

# Welcome!

Welcome to the second round of engagement for the Campus Plan Update (the Update), a public planning process to update the existing campus plan for the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus.

## What is a campus plan?

A campus plan sets the long-term vision for the physical campus and serves as a tool to guide campus growth that is consistent with the university's academic mission and strategic plan.

The Campus Plan was adopted in 2015 and now almost 10 years later the university has an opportunity to refine and enhance the plan in several key areas. The Update is aligned with a number of existing policies (e.g., CAP2030, Transportation Plan) and reflects evolving priorities including enabling more academic space, amenities and housing; addressing on-campus mobility and access; accommodating hybrid learning and working; deepening UBC's relationship with the Syilx Okanagan Nation; and adapting to a changing climate.



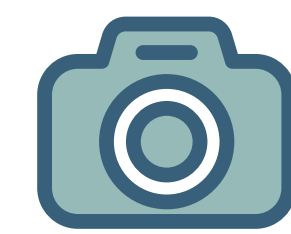
UBC Okanagan Campus today

*We respectfully acknowledge the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their peoples, in whose traditional, ancestral, unceded territory UBC Okanagan is situated. For millennia, the Syilx Okanagan People have been stewards and caretakers of these lands. The Update will support the university's commitments to the Indigenous Strategic Plan and to strengthening UBC's relationship with the Syilx Okanagan Nation.*

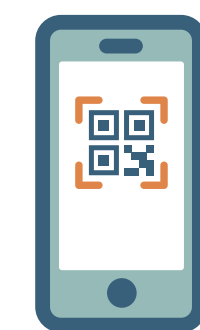
## We want to hear from you

The Campus Planning team wants to know: Do the proposed updates to the physical campus address the future needs of the university, its communities, and people like you? **See QR code below to learn more** and access an online survey where you can share your thoughts.

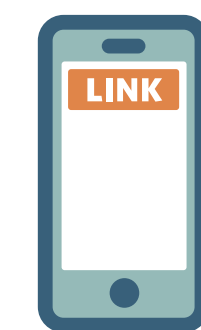
The survey will be open from **November 5th to November 29th**. Completing the survey will enter you into a draw for one of five \$100 UBC Bookstore gift cards.



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# What we heard

In the first round of engagement held earlier this year, we asked the campus community to provide feedback on the seven emerging themes and proposed strategies.

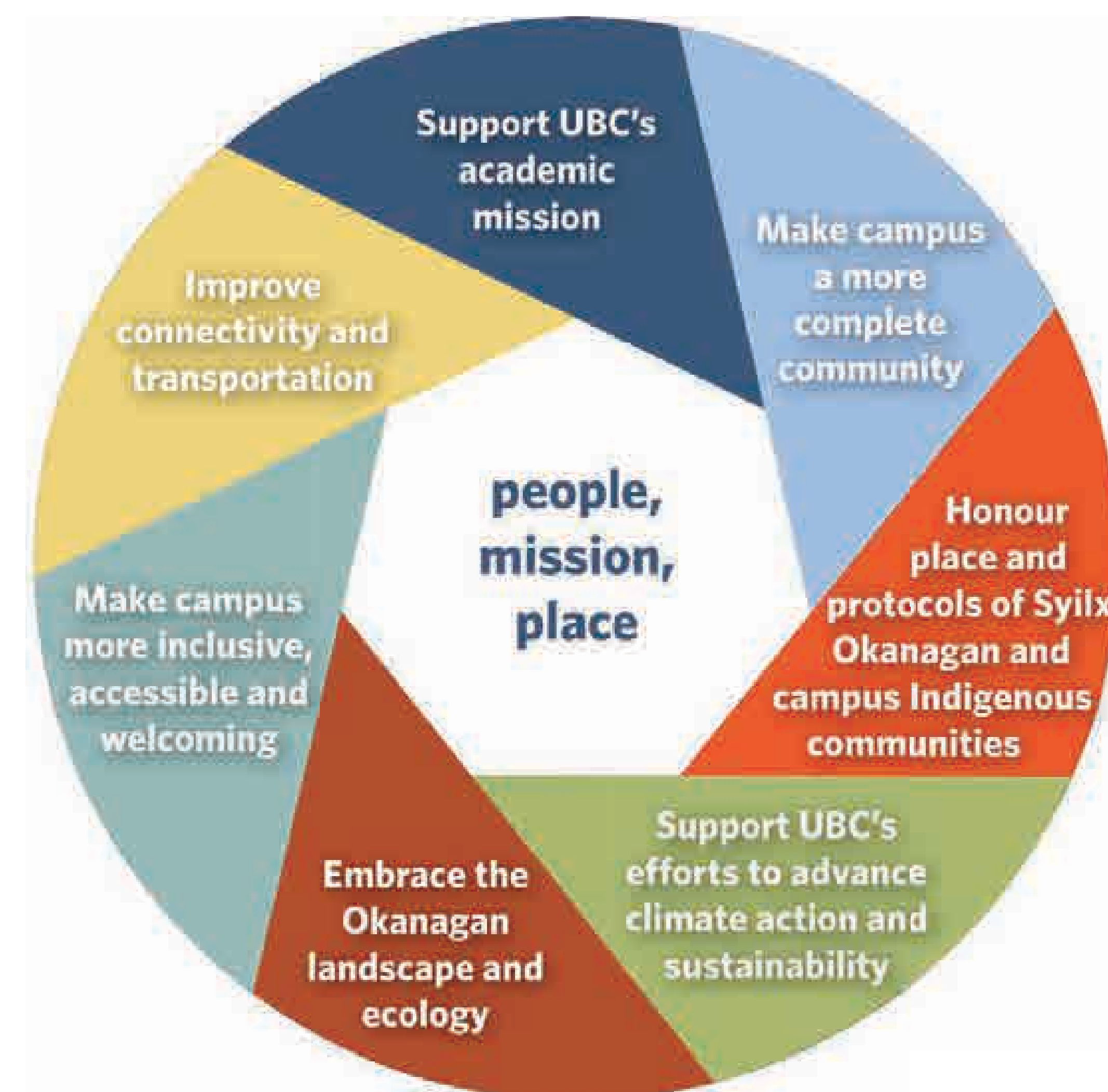
## Some of the main feedback we heard was around:

- Improving accessibility and getting around campus
- A desire for a broader range of campus spaces and services
- Having more types of spaces to meet the diverse needs of the community
- Additional recreational space
- Protecting and enhancing of campus landscapes
- Parking supply and improved transit options
- Maintaining the small community look and feel of the campus

Across all themes, we heard broad support for and an interest in how each theme will be implemented as part of the next steps of the Update. Feedback from the engagement also included ideas outside the scope of the Update, which were compiled and shared with relevant departments.

## Guiding Principles

Feedback from the campus community alongside supporting technical work has informed the development of the Update's Guiding Principles, which will guide planning and decision-making. The Guiding Principles are:



Pop-up booth at Pritchard Dining Hall, January 2024 Engagement.

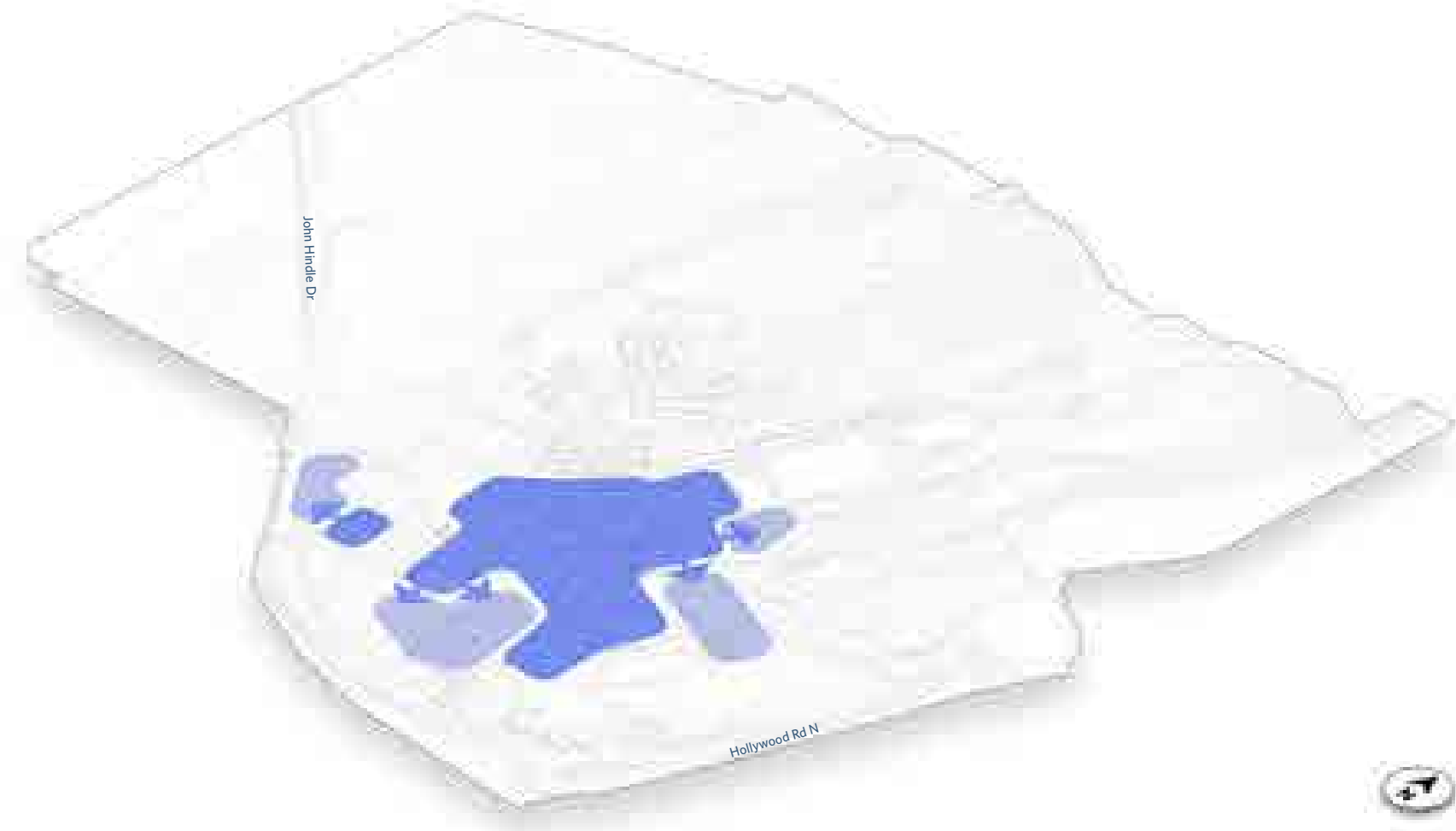


Feedback board from open house event, January 2024 Engagement.



# Shapers

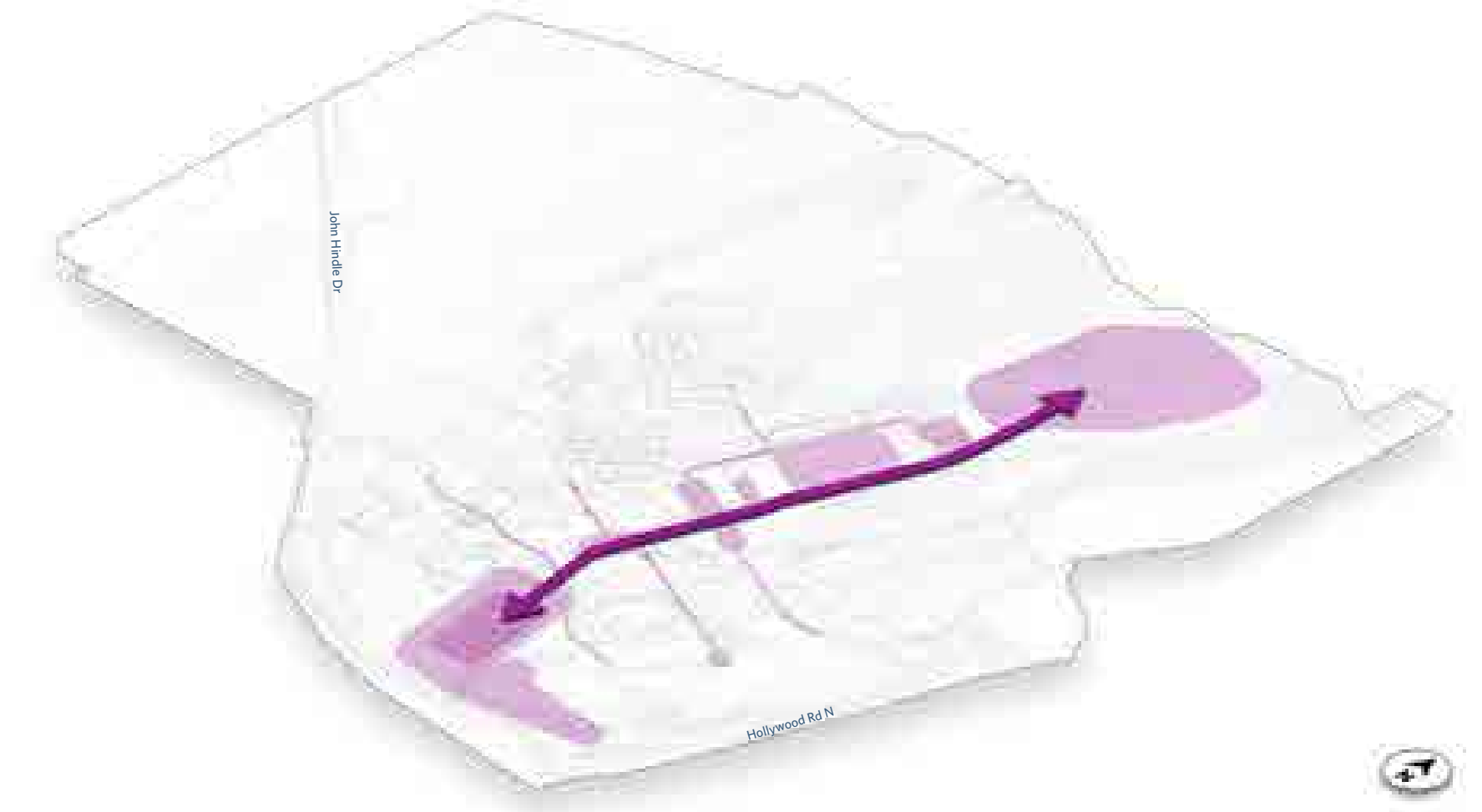
Key physical approaches to how the Update will respond to university and community needs, advance the Guiding Principles, and reflect the unique qualities of the Okanagan campus and its surrounding area.



**An intimate and walkable campus core:** Enabling more academic space within the campus core using existing areas like parking lots, combining different uses of spaces, and increasing the walkability of the core campus.



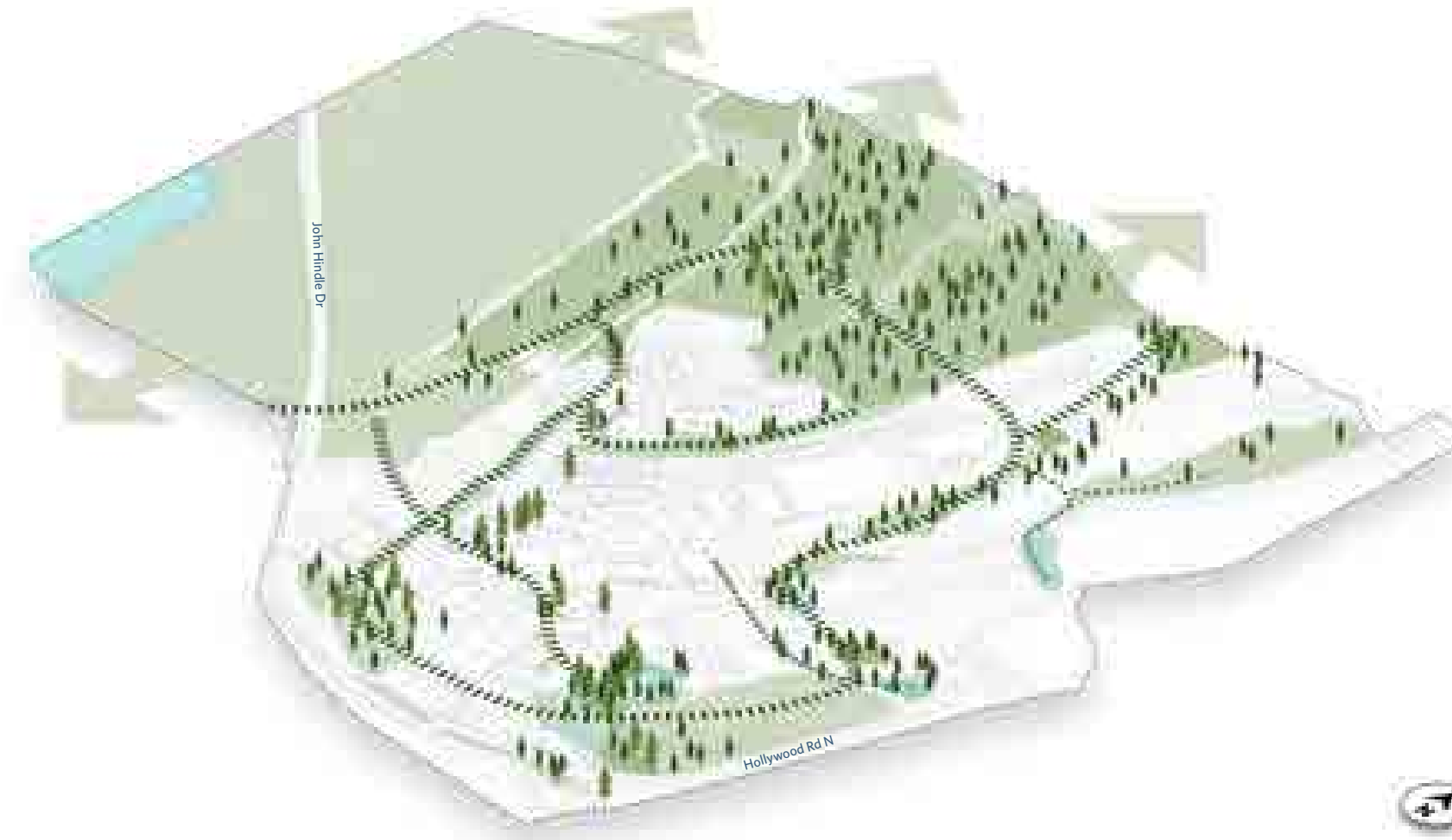
**New neighbourhoods supporting academic core:** Establishing new residential neighbourhoods at the south and north end of campus addressing the diverse housing needs of staff, students and faculty with amenities that support a vibrant and complete community.



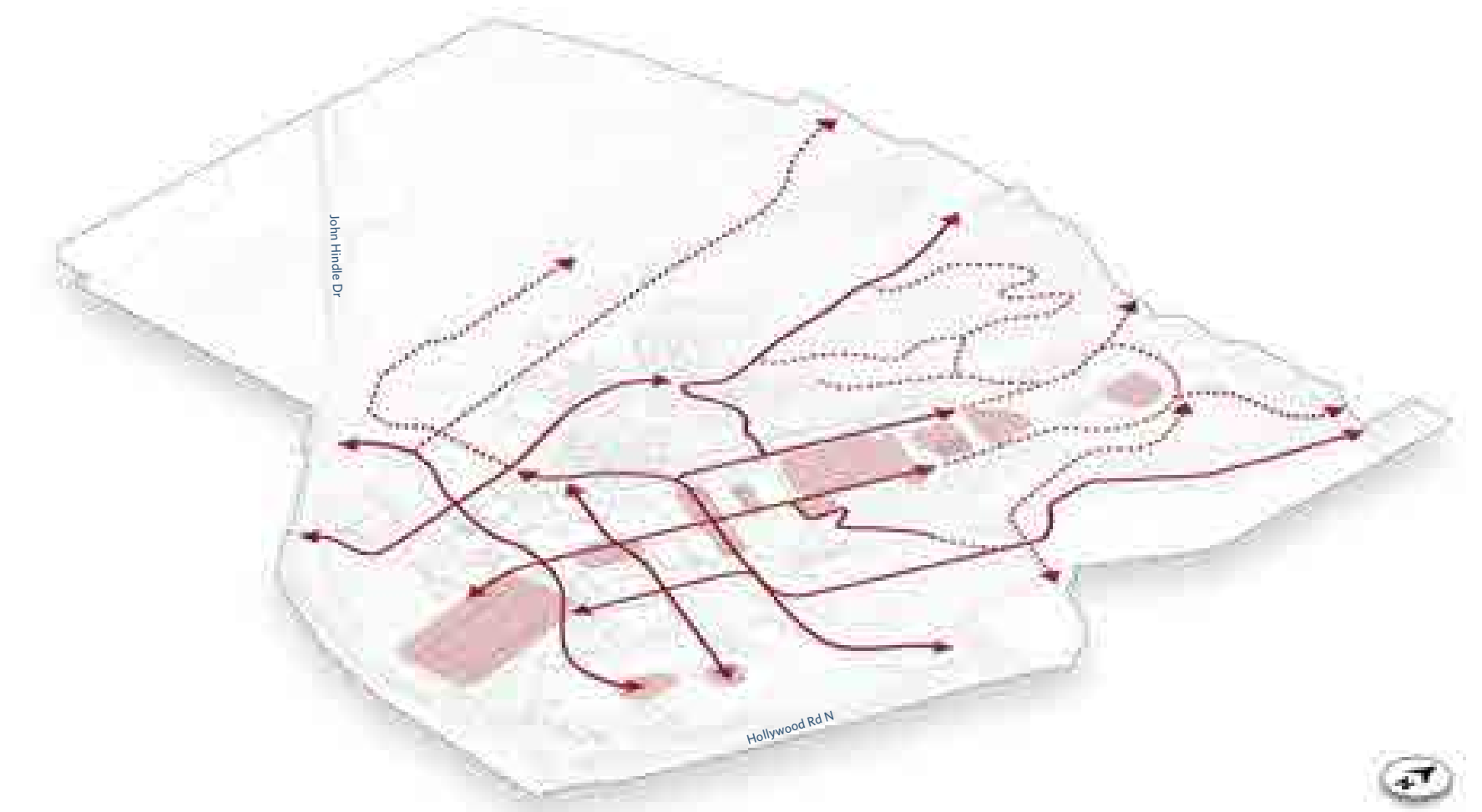
**Enhancing University Walk:** Strengthening University Walk as the campus's primary pedestrian corridor while creating more spaces for gathering and connection.



**Campus on a hill:** Ensuring the unique hillside topography of the Okanagan campus is reflected in how buildings and landscapes are designed while protecting and enhancing key views and campus ecology.



**An ecologically rich campus:** Supporting and enhancing UBC's unique and sensitive ecosystem, notably the Pond area, with expanded opportunities for rainwater management.



**Enhanced open spaces:** Enhancing existing spaces such as the Commons Field, the Pond and campus corridors to expand recreational opportunities, outdoor learning and green spaces.



# Concept Plan for UBC Okanagan Campus

The key physical approaches will shape the Update, which you can see in the Concept Plan (illustration below). This illustration shows areas of potential development, open spaces and green spaces on campus over the next 20 years and beyond and to support the components of the campus plan.



## Key Areas:

1. Upper Bench neighbourhood
2. Expansion to first-year student housing
3. Upper Cascades expansion
4. Innovation Precinct
5. University Way Main Street
6. New academic development in the campus core
7. Expansion to recreational amenities
8. Pond and Indigenous Outdoor Gathering Space
9. New upper-year student housing
10. Relocated + consolidated Campus Operations + works yard

*The focus of the Update is the Main Campus. This illustration may not be an exact representation of future development. Future design and layout of buildings, streets and open spaces are subject to more detailed planning. The timing of these projects will be dependent on provincial support, capital prioritization, enrolment, and financing capacity.*



# Components of the Campus Plan Update

Informed by the Guiding Principles and anchored by the Shapers, the Update will focus on the use and physical development of campus lands and where and how to accommodate future change and growth on campus.

The following components are covered in the update:

- Academic Space
- Student Housing
- Neighbourhood Housing
- Movement + Connectivity
- Ecology
- Open Space + Recreation
- Community Amenities

The Campus Plan Update is also being guided by and aligned with existing policies such as Outlook 2040, Climate Action Plan 2030, Transportation Plan, Green Building Standards and Whole Systems Infrastructure Plan.



Academic Space



Student Housing



Neighbourhood Housing



Mobility + Connectivity



Ecology



Community Amenities



# Academic Space

The Update will identify opportunities for future spaces for learning, teaching and research.



- Legend**
- Existing Academic Buildings
  - Future Academic Buildings

## KEY STRATEGIES

1. Identifying sites for potential future academic spaces to better support future enrollment growth and to better meet the growing research and teaching needs of the university.
2. Dedicating spaces around the Pond area and Outdoor Gathering Space for the Syilx Okanagan and broader campus Indigenous community to gather, learn and hold ceremonies.
3. Identifying long-term development opportunities that enable academic and research partnership. This will be done through the implementation of the Innovation Precinct Area Structure Plan (2019).
4. Identifying areas for land-based research, which include conservation and rehabilitation around Robert Lake and agricultural and ecological research of unique soils and ecosystems. This will be done through the implementation of the West Campus Lands Conceptual Structure Plan (2023).
5. Relocating Campus Operations and works yard and other dispersed functions to the eastern edge of campus to consolidate activities and make more space for housing and academic uses.



**x̌al sic snpǎxnwix̌w̌tn Building**

Rendering of the new x̌al sic snpǎxnwix̌w̌tn academic building currently under construction.



- Agricultural Research
- Agro-Ecological Research
- Ecological Research
- Conservation & Rehabilitation
- Research and Operational Support Hub
- Academic Hub
- Proposed Roads
- Existing Municipal Road Reserve

**West Campus Lands Conceptual Structure Plan**

Concept Plan showing areas of land-based research proposed for the West Campus Lands.



# Student Housing

The Update adds a significant amount of new student housing in several locations across campus.



**Legend**

- Existing Student Housing
- Future Student Housing

**KEY STRATEGIES**

1. Expanding upper-year housing with at least 500 beds on the south end of campus (up to 1,700 over the longer term), and incorporating local-serving amenities (e.g., food, services).
2. Increasing first-year student housing through the completion of student housing north of Purcell Residence and a new building on the west side of the existing Commons Field, strengthening this hub for student life.
3. Creating spaces for accessible amenities for the north student housing precinct, including retail and spaces for outdoor recreation.
4. Adding housing for upper-year students adjacent to the Upper Cascades residences.



**Existing First-Year Student Housing at UBCO**

Purcell and Skeena Residences.



**Upper-Year Student Housing Precedent**

tə šxʷhəleləm̓s tə kʷaʔkʷəʔaʔɬ (The Houses of the Ones Belonging to the Saltwater) at UBC's Vancouver Campus.



# Neighbourhood Housing

The Update adds significant housing supply for the campus community in a new neighbourhood on the Upper Bench.



## Legend

 Future Neighbourhood Housing

## KEY STRATEGIES

The Upper Bench provides a unique opportunity to support a more complete and sustainable campus community, while addressing housing challenges in Kelowna and the region. The Update will establish principles to inform the planning and development of this new campus neighbourhood. Features of this neighbourhood will include:

1. Up to 1,500 units of rental housing for faculty, staff and students.
2. Locally serving retail and other services such as child care.
3. A large central open space, where there is opportunity for tree retention and connection to existing natural features including the ponderosa pine woodlands.
4. A well-connected active transportation network and vehicle access routes connecting the neighbourhood with the rest of the campus and surrounding community.



## Neighbourhood Rental Housing

Neighbourhood buildings fronting onto a public open space.



## Community Spaces for Residents

Community amenity space integrated within neighbourhood housing.



# Movement + Connectivity

The Update strengthens and expands movement and connectivity across the campus.



## Active Transportation Network

### Legend

- Multi-Use Pathway
- Painted Bike Lane / Shared Use Lane
- Pedestrian Priority Zone
- Paved Pathways
- Trails

## KEY STRATEGIES

### Active Transportation

1. Restricting vehicle use within the campus core for safe, inclusive, and convenient walking, rolling and cycling, and creating a more vibrant space for the campus community.
2. Enhancing campus active transportation connections (i.e., expanded bicycle lanes connecting to the pedestrian overpass at John Hindle Drive and existing trails and paths throughout campus).
3. Creating new and improved active transportation connections between new housing and the existing campus network of trails and paths.

*Note: These strategies build on the Transportation Plan's principles, strategies and actions.*



### Conceptual Rendering - University Way Main Street

A car-free 'Main Street' supports student gatherings, informal interactions, festivals and celebrations.



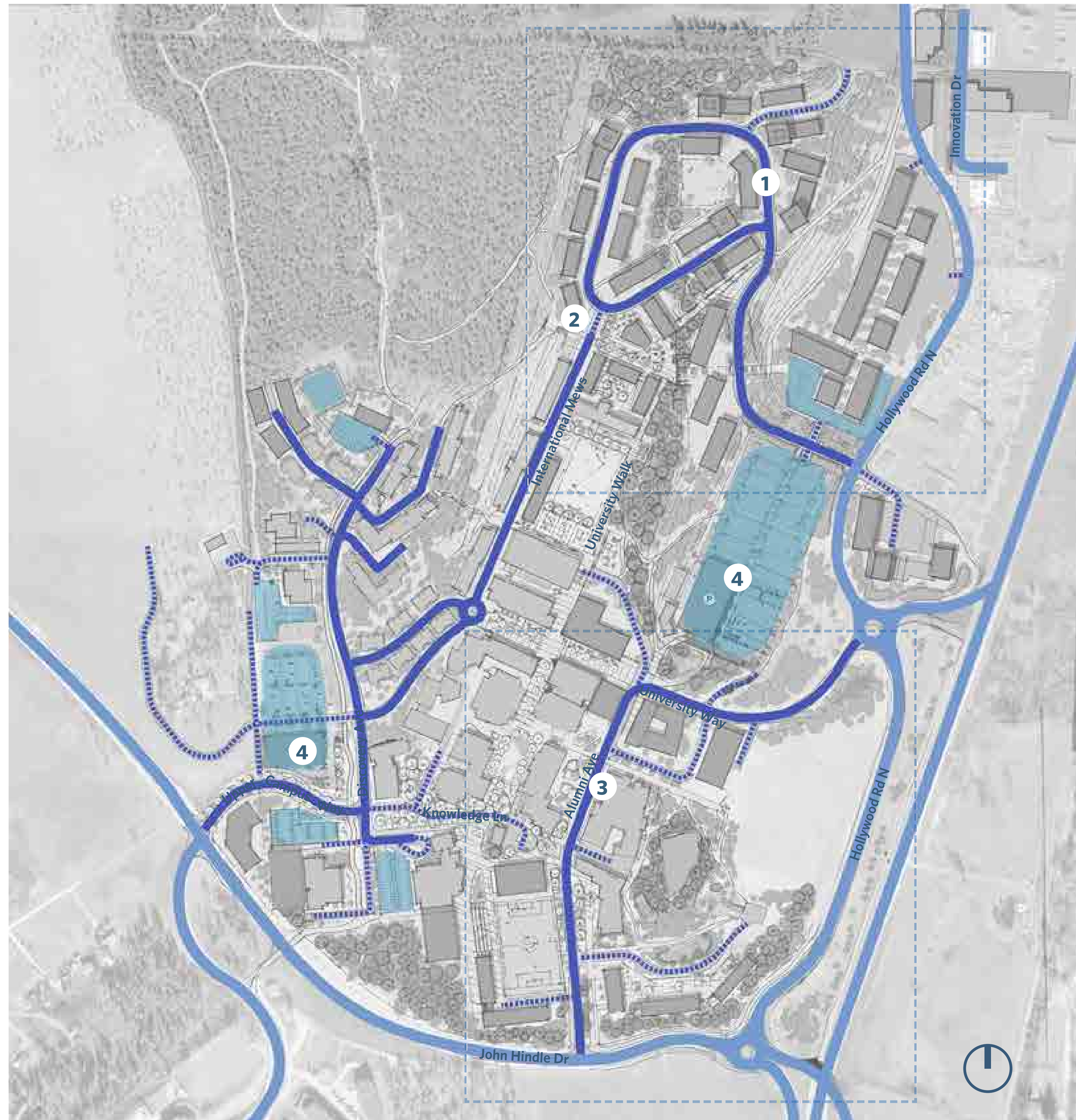
### Active Transportation

Enhanced active transportation connections help people get around campus and connect with the surrounding nature.



# Movement + Connectivity

The Update strengthens and expands movement and connectivity across the campus.



## Vehicle Network

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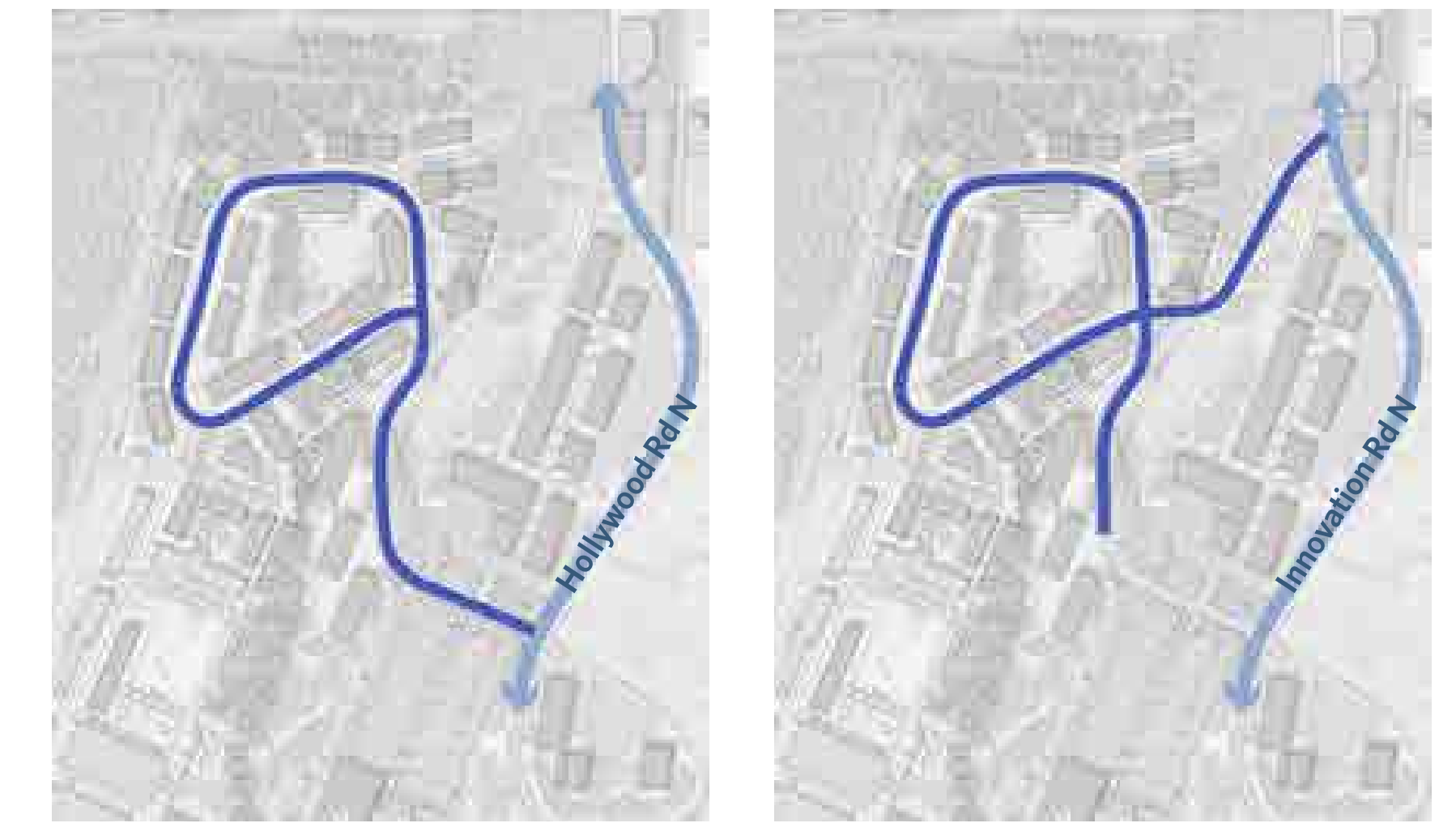
- City/Ministry Roads
- UBC Local Roads
- ⋯ Service + Transit
- Parking

## KEY STRATEGIES

### Vehicles

1. Providing a new street to access the Upper Bench neighbourhood from Hollywood Road North, while restricting direct vehicular access to the campus core.
2. Accommodating for a second emergency-only access route to the Upper Bench neighbourhood at the north end of International Mews.
3. Exploring a closure of Alumni Avenue to general purpose traffic to make it a transit-only route, enhance the pedestrian experience, and facilitate new pick-up/drop off areas at both ends of the closed street.
4. Exploring long term parking needs for the campus and ensuring that it aligns with the ambitions of the Transportation Plan (2021).

*Note: It is anticipated that as the campus grows, the demand for parking will increase. However, the implementation of sustainable transportation strategies and expanded transit options can help reduce this demand. Over time, structured parking will be needed as surface lots are repurposed for development and more efficient land use is prioritized. It is expected that at least one parking structure will be needed in the long term, with potential locations identified in the Update.*



### Road Alignment Accessing the Upper Bench

Two options are being explored for access to the Upper Bench Neighbourhood from Hollywood Rd North. These two alignments show access from the north and the south.



### Alumni Avenue

Options are being explored for closing Alumni Avenue to general purpose traffic with new pick-up/drop-off locations on either end.



# Ecology

The Update enhances and enriches biodiversity and natural systems and incorporates Indigenous ways of knowing to foster a climate-adaptive and resilient campus.



## Legend

- Ecological Zone - Grassland
- Ecological Zone - Woodland / Forest
- Ecological Zone - Watercourse
- Ecological Corridors
- High-Value Wildlife Trees

## KEY STRATEGIES

- Protecting and enhancing existing high-value ecological areas and habitat for wildlife in balance with potential wildfire prevention.
- Designing and maintaining campus landscapes to improve ecosystem health and biodiversity, and increase opportunities for teaching, learning and research.
- Integrating Syilx Okanagan knowledge and expertise to support the tradition and renewal of Syilx practices and incorporate traditional ways of knowing and caring for these campus lands.
- Supporting the Integrated Rainwater Management Plan (2017) for the campus and locating new facilities to accommodate the management of rainwater on campus.
- Enhancing the existing Pond as a valued part of the campus's network of natural systems, balancing its important role in rainwater detention for most of the main campus.
- Developing the Indigenous Outdoor Gathering Space in the area east of the Pond to support Indigenous teaching and learning.



### The Pond

The Pond is a valued part of the campus's open space network and an important site for managing rainwater.



### Ponderosa Pine Woodlands

Ponderosa woodland habitat with indigenous plants.



# Open Space + Recreation

The Update identifies more open spaces for recreation and community building.



## Legend

- Recreational Trails
- Recreation / Open Lawn
- Gathering / Event Spaces

## KEY STRATEGIES

1. Enhancing natural and open spaces on campus to ensure that they are climate-adaptive and accessible while creating opportunities for social and recreational interactions and learning and research.
2. A new community park in the proposed Upper Bench neighbourhood.
3. Enriching the north and south student housing areas with small scale, informal gathering and recreational spaces.
4. A new Field House potentially located near the new upper-year residences on the south end of campus and in close proximity to the existing gym, the future gym expansion and Nonis Sports Field.



## Existing Natural Areas

Natural spaces on the campus provide opportunities for learning and research.



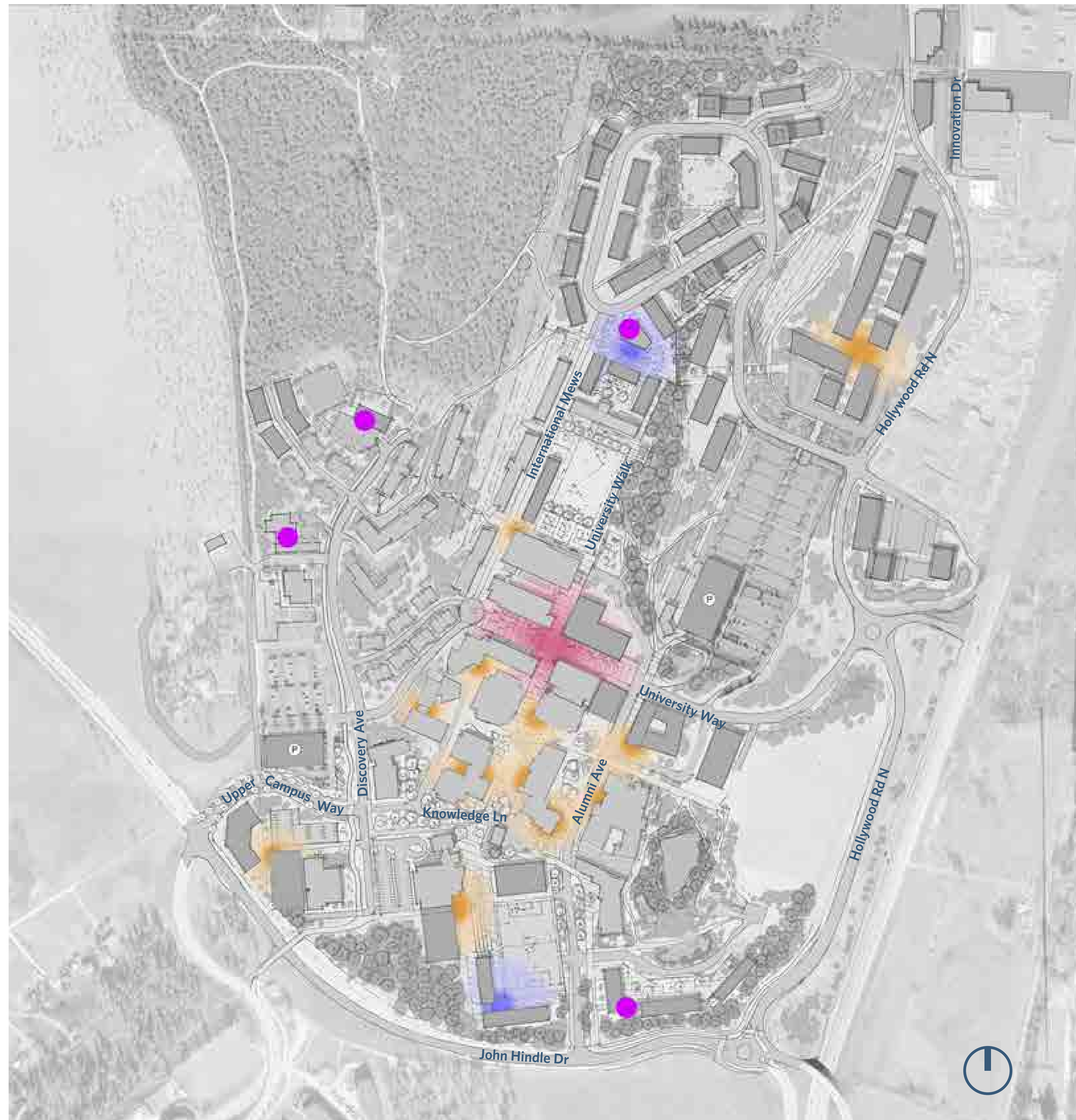
## Recreational Activities

Smaller-scale places can provide recreation and informal gathering space for students.



# Community Amenities

The Update creates opportunities for more amenities and services to better support the campus community and enhance campus life.



**Legend**

- Community Heart
- Local Node
- Neighbourhood Hub
- Child Care

**KEY STRATEGIES**

- Distributing and clustering amenities and services to support local needs and enhance campus life including:
  - Community Heart - intersection of University Way and University Walk, a major anchor that serves the campus-wide population. Enhanced amenities will be focused here and integrated with new development fronting University Way.
  - Neighbourhood Hub - smaller clusters of amenities that are located within residential areas to the north and south of the academic core.
  - Local Amenities - individual places serving the surrounding population.
- Incorporating more active uses to the ground floor of new academic buildings with local amenities such as food outlets (e.g., The Comma Cafe in The Commons).
- Increasing child care spaces as part of the Upper Cascades Residences expansion and in the proposed upper-year housing in south campus.



**Community Heart**

Major anchor that serves the campus.



**Neighbourhood Hub**

Small clusters of amenities.



**Local Amenities**

Individual places serving the surrounding population.



# Next Steps

## Thank you for learning about the UBC Okanagan Campus Plan Update!

- The Okanagan Leadership Council approved the final Terms of Reference for the Update in May 2024. These were informed by technical work and community engagement on Needs and Aspirations. The Terms of Reference have guided the development of the draft Update, which is being presented to the community for feedback in this second round of engagement.
- The Final Campus Plan Update, informed by community input, will be submitted to the UBC Board of Governors for adoption next spring.

