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## SKYE AVENUE KITCHEN + LOUNGE

By Farrel Ermono

SKYE Avenue Lounge, a recently opened restaurant at Central City, seamlessly fuses together an artfully curated culinary journey. SKYE Avenue Kitchen & Lounge embarks on a flavorful journey, showcasing artisanal craftsmanship and offering an extensive selection of spirits and wines. Their menus are thoughtfully prepared, highlighting the richness of Canadian cuisine infused with delightful European and Asian influences.

The restaurant boasts a very spacious dining area where comfort meets style, ensuring a pleasant atmosphere for all diners. The servers at SKYE Avenue are exceptionally friendly and always ready to assist,



eager to explain the nuances of each dish, making your dining experience not only delicious but also informative.

Their diverse menu offerings include Lunch, Dinner, Cocktail & Wine, and Dessert, with Brunch and No Rush Hour menus soon to join the lineup. Additionally, Skye Avenue is eagerly awaiting the debut of its curated whiskey collections, soon to grace their menu.



Delight your taste buds with their exquisite dishes, such as the Beef Carpaccio. Crafted from meat sourced from Snake River Farm, aged Pecorino Toscano, truffle cookies, and arugula, this dish offers paper-thin slices of ultra-fresh raw beef adorned with creamy, nutty Pecorino Toscano cheese, while fresh arugula adds a spicy kick, elevating this starter to perfection.



Savor the bold and rich flavors of their Chef's Burger, prepared with house-ground organic-fed beef, crispy onions, and glazed with luxurious truffle aioli. Accompanied by sea salt fries, this dish elevates the burger experience to new heights.

Skye Avenue warmly welcomes you during the operating hours: From Sunday to Thursday, from 11 am to 11 pm. And for those weekend vibes, on Fridays and Saturdays, they open a little later, from 11 am all the way to midnight. Find them nestled in the heart of Central City Mall at 13450 102 Ave, Unit 190, Surrey





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## WELCOME HARP, THE DSBIA'S NEW CHAIR

By Farrel Ermono

Harp Khela's journey in the real estate industry began during his time at the University of British Columbia, setting the foundation for a remarkable career that transitioned from selling residential properties to handling major commercial projects. His dedication to community service shone brightly during his tenure as a Municipal Councillor in Vermillion, Alberta, where he immersed himself in urban planning and development, acquiring skills and knowledge that would prove invaluable. Upon his return to British Columbia in 2015, Khela dedicated himself to the Fraser Valley's residential and commercial sectors, quickly rising to become a globally recognized top Century 21 agent.

The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) warmly welcomes Harp Khela as its new Chair. His extensive background in real estate and active community participation positions him perfectly to lead the DSBIA's endeavors in enhancing downtown Surrey. Both the community and the Association look forward to the positive impact of Khela's leadership, anticipating growth and development in downtown Surrey for the foreseeable future.



The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) is proud to announce its 2024 Board Executive, welcoming Harp Khela as the new Chair. Representing Allure Ventures, Khela is a well-established local realtor with significant contributions to the Surrey community. Allure Ventures has been instrumental in transforming Surrey's downtown skyline, delivering nearly 1700 homes and venturing into the hospitality industry with the notable SKYE Avenue Kitchen and Lounge.

"It is my honour to be selected to represent Garry Sangha and Allure Ventures as Chair of the Downtown Surrey BIA," says Mr. Khela. "This is a tremendously important time for the downtown precinct of Surrey, with major investments coming from world-class developers, businesses and academic institutions. I look forward to working with the members of the Downtown Surrey BIA's Board of Directors in championing Surrey and the city's downtown core as the best place to live, work, play and invest for the future. The priority for myself and our organization will be to advocate and support the business community as we prepare to transition to the metropolitan centre of our province in the upcoming years."



## GOODBYE TO DELL LANES



I think we were all surprised at the recent news that the Dell Lanes was closing permanently. Many of us remember birthday celebrations, league competitions, and fun gatherings of friends and family. Its abrupt end of operations, transitioning from a hub of activity to a silent monument overnight, has only deepened the sense of shock.

The closure of The Dell Lanes marks another chapter in the community's recent history of loss, following the shuttering of the iconic Round-Up Cafe in 2021. Much like The Dell Lanes, the Round-Up Cafe held a special place in the hearts of locals, with fond memories and unwavering community support yet both victims of the pandemic.

Both The Dell Lanes and the Round-Up Cafe played integral roles as community pillars, extending their support and hospitality to countless individuals and organizations for over the sixty years.

The emotional response to their closures harkens back to a similar outpouring of sentiment witnessed in 2005, when Stardust Skating Center bid farewell to its patrons. Although the physical structure remained standing until 2021, the community continued to mourn its loss, as evidenced by the commemorative brick sales initiated by the property's new owners, with proceeds benefitting the Surrey Christmas Bureau.

In addition to the impact of the pandemic, Dell Lanes' closure also sheds light on broader societal shifts, including the effects of gentrification. As neighborhoods evolve and demographics change, beloved establishments like the local bowling lanes often find themselves caught in the crosscurrents of economic transformation. While the closure may evoke a sense of loss and nostalgia, it also prompts reflection on the changing landscape of our communities. As we navigate these transitions, it becomes imperative to not only mourn the loss of cherished establishments but also to advocate for inclusive development policies that preserve the cultural heritage and social fabric of our neighborhoods.



## COLONEL KEBABZ & BAR

By Farrel Ermono



Colonel Kebabz & Bar, nestled right in the city's heart, offers a special journey through India's rich flavors and traditions. It's a place where skilled chefs, passionate about Indian cuisine, whip up authentic, tasty, and creative dishes. With deep experience and a love for Indian cooking, they ensure every meal is something to remember.

This friendly spot believes in the magic of food bringing people together. Their focus on top-notch, fresh ingredients and classic recipes means every visit stands out. They've got wallet-friendly lunch deals from 11 am to 2 pm daily, featuring generous portions of favorites like Butter Chicken Rice Bowl, Lamb Curry Rice Bowl, and Chicken Tikka Masala Rice Bowl, all priced between \$10 to \$15.

The menu covers a wide variety, from vegetarian options like creamy Dal Makhani and savory Eggplant Bharta to meaty dishes in different styles — spicy Masala, tangy Curry, and creamy Korma. Whether you're into lamb, goat, chicken, fish, or prawn, there's something for everyone.

Adding to the inviting atmosphere, the service at Colonel Kebabz is exceptionally friendly and accommodating, ensuring a pleasant experience for every guest. The lighting is dimmer, creating a relaxing ambiance that complements the cozy setting. There's also a cozy bar area where patrons can enjoy a wide selection of drinks, beers, and the company of a friendly bartender, making it the perfect spot to unwind.

And if you're looking for a refreshing drink, try their mango lassi, a smooth mix of yogurt, mango, milk, a bit of sugar, and cardamom — perfect for cooling off on a hot day.

Colonel Kebabz is open from 11 am to 10:30 pm every day, making it easy to find at 10592 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC. It's the go-to place for anyone craving an authentic and heartwarming Indian meal in a cozy setting.



## FLAME ON MONGOLIAN GRILL

By Farrel Ermono

Have you explored the newest addition at King George Centre? Flame On Mongolian Grill opened its doors a few months ago and has been garnering positive reviews on Google since its debut. Begin your dining experience with some delightful starters such as Veggie/Pork Gyoza, Veggie Spring Rolls, Flame On Honey Garlic Wings, or Flame On Prawns.

For the main course, you have two excellent options: Build Your Own Bowl for a personalized touch, or choose the We Build Your Bowl, which is an ideal takeout option. For the 'Build Your Own Bowl' feature, embark on a personalized dining journey. Choose a protein from options such as beef, chicken, pork, lamb, or prawns. Then, season your dish to perfection with any of the 11 distinct Flame On spices, ranging from the bold Montreal Steak Spice to the rich Italian Seasoning and the spirited Cajun. Complete your culinary creation with your noodle preference, be it Yaki Soba Noodles or Chow Mein Noodles, for a meal that's uniquely yours.



Craving something sweet? Flame On Mongolian Grill has got you covered with their mouthwatering desserts. Whether you're in the mood for a rich Chocolate Swirl Cake, smooth Vanilla Ice Cream, or can't decide and go for the Cake and Ice Cream combo, there's something to satisfy every sweet tooth.

Affordably priced between \$20-30 per person, you'll find the portions generous and the options plentiful. The freedom to choose your own mix of seasonings and sauces lets you craft the perfect meal to suit your taste.

But it's not just the diverse menu that's attracting visitors. The glowing online reviews often highlight the friendly staff and the clean, inviting atmosphere at its convenient location in King George Centre at 13631 100 Ave, Surrey, BC. Open from Monday to Friday, 5pm to 9pm, Flame On Mongolian Grill is the perfect spot for your next meal out, ensuring every visit is a thoroughly enjoyable experience.



## THE NEW WHALLEY LEGION RESTAURANT

By Farrel Ermono

Whalley Legion restaurant opened its doors last April 30th and offers a clean and cozy atmosphere perfect for unwinding. Known for its laid-back vibe and favored by veterans, its simple yet warm interior makes everyone feel at home

At the heart of the restaurant is a wide bar, stocked with all your favorite beers and drinks, perfect for those evenings when you just want to relax. The layout features several long rectangular tables and chairs with comfy cushions, enhancing the cozy ambiance. Plus, with air conditioning to keep the summer heat at bay, it's an ideal spot to spend time and stay cool during those warm months.

Visitors highly praise the food at Whalley Legion, noting its tastiness, comfort, and spot-on seasoning. The menu features popular starters like 1LB chicken wings in various sauces, including Salt and Pepper, and BBQ. It also offers Chicken strips with fries and comforting Dry ribs and fries, all at reasonable prices from \$12 to \$15



The main dish offerings are just as tempting, featuring a variety of options such as a hearty steak dinner served with potatoes and veggies for just \$14. Lasagna lovers will be delighted by the Beef Lasagna for \$17.95, accompanied by garlic bread and Caesar salad. The menu also includes classic comfort foods like Shepherd's pie, meatloaf, and fish & chips.

Located just beside the restaurant is a room available for rent, making it an ideal venue for special events without breaking the bank. With the capacity to accommodate up to 100 people and rental rates ranging from \$50 to \$75 an hour, it's an unbeatable deal for anyone looking to host an event in a convenient and affordable location.

Nestled at 10626 City Parkway, Surrey, BC, Whalley's Legion restaurant is more than just a place to eat; it's a destination for those seeking a relaxing atmosphere, friendly faces, and a menu that promises something comforting for everyone. Be sure to check out the Music Night \$12 Dinner Specials, adding an extra layer of delight to your visit. Kitchen hours are: Closed Mondays; Tuesday to Thursday, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, extending to 9:00 PM on Fridays for Music Nights; 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturdays; and Sundays until 7:00 PM.



## FRESH TASTE AT NEW PHO HONG

By Farrel Ermono

Discover your new favorite at 10322 Whalley Blvd, Surrey: Pho Hong Surrey, open 24 hours every day. Celebrating its March 2024 opening with up to 15% off until April 30th, 2024. Enjoy their grand opening deals or cozy home delivery via UberEats.

Start your meal with something fun like the Combination Roll. It's a cool mix of three different rolls - Salad Roll, Minced Roll, and Spring Roll. It's a great way to try a bit of everything right from the start.

When it comes to the main dish, they've got everyone in mind. Whether it's your first time trying this kind of food or you're ready to try something new and exciting, they have something for you. Choose between a regular or large bowl - going large only costs a dollar more and gives you way more to enjoy.

The 'For the Beginners' menu offers meat options like Beef Brisket, Steak, Tendon, and Meat Ball. If you're feeling adventurous, check out the menu with options that mix things up more, like a bowl full of Steak, Brisket, Tendon, and Tripe.



For those who love rice, the Rice Plates menu won't disappoint. You get to pick your protein - Chicken, Shrimp, or Pork Chop. They grill it in a special sauce that's all kinds of yummy - smoky, a touch sweet, and packed with flavor. You also get a beefy broth soup that goes so well with the grilled meat, plus a carrot and lettuce salad with a dressing that's just the right mix of salty, sweet, and tangy.

To cool down, the Ice Coffee with condensed milk is a creamy dream, or try one of their fresh smoothies like berry mix or the exotic soursop. It's the perfect way to wrap up your meal.

So, swing by and dive into a world where every bite is about enjoying great food in a laid-back, friendly place. It's all about good times, good eats, and making every meal an adventure, no matter the time of day.





## THE INDIAN CLUB

By Farrel Ermono

Right in the centre of downtown Surrey, The Indian Club brings a new kind of fun to the usual bar scene by adding a touch of Indian style. It's a cozy place where folks from the area come to eat, have a drink, and enjoy good times together.

The menu is filled with top-notch dishes, starting with light snacks like the popular Indo Masala Fries—tasty fries mixed with a special sauce and cheese—to more filling meals like tender Lamb Chops, creamy Goat Butter Masala, or flavorful Chicken Biryani.



There's a drink for everyone here. If you love classic cocktails, you'll enjoy the carefully made Margarita, Negroni, or Old Fashioned, a mix of whiskey, brown sugar, and bitters. If you're not into alcohol, the Mocktails menu has fun drinks like Pina Colada and Electric Lemonade. For those who like something stronger, there's a big list of Whiskey, Bourbon, Gin, Rum, and over 50 kinds of wine to choose from.

Make sure to check out the Happy Hour deals from Monday to Saturday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You can get tasty snacks like Indo Masala Fries and Spicy Chicken Bite for less. There are also great deals on draft beers and non-alcoholic Mojito and Pina Colada for just \$6, and you can add a shot of liquor for \$3 more.

You can find The Indian Club at 13648 105A Ave, Surrey, BC. It's a friendly spot in Downtown Surrey that's open every day from 12 pm to 3 am, always ready to offer a warm welcome and a great time with delicious food and drinks.



## CATCHING UP WITH PAST INTERNS

By Hannah Gill



In March, I was pleased to chat with Sophia Sato! Sophia was the Fall 2020 Social Media/Marketing Intern whose vibrant energy and strong business mindset left a lasting impact beyond her time at the DSBIA. Leading the Click on Surrey team, she guided the development of tailored digital marketing campaigns for fourteen Downtown Surrey businesses, with a focus on understanding their unique needs and crafting effective strategies. A standout moment for Sophia was revitalizing a small, black-owned beauty shop. Her team's efforts boosted its digital and physical appearance, significantly increasing its clientele and sales. The business owner's profound gratitude remains one of Sophia's most cherished memories from her internship.

Post-DSBIA, Sophia finished her business degree with a concentration on marketing and management information systems, landed a stellar internship with the Canucks through the Top Prospects program, and worked for the dining chain Earls on their marketing team.

Most recently, Sophia returned from a year abroad in Sweden, where she worked in a restaurant and furthered her love for travelling by exploring over ten nearby countries.

Reflecting on her experiences, Sophia credits her time at the DSBIA as foundational in equipping her with digital marketing, problem-solving, and client relationship-building skills. These skills not only facilitated her past successes but have fueled her aspirations for the future. She is eager to pursue a master's degree, and dreams of exploring a career as an account executive or a professor, paths that blend her passions of learning, building relationships, and aiding others.

Sophia's key takeaways from her time at the DSBIA emphasize the importance of seizing every opportunity for growth, embracing diverse experiences to broaden one's skills, and the value of networking boldly. The DSBIA was so happy to have Sophia on the team, and we look forward to cheering her on through her future endeavors!



## MAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Babytime** Wednesdays | 10:00 am - 10:30 am | City Centre Branch This program is for babies 0-1 and their caregiver. Join us for songs, stories, rhymes and bounces to help your baby develop speech and language skills. After a 30 minute storytime, there will be a social time for babies and their caregivers.! 604.598.7427 or surreylibraries.ca

**Family Storytime** Fridays | 10:00 am - 10:30 am | City Centre Branch This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Join us for fun stories and songs for the whole family! Help imaginations grow and build a love of reading

**Live Bands at Whalley Legion** every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at Whalley Legion

**Craft 'N' Yarn** Tuesdays 6–8:30pm City Centre Branch Join us for a casual crafting session. Bring your current project to work on in the company of others. Crafters of all kinds, abilities, and ages welcome. City Centre Branch 10350 University Drive, Surrey, British Columbia V3T 4B8

**April 9-May 1 Somewhere in Dreamland:** A pop-up exhibition by SFU Publishing students Fraser Library (SFU Surrey Campus), Central City, Podium 3, 250 - 13450 102nd Avenue, Surrey

- 7 Karaoke at Whalley Legion 7-11pm
- 8 LA Bingo Wednesdays at Whalley Legion from 1-3pm
- 11 Peter Braune of New Leaf Editions learn about local printmaking histories and participate in a print workshop 1-3:30pm Surrey Art Gallery - 13750 88 Ave Free. Contact info 604-501-5566 artgallery@surrey.ca
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## SURREY SPARK STAGES

By Hannah Gill



Get ready to dive into a world of imagination at the Surrey SPARK Stages, back again this year with another weekend brimming with creativity, excitement, and unforgettable memories. This three-day celebration of performing arts takes place May 24th-26th, 2024, at the Surrey Arts Centre in Bear Creek Park.

Surrey SPARK stages evolved from the Surrey International Children's Festival and offers unique performing arts experiences designed to captivate young minds. Not only does the event aim to provide thrilling entertainment, but seeks to ignite a lifelong love for the arts through a celebration of the diversity in artistic expression. Throughout the weekend, you can find a variety of energetic performance styles including theatre, dance, circus, and puppetry.

Kicking off the festival on Friday is "Make a Memory Day," a heartwarming day that invites elementary school students from Surrey to enjoy the festivities. In collaboration with the Surrey School District and local businesses, the event aims to subsidize tickets for deserving schools. Last year, the festival welcomed over 1,000 students, creating a day filled with joy and artistic inspiration.

This year's performers are set to dazzle audiences of all ages with acts from across the globe. On both Saturday and Sunday, you can see international performances by "Dino Light" from the USA, "Robot Song" from Australia, and "The Librarian" from Ireland. The lineup also includes Canadian acts like "Falling in Africa" from Alberta, and "Tree" from Quebec.

Ticket prices per show are \$16 for children (twelve and under), and \$21 for adults, with special four-pack pricing available by calling the box office at 604-501-5566. Not only do tickets include a spectacular show, but added activities and surprise pop-up performances between shows such as craft stations, dance workshops, and story times. The Surrey SPARK stages is truly a weekend of fun that you won't want to miss!



For the most up-to-date information, [click here](#)  
Location: 13750 88 Ave, Surrey BC

