

An Inclusive Process

A key goal of the campus planning exercise was to engage as many stakeholders as possible in a dialogue about the Brock University campus. The Campus Plan was created through an inclusive dialogue involving a broad cross-section of stakeholders from the University community, including Deans, administration, faculty, staff and students; the surrounding community, including neighbouring residents and landowners; the City of St. Catharines, including the Mayor and planners; the City of Thorold, including the Mayor, and planners; the Regional Municipality of Niagara, including the Regional Chair, planners and engineers; the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; Ontario Power Generation; the Niagara Escarpment Commission; Shaver Hospital; and local arts and cultural organizations, including the Niagara Symphony and Theatre Beyond Words.

The campus planning process began in August 2001 with a physical analysis of the campus and interviews with over 80 stakeholders from within Brock University and from the neighbouring communities.

On January 10th, 2002, the information collected through the physical analysis and interviews was presented to Brock University staff, faculty and students, and city and community representatives at the Brock Campus Vision Workshop. The workshop provided the opportunity for participants to articulate a vision for the long-term development of the campus.

On February 18th, 2002, members of the University community, local government, regional environmental and conservation organizations took part in the Brock Campus Landscape Charrette. The goal of the charrette was to hear from participants what is most valued about the campus landscape.

Throughout the late winter and early spring of 2002, three campus plan options were prepared based on the ideas expressed at the workshop and charrette. The options were presented at a public open house held on April 2nd, 2002.

The Draft Campus Plan was prepared during the summer and fall of 2002. The Draft Plan was presented to the Senate and Board of Trustees in October and November, 2002. A second public open house presenting the Draft Plan was held on December 5th, 2002.

The preparation of the Final Draft Campus Plan incorporating comments received from the open house, the Board of Trustees, the Senate and interested individuals and agencies who had an opportunity to review the Draft Plan between December 2002 and February 2003.



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The extensive consultation process involved over 250 people and included interviews, a vision workshop, a landscape design charrette and two public open houses.

The relationships established and discussions initiated during the campus planning process are the first step to realizing the vision of the Brock University Campus Plan. Brock University is committed to continuing this open campus planning process and maintaining a relevant and dynamic Campus Plan. It will continue to provide opportunities for the University community and its neighbours to provide input on the plan, its implementation and updating over time.

The Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, the Office of the President and Department of Physical Plant were involved throughout the campus planning process and provided invaluable direction and guidance in the formulation of the plan.