

Draft Guiding Principles



Support Simon Fraser University's mission

- Align campus planning and investment in the physical campus with the University's institutional mission, mandate and core values
- Develop a renewed vision for a vibrant and distinct campus setting that promotes and supports SFU's dynamic integration of education, research and broad community engagement
- Provide a flexible campus framework that is responsive to the needs of the 21st Century Learner and the evolution of research and pedagogy over time
- Foster the creation of open and flexible collaborative spaces that facilitate inter- and trans- disciplinary learning, research and innovation



Build a complete community on the Mountain

- Undertake integrated planning of academic facilities, social spaces and amenities, and residential communities to enhance the campus experience, build community and attract bright minds
- Expand and enhance social, cultural and recreational spaces to support a vibrant experience and high quality of life for students, staff, faculty, visitors and residents, including UniverCity
- Develop a critical mass of diverse housing options supported by high quality services and amenities
- Integrate diverse spaces and opportunities for programming and rituals into the fabric of the physical campus to support and welcome the broad spectrum of communities that SFU seeks to engage
- Position the campus as a home away from home by creating welcoming spaces, facilities and amenities that invite commuter students to remain on campus between classes to engage in academic activities and broader campus life



Enhance connectivity and movement

- Enhance and extend streets, paths and other connections to ensure a unified and connected campus setting
- Promote and facilitate connectivity and transit access across the campus, and between the campus, Burnaby and the broader region
- Improve weather protection, wayfinding and legibility to ensure a intuitive, safe, and comfortable experience throughout the campus during all seasons
- Create an convenient and inviting experience for visitors accessing the campus
- Eliminate physical barriers to ensure universal accessibility across campus, and minimize barrier impacts of the natural terrain
- Facilitate convenient and sustainable mobility options to connect all campus communities, expanding opportunities for active transportation on the mountain
- Manage parking to address demand, while continuing to promote and provide alternatives to driving



Thoughtfully celebrate Erickson and Massey's original aspirations for the campus

- Identify, celebrate and restore the core elements and values within the Erickson/Massey vision for the campus that remain relevant and valuable today
- Develop a new vision that clarifies the potential of all campus lands beyond the scope of the original Erickson/Massey vision
- Prioritize investment in legacy buildings and spaces to reinforce the physical identity of the campus while responding to contemporary needs
- Support the sensitive integration of old and new, allowing the campus to respond to contemporary expectations for buildings and open spaces
- Create a consistent high quality experience and sense of place across the full campus



Position the Burnaby campus as a destination for active engagement

- Create an inviting setting to facilitate broader community participation in academic exploration, facility-sharing, programming and events
- Capitalize on the campus' architectural heritage, mountaintop setting, and natural features as key assets and attractions
- Reinforce the campus as a mountain retreat, connected and engaged but with a distinct sense of place and natural setting
- Create a supportive environment for partnership opportunities and development
- Strategically invest in infrastructure, amenities, facilities and diverse programming to attract visitors, alumni, students, staff and faculty



Weave opportunities to support indigenization throughout the campus

- Acknowledge the campus lands as the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people: the Squamish (Sḵw̱xwú7mesh Úxwumíxw), Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaʔt), Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm), and Kwikwetlem (kʷikʷəłəm) Nations
- In accordance with local tradition, integrate the campus with its environment in a way that respects all aspects of nature, and supports the restoration and enhancement of natural systems
- Integrate facilities and spaces for Indigenous ceremony, protocol, engagement and educational and pedagogical opportunities within the broader context of the campus and local environment
- Utilize Indigenous concepts of welcoming and gathering within placemaking initiatives to foster dialogue, welcome all diverse communities, enrich broader campus life, and celebrate SFU's unique West Coast environment and eco-system
- Ensure meaningful engagement with representatives of Indigenous communities throughout the campus master planning process, and through future efforts to renew and update the campus master plan



Foster sustainability and resilience

- Sensitive integrate the campus within its natural setting to enrich the campus experience and minimize negative impacts on the surrounding environment
- Promote facility renewal to maintain the condition and quality of legacy buildings
- Ensure enduring quality in new buildings and infrastructure
- Minimize energy use and emissions by pursuing innovation and best practices in building renewal, new development and infrastructure planning
- Carefully manage natural systems to enhance features and functions while supporting opportunities for future development
- Ensure readiness for emergency and disaster scenarios through the provision of resilient buildings and infrastructure
- Implement planning processes that integrate disciplines, engage communities and help achieve of the long-term campus vision