

RICHMOND AND KPU JOINTLY ORGANIZE RICHMOND SMART CITIES IDEAS FAIR

Allow residents understand how technology helps making cities smart

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Full translation:

Richmond is going to hold Richmond Smart Cities Ideas Fair on January 17 (next Thursday) featuring how the business community, governments and educational institutions could cooperate to improve service delivery of local governments by making use of technology and big data.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie indicated, with some world's leading tech companies established in City of Richmond for a long period of time, not a few local governments and educational institutions leading in smart cities ideas, the Smart Cities Ideas Fair is a great opportunity for the general public to understand the advanced technology produced in City of Richmond and Province of British Columbia.

The above-mentioned fair is jointly organized by City of Richmond and Kwantlan Polytechnic University (KPU) and to be held on KPU campus in Richmond. It is focused on a smart operating hub, which is part of a national contest, *Smart Cities Challenges*. The recommended hub will substantially improve Richmond's emergency responsiveness and delivery of daily community services.

Participants to the fair will get a better understanding of the municipal plan and also give inputs to the recommendations on smart cities.

Also available at the fair are some innovative conceptual projects of smart cities by City of Richmond, such as *Digital Strategy*, an expanding project linking e-civic services to community contacts, *District Energy District*, the internationally acclaimed and sustainable anti-climate change program, and also *Dike Master Plan*, a flood prevention strategy.

KPU is going to present a couple of its R&D programs, aimed at supporting smart cities, including visual demonstration of unmanned vehicles and some wearable smart equipment.