

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

## **UDistrict Report Identifies Key Concepts for Planning the Neighbourhood**

**ABBOTSFORD July 10, 2015** - The City of Abbotsford and the University of the Fraser Valley are undertaking a joint initiative to shape the future of the UDistrict neighbourhood.

This initiative includes the development of a UDistrict Neighbourhood Plan and an Abbotsford Campus Master Plan. This integrated approach will deliver two highly effective plans to manage future growth.

Abbotsford City Council endorsed the UDistrict – Stage 1 Background Report that recognizes the current state of the neighbourhood and identifies seven key areas that will be considered when planning the growth of the neighbourhood.

The seven key concepts include:

- Bringing the Campus and Community Together
- Creating a Compact, Transit-Oriented University Village
- Supporting Student and Community Life:
- Supporting Learning Everywhere
- Integrating Agriculture and the Natural Environment
- Demonstrating Innovation
- Managing Parking

The report was completed through an analysis of a variety of information including demographic information, land use inventory and market projections, and reviewing existing City plans and strategies. The report can be viewed at <a href="https://www.udistrictabbotsford.com">www.udistrictabbotsford.com</a>.

From this report, the consulting team will begin to develop land use scenarios, growth options and campus concepts. These concepts will be presented the public in the fall.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and can register for updates through the website at www.udistrictabbotsford.com.

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## **Media Contact:**

Rhonda Livingstone Communications Specialist rlivingstone@abbotsford.ca 604-864-5680 in order to create a complete neighbourhood for the residents in the area and assist the development community in implementing the vision that was endorsed by City Council, the City has partnered with UFV to complete two separate but fully integrated plans.

The neighbourhood plan will provide the land use planning and servicing detail required to implement the 'Vision' for the neighbourhood, and the Campus Master Plan will provide important growth information for the future development of the campus.