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## Bridgeview is the place to be!

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The Bridgeview neighbourhood in Surrey, BC is a vibrant, ethnically diverse, community where at least 20 languages are spoken. Residents are proud of the community's friendly and caring spirit.

Bridgeview faces its fair share of issues including a low-income rate of 35.7% and lack of services due to geographical isolation from the rest of Surrey. Additionally, there is a high proportion of visible minorities and a significant amount of turnover as people move in and out of the neighbourhood.



But the neighbourhood also has a positive sense of community well-being, a high capacity for change, and is ready and willing to act. This makes Bridgeview a perfect fit for ANC.

ANC representatives from the United Way of the Lower Mainland met with members of Bridgeview Community Association and of the Parents Advisory Committee in late June to introduce ANC. The reception to the initiative was warm and enthusiastic. ANC was introduced to the community at "Bridgeview Days," the annual event held to celebrate the community.

As ANC prepares for a formal launch in the community, organizers are confident that the residents of Bridgeview will enthusiastically work together to ensure Bridgeview is the place to be in Surrey.

More about Surrey [here](#).

## Resources

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**Thriving Neighbourhoods** - Check out this section of the Pew Partnerships for Civic Change website. It's dedicated to highlighting the types of work that result in positive change within communities to create "thriving neighbourhoods." Visit the website [here](#).

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program** -

An innovative effort to bring residents into the priority-setting process of their city, this program is based on the belief that the empowerment of residents and the mobilization of untapped resources, energy and creativity can make a progressive vision of the future a reality. Visit the website [here](#).

## ANC Updates – What's New

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**Sites selected!** - ANC sites have selected and officially announced the neighbourhoods chosen to take part in the program. They are:

- Halifax – Spryfield ([Read the News Story!](#))
- Toronto – Scarborough Village
- Thunder Bay – Simpson-Ogden ([Read the News Story!](#))
- Regina – North Central
- Surrey – Will publicly launch in July

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**Calgary hosts ANC** - ANC Project Managers met in Calgary, June 21-22 to discuss ANC's evaluation and reporting framework. Meetings were held at the [Kahnahoff Centre](#), a unique and vibrant meeting space in the City's core.

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**ANC Policy Forum Planned for October 25, 2005** - The Caledon Institute has begun organizing a face-to-face Policy Forum on Neighbourhood Revitalization. The Forum will be held in Ottawa on October 25, 2005. Participants will include representatives from national and local ANC partners, government and selected organizations with a special interest in neighbourhood renewal.

The overall goals of the Forum are:

- To learn more about the concept and practice of neighbourhood revitalization.
- To raise the profile of this work in Canada.
- To explore the government machinery required for this kind of complex, horizontal agenda.

Specific objectives include:

- To develop a clear case for public investment in neighbourhood revitalization.
- To identify various ways in which government departments can work horizontally around a common set of objectives.
- To determine how to set appropriate targets and assess progress in respect of these goals.
- To examine what types of government machinery are required to implement neighbourhood revitalization efforts on a broad scale.

Canadian and international resource people will participate in a series of panel presentations and discussion sessions. Already, guest speakers have been confirmed from the UK, Australia and the US. Further updates will be provided as planning continues.

Visit our [Events Listing](#) page to register for this event!

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**ANC Policy Dialogue Continues** - The Caledon Institute convened the fifth in a series of monthly Policy Dialogue sessions. On June 14 government and community representatives met to explore the challenges associated with making the case for neighbourhood investment. The next Policy Dialogue session is scheduled for August 9. For more information on the Policy Dialogue click [here](#).

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**Smart Communities: Review** - Smart Communities: How Citizens and Local Leaders Can Use Strategic Thinking to Build A Brighter Future, is an easy to read and comprehensive overview of effective community based approaches to building stronger communities. Read the full review [here](#).

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**The Caledon Institute of Social Policy announces New Policy Dialogue Paper**  
Sherri Torjman, June 2005

This paper was developed in support of the Policy Dialogue component of Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC). The Policy Dialogue is bringing together government and community representatives to explore government/community collaboration for neighbourhood renewal.

The paper focuses on dialogue as a means of addressing concerns related to relevant policy issues and administrative processes. More specifically, it explores the concept of policy dialogue, reviews some lessons from practice and considers the relevance of these lessons to the ANC project.

At the very least, a policy dialogue involving several different departments enables horizontal management within government itself. But it is also an important vehicle for encouraging governments to talk with community representatives about policy, program and administrative issues that affect citizens and organizations. Finally, policy dialogue has been employed to help make constructive change around specific policy concerns.

Read the paper [here](#)!

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