



## BURNABY – NEW WESTMINSTER BRANCH JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

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### JANUARY DINNER MEETING BRINGING IDEAS TO REALITY

On January 25, 2006, the Burnaby-New Westminster Branch will be hosting the *Bringing Ideas to Reality* seminar. The focus of the seminar will be business initiation, development, and funding for your business. Speakers for the seminar will be Nicolas Fong of the Industrial Research Assistance Program of the NRC (<http://irap-pari.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca>) and Tara Gilbert of the BC Small Business Office (<http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca>).

Mr. Nicolas Fong, P.Eng. joined the National Research Council in 1989. He has worked in the Industrial Research Assistance Program, known as IRAP, by helping solid BC high-technology companies such as Creo and Sierra Wireless (both companies were started in Burnaby) to grow from start up stage to become global organizations.

Ms. Tara Gilbert is the CEO of Small Business BC. Tara is a former Schulich School of Business PhD candidate and received her MBA and Bcom from McMaster University. Tara's mission is to position Small Business BC as the key resource for starting and growing your business in BC. *"The Small Business community is BC's economic engine. We are committed to offering resources that are innovative, flexible and results-focused solutions to small businesses. Today the acquisition & implementation of advanced technology and business processes is competency worth having. The access we provide to leading edge business tools and resources enable BC small business to succeed in this competitive global age."*

The seminar includes an optional light meal consisting of a Japanese dinner box (no raw fish). The venue for this event will be the Centre Auditorium of the BC Hydro Building located at 6911 Southpoint Drive in Burnaby (easy access from Edmonds Skytrain Station). RSVP required.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006

**Location:** Centre Auditorium, BC Hydro Building, 6911 Southpoint Drive, Burnaby, BC. (The Centre Auditorium is located in the main building with tower. There is an intercom system at the front glass doors, buzz for security. Sign in at security, and they will direct you to the auditorium.)

**Cost:** \$12 per person including meal (\$5 without optional meal)

**Agenda:** 6:00 – 6:45pm Registration / Networking / Optional Meal  
6:45 – 8:00pm Presentations and Speakers

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Dorothy Ong at [dorothy.ong@bhydro.bc.ca](mailto:dorothy.ong@bhydro.bc.ca) or register on-line at [www.apeg.bc.ca/event](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/event). Deadline for registration is January 23, 2006.

**Directions:** See map overleaf

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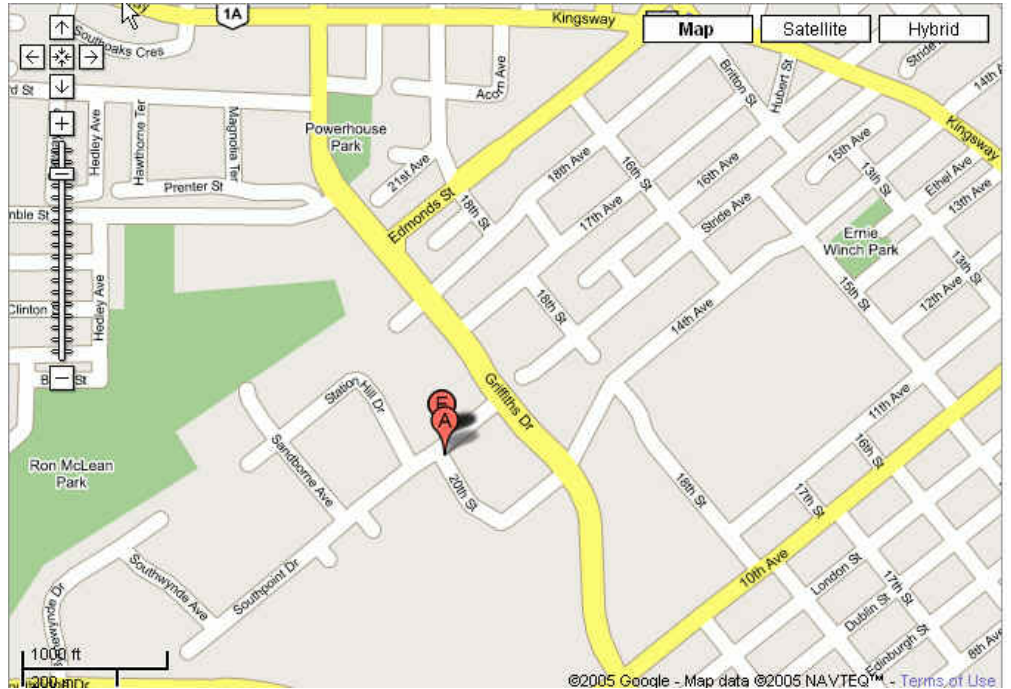
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### DIRECTIONS TO BC HYDRO BUILDING



### UPCOMING EVENTS

*details to follow*