



Surrey, British Columbia



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COMMUNITY TALKS: SURREY SESSION #3

A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH...

This report summarizes Iron & Earth's third and final community conversation hosted in Surrey British Columbia. Community Talks is Iron & Earth's engagement initiative designed to spark conversations about how environmental, social, and economic changes impact people across Canada. It is committed to meeting communities where they are at, by supporting self-determined, community-driven solutions, and offering non-prescriptive support with programs that are designed by the community and for the community.

This session was hosted in partnership with the Sustainable Workforce Coalition (SWC).

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Fears and overwhelm:** People shared feelings of overwhelm and fear when thinking about the future. Some participants expressed gratitude for the strides that have been made towards a better future, but they shared a sense of overwhelm about navigating government and community programs that might improve their lives.
- **Education and youth engagement:** Many Surrey community members discussed a desire for expanded access to education on topics relating to the green economy, with a focus on engaging youth in the community. They emphasized that awareness must precede training and that educating children is an important step in reaching adults.
- **Expansive vision of the green economy:** Rather than listing a narrow list of careers, they expressed that people working in all career paths must view themselves as part of the transition to a more sustainable world. In terms of skill sets of interest, participants mentioned an interest in cultivating skills in gardening, recycling habits, organizational and interpersonal skills. Overall, participants spoke at length about the necessity of meeting basic needs like education, housing, and healthcare as the basis of a thriving green economy in Surrey.





PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

35 participants attended this event.

86% of participants shared that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with their experience participating in this community conversation. **100% of participants expressed that they learned something new during the discussion.**



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