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# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## CityStudio Abbotsford Students Showcase Projects

**ABBOTSFORD, April 4, 2018** – Students of the inaugural CityStudio Abbotsford showcased their projects at Abbotsford City Hall today.

CityStudio is a partnership program between the City of Abbotsford and the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) in which university students tackle civic issues and prototype solutions as part of their university degree program curriculum.

Five UFV degree programs participated in CityStudio Abbotsford project between January and April 2018:

- Civic Engagement and Participation IDS 400F
- Work Spaces, Built Places BUS 478
- Community Arts Practice VA 390
- Community and Interdisciplinary Relationships CYC 402
- Environment: Science and Communications GEOG/CMNS 257

CityStudio Abbotsford supports the launch of experimental projects as part of an immersive and innovative education experience where students connect with City of Abbotsford program staff to research, design, and prototype solutions to civic challenges. Students not only get to experience an opportunity to potentially shape the community, but they also develop job skills, experience group processes, and network with sector experts.

The next CityStudio Abbotsford program will start in summer 2018.

### **Quotes:**

“All of these projects are examples of real challenges in our community and it is great to see the innovative solutions and ideas come to life here at the CityStudio Hubhub. From displaying approaches to reduce litter in our parks and enhancing our public art, to finding alternative ways to engage with our residents, these projects have been truly inspiring and exciting to be a part of.”

*-Henry Braun  
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

“While learning how cities work, UFV students gain the opportunity, in partnership with city staff and fellow students, to wrestle with real-world, civic challenges and learn the skills required for collaboration, strategic thinking, innovation, and social change. It vests the students in their city, the city in UFV, and the community in UFV students. Win-win-win. I truly believe the CityStudio

brand and model will put both Abbotsford and UFV on the map, nationally and internationally, in ways we have not seen.”

*-Eric Davis*

*Provost and Vice President Academic, University of the Fraser Valley*

**Associated Links:**

[https://www.abbotsford.ca/business\\_and\\_development/major\\_initiatives/citystudio.htm](https://www.abbotsford.ca/business_and_development/major_initiatives/citystudio.htm)

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