



UNIVERCITY: A LIVEABLE, WALKABLE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ON BURNABY MOUNTAIN



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EDUCATION

UniverCity residents have access to childcare on Burnaby Mountain and within the community (UniverCity Childcare Centre & Verdant Early Learning Centre) offered by the SFU Childcare Society. University Highlands Elementary provides 40 kindergarten and 275 primary school spaces.

PARKS & GREENSPACES

The UniverCity community boasts some beautiful green spaces, walking trails, a bike park, and community gardens including Richard Bolton Park. It's proximity to the City of Burnaby trails allow for easy access to conservation lands, ideal for dog-walking, hiking, and biking.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Where SFU was once an exclusively commuter campus — only accessible by private automobile or public transit, the development of UniverCity is helping to create a pedestrian-oriented community. With a transit hub located in the centre of the community served by four bus routes, UniverCity residents have access to convenient transit services. Based on a resident survey conducted in 2016, 23% of residents reported using public transit to get to work while 31% simply walked.

Residents also have three options for car share company services in the community - Evo, Modo, and Zipcar.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY AMENITY

Located in the heart of the community, University Highlands Elementary school provides community space and programs for residents through a partnership with the City of Burnaby.

UniverCity is located next to one of Canada's most comprehensive and leading post secondary institutions, Simon Fraser University (SFU). Residents have access to enjoy many of SFU's cultural, recreational and educational amenities such as fitness and recreation facilities, library resources, campus security, and SFU museums and galleries.

PUBLIC ART

In a little over 10 years, UniverCity has amassed the beginnings of a unique and varied public art collection with the support of its development partners -- all of whom have embraced the unique character of the residential community on Burnaby Mountain. Beginning in 2007 with Yellow Fence by Erica Stocking, public art has been purposefully integrated into the design of each parcel of land developed.

SHOPS & SERVICES

The High Street neighbourhood provides a full range of stores and services including coffee shops, a bank, licensed restaurants, a liquor store, a 23,000-square-foot, full-service grocery store (Nesters Market), a dental office, postal outlet, and a pharmacy to ensure residents will always be able to meet their daily needs without leaving Burnaby Mountain.



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GREEN BUILDING BYLAW

From its inception UniverCity began setting its sights on the highest possible standards for construction and was the first community of its scale in the Greater Vancouver area to devise Green Building guidelines. Every new building in the community has been built to a performance standard that, for the past decade, exceeded the model national building code requirements by 30 percent for energy efficiency and 40 percent for water efficiency.

VERDANT @ UNIVERCITY

To maintain housing affordability for Simon Fraser University's (SFU) faculty and staff, Verdant was designed to provide high-quality, energy-efficient housing at below market prices. Fair market value of each suite at Verdant is individually assessed and offered at 20 percent below market value.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

UniverCity is designed to take advantage of - but also respect - its location adjacent to the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area, one of the most significant wilderness preserves in Metro Vancouver. The comprehensive and award-winning stormwater management system at UniverCity mimics nature by returning nearly 100 percent of stormwater to the ground instead of diverting large amounts into conventional drainage pipes or storm sewers. The objective is to maintain pre-development stormwater runoff quality and quantity such that a salmon swimming in a stream at the bottom of Burnaby Mountain would have no clue that a thriving urban community exists at the top.

BURNABY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ENERGY UTILITY

The SFU Community Trust has partnered with Corix Utilities to develop and operate a sustainable energy system that provides clean, green heat and domestic hot water to new housing projects within the UniverCity community. Currently the energy system is powering nine recently completed buildings through a temporary high efficiency natural gas power plant. A larger biomass facility will be constructed in 2018 and the utility will decrease associated greenhouse gas emissions on Burnaby Mountain by approximately 85 percent at full buildout.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The elementary school was situated centrally and conveniently in an unused SFU building that was refurbished to meet LEED™ Gold standards, and to include an array of energy and water efficiency upgrades that are tied into smart meters and public terminals, allowing students and teachers to learn about and monitor the building's performance. Teachers take advantage of opportunities in the surrounding community and on the adjacent SFU campus to help students learn about their impact on the local and global environment.

UNIVERCITY CHILDCARE CENTRE

The revolutionary facility, with space for 50 three to five-year olds, is expected to be the first building in Canada to meet the Living Building Challenge™, which means it will have to generate as much energy as it uses, collect or recycle more water than it consumes, and be built and operate using non-toxic materials, sourced as locally as possible. Deemed "the greenest childcare centre on the planet" by the International Living Future Institute, the centre was built for 18 percent less than a conventional childcare centre.

TRANSPORTATION

Transit Pass Program: In 2006, SFU Community Trust, Vancity Financial Services, and TransLink collaborated to launch a Community Transit Pass program designed to boost ridership in the growing community. The first of its kind in North America, the pass offered residents unlimited travel on the regional transit network at a highly discounted price.

Electric Vehicle: Currently there are four electric vehicle charging stations available in the community. More charging stations will be available in the near future.

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