

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 March 08

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 71100 20
Reference: SFU Urban Village

SUBJECT: UNIVERCITY: NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the most recent award received by UniverCity.

RECOMMENDATION:

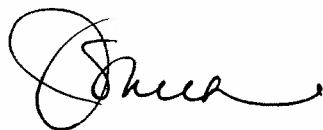
1. **THAT** the Mayor send a letter of congratulations to the Board of the SFU Community Trust.

REPORT

The innovation and environmentally sustainable features of the new UniverCity community at SFU have been recognized by a number of awards, including the 2005 Outstanding Project Award by AUREO (Association of University Real Estate Officials), the UDI Award for Sustainable Development, a B.C. Hydro Power Smart Award, a Canadian Homebuilders Association (CHBA) Georgie Award for environmental consideration and a City of Burnaby Environmental Award.

Most recently, the CHBA (Canadian Home Builders Association) in February awarded its national SAM (sales and marketing) Award for best Community Development in Canada to UniverCity. CHBA recognizes attractive, exciting and innovative communities with this award. At the same time, CHBA also awarded its best Multi-Family New Home Award in Canada to Millennium Development's One University Crescent at UniverCity. (It is interesting to note that one of the other five finalists for the national CHBA Community Development Award in 2005 was also located in Burnaby: Millennium Development's City in the Park in the Edmonds Town Centre). Another significant achievement in February was the launch of the Vancity Community Transit Pass program, which allows UniverCity residents unlimited 3-zone travel throughout the region at a monthly cost of \$28.

The UniverCity "Highlands" neighbourhood at SFU currently has 585 apartments and townhouses completed and another 430 homes under construction. In addition to its plans to continue developing this neighbourhood, the SFU Community Trust has now initiated neighbourhood planning and a subdivision application for the "Slopes" neighbourhood in the area currently occupied by parking lots south of the "Highlands" neighbourhood. City staff are looking forward to continuing participation with the Community Trust in the creation of this exemplary new community.



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