

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Randy Patrick, City Manager
From: Gary Ceppetelli, Director of Planning and Community Development
Date: October 4, 2010
Re: UCN Project Process and Consultation

The University College of the North (UCN) Process and Consultation

The City of Thompson has dealt with the UCN Project over this term of Council as follows:

- Corbett Cibinel Architects considered six (6) locations for the proposed UCN project in a 2004 study.
- Council passed Resolution No. 127/2007 April 16, 2007 approving, in principle, the Recreation Grounds as the site of the UCN project.
- The City held numerous meetings over the last couple of years with the various stakeholder groups that are directly impacted by the UCN project. Stakeholder groups have been kept up-to-date as the project progressed.
- The City passed Resolution No. 421/2008 approving the Letter of Understanding (LOU) with Manitoba November 17, 2008 setting the parameters of the development agreement. The LOU was signed by Manitoba December 3, 2008.
- UCN held a land blessing ceremony on proposed future UCN site December 11, 2008.
- The City passed Resolution No. 147/2009 approving Conditional Use No. 001/2009 allowing "Universities and Colleges" in a "PR" Parks and Recreation zone April 20, 2009. The resolution was passed subject to entering into a development agreement. There was no representation at the public hearing April 20, 2009.
- UCN displayed the proposed UCN project at the Health and Leisure Mart September 11 and 12, 2009.
- The City held seven (7) Community Meetings from September 23, 2009 to November 4, 2009 where the UCN project was discussed informally at a number of the meetings.
- The City passed Resolution No. 376/2009 approving the extension of timelines for the removal of caveats on the property in question November 16, 2009.

- Thompson Unlimited initiated a public promotional campaign regarding the UCN project February, 2010
- UCN and Manitoba Housing held three (3) public presentations / informational meetings on the proposed student housing component of the project April 13, 2010 detailing the current student housing location.
- Letter received from UCN August 25, 2010 formally outlining admission requirements into the institution. Presented at the Regular Meeting of Council September 13, 2010.
- Letter received from UCN September 10, 2010 formally stating that in order to qualify for residency in the student housing units a person has to be a full time student. Students no longer attending UCN or have completed their studies would be required to vacate the student housing units. Presented at the Regular Meeting of Council September 27, 2010.
- Development agreement between the City and Manitoba tabled at the September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.
- Proposed zoning By-Law amendment rezoning the UCN project tabled at the September 27, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.
- Special Meeting of Council to deal with the UCN development agreement and the proposed zoning by-law amendment scheduled for October 4, 2010.



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