

NEWS RELEASE

UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan Adopted By Council – First of 20 Plan 200K Plans

Abbotsford, May 29, 2018 – The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan has been officially adopted by Council announced Mayor Braun today. It is the first of 20 Master Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and studies to position Abbotsford for a population of 200,000 residents.

The City of Abbotsford and the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) worked together to develop The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan and the UFV Abbotsford Campus Master Plan. These plans will help guide future development and growth of the UFV campus and surrounding neighbourhood.

The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan is the first of 20 Master Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and studies to be adopted under the banner of the 'Plan 200K Initiative.' Plan 200K encompassed all the key areas the City would focus on to meet the needs of a growing population.

The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan outlines land uses, densities, built form guidelines, public spaces, multi-modal transportation networks, and infrastructure servicing strategies. The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan lays the foundation for planned and predictable growth that enriches the community while supporting the long-term growth and diversification of UFV. The UDistrict Vision was developed through a collaborative process between the City, UFV and the community. It will guide future development in the area surrounding UFV making the local community a healthier, more vibrant and sustainable place to live, work and play.

Quotes

"The UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan will provide a roadmap for development around Abbotsford's University of the Fraser Valley campus. I look forward to the final Plan 200K projects being presented to Council and residents, as the City prepares to meet the needs of a growing population and builds Abbotsford, the Hub of the Fraser Valley."

Henry Braun Mayor, City of Abbotsford

"UFV is excited to partner with the City in this leading edge project that will blend UFV with the community and the community with UFV. UDistrict will be a vibrant, sustainable, diverse and desirable neighbourhood further enriching life in Abbotsford and at the university."

Dr. Joanne MacLean, President, UFV

32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford BC V2T 1W7

Background Information

The UDistrict is the neighbourhood surrounding the University of the Fraser Valley's main campus in Abbotsford. It is a 365 acre, mixed use community with excellent transit service, highway exposure and access and significant opportunities for redevelopment.

Associated Links:

UDistrict Video: https://youtu.be/YFar2_mTYoE

To learn more about the UDistirct and to view the full UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan visit: www.abbotsford.ca/udistrict

-30-

For more information contact: Alex Mitchell Public Affairs Officer E: <u>amitchell@abbotsford.ca</u> Tel: 604-751-3092