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Campus Development Plan Update



At the request and with the financial assistance of the provincial government, the University of Winnipeg is involved in a study that will result ultimately in a Campus Development Plan. The Plan will guide University construction and renovation decisions for the next ten years. The role of the Plan is to provide a framework for future growth and change. The Plan itself will provide direction for the reorganization of some departmental

spaces, standards for quality of space, overall image, campus safety and security, student housing, and the University's relationship with the surrounding community.

To carry out this work, the University has engaged Corbett Cibinel Architects of Winnipeg. To date many meetings with both on-campus and community groups have been held to listen to concerns, gather information, and discuss the priorities of everyone involved. The information collected through this process has been essential in developing goals for the Plan and identifying project needs.

At this point in the process it is important to share information with and seek additional input from the University's internal and nearby external communities. Toward that end, you are invited to attend a Campus Forum on March 9, 2001 to learn more about the Plan and project options, talk with University representatives and project planners, and share your views. In a planning strategy of this scope, a good process ensures appropriate prioritization of needs and vision. The Forum provides the campus community with the opportunity to share ideas and shape the future of the University's vision for growth and development. A similar Public Forum on March 10 will be held for residents, community groups, and business owners from the surrounding neighbourhoods.

you are invited to a campus forum

Friday, March 9, 2001
Noon-6:00 p.m.
Room 2M70, Manitoba Hall
University of Winnipeg

We are interested in your feedback. Please plan on attending the Campus Forum. You can also tell us your views by using the tear off response coupon below.

Why does the University of Winnipeg need a Campus Development Plan?

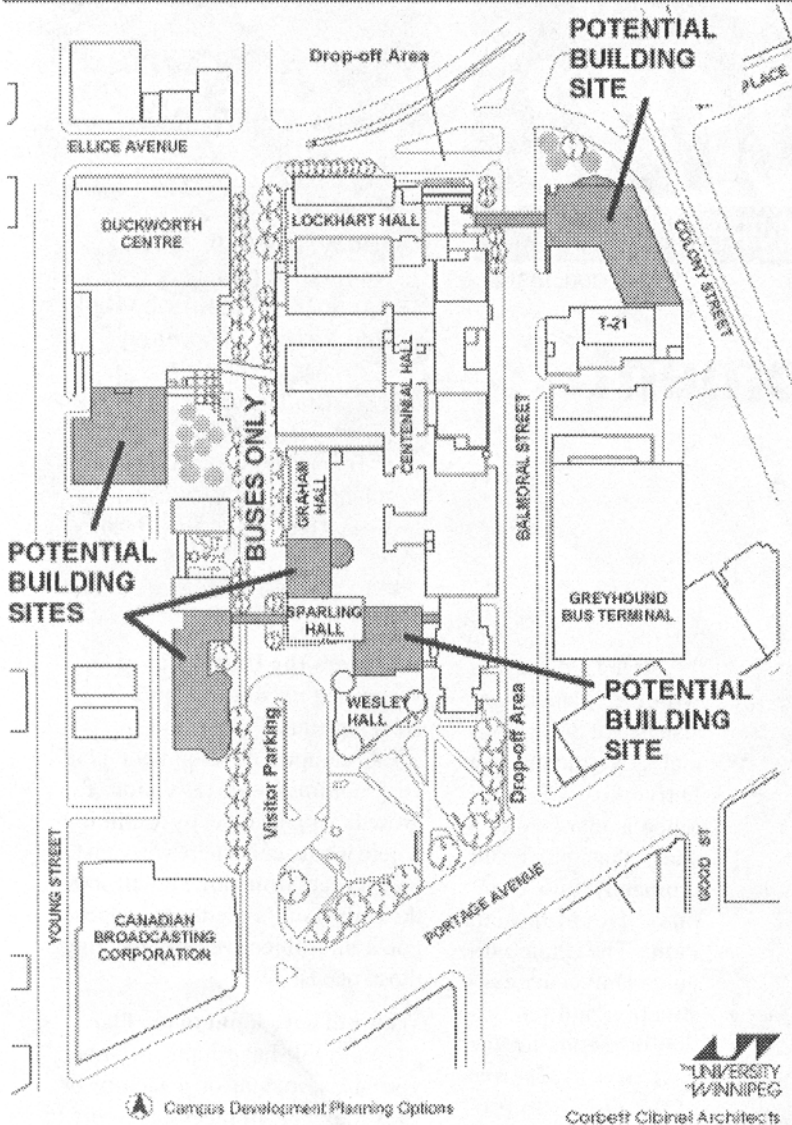
A campus development plan will communicate a vision for growth and change by outlining where we are and where we want to be ten years from now. It will state the University's needs and propose goals and objectives for meeting those needs.

Who will have input to the Plan?

You will have input, whether you are a student or a faculty or staff member. In meetings, representatives of local community and business organizations have expressed their views on how the University might provide programs and develop the campus to complement their vision of the community. City of Winnipeg planning authorities are also being consulted regarding potential impacts of the project. The Campus Forum will give students, faculty, and staff a chance to voice their ideas and opinions.

What kinds of projects are being considered?

- New buildings on nearby vacant land to accommodate more classrooms and programs and to provide much-needed space and improved facilities for existing programs.
- A Campus Centre (situated North of Wesley Hall) will serve as a hub—housing student services



University. As outlined at the recent student housing forums with Dr. Avi Friedman, vacant land will be used to build new housing that is in keeping with the style of existing houses in the surrounding neighbourhoods. Existing housing or apartment blocks will be converted into low-density housing, without displacing families who already live there.

What traffic changes are being considered?

- Pedestrian safety would be improved on Spence Street between the Duckworth Centre and Riddell Hall if traffic on Spence Street was limited to buses and special vehicles.
- Moving the shipping/receiving area from Spence Street to Balmoral Street will remove truck traffic from Spence Street, and contribute to a pedestrian-friendly environment. Balmoral Street is better suited to large truck traffic.

What are the benefits of planning for this growth?

University

- New and updated facilities will assist the University's recruitment and retention efforts.
- Enhanced study/research/work environment will better serve campus students and employees.

Surrounding neighbourhoods

- Carefully planned growth, in consultation with community stakeholders and residents, will contribute positively to the surrounding community.

including registration, tuition payment, assistance, and enrolment.

- An outdoor, landscaped area near the Campus Centre to provide students with an attractive gathering place. This would put pedestrian-friendly space at the very heart of the Campus.
- Architectural restoration of Wesley Hall, including Convocation Hall on the second floor.
- A Services Area in Centennial Hall to meet student needs—the area will include the bookstore, *Beyond Words*, study and meeting space, and small kiosks providing services such as photocopying.
- Improved signage to make it easier to navigate the campus corridors, particularly Centennial Hall.
- An expanded and improved Library.
- A series of overhead walkways to link all campus buildings.
- New student housing within walking distance of the main campus.
- Spence Street closed to traffic, with the exception of buses and special vehicles.
- Buildings and landscaping along Spence Street

What is planned for new student housing?

- Quality, affordable student housing is a priority for the

- New student housing will bring in new residents. Upon graduating some alumni might stay in the area and continue to contribute to the community.
- New and renovated housing will enhance the neighbourhood.
- The University will contribute to community life by initiating programs and research projects that meet community needs.

Downtown

- More students living in the neighbourhood will contribute to the goal of a vibrant, safe 24-hour downtown. This increased activity will enhance security and increase traffic for local businesses.
- The University has broadened its parameters by locating some of its operations and programs in the surrounding downtown area.
- The University wants to encourage the use of surrounding businesses rather than creating competing services on campus.
- The Plan will increase pedestrian traffic between the University and downtown, providing more direct pathways between the two.