

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 7, 2002 at 7:00 pm in Room 3120 WMC

Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair

Blackman, Roger (representing J. Pierce)
Chan, Albert
Chang, Jack
Clayman, Bruce
Copeland, Lynn
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Gerson, Carole
Haunerland, Norbert
Heaney, John
Hill, Ross
Jackson, Margaret
Jensen, Britta
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Love, Ernie
Mathewes, Rolf (representing W. Davidson)
Mauser, Gary
Naef, Barbara
Paterson, David
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Sirri, Odai
Steinbach, Chris
Stephenson, Brock
Tansey, Caralyn
Van Aalst, Jan
Warren, Joel
Waterhouse, John
Weldon, Larry
Wessel, Sylvia
Wortis, Michael
Yerbury, Colin
Zaichkowsky, Judy

Absent: Aloï, Santa
Atkins, Stella
Barrow, Robin
Bawa, Parveen
D'Auria, John
Delgrande, James
Dempster, Peter
Gill, Alison
Grimmett, Peter
Jones, John
Klymson, Sarah
McArthur, James
McFetridge, Paul
McInnes, Dina
Muirhead, Leah
Russell, Robert
Sekhon, Devinder
Thandi, Ranbir
Wong, Milton

In attendance:

Cameron, Rob
Geller, Michael
Munro, Jock
Pinto, Mario

Heath, Nick, Acting Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 3, 2001
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes

i) Undergraduate Semester of Dialogue

Senators were reminded of the issues raised at the last meeting with respect to the academic approval and administrative home of the program. The administrative home of the program for issues such as grade appeals will be the Faculty of Science. With respect to academic approval, Senate was advised that this program was reviewed and approved by SCUS and presented to SCUP for information without first having received approval from either a department or a faculty. Subsequent review and approval was received by Senate. Senate was reminded that the program was approved on a two year trial basis and therefore was not a permanent addition to the Calendar. The process followed resembled a process at the graduate level for temporary approval of a graduate masters cohort program by special arrangement and the Chair of SCUS has been requested to consider and advise on a process for the approval of experimental undergraduate programs such as the Undergraduate Semester of Dialogue. The concern that was expressed at the last meeting, that a precedent was being created to allow courses/programs to bypass the normal approval process, was reiterated and a request was made for the minutes to clearly state that since this program was a special situation and approved on a trial basis only, a precedent was not being set.

4. Report of the Chair

i) Plagiarism Investigation in BUEC 333

The following statement was read into the Minutes by R. Blackman, Associate Dean of Arts:

"Last semester the Economics Department received information that pointed to plagiarism in one of its courses, BUEC 333. At the time final grades were due in this very large course, it became clear that there was not sufficient time to complete a proper investigation. Some 355 students about whose work there was no concern received the letter grades they had earned. But for the remaining 69 students we had to enter a grade of GN. This is a placeholder entry meaning "grade not given". When the investigation was subsequently completed over the Christmas break, the department determined there was sufficient evidence to pursue allegations of academic dishonesty against 47 students in this course. The other 22 students now have the letter grade they deserve.

The department is following the regulations laid out in Policy T10.03 (Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct Procedures). The first step calls for the students whose work is in question to be informed in writing of the evidence and reminded of the provisions of relevant university policies, particularly T10.03.

That is the stage we have reached. These letters will go out to the students as soon as possible, hopefully tomorrow. The students will be given the opportunity to provide whatever information they wish to place on the record. The department chair will then look at all the evidence and determine the appropriate course of action. The range of possible actions is clearly spelled out in T10.03."

The Chair emphasized that the matter was still in progress and that due process must be observed, especially with respect to the rights of the students to respond to these allegations. He felt it was inappropriate for the press to draw conclusions or to insist on more detailed response from the University until the process was completed, and he hoped Senate understood the University's position in the matter.

ii) Report on the Burnaby Mountain Community Project

Michael Geller, President, Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation presented Senate with an overview of the plans for the neighbourhood areas within the ring road. The planned development was designed to create a more community-oriented campus and to generate revenue through long term lease of lands which over time would create a significant endowment to be used to support a variety of university activities. Following the presentation a variety of issues such as parking, affordable housing for students, storm water management, preservation of the research forest and broader representation in the decision-making process were discussed. Senate was advised that detailed information was available on the Burnaby Mountain Community Project web site and a call for proposals from the development community would be issued shortly.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.02-1 – Elections

The following are the results of elections to Senate Committees. There were insufficient nominations to fill all positions; vacancies will be carried over and brought forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace P. Budra for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC)

One Undergraduate Student to replace S. Tucker for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation;

Michelle Kemper

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.02-2 – External Review – Department of Chemistry

M. Pinto, Chair of the Department presented an overview of the perceived strengths and weaknesses as outlined in the external review report.

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by O. Sirri

“that Senate concur with the recommendations from the Senate Committee on University Priorities concerning the advice to the Department of Chemistry on priority items resulting from the external review, as outlined in S.02-2”

Reference was made to the statements concerning the reclassification of the Chemistry Department from a level A to a level B department. Senate was advised that the department had been reclassified despite protests from the Dean and the Department and a recommendation from the reviewers that the reclassification should be re-examined. In response to an inquiry as to whether SCUP reviewed the issue of reclassification, Senate was advised that SCUP reviewed the full documentation and felt that the reclassification was appropriate according to the criteria and standards developed for the classification system. Specific details/rationale with respect to the reclassification of the Department had been requested by the Chair and the Vice President Academic indicated the information would be provided to the Department. Question arose as to how many other departments had been reclassified. The information was not readily available and would be provided by the Vice President Academic at a future meeting.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.02-3 – Graduate Diploma in Urban Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by R. Blackman

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Urban Studies as outlined in S.02-3”

J. Munro was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Reference was made to the budget and resource implications and concern was expressed about the introduction of such an expensive program, especially when basic programs were underfunded. Senate was advised that the program had been considered primarily on its academic merits but SCUP had clearly indicated that the Faculty of Arts would have to deal with the resource implication of the program or there would have to be a separate consideration through the Strategic Initiatives Fund. Senate was informed that there was strong support for the program in the Faculty of Arts and in the Department of Geography and the

question of funding was under active consideration. If approved by Senate some modifications may be necessary as the Faculty would not be able to fulfill each and every recommendation in the proposal without additional resources.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Library Committee

i) Paper S.02-4 – Revision to Membership

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by L. Copeland

“that Senate approve that the Dean of Graduate Studies be added as an *ex-officio*, voting member of the Senate Library Committee”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.02-5 – Revised Regulation – Second or Subsequent Bachelor's Degrees

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by B. Clayman

“that Senate approve the change in regulations for Second or Subsequent Bachelor's Degrees, as set forth in S.02-5”

R. Cameron was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was pointed out that although the University offers joint major programs, it lacks joint degree programs leading to two bachelor degrees, either from the same or from two different faculties. In addition to focusing on second or subsequent degree programs, suggestion was made that SCUS should look into the feasibility of offering double degree programs.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.02-6 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved four new courses, deleted one course, and approved minor curriculum revisions to existing courses and programs in Kinesiology, Communication, Engineering Science, and Computing Science.

iii) Paper S.02-7 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved three new courses, deleted two courses, temporarily withdrew (mothballed) two courses, and approved minor revisions to existing courses within the Faculty of Business Administration.

iv) Paper S.02-8 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education

Moved by D. Paterson, seconded by R. Blackman

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the Minor in Counselling and Human Development, as set forth in S.02-8”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved one new course and deleted one course within the Faculty of Education.

v) Paper S.02-9 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved nine new courses and minor revisions to existing courses and programs in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics and Actuarial Science.

7. Other Business

i) Notice of Senate Vacancies

Senate was advised that there were four vacancies on Senate for faculty members and that a call for nominations would be distributed soon.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 4, 2002.

Open Session adjourned at 8:40 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

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To: Members of Senate

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The enclosed material provided by Michael Geller is distributed as follow-up to the report he presented at the January 7th meeting of Senate on the Burnaby Mountain Community Project.

Bobbie Grant

a new community at **SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Burnaby Mountain Community Development?

The Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation (BMCC), on behalf of Simon Fraser University, is proposing to build a new community with up to 4,536 residential units and 10,000 people, along with new retail and commercial space, parks, schools, recreational and community facilities on approximately 160 acres of land within the Ring Road. The land will be leased for 99 years. The Corporation receives advice from a Community Advisory Committee with representatives from students, faculty, and staff and the broader community including the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, and Burnaby Mountain Preservation Society.

Why is the University undertaking this development?

There are two main objectives. The first is to change SFU from a "commuter campus" to a more complete community with "around-the-clock" activities. A second objective is to create an Endowment Fund and other sources of revenue to support a wide range of University purposes including new student housing.

What is the status of the development?

In 1996, the City of Burnaby approved an overall Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw which permits the proposed new community, subject to more detailed neighbourhood plans setting out environmental, engineering, and community service proposals. In return for this approval, the University transferred to the City of Burnaby approximately 773 acres of land outside the Ring Road to be preserved as part of the Burnaby Mountain Park. The planning process has continued, with a high level of consultation and participation by the University, Burnaby, and others interested in the new community.

Burnaby Mountain is a sensitive environmental area. How are potential negative impacts being addressed?

A major underlying objective is to respect and complement the natural heritage of Burnaby Mountain, thus protecting ecosystems and ecological functions in a manner that will reflect positively on the University. Special attention is being given to the protection of significant trees, streams, and wildlife. In addition 29 acres will be set aside within the Ring Road as Naheeno Park. These measures are set out as requirements in the Official Community Plan, which was drafted within the context of environmental stewardship.



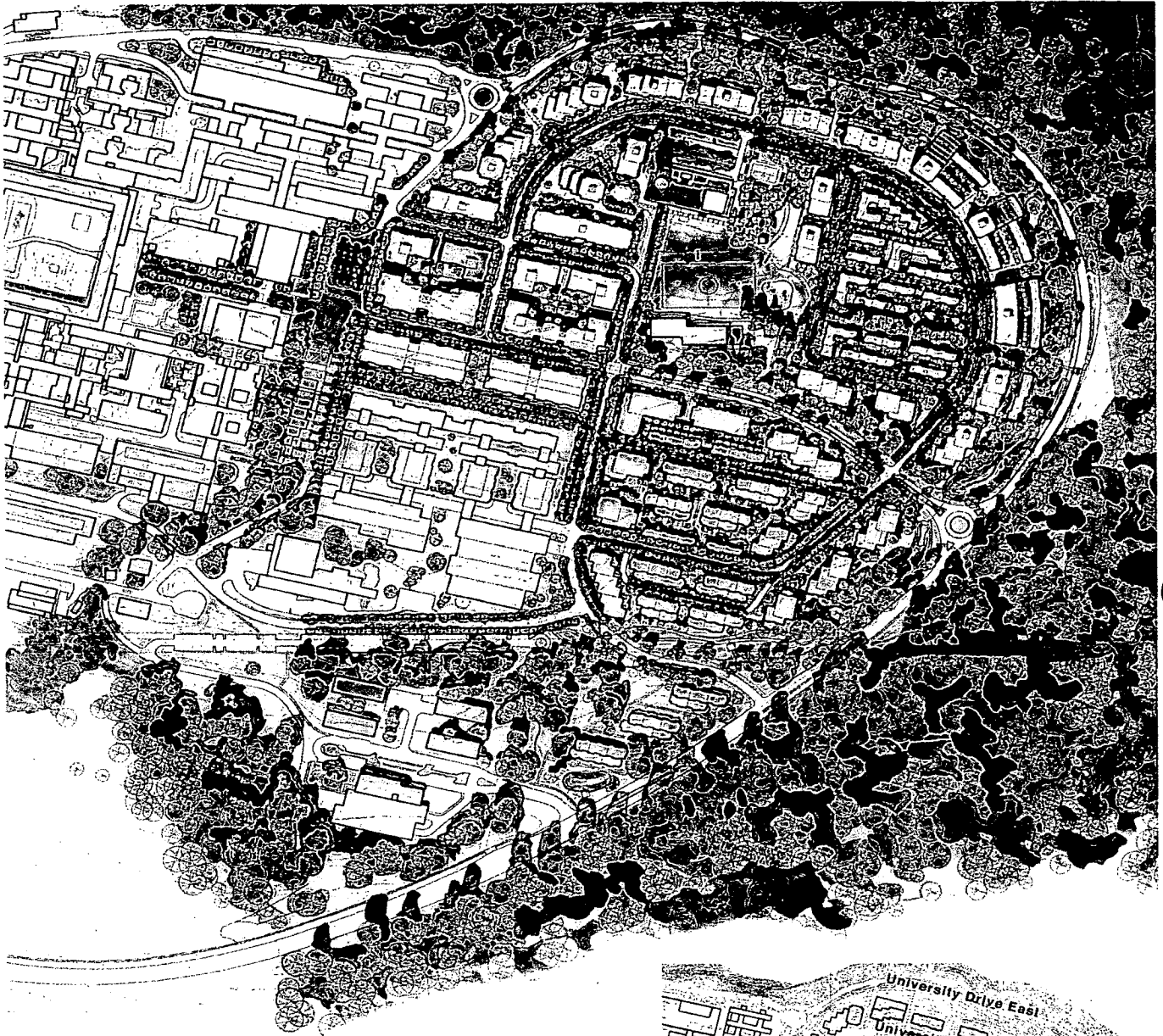
A View Along University Crescent

Will this current development proposal affect the area used by Biological Sciences for research?

No. The current proposal relates only to the East Neighbourhood which will take at least 7 to 10 years to complete. However, BMCC is working with representatives of the Biology Department and the Community Advisory Committee to determine what areas are being used, and how research activities can be accommodated in the future. The University and Burnaby are also exploring a protocol which would significantly expand research and teaching opportunities within the parks on Burnaby Mountain.

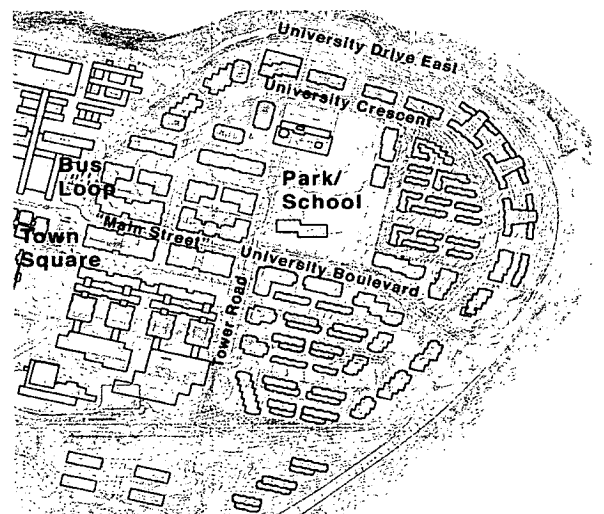
EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

BMCC is presenting the Plan for the East Neighbourhood to the broader Burnaby and University communities, the BMCC Community Advisory Committee, the University's Board of Governors, and BMCC Board of Directors. This Plan has been prepared in response to the requirements set out in the SFU Official Community Plan which was approved in 1996. It identifies the first phases of development, the proposed school and park sites, the road system, including Main Street, and the pedestrian and bicycle path network which will integrate the community with the broader University campus.



A new 'roundabout' marks the entrance to the community from East University Drive. University Boulevard extends the University's pedestrian axis into a vibrant new mixed use area offering shops, offices and other services with housing above. The heart of the community is a new town square and reconfigured transit loop where 'town meets gown'.

A variety of housing is served by University Crescent. The central school and park site is linked to the rest of the community with an extensive pedestrian and bicycle network. Significant treed and riparian areas result in a network of green corridors throughout the community.



The Neighbourhood Plan, along with a supporting Planning Report and Technical Reports and Appendices, has been submitted to the City of Burnaby and Federal and Provincial Environmental Agencies. It is expected that the governmental review of the Plan, and negotiation of the various agreements will take a number of months to complete.

The East Neighbourhood Plan contains a considerable amount of detailed information including the Watercourse and Stormwater Management Plan, tree preservation and management areas, and concept designs for the school and park sites, streets, sidewalks, and pathways. However, there are a number of matters which are *not* included in this submission.

The Plan does not set out any prescribed mix of market and "non-market" or subsidized housing. This was deliberate, since this is not a requirement of the City of Burnaby, and there are a number of different ways by which the University can increase housing affordability for faculty, staff, and students. In addition to participating in federal and provincial funding programs, the University could offer preferential financing arrangements to those moving into the new community. While these decisions go beyond the mandate of the Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation, BMCC has developed a Plan which focuses on the provision of more affordable forms of housing, rather than expensive single family homes or large townhouses.

While considerable attention is given to tree preservation and management in the East Neighbourhood, this plan does not address the issue of tree preservation in the South Neighbourhood. The Student Society and others have expressed concerns regarding the number of trees that may be cut down in this area. Of particular concern is that portion of the South Neighbourhood used for Biological Sciences research. By submitting the East Neighbourhood Plan, BMCC is committing to proceed with the East Neighbourhood in advance of the South, and defer any development in the South Neighbourhood for at least 7 years. In the meanwhile, BMCC will work with the Biology Department to carry out detailed mapping to assess which areas may be required for research activities.

In assessing the appropriate amount of trees to be retained within the Ring Road, consideration must be given to the previous agreement which resulted in the transfer of 773 acres of wooded areas to Burnaby for preservation as a conservation area. One must also consider the need to build sufficient housing to support a food store, shops, and commercial facilities, improved transportation, the school, and other community amenities.

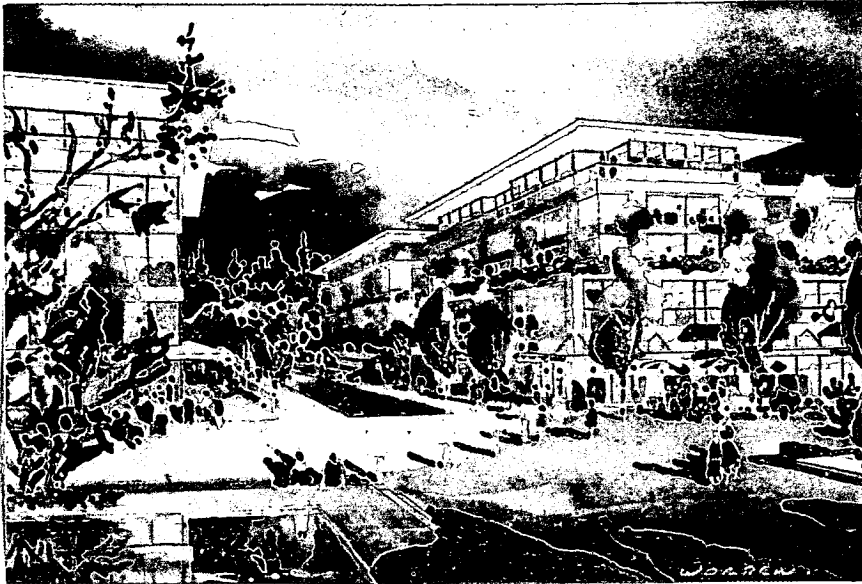
FEATURES OF THE PLAN

When reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan, you should note the following features:

- A new "Main Street" which extends the University pedestrian axis, with a mix of retail, office, and residential uses.
- A central school and park site in the vicinity of the East Academic Annex. It is proposed that the Annex be converted over time for use as an elementary school. Existing tenants will be relocated to new offices along Main Street, or elsewhere on campus.
- A realignment of the East Campus Road and a new roundabout intersection at the Ring Road. This will help "calm" traffic and create an attractive new entry to the community. Other roads will incorporate innovative features to manage stormwater and enhance pedestrian safety.
- A range of housing types, including townhouses, stacked townhouses, low rise and mid rise apartments up to 10 storeys in height.
- A network of pedestrian pathways and cycling paths integrating the new community with the University campus.
- A reconfigured transit loop, integrated with a new Town Square, which will serve as a meeting place between "town and gown".
- Retention of significant treed areas along the Ring Road, University Boulevard, and east of the Hydro tower, along with an extensive program for replanting vegetation.
- A comprehensive watercourse and stormwater management system resulting in protected riparian areas, new detention ponds, engineered swales, and other environmental features.
- The potential for up to 1800 new residential units catering to faculty, staff, students, and others seeking a unique sustainable mountain top community integrated with a world class university in a natural setting.

While BMCC has submitted this Plan to Burnaby, this is by no means the end of the planning process. Over the coming months, we will be developing in greater detail the Development Guidelines for the new community, including design controls, sustainability features, and other measures to ensure that the new community on Burnaby Mountain truly complements Simon Fraser University, and becomes worthy of international acclaim.

MORE QUESTIONS:



A View Across the Town Square & Main Street

How will we deal with additional traffic resulting from this new community and University expansion?

In order to reduce reliance on the private automobile, significant public transit improvements are contemplated. These include a shuttle bus connection to the new Skytrain, improved public transit both to and within the community and possibly a "community transit pass" for the University and new community. In addition, improvements to both on and off site road systems are being planned.

Will this new community use up land that is required for expansion of the University?

No. Within the overall plan sufficient land is being put aside to allow the University to double in size over time. Expansion could take place adjacent to the existing campus and within portions of the community. In addition, certain areas can be used for housing or university related activities.

What kind of housing is being proposed?

A wide range of housing forms and tenures is being proposed, including individually owned townhouses, condominiums, cooperatives, rental apartments, and live/work units. Buildings could range in height from two to ten storeys. Housing will appeal to all price ranges from smaller rental suites suitable for students to larger more luxurious apartments. The result will be many more housing opportunities for faculty, staff, students and others wanting to live on Burnaby Mountain.

Housing is proposed on existing surface parking lots. What will happen to the parking?

New parking structures will be built to accommodate the surface parking prior to redevelopment of the parking lot areas.

When and where will this start, and how long will it take?

The first phase of community development will take place at the east end of the campus near the bus loop and water tower, subject to approvals from Burnaby, the Federal and Provincial governments, and the University. Requests for Proposals for the long term lease of development parcels would be issued to developers and others this fall. Construction of the new roads and site improvements could begin next spring. It is expected that the entire community will take at least 25 years to complete.

Over the coming years, Simon Fraser University is going to change dramatically as a result of the creation of the new community on Burnaby Mountain. For more information on the planning process to date, and other details, visit our website at www.sfu.ca/bmcp. Thank you for your interest in the new community at SFU.

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