



## President's Message

As many of you may already know, on January 29th our local MLA Harry Bloy announced almost \$8 million in funding from the provincial government for the new elementary school at UniverCity.

We at the Trust are extremely pleased with this announcement as it represents the result of years of work by the Trust, the Burnaby Board of Education, MLA Bloy, and numerous local residents. We consider it a strong endorsement of the community that we are all building here on Burnaby Mountain.

This most recent announcement confirms the school project, and allows for detailed planning and construction to move forward in anticipation of a September 2010 opening. As part of this planning the Board of Education is holding a Public Open House on the school design on February 16th, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 8982 University High Street (next to Scotiabank in the Cornerstone).



This meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the physical and programming plans for the new school, as well as to provide the thoughtful and engaging feedback and discussion for which this community is well known.

In anticipation of this meeting however, I would like to address some comments about the school's development, particularly the size, of the school's playfield and other student play areas.

Currently the size of the site, the steep grades and the location of the existing building, are requiring the Board of Education to examine options that would see the play areas decreased by almost half of that seen in other schools in the district. Comments from several residents have suggested they be even smaller. It is important to note that further reductions in the size of the schools outdoor play areas would work only to limit recreational and

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## Calling All Community Organizers

Did you know that the SFU Community Trust provides funding to support community events at UniverCity?

If you are a resident, and your event or activity is free, non-commercial and non-political in nature, and will occur within the UniverCity community, please contact Jonathan Tinney, Director of Community Development for the Trust at 604-291-3000 or by email at [tinney@univercity.ca](mailto:tinney@univercity.ca) to see if your event is eligible for support.

## New Additions to High Street

The Community Trust would like to welcome some new additions to the retail mix at UniverCity. For those of you looking for a little vitamin D during our long Burnaby Mountain winters, the Illumin8 Tanning Studio opened recently on Mews side of the Cornerstone. Also set to open in the coming months are a host of new restaurant options including: the Bamboo Garden Chinese, the Spicy Stone, a Booster Juice location, and a new full-service restaurant in the space overlooking the Town Square. Stay tuned for more information on these exciting new eateries in upcoming Community Updates.

## UniverCity Wins Two Awards in One Week

Back in November the UniverCity community was honoured not once but twice for its innovative approach to residential development.

In two separate events, one in Ottawa and the other in Dongguan, China, UniverCity was rewarded for innovations that address affordable housing in the Vancouver area, as well as for the overall planning and execution of UniverCity as a model of sustainable community building.

“We are extremely proud to see UniverCity recognized like this at both the national and international levels” said Gordon Harris, President and CEO of the SFU Community Trust. “To receive two awards in one week says a great deal about the innovative work being undertaken at UniverCity.”

The award-winning week began on November 3rd when UniverCity received a



2008 Best Practices in Affordable Housing award from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for the 60- unit Verdant , a UniverCity residential project. This national award honours several innovative projects that are finding new ways to address housing affordability in Canada.

The Verdant project award is based on its innovative ownership model that sets housing costs at 20% below market

levels in perpetuity. This unique project was developed through a partnership between UniverCity, Vancity Enterprises and reSource Rethinking Building as a means to provide more affordable housing for SFU faculty and staff, and is also one of the most energy-efficient residential buildings in Canada.

The winning continued on November 10th at the 2008 LivCom Awards, which gave UniverCity a Gold Award and third place

ranking overall in the Sustainable Projects Category.. The LivCom Awards, presented this year in Dongguan, China, are an international initiative backed by the United Nations Environment Programme. UniverCity’s award-winning stormwater management system, comprehensive green building guidelines, and first-in-Canada Community Transit Pass program all helped UniverCity beat out competitors from countries such as Japan, the United Kingdom, Poland, the Czech Republic, South Africa, and China.

“In this era of uncertainty in the real estate market this kind of recognition becomes quite important,” commented UniverCity’s Gordon Harris. “It gives a sense of certainty to residents and developers that UniverCity is and will continue to be an extremely attractive and livable community in which to buy and invest.”

## Neighbourhood Sustainable Energy Study Underway

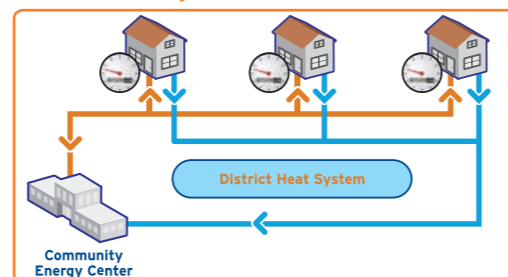
As part of its commitment to sustainable development, Simon Fraser Community Trust is partnering with Corix Utilities to examine opportunities for the development of a sustainable energy system at UniverCity.

The feasibility study will explore sustainable options for providing heat and domestic hot water to new housing projects planned for the UniverCity community. Phase One of the study is expected to take approximately eight months. The goal of the study is to identify a sustainable energy system that will allow for significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while

also providing long-term benefits to UniverCity residents.

Corix, a BC based company with over 65 years experience in provision of all aspects of sustainable community utility infrastructure systems, was selected through a competitive process to undertake a feasibility study to seek out

### District Heat System



cost effective, long term, environmentally responsible alternative energy options for a Neighborhood Utility Service which will provide heat and domestic hot water to the residents of Phase 3 and 4 of the UniverCity development.

The benefits to the community are numerous. They include increased reliability, efficiency, risk reduction and better customer service. For example, residents will have reliable heat and hot water seven days a week, twelve months of the year. Exposure to weather related power outages would be reduced in comparison to traditional electricity-based systems.

Simon Fraser Community Trust is committed to a program of community and stakeholder communication and consultation about the proposed project, and encourages stakeholder feedback on the project. As part of this commitment, a public open house was held on December 10th to provide some initial information about the project and to solicit feedback from the community. If you missed this meeting and would like to comment on the project, please feel free to contact us by email at [sustainableenergy@univercity.ca](mailto:sustainableenergy@univercity.ca).

For more information on the project, go to [www.univercity.ca/resources/sustainable\\_energy\\_project.104.html](http://www.univercity.ca/resources/sustainable_energy_project.104.html)

## Sustainable Travel Options

Shrink your carbon footprint by taking advantage of UniverCity’s sustainable transportation options. Residents are eligible for both the community car and transit pass programs, providing two inexpensive and convenient alternatives to private automobiles.

Take advantage of UniverCity’s Community Car program, operated in partnership with the Cooperative Auto Network, which allows access to community automobiles located throughout the community on an hourly or daily basis.

Residents are also eligible for a subsidized transit pass through the Vancity Community Transit Pass program. The first of its kind in Canada, the pass aims to increase transit ridership in the community by providing a cost-effective automobile alternative. The pass allows residents unlimited travel throughout TransLink’s service area for \$29.67/month, compared to \$130 for a regular priced pass.

For more information on these programs, please contact the SFU Community Trust:

Phone 604-291-3000

Email [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca)

Or drop by the Community Trust office in the Cornerstone Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

# Community Room Rental Information

Are you interested in joining or starting a tot play group? Do you need a space to hold an activity, a meeting or birthday party? UniverCity has a Community Amenity Room that is available for use by all UniverCity residents.

Located in the Cornerstone building (Unit #130) next to the Simon Fraser Dental Centre, the Community Amenity Room has a small kitchen area, chairs, tables, and an area for young children to play in – complete with toys.

If you would like more information, please contact the Trust Administrator by email at [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca), or by phone at 604.291.3000.

## What's Happening

If you would like to receive regular information about what's happening in the UniverCity community, at SFU, and in Burnaby, please email us at [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca) and ask to be added to our community email list.

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educational opportunities for the school and for the community, which will have access to the school's play space for other community games and functions.

While the Trust and Board of Education welcomes these and other suggestions regarding the design of the school, the final outcome must, above all else, meet the educational needs of students. With that in mind, the proposed design of the school is being developed to address the

needs of all stakeholders and balance them against the physical limits of the site.

I am convinced that the combined input from all the stakeholders will result in a school that will form a vital and integrated heart to our growing mountain-top community.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Harris President & CEO  
SFU Community Trust

## The Cornerstone

Thank you for supporting local merchants

### **Azzi Hair Studio**

Hair, Body Spa & Esthetics  
604-291-7227

### **Cornerstone Printing**

Full Service Print Shop  
604-568-3929

### **Donair Town**

Donair & Fresh Juices  
604-298-8188

### **Eyes in Motion**

Testing, Contacts &  
Eyewear  
604-298-3937

### **Highlander DVD**

DVD's & Game Rentals  
604-294-6616

### **Himalayan Peak**

Indian Cuisine & Lounge  
604-205-9069

### **Ichibankan Express**

Sushi, Ramen, Bento & Don  
604-291-2982

### **Illumin8 Tanning Studio**

Come get your vitamin D  
604-205-5854

### **Microcomputer Store**

Computers, Service &  
Postal Outlet  
604-291-3952

### **Nature's Garden**

Homemade Organic Meals  
604-299-0552

### **Pizza Point**

Authentic Pizza Pies  
604-299-6446

### **Renaissance Coffee**

Coffee, Dessert, &  
Lunch Bar  
604-205-5854

### **Romeo & Juliet**

Bubble Tea, Gelato &  
Lunch  
604-299-6446

### **Scotiabank**

Banking, ATM &  
Expert Advice  
604-294-6862

### **SF Dental Centre**

Dr. Yee & Dr. Yu  
604-267-3368

### **United Church**

Sunday Service 11am  
604-298-2289

