



In addition to articulating the goals and charting a course of work for the next 24 months, the MOU also documents an intended strategy for communications between the City and KPU (Part 3) as the work contemplated by the MOU is undertaken. As a minimum, an annual report will be forwarded to City Council and to KPU's senior executive and formal presentations will be made on a semi-annual basis to the City's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. The report and presentations will provide an opportunity to review priorities and issues, assess the success of joint strategies and discuss partnership opportunities. Additional reports and communications will be provided on an "as needed" basis.

This MOU with KPU is similar in form to the MOU that the City has executed with SFU Surrey. The draft MOU was considered and endorsed by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2010. The Committee recommended that it be forwarded to Council for approval.

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed MOU supports the following Charter Scope Actions:

- EC17: *Educating the Work Force*, which speaks to promoting local career training opportunities and working with the City's universities to develop them as world class institutions with a variety of programs that serve the future of the region and City, and build on the City's strengths;
- SC15: *Literacy, Education and Training*, which notes that the City will champion the expansion of KPU's Surrey campus in programs and research areas critical to Surrey's socio-cultural, economic and environmental development; and
- SC6: *Accessible and Appropriately Located Services*, which speaks to promoting additional opportunities for post-secondary education within Surrey.

The MOU's goal of establishing the City and KPU as leaders in sustainability policy and practice will facilitate implementation of the Charter and sustainability more broadly within the community, while the specific elements focusing on health sciences and joint amenities and facilities are also supportive of the Charter objectives.

## CONCLUSION

There are significant benefits to both the City and KPU, in working together toward the achievement of goals related to the future of KPU and of the City. Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City of Surrey, the Memorandum of Understanding with KPU that is attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

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Attachment – Appendix "A"

## APPENDIX “A”

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SURREY AND KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

1. The City of Surrey (the "City") and Kwantlen Polytechnic University ("KPU"), together referenced as “the Partners”, have some common goals aimed at fostering the growth and development of a rich and vibrant City. These include:
  - 1.1. *The expansion and development of the Surrey campus of KPU in support of a well educated Surrey workforce to enhance opportunities for business development in Surrey; and*
  - 1.2. *The joint development and use of amenities and facilities that will enhance the quality of life of both KPU students and the City residents.*
2. In support of the above goals, the Partners will work together over the next twenty four months (progress to be reviewed after the first twelve months with amendments as necessary) to accomplish the following:
  - 2.1 *Develop a plan for a new Health Science Centre enabling further expansion of associated education programs including the potential for a new nursing school. Other partners in this initiative could include Simon Fraser University and Fraser Health Authority. In support of this objective, the Partners will meet with all parties to develop the strategy including a communication plan for the provincial and federal governments regarding the importance to Surrey and the South Fraser Region of additional undergraduate and graduate programs in Science and Health Sciences;*
  - 2.2 *Establish a Business Incubator Area to foster new and innovative businesses with some linked to the commercialization of ideas emanating from KPU and SFU. Surrey KPU land holdings on the Trades and Technology Campus is one potential location. Other partners in this initiative could include Simon Fraser University, federal and provincial government agencies, and private sector companies. The Business Incubator Area would support start-up or early-stage businesses as a foundation of a more vibrant business community in Surrey with more knowledge-based jobs;*
  - 2.3 *Expedite the further expansion of the Cloverdale, Surrey KPU campus to facilitate the introduction of an Architecture/Engineering School. In support of this objective, the Partners will liaise with other potential industrial / business partners and develop a communication plan for the provincial and federal government regarding the importance of additional undergraduate and graduate programs in Architecture and Engineering;*
  - 2.4 *To further KPU student athletics and additional recreation opportunities for the City’s residents, install an artificial turf field at Newton Athletic Park. To this end, the Partners will negotiate an agreement in relation to the construction and operation of such a field and will complete construction of the field;*
  - 2.5 *Explore other opportunities for the joint development and use of recreation and library facilities and for the support of athletics and recreation;*
  - 2.6 *Develop and support community-based initiatives that address economic, social, and cultural issues with a view to establishing both the City and Kwantlen Polytechnic University as leaders in sustainability policy and practice; and*

