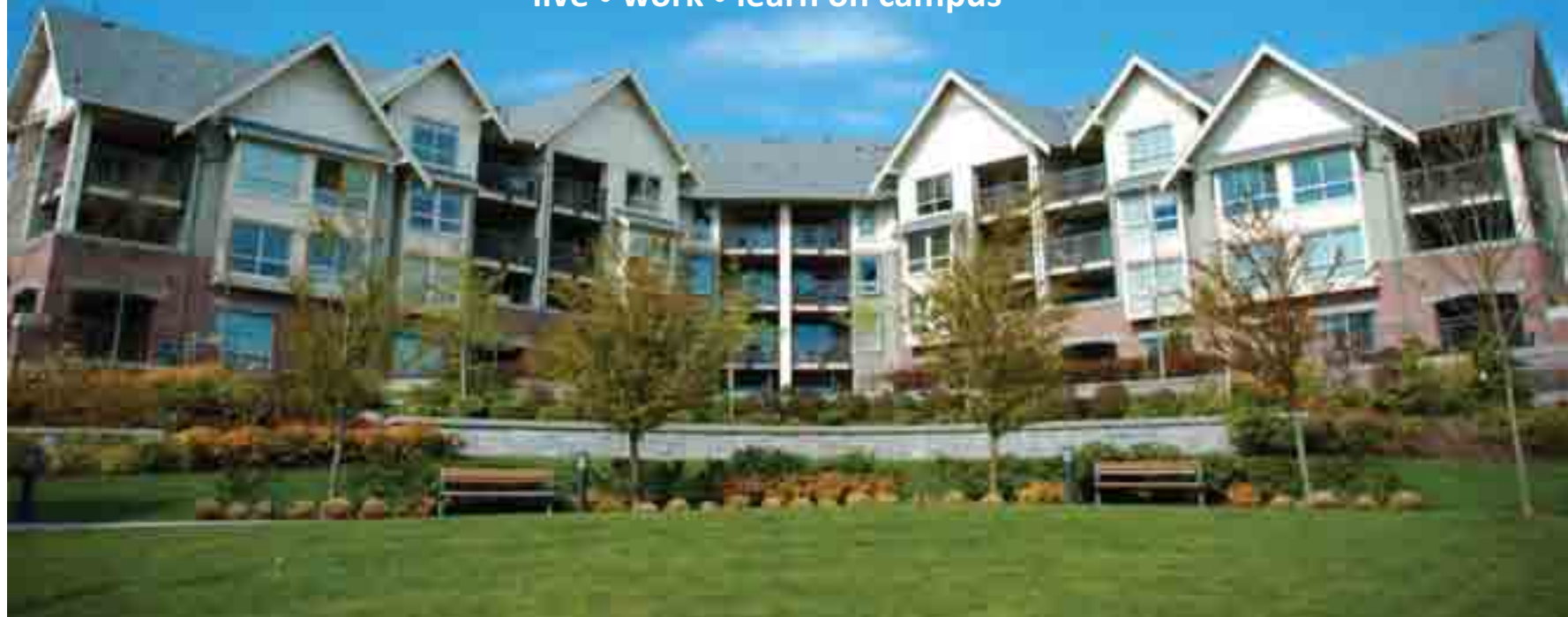


# UTown@UBC

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# Our Goals

*The goal is to create a vital, lively, healthy - and sustainable - community where people can work and learn and shop and play, where they can walk or take transit easily, and where most of what they need is readily at hand.*

- Stephen Toope, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor

- ❑ Transform from commuter campus to a complete, sustainable community
- ❑ Build more affordable housing for students and families to live on campus
- ❑ Enhance academic engagement, campus life and the environment
- ❑ Build UBC's financial endowment to support the academic mission



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# Smart Growth

- Mixing land-uses
- Building well-designed compact neighbourhoods
- Providing a variety of transportation choices
- Creating diverse housing opportunities and different family types



# Student Housing

- Housing need is growing in Vancouver
- 43% of students who live off-campus would live on campus if they had a choice
  - UBC Student Housing Demand Study
- Over the past two decades, UBC Vancouver has created the largest stock of student housing on a single campus in Canada



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# Student Housing

- UBC is committed to providing 25% of the student population with affordable rental accommodation
- Currently 29% of full-time undergraduate and 24% of full-time graduate students are housed on campus
- More students will be able to live on campus as UTown@UBC continues to grow
- The draft Vancouver Campus Plan provides capacity to accommodate up to 50% of the estimated number of full time students.



# Family Housing | Staff/Faculty Survey

- 90% affordability most important issue
- 60% are living in one- or two-person households (20% are living alone)
- 41% want to live closer to campus
- 59% of renters are saving for a down-payment



# Family Housing

- About 10% of our full-time faculty and staff now live on campus, occupying half of the 2,200 apartments and townhouses that have been built since 1991
- 50% of all new family homes in UTown@UBC will have at least one member of the household who works or studies on campus



# Affordable Housing | Rental and Co-Development

- 20% of all new apartments and townhouses on campus are rental, and half of these units are available at below-market rates
- Co-development opportunities save UBC faculty and staff up to 20% off market prices by reducing typical project management and promotional costs





# Sustainability

- Leader in sustainability:
  - UBC Vancouver was ranked first in Canada and third in North America in the College Sustainability Report Card released by the Sustainability Endowments Institute in 2010
- Planning and development for UTown@UBC has been founded on the three pillars of sustainability – ecology, community and economy



# Ecological Sustainability | Transportation

- Since 1997, transportation initiatives, including the U-Pass, have reduced GHG emissions by 16,000 tonnes annually and decreased single-occupancy vehicle trips by 14% overall



# Ecological Sustainability | Walking, Cycling & Transit

- ❑ Interconnected Greenways/  
Pedestrian Linkages
- ❑ Cycling Routes
- ❑ Campus Shuttle Service
- ❑ Limited Parking



# Ecological Sustainability | Green Building

- Through its Residential Environmental Assessment Program (REAP) , UBC guides and measures sustainable building practices for all family housing now built on campus
- 13 buildings have applied REAP since its introduction in 2006
  - \*Six certified and seven with certification pending



# Ecological Sustainability | Green Space & Infrastructure

- Residents are just minutes away from the Nitobe and the Botanical Gardens, the UBC Farm, plus new parks
- Wesbrook Place's sustainable stormwater system treats rainwater as a resource to be managed rather than as waste to be disposed



# Economic Sustainability | Funding Excellence

- ❑ To date, family housing has contributed \$282 million towards UBC's Endowment Fund
- ❑ The Endowment Fund allows UBC to give scholarships and bursaries to outstanding students, provide professorships to faculty and support researchers whose discoveries change lives



# Community Sustainability | Neighbourhood Amenities

- 74% of on-campus students said more shops and services would improve the quality of life at UBC
- We are adding restaurants and a range of shops and services to serve our community of scholars
- Save-On-Foods has recently opened in Wesbrook Place



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# Looking Forward

- ❑ Innovation in Housing Affordability
  - ❑ Explore options to provide more family homes at lower prices
- ❑ Sustainability, Green Buildings and Infrastructure
  - ❑ Study alternative energy systems for the campus and updating REAP
  - ❑ Community energy management
- ❑ Community Development and Engagement
  - ❑ Provide community centres, community gardens, appropriate programming, schools, shops and services needed for a complete community
  - ❑ Address students desire for greater inclusion in campus planning, including new goals for student housing and greater integration
  - ❑ Work cooperatively with family housing neighbourhoods
- ❑ Civil Society Development
  - ❑ Meaningful dialogue among diversity of stakeholders





# Thank you. Questions?



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