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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **February 3, 2015**

FROM: **Manager, Economic Development**

FILE: **o360-20**

SUBJECT: **Innovation Boulevard Update**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of Innovation Boulevard activities and achievements since its inception less than two years ago.

BACKGROUND

Innovation Boulevard is an agile partnership of health, business, higher education and government creating new health technologies to improve patients' lives. The shared vision is to achieve innovative results in four areas:

1. Improve health care outcomes for patients;
2. Implement intelligent solutions for the health care system;
3. Attract talented clinicians and researchers; and
4. Grow companies in the health technology and services sectors.

As a growing health technology and innovation cluster, Innovation Boulevard allows companies to leverage the benefits of co-location while providing them with access to a network of support including academics/researchers, clinicians, industry and government. These interactions produce new ideas, innovations and advance commercialization of health technologies in the following priority areas:

- Medical devices
- Technologies for independent living
- Digital health technologies

Innovation Boulevard leadership is provided by Co-Chairs Mayor Linda Hepner, Dr. Ryan D'Arcy and former Mayor Dianne Watts. A Working Group of regional thought leaders representing industry, academia, health and government provides ongoing guidance and direction. An

Innovation Boulevard one-page overview is attached as Appendix “I” and an Innovation Boulevard brochure is attached as Appendix “II”.

DISCUSSION

Achievements and Activities

In less than two years, Innovation Boulevard has evolved from an idea into an active node of research, innovation and technology development that is gaining local, national and international recognition.

In late 2014 the Working Group added a new focus area, the use of health technology to address issues related to mental health. The City is currently working with SFU to establish a Research Chair position to support this effort as outlined in Corporate Report R187 “Chair Position in Mental Health and Addictions” approved by Council on November 3, 2014. The report is attached as Appendix “III”.

Significant activity is underway in all of Innovation Boulevard’s priority areas. Overall progress to date includes:

Companies and Commercialization

- The first ‘Innovation Boulevard-grown’ technology was commercialized in 2014. Conquer Mobile’s surgery simulation program for iPad went from idea to product within one year. The iPad app trains nurses to use the correct surgical implements during surgery.
- The Health Tech Innovation Foundation that oversees the Innovation Hub at City Centre 1 is currently engaged with 43 companies including 3 multinationals.

Funding

Innovation Boulevard partner SFU, in collaboration with the University of Toronto, received \$36.6 million in funding from the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program to advance aging and technology research, and innovation. This aligns with Innovation Boulevard’s focus on developing technologies for independent living and the research and development underway at Retirement Concepts Innovation Centre.

Infrastructure

Three new research labs have opened to date. The labs, embedded in a care facility, a hospital and a university, provide access for companies and researchers to accelerate health technology development and adoption.

- Retirement Concepts Innovation Centre at Guildford Senior’s Village– independent living technologies
- Neurotech Lab at Surrey Memorial Hospital – brain technologies
- Digital Health Hub at Simon Fraser University – Health computing solutions

- The CANARIE ultra high-speed fibre optic research network is being extended from the current end-point at SFU Surrey to Surrey Memorial Hospital. This project will be complete by March 31, 2015. The CANARIE network supports health technology development by connecting researchers and innovators to data, tools, colleagues and classrooms.

Extending the CANARIE network supports the City's Smart Surrey Strategy's objective to develop a 'Fibre Broadband Strategy' that will use strategically provisioned fibre optic networks to support future economic development in the knowledge economy. The cost of this extension is \$450,000 and will be funded 50% by CANARIE via a federal grant, and 50% by the City of Surrey.

The investment has potential to be leveraged in the future with broader benefits. Once installed, the City will own 2/3 of the physical fibre. This additional capacity is called 'dark fiber' and can be utilized for services other than the CANARIE network. The City is exploring opportunities for cost recovery. For example there are telecommunications providers that may desire to extend their capacity and route paths, and future businesses within Innovation Boulevard that are not qualified to use the CANARIE network may desire alternate dark fibre options.

International Connections Established

Israel – In December, 2013, Innovation Boulevard partners conducted a trade mission to Israel focussed on health technology and innovation. The mission was organized by the City and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA). Results included:

- Ongoing research partnership with Sheba Medical Centre's Sagol Neuroscience Research Center to explore the link between diabetes and dementia with a special focus on the South Asian population.
- Partnership with world-renowned Israel Centre for Medical Simulation (MSR) at the Sheba Medical Centre to explore opportunities in healthcare simulation training and technology development.
- Partnership with Israel Brain Technologies (IBT). This partnership has resulted in Innovation Boulevard Co-Chair and neuroscientist Dr. Ryan D'Arcy being invited to participate on an international panel at the BrainTech 2015 Conference in Tel Aviv in March. Mayor Hepner has also been invited by IBT to speak at the VIP reception about Innovation Boulevard.
- In recognition of the success achieved by the Innovation Boulevard delegation in 2013, CIJA has offered to host Mayor Linda Hepner on a return Innovation Boulevard mission to Israel in March 2015. All of Mayor Hepner's expenses including flight and all on-the-ground costs will be covered by CIJA. The purpose of the mission will be to advance existing projects and partnerships and identify new ones aligned with health technologies and innovation including brain and mental health, and cyber security.

France – Members of the French Economic Senate and representatives of the French Embassy in Vancouver visited Surrey to learn about Innovation Boulevard in the summer of 2014.

India – Discussions are underway with a number of Indian companies interested in locating in Innovation Boulevard. Innovation Boulevard Co-Chair Dr. Ryan D’Arcy has been invited to participate in a Provincial government mission to India in February, 2015 with the goal of attracting Indian companies to locate in Surrey.

Mission Bay, USA – In August 2014 a small delegation of Innovation Boulevard partners visited and struck a partnership with QB3, the California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences. QB3 is one of the top life sciences research and commercialization centres in the US. Ongoing collaboration is taking place.

Events and Awareness

- Innovation Boulevard received significant earned media including 3 television news spots and 20 newspaper and magazine articles.
- Innovation Boulevard partners have held 5 events attended by over 1,200 industry leaders from across the region.
- The City of Surrey will host the 3rd Annual Innovation Boulevard Industry Event in fall 2015, and several other partner events are planned for 2015.

Economic Impact

- Measuring impact is crucial to the ongoing development of Innovation Boulevard. Economic impact analysis is underway to evaluate Innovation Boulevard’s performance, and capture metrics that can be used to attract funding and demonstrate value to partners and companies.

Structure

Governance and structure of Innovation Boulevard is still in an early and formative stage.

To date direction and guidance has been provided through the Working Group Co- Chaired by Mayor Linda Hepner, Dr. Ryan D’Arcy and former Mayor Dianne Watts. The Innovation Boulevard Working Group is an informal network of decision makers and subject matter experts representing Innovation Boulevard’s partner organizations. This group has grown to 50+ members. In 2014 eight committees aligned with Innovation Boulevard objectives were created under the Working Group.

In addition other organizations have formed to support the vision of Innovation Boulevard including the two briefly described below.

- The **Innovation Boulevard Society** was established by the City in 2014. Interim Members of the Society are: the City of Surrey representing Council; City Manager; City Solicitor and the Manager, Economic Development. The purpose of the Society is to provide information and advice related to Innovation Boulevard, receive funds from donors, and provide financial assistance to programs, projects and support services that relate to health technology and innovation. The Society is not yet active. The Board of Directors will be elected by Members at the first annual general meeting in spring 2015.
- The **Health Tech Innovation Foundation** was created in January 2015 and is independent from the City of Surrey. The Foundation will oversee the Innovation Hub which includes 12,000+ square feet of innovation space located in City Centre 1 building across from Surrey Memorial Hospital. The Foundation will provide companies with access and support for health technology development, research and testing. The Foundation has not received any funding from the City of Surrey.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Innovation Boulevard's focus on health technology and innovation will assist the City of Surrey in achieving the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter including:

- *"Having a full range of local employment opportunities and green business"; and*
- *"Striving to achieve one local job for every employed resident in Surrey and a range of high-value local jobs in Surrey".*

CONCLUSION

Since its launch in April, 2013 Innovation Boulevard has become recognized for its unique approach to building a health technology cluster and for its highly inclusive partnership model. With a growing list of successes, Innovation Boulevard has a bright future and the potential to achieve and surpass its goals.

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council receive this report for information.

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Appendix "I": Innovation Boulevard One-Page Overview
Appendix "II": Innovation Boulevard Brochure
Appendix "III": Corporate Report R187 "Chair Position in Mental Health and Addictions"

INNOVATION

BOULEVARD

Innovation Boulevard is an **agile partnership** of health, business, higher education and government creating new health technologies to improve peoples' lives.

Medical Devices • Independent Living • Digital Health

PARTNERS

Health Authorities, 4+ Universities, 45+ Businesses, 4+ Industry Associations, Developers, City of Surrey, and supporting organizations.

EMBEDDED TECHNOLOGY LABS

A network of clinically-embedded and interconnected technology labs provide access for companies and researchers to accelerate health technology development and adoption.

- NeuroTech Lab – [Brain Technologies](#) | Surrey Memorial Hospital
- Digital Health Hub – [Health Computing Solutions](#) | Simon Fraser University
- RC Innovation Centre – [Independent Living](#) | Guildford Seniors Village
- Health Tech Connex – [Tech Advancement & Product Services](#) | City Centre 1
- ImageTech Lab – [Advanced Medical Imaging](#) | Surrey Memorial Hospital

HOW WE HELP

Tell us about the problem you want to solve and we'll connect you with partners, services and resources to make it happen:

- Talk to healthcare providers and our partners
- Work in a clinically-embedded technology lab
- Develop a prototype
- Meet a potential customer
- Access funding and resources
- Connect with university expertise
- Find out what new health technologies are in the pipeline
- Move into flexible innovation space

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INNOVATION
BOULEVARD



Surrey Memorial Hospital Expansion

One of the largest health infrastructure investments in British Columbia's history

Busiest ER in BC • 2nd largest ER in Canada • 1 of 2 pediatric ERs in BC

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

We believe that through partnership, entrepreneurship and new technology we can develop solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in the health care system. The product of this collaboration is improved health for people, and a vibrant network that supports economic growth. Innovation Boulevard brings together the problem-solvers from health institutions, business, higher education and government to make it happen.

Surrey Memorial Hospital welcomes innovative breakthroughs in health care. It welcomes health care business. Through our growing network of clinically-embedded labs we are building the infrastructure and relationships to ensure great ideas create a lasting impact.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Hepner".

Linda Hepner
Mayor, City of Surrey



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan D'Arcy".

Dr. Ryan D'Arcy
Surrey Memorial Hospital
Foundation BC Leadership
Chair in Multimodal
Technology for Healthcare
Innovation, Simon Fraser
University

Head, Health Sciences and
Innovation, Surrey Memorial
Hospital, Fraser Health
Authority



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Watts".

Dianne Watts
Former Mayor, City of Surrey

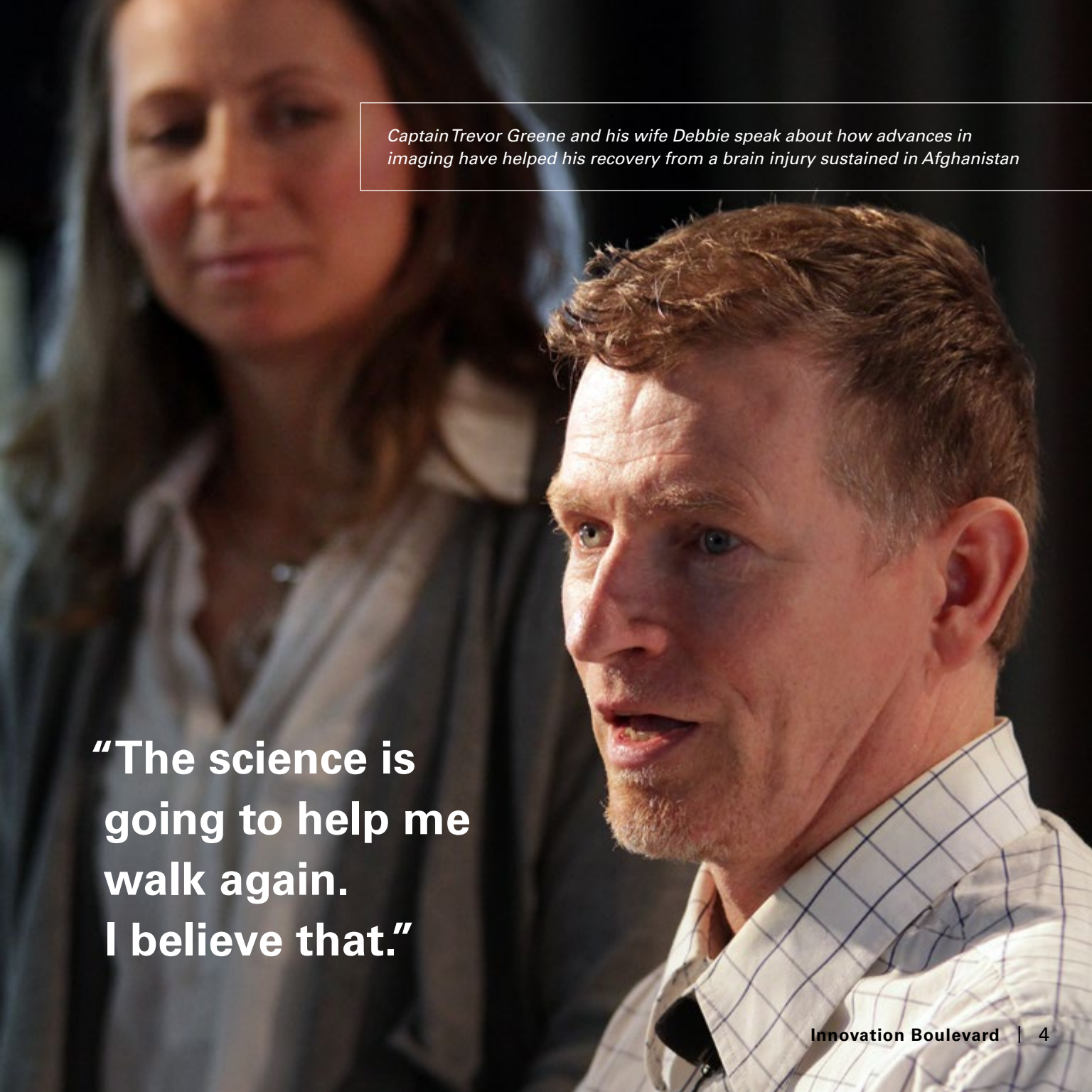
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2. Implement intelligent solutions for the health care economy
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4. Grow companies in the health care technology and services sector



Captain Trevor Greene and his wife Debbie speak about how advances in imaging have helped his recovery from a brain injury sustained in Afghanistan

“The science is going to help me walk again. I believe that.”

ACCESS



The Technology Test-Bed is a network of clinically-embedded labs that provide access for companies and researchers to accelerate health technology development and adoption.

1. **NeuroTech Lab @ Surrey Memorial Hospital**
Brain technologies
2. **Digital Health Hub @ Simon Fraser University**
Health computing solutions
3. **RC Innovation Centre @ Guildford Seniors Village**
Independent living technology
4. **Health Tech Connex @ City Centre 1**
Health technology advancement and product services
5. **ImageTech Lab @ Surrey Memorial Hospital**
Advanced medical imaging
6. **RapidTech Lab @ Surrey Memorial Hospital**
Clinically-embedded prototyping

GROWING TECHNOLOGY NETWORK

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

HOSPITAL CAMPUS

Technology Focus Areas: Medical Devices, Independent Living, Digital Health

GROWING CLUSTER



INNOVATION BOULEVARD

1. **Simon Fraser University**
2. **Fraser Health Corporate Office**
3. **Surrey Memorial Hospital**
4. **Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre**
5. **UBC Teaching Hospital**
6. **Kwantlen Polytechnic University**
7. **BC Cancer Agency**
8. **NeuroTech Lab**
9. **Digital Health Hub**
10. **Retirement Concepts Innovation Centre**
11. **Health Tech Connex**
12. **ImageTech Lab**
13. **City Centre 1**
14. **Centre for Child Development**
15. **PCI King George Station**
16. **National Research Council – Industrial Technology Advisor**
17. **Surrey City Hall**
18. **BC Technology Industry Association Centre4Growth**
19. **SFU Venture Connection Incubator**
20. **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation**
21. **Quibble Creek Health and Phoenix Transition Housing Centre**
22. **Creekside Withdrawal Management Centre**
23. **Timber Creek Specialized Acute Mental Facility**
24. **MITACS**
25. **CIMTEC**
26. **MEDEC**



SkyTrain Station



CANARIE Fibre Optic Network Connection



Future CANARIE Fibre Optic Network Connection

ANCHOR ORGANIZATIONS



The close proximity and collaborative philosophy of partners contributing to Innovation Boulevard makes it a remarkable place.

- **Fraser Health**, headquartered in Innovation Boulevard, is the largest health authority in BC and provides service to 1.6 million people each year from Burnaby to Boston Bar to Hope.
- **Surrey Memorial Hospital** is one of the busiest hospitals in the region with 128,000 ER visits each year, and the half-billion dollar hospital expansion is one of the largest health infrastructure investments in BC's history.
- The **Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre** is a state-of-the-art facility that hosts over 50 clinics and programs.
- **Simon Fraser University** (SFU) Surrey is home to over 7,000 students and generates leading-edge research in Health Sciences, Mechatronics Engineering, Computing Science, Interactive Arts and Technology, and Business. The Surrey campus has a focus on entrepreneurship and recently launched a new MBA program.
- **Kwantlen Polytechnic University** (KPU) will be opening locations at the Health Tech Connex innovation space and adjacent to Surrey City Hall. KPU delivers a nursing program and has over 650 students in its Faculty of Health.

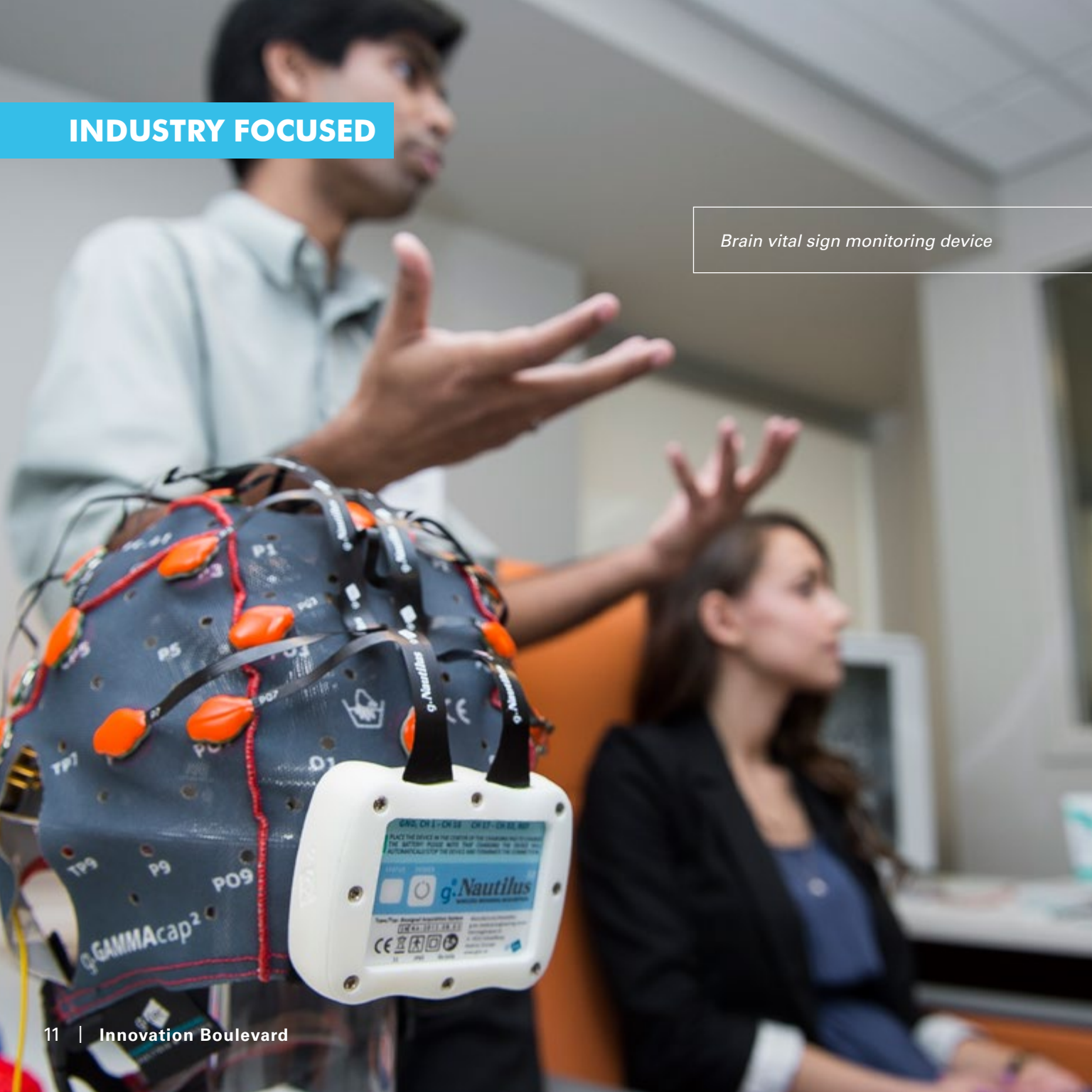
HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATION



Simon Fraser University Surrey Campus

INDUSTRY FOCUSED

Brain vital sign monitoring device



ANCHOR ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

- The **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation** has raised more than \$65 million to purchase medical equipment, fund innovative programs, and support training and research.
- The **University of British Columbia** (UBC) has a teaching hospital at Surrey Memorial Hospital with 70 to 120 Faculty of Medicine students each month. The teaching hospital is a UBC clinical academic campus.
- The **British Columbia Institute of Technology** provides commercialization and prototyping services through the Applied Research Liaison Office.
- The **BC Technology Industry Association Centre4Growth** delivers acceleration programming to tech entrepreneurs.
- **LifeSciences BC** is the industry association that supports the life science community of BC and helps connect Innovation Boulevard with partners, companies and investment.
- A **National Research Council Industrial Technology Advisor** (ITA) is located full-time on Innovation Boulevard and supports start-ups, through industry expertise and connections.
- **Retirement Concepts** is a provider of retirement homes for seniors that has over 4,000 residents residing in 23 communities in British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec.
- Over **forty-five health tech companies** from start-ups to large multi-national companies.

ANCHOR ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED



- Over **180 health service businesses** are located along Innovation Boulevard, from health IT, to physicians, to testing labs.
- **Medical office developments** are underway to provide room to grow, including the first phase of the 400,000 square foot **King George Station** by the PCI Development Corporation and the recently completed 185,000 square foot **City Centre 1 Building** by the Lark Group.
- The **Quibble Creek Health and Phoenix Transition Housing Centre, Creekside Withdrawal Management Centre**, and **Timber Creek Specialized Acute Mental Health Facility** provide a regional integrated centre of care for mental health and addictions.

ROOM TO GROW



City Centre 1 medical office building located across from Surrey Memorial Hospital and home to Health Tech Connex

TECHNOLOGY TEST-BED



The Technology Test-Bed (TTb) comprises a network of embedded and interconnected technology labs.

NeuroTech Lab

The NeuroTech Lab offers unique multi-user access to develop point-of-care neurotechnology advances to help with devastating brain conditions.

Digital Health Hub

The Digital Health Hub provides mobile health solutions, secure cloud services for sensitive health data, and computer-aided diagnosis.

Retirement Concepts Innovation Centre

The industry-led RC Innovation Centre brings new technology solutions to improve care for ageing adults.

Health Tech Connex

Health Tech Connex brings together the hospital, clinicians, scientists and business sectors to focus on advancing products to the market.

ImageTech Lab

The ImageTech Lab will combine state-of-the-art medical imaging technology such as high-field 3T MRI with high-density 275 channel instruments. These offer the best possible diagnostic monitoring for brain and other applications.

RapidTech Lab

In the planning stage, the RapidTech Lab will move initial prototypes into medical grade prototypes to enable clinical validation.

SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE



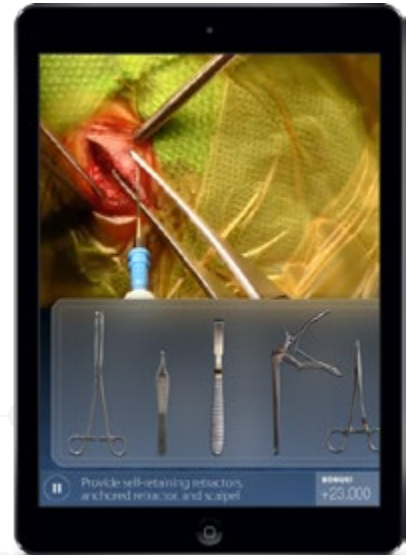
NeuroTech Lab opened in December 2013

COMPANY PROFILE: CONQUER MOBILE

Conquer Mobile, a company specializing in secure custom mobile apps, partnered with surgeons, medical educators and hospitals within Innovation Boulevard to develop Virtual Reality (VR) simulation solutions for medical education.

Within a year they were able to develop a validated simulation training app that enables clinicians to practice surgical procedures, outside of clinical time for increased patient safety.

Watch CTO Aaron Hilton talk about his experience at www.surrey.ca/innovationboulevard under *Videos*.



From idea to market in less than one year.



CREATING CONNECTIONS

Innovation Boulevard launch event attended by 280 people

PRODUCT TO MARKET



Dr. Maryam Sadeghi, Digital Health Hub Lead and SFU Graduate

Developed MoleScope app that helps users detect the onset of skin cancer

GROWING COMPANIES



Innovation Boulevard supports health technology companies through all stages of development from idea to accelerating revenue growth.

1. **Innovation Space**

The co-location of companies, researchers and institutions in Health Tech Connex provides a space to meet with problem-solvers from across disciplines.

2. **Access to the Clinical Environment**

Companies can test products in the clinical environment and refine ideas with clinicians in the field.

3. **Health Technology Business Expertise**

Our partners connect companies with business expertise through product development, time-to-market and clinical acceptance.

4. **New Technologies**

Access emerging innovations from embedded medical technology R&D to leading-edge research at universities.

5. **Funding Assistance**

Get connected to the investment and funding opportunities needed to grow.

18 MONTH MILESTONES



1. **6 Clinically-Embedded Labs**

Over 30,000 square feet of new lab space has opened or is in the pipeline.

2. **Health Technology Working Group**

Quarterly meeting of 50+ experts are guiding the growth of Innovation Boulevard.

3. **Events and Networking**

Over 1,000 people attended the first four Innovation Boulevard events.

4. **International Partnerships**

Research and industry partnerships with organizations in Israel, France and the US.

5. **Products to Market**

Numerous projects going to market including a surgery simulation training app and a mobile skin cancer detection device.

6. **Hospital Campus Infrastructure**

The \$512 million expansion of Surrey Memorial Hospital completed.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH GLOBAL CONNECTIONS



Canada India Networking Initiative 2014

Joint research project with the Sagol Neuroscience Research Center in Israel to explore the link between diabetes and dementia



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CORPORATE REPORT

NO: **R187**COUNCIL DATE: **NOVEMBER 3, 2014****REGULAR COUNCIL**TO: **Mayor & Council**DATE: **October 30, 2014**FROM: **Manager, Economic Development**FILE: **0400-01**SUBJECT: **Chair Position in Mental Health and Addictions****RECOMMENDATION**

The Economic Development Division recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Authorize the appropriate City staff to work with Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Fraser Health Authority (FHA) to create an agreement to fund a Chair position in Mental Health and Addictions at SFU with the City contributing up to \$100,000 per year for five years. The agreement would be modeled after the existing agreement between the City of Surrey, Powertech Labs and SFU to fund the Executive Industrial Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to allow City staff to work with Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Fraser Health Authority (FHA) to create an agreement to fund a Chair position in Mental Health and Addictions at SFU. The agreement could be modeled after the existing agreement between the City of Surrey, Powertech Labs and SFU to fund the Executive Industrial Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities.

A further Corporate Report including a copy of the agreement and a budget would be brought forward to Council for approval prior to the City entering into the agreement.

BACKGROUND

Surrey continues to be the fastest growing City in BC. Providing a high quality of life in Surrey is the common catalyst that drives city programs and initiatives. This is evident in the City's role as co-founder of Innovation Boulevard, a partnership of health, business, education and government creating new health technologies to improve peoples' lives while generating companies and jobs.

Innovation Boulevard is guided by a regional Working Group with representatives from the City, FHA, SFU, KPU, BCIT, UBC, health-related industry associations, businesses and entrepreneurs. This Working Group identified Mental Health and Addictions as a priority area and will focus on creating an action plan to address these issues through health technologies and other related means. This is a promising step in the right direction but more is needed.

Establishing a Chair of Mental Health and Addictions at SFU could build capacity and fuel advancements in this highly complex and specialized field. The Chair would be responsible for leading a regionally-based expert advisory group in the development and implementation of a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

DISCUSSION

Mental health and addictions issues are increasing in cities world-wide. The devastating effects of these conditions are endured by countless individuals and their families and are often visible on city streets. Government continues to invest in addressing these issues but the needs continue to grow, as illustrated in the following examples:

- A report released by the Mental Health Commission of Canada in March, 2013 entitled “*Making the Case for Investing in Mental Health in Canada*”, states that 1 in 5 people in Canada live with a mental illness. The report also states the economic cost to Canada is at least \$50 billion per year.
- The BC Mayors’ Caucus recently identified mental illness as a factor driving up policing costs across BC. At the October 14, 2015 Surrey Police Committee meeting, the RCMP reported that calls for service related to mental illness and substance abuse in the Lower Mainland District rose 75% between 2009 and 2013.

Establishing a Chair of Mental Health and Addictions at SFU could help stem this rising tide. In the future the Chair position could serve as the cornerstone in the creation of a Surrey-based Centre of Excellence in Mental Health and Addictions.

Funding

The funding required to establish a 5-year term Chair position is \$1.0 million. The City would commit to fund up to \$100,000 per year over 5 years. Other potential funding partners include:

- Simon Fraser University
- Fraser Health Authority
- Corporate and individual donors
- Hospital and Community Foundations
- NSERC (Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council) matching funds if eligible.

The funding model could be similar to the one used to fund the Executive Industrial Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities (currently being recruited), as noted below:

<i>City of Surrey:</i>	<i>\$100,000 per year for 5 years</i>
<i>Powertech:</i>	<i>\$100,000 per year for 5 years</i>
<i>SFU:</i>	<i>\$ 50,000 per year for 5 years</i>
<i>NSERC:</i>	<i>SFU applied for a matching grant of \$1.0 million</i>

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report will assist in achieving the objectives of the Sustainability Charter as stated below.

“The Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents assists the City in achieving the socio-cultural objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly, action item SC5, which addresses the implementation of the recommendations of the Social Plan.”

CONCLUSION

Based on the information provided in this report, the Economic Development Division recommends that Council:

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