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CITY OF BURNABY APPROVES INNOVATIVE GREEN ZONING BYLAW AS PART OF UNIVERCITY'S THIRD PHASE

July 27th, 2010 Burnaby, BC – Last night Burnaby City Council approved new zoning for Phase 3 of UniverCity, the model sustainable community being developed adjacent to Simon Fraser University on Burnaby Mountain. This new zoning creates 10 new building sites totalling 1.1 million square feet of new residential development, as part of North America's first comprehensive green zoning bylaw.

Future development will allow for the construction of up to 1,250 new homes in Phase 3 ranging from townhouses to condo apartments.

“Adoption of this new zoning bylaw allows SFU Community Trust to continue developing a model sustainable community on Burnaby Mountain for at least the next 10 years,” said Gordon Harris, President and CEO of SFU Community Trust. “We commend the City of Burnaby for its leadership in approving this application and for working with us to ensure that future development will be among the greenest in North America, putting the City, SFU and UniverCity at the forefront of the global sustainable building movement.”

Imbedded in the zoning bylaw is a comprehensive set of enforceable requirements for each site that will see all new development at UniverCity built to be at least 30 per cent more energy efficient than a conventionally constructed building. These new facilities must also manage all storm water on site, and utilize interior finishings that are free of volatile organic compounds and other chemicals that impact indoor air quality.

The zoning will also provide up to a 10 per cent additional development density to those developers that go the extra step to reach a minimum of 45 per cent more energy efficiency than a conventional building, or that incorporate storm water management techniques, such as intensive green roofs, to offset the costs of these initiatives.

“SFU Community Trust has worked with the City and the development community to ensure that these requirements will create truly sustainable buildings while also being cost effective for private developers and creating endowment funds for SFU,” said Harris. “We are pleased to have two development partners, Porte Development and Mosaic Homes, already committed to new projects governed by this new zoning.”

This new zoning bylaw is just one of many initiatives moving forward at UniverCity that include a new LEED Gold elementary school opening September 2010, a new childcare

centre that will be Canada's most sustainable building and aims to be the first to be granted "Living Building" certification, and an award-winning storm water management system, all of which support the goals of the SFU Community Trust in developing UniverCity as a world leader in sustainable community development.

ABOUT UNIVERCITY: The SFU Community Trust oversees development of UniverCity, the sustainable urban community adjacent to Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. UniverCity is an innovative mixed-use community founded on the four cornerstones of sustainability: equity, economy, environment and education. Net proceeds from the development of UniverCity fund an endowment for teaching and research at SFU.

For more information on UniverCity, please visit www.univercity.ca.

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