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Update: Water Street Student Residence Project

On April 14, 2008, Trent University and the Residence Development Corporation (RDC) entered into a long term lease agreement of University owned property to develop a townhouse and apartment housing complex for students. The leased property is zoned for University use permitting such a development.

Since September, 2009, President Franklin has engaged in consultations and meetings with various groups at Trent and in the broader Peterborough Community.

In February 2010, the President created the Presidential Advisory Task Force on the Water Street Residence to make recommendations on enhancements and alterations to the site plan in consideration of the comments made throughout the consultative process.

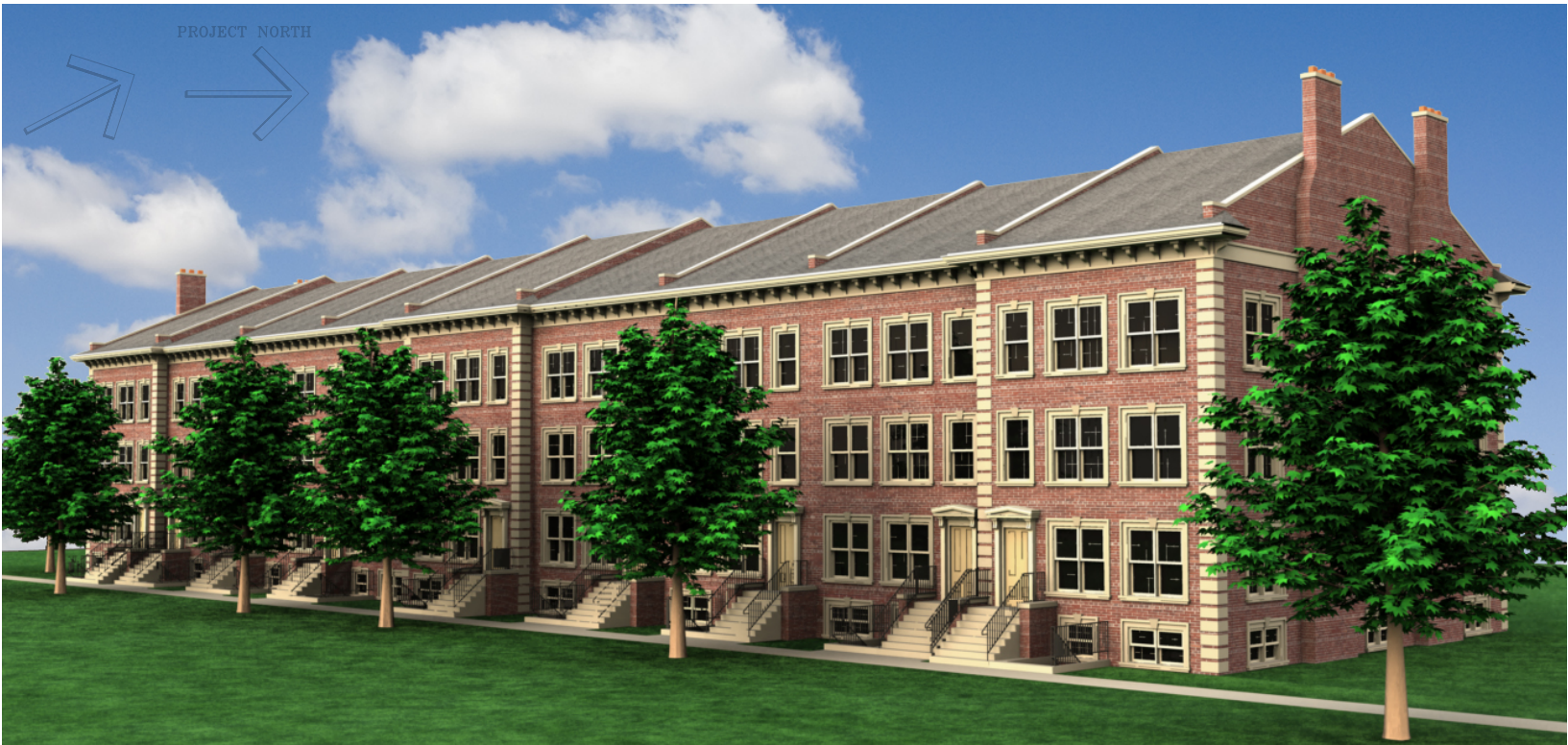
External groups consulted included Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, the University Heights Neighbourhood Association, the DBIA, the City-University Liaison Committee, the Mayor’s office, and planning officials at City Hall. Internal groups consulted included students, faculty, staff and Senate and internal advisory committees including The Endowment Lands Committee, Environmental Advisory Board, Facilities and Grounds Committee.

As a result of these consultations and the good constructive input received, a revised site plan containing a number of significant improvements has been approved by Trent University’s Board of Governors for filing with the City. RDC submitted their revised site plan to the City of Peterborough on December 6, 2010. The City will circulate the revised plan to commenting authorities as required pursuant to the Planning Act. After the City receives comments about the site plan, it may be amended, where required, to confirm with legislative and other requirements and will be presented by Planning staff of the City to the Planning Committee of Council (Committee of the Whole). Following the Committee of the Whole review, the development proposal will be forwarded to Council for final approval.

An Information Open House about the project will be hosted:

January 26, 2011 beginning at 7 p.m., in the Lady Eaton College Dining Hall, Symons Campus, Trent University.

www.trentu.ca/waterstreetresidence



Phase 1: Project Overview & Site Plan Improvements

- Two three-storey buildings with 27 dwelling units in each and two three-storey stacked townhouse buildings with 12 dwelling units in each. Overall total proposed building area is 3,346 square metres (36,017 square feet) accommodating 310 students
- The footprint for the proposed structures allows for the preservation of more green space
- Configuration of the buildings minimizes the impact on the wetland
- Enhancing an existing wetland with complementary and appropriate plantings
- Replacement of any disturbed wetland, with remedial measures to be undertaken if necessary
- Removal of retail component
- Deliberate protection of green space, preserving environmental features, habitat and vegetation
- Location of the proposed buildings closer to the roadway, minimizing the impact on the slope of the property and preserving the natural slope and vegetation
- Enhanced storm water management plan
- Improved traffic configuration for pedestrian and vehicle safety
- Buildings adhere to high energy efficient environmental standards
- Adoption of best practices for a private residence operation including extension of college life programming to support the student experience
- Phase II to be constructed within five years, depending on success of phase I

