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Linda Hepner

Councillor, City of Surrey,

Director, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors



Prior to her election to City Council in 2005, Councillor Linda Hepner enjoyed a 20 year career with the City of Surrey and retired as the City's Manager of Economic Development.

Councillor Hepner believes that cities are important job generators and Co-Chaired the first Surrey Regional Economic Summit. The Summit was a partnership between the City of Surrey and the Surrey Board of Trade and brought together business leaders and investors from across the region to discuss how to attract new jobs and investment to Surrey. She is a strong supporter of the development of Surrey's new Transportation Plan and is committed to working for light rail public transit options in traffic corridors.

Councillor Hepner has spearheaded the continued economic development of Surrey's City Centre through the organization of the annual Regional Economic Summit and advancing the Mayor's Investment Action Plan, the Clean Energy & Technology Action Plan, and has represented Surrey on a regional level through ongoing participation on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors and five Metro Vancouver committees (Port Cities, Energy & Environment – Vice Chair; Waste, Labour, and Agriculture – Vice Chair).

Councillor Hepner's additional accomplishments include:

- Chaired the past three Regional Economic Summits which welcomed the likes of Rudy Giuliani and Tony Blair and the Chair of the 2011 Summit featuring Bill Clinton & George Bush.
- Managed 2010 Legacy Projects, which included Holland Park Expansion and Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre.
- Chair of Surrey's 2010 Program including the Celebration Site which garnered the award as British Columbia's Best Public Entertainment Event in 2010.

Committees

- Red Tape Reduction Committee (Chair)
- Mayor's Committee on Investment and Job Creation (Chair)
- Director: Metro Vancouver Regional District
- Metro Vancouver Environment & Energy Committee (Vice Chair)
- Metro Vancouver Port Cities Committee (Vice Chair)
- Director, Surrey City Development Corporation