

Dotmocracy at **SURREY, BC**



WHAT IS DOTMOCRACY?

Dotmocracy is a quick and efficient method to accommodate anonymous mass voting using stickers or marks.

WHY USE DOTMOCRACY?

From 2023 to 2024, Iron & Earth conducted three in-person Community Talks events in Surrey, B.C., in partnership with The Sustainable Workforce Coalition (SWC).

Read the full report about the sessions on:
www.communitytalkscanada.ca

From the discussions in Surrey, Iron & Earth created 4 statements based on issues that have potential to have an impact on the local level, and used dotmocracy to confirm the findings with the larger city population.

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants voted that **all 4 provided statements are very important:**

- Easy access to subsidized air-conditioning units
- Functional pedestrian infrastructure exists throughout Surrey
- Regardless of industry, every workplace has a responsibility to contribute to a more sustainable future
- New small-scale solar energy systems are community-owned

The votes confirmed our findings from the Community Talks events that these issues are very important for Surrey residents at large.

LOCATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS

269 individuals voted at publicly accessible locations and events across Surrey.



City Centre Library

Holland park

Mother Language Festival

Royal Kwantlen Park

Surrey Urban Farmers Market

Semiahmoo Library

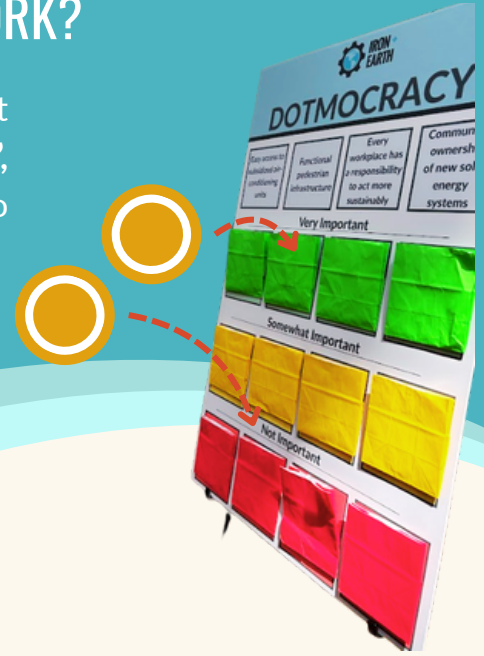
Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club

Salmon Festival

HOW DOES DOTMOCRACY WORK?

A board presents four statements with different slots that represent three levels of importance: 'not important', 'somewhat important', and 'very important'. Each participant puts 4 tokens into the slots to vote on the importance levels of each statement.

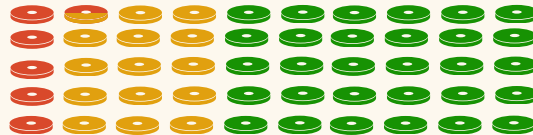
Placing tokens into the slots instead of on the board ensures that votes are hidden from other participants, to reduce peer influence at voting.



VOTES RESULTS

Easy access to subsidized air-conditioning (AC) units

Total votes 199



60% very important
29% somewhat important
11% not important

Functional pedestrian infrastructure exists throughout Surrey

Total votes 201



75% very important
21% somewhat important
3% not important

Regardless of industry, every workplace has a responsibility to contribute to a more sustainable future

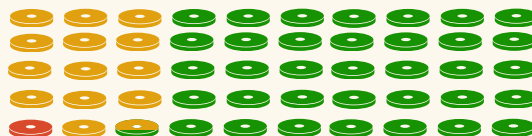
Total votes 206



85% very important
13% somewhat important
2% not important

New small-scale solar energy systems are community-owned

Total votes 203



71% very important
27% somewhat important
2% not important