal Expo was held at the Langley Events Centre on January 31. The event featured a facilitated discussion on traffic plans in light of growth, commercial and industrial land availability, the speed of development application approvals, and secondary suits and other rental housing solutions.

Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese welcomed 250 guests to the luncheon, noting that this is an exciting time, as municipalities lay the foundation for the future.

"Over the past few years we have experienced a lot of change in our communities, which is being felt throughout the region as we deal with growing populations and the need to house people, create jobs, and facilitate the movement of people and goods," Froese said. "This panel discussion was a chance to share, listen, and learn about issues that impact all of us."

Joining Froese on the panel were District Of Mission Mayor Pam Alexis, City Of Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun, City of Surrey Councillor Laurie Guerra, City Of Chilliwack Mayor Ken Popove, City Of Langley Mayor Val van den Broek, and City Of Maple Ridge Councillor Ahmed Yousef.

The panel was moderated by Don Campbell, senior analyst with the Real Estate Investment Network and owner of Cutting Edge Research Inc.

The event also included a Municipal Expo where information on participating communities was presented.