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PROPOSED VISION

What is the University Innovation Quarter (UIQ)?

Formerly the University Research Park, ownership was transferred from the Province of Alberta to the University of Calgary in 2020 with the intent to transform and establish a new innovation and research district.

Why is UIQ being redeveloped?

The existing area has significant capacity for growth, connectivity, and densification to accommodate a rich ecosystem of research, industry, innovation and entrepreneurial activities.

What is the role of University of Calgary Properties Group (UCPG)?

UCPG was created by the University of Calgary in 2011 to oversee the development and management of university land projects. As the trusted developer and Trustee for UIQ, UCPG will work in collaboration with UCalgary, Innovate Calgary and community stakeholders to create a Master Plan that realizes the vision.

What is Innovate Calgary?

As a business incubation centre for the University, Innovate Calgary provides services to enable emerging entrepreneurs to commercialize their research. Services can include market feasibility, business planning, legal services and networks to private capital.

What is the benefit to the surrounding region?

UIQ will be a mixed-use community offering new retail amenities, unique open spaces, housing options, transit access and employment opportunities, adding much needed improvements to the neighbourhood.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

When does the engagement start?

Community conversation is just beginning. Our process has four phases, the second of which is now under way. Get involved by signing up [here](#).

How can I participate/voice my comments or questions?

Our project feedback form can be found here. We can also be reached directly at info@ucpg.ca. Check the website for project updates and future events. We will post notifications, host on-site events, and have signage for public information. Alternatively, you can [sign up](#) to our e-newsletter to stay connected.

What's on the table for discussion?

Through the engagement process, the project team will identify FLEX AREAS of the emerging Master Plan concepts that are open for community input and SET AREAS which are not open to change due to policy or financial consideration.

How will my feedback be used?

We are committed to providing clear, concise, transparent and accurate information about the project as we progress. We will request and listen to your feedback on the project and will broadly share what we have heard including our team's response to it.

If I'm a current tenant in UIQ, who can I contact for more information about the plan?

Our project feedback form can be found here or we can also be reached directly at info@ucpg.ca.

TIMELINE

How long is the public engagement process for the Master Plan?

UCPG will be taking on a series of concurrent tasks. This includes reaching out to existing tenants and key stakeholders from the surrounding area to better understand the site conditions and determine how the site can be transformed. UCPG is moving forward with stakeholder outreach and engagement in Q1 and Q2 of 2022, with a finalized Master Plan concept and formal land use redesignation applications anticipated in Q4 of 2022.

When will this go to City Council for decision?

Land use redesignation applications of this scale would likely take a year from submission to reach the decision-making stages at a public hearing of Council.

When would construction start?

UIQ development will proceed in a staged process across a 10-20 year time frame. Market forces and economic conditions will drive the pace of development.