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UCC & CoK hold Open House to present McGill-Southgate Land Use Plan

KAMLOOPS--The University College of the Cariboo (UCC) and the City of Kamloops (CoK) have formed an equal partnership to encourage new zoning and development standards surrounding UCC and throughout the Southgate business area.

The need for such a process became evident given increasing numbers of students at the growing campus, coupled with increased development pressure for retail business in the Southwest.

Adrian Kershaw, Vice-President, UCC Community & Distributed Learning Services, said the time has come to encourage new types of development around the institution and to find ways to enhance what already exists.

"We have to start looking at the impact of a 15,000-student population in 20 years and how we can further integrate UCC into the community so that we can have the maximum impact on economic development," he said.

City Council and administration, engineering consultants and the UCC Board of Governors met October 12th, 2001, to discuss options for land use and zoning and will bring ideas to the public through an open house November 5th and 6th in the Grand Hall of the UCC Campus Activity Centre. There, the public will have an opportunity to talk with planners and engineers about some of the options stakeholders are considering in developing a McGill-Southgate land use plan.

Currently, three main aspects are being considered within the project:

- A technology park that could link science and technology at UCC with knowledge-based businesses;
- Development of a major recreational node that could include a field house or other facilities that would enhance Hillside Stadium and the Canada Games Recreation Centre;
- Mixed-use zoning involving combined residential and commercial developments along McGill.

"The idea is to create a place where people can live, work and play," said Kershaw.

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"Following public consultation, adjustments will be made in the proposals and the City will be asked to adopt these new land use goals into KamPlan by early 2002. A full review and revisions of KamPlan are scheduled for 2003 and the UCC and Southgate changes will be reflected in the updated document," said Andrew Tucker, CoK Community Planning Manager.

"KamPlan, which was finalized in 1997, included one paragraph on UCC and one paragraph on Southgate. What we're doing now is developing more in-depth policy that will drive development in the McGill/Southgate area.

"We recognize the importance the university has to the community and are looking at how we can enhance that relationship," Tucker said.

Private interests own most of the property in the area, however, there are some parcels that are city and provincially owned.

Times for the open house on November 5th and 6th are:

Monday, November 5th from 2:00pm – 7:00pm (Display only)

Tuesday, November 6th from 2:00pm – 7:00pm (City and UCC representatives will be in attendance to answer questions)

For more information on the land use plans and open house, please contact Andrew Tucker at 828-3564 or Adrian Kershaw at 828-5003.