



To maintain and continue to evolve an open space system which protects and enhances environmentally-significant natural areas, provides safe, pedestrian-friendly links throughout the campus, and encourages social interaction through outdoor meeting places, relaxation spaces, playing fields and other o



development pattern that accommodates growth while preserving valued natural areas, energy, plant and animal habitats, community values, and a strong sense of place.

*Principle 5: The University will manage development carefully, seeking to develop a compact campus that encourages synergies and is an efficient use of land.*

### **Principle 6: Sustainable Buildings and Facilities**

The University recognizes that its buildings and facilities have an impact on the health and wellbeing of both the environment and the people who use them. Additionally, it is recognized that water usage, site drainage, energy use, building materials, and construction practices have long-term environmental impacts beyond the borders of the campus.

*Principle 6: The University commits to incorporate sustainable practices in the planning, construction and operation of buildings and facilities, creating positive relationships to the open spaces surrounding them.*

### **Principle 7: Spirit of Place**

The campus has an aesthetic richness and pedestrian-friendly scale; these qualities earn the affection of students, faculty, staff, alumni, visitors, and the surrounding community. A respectful relationship among buildings, landscaped settings and natural areas has been emphasized and there are ample opportunities to meet and interact among on-campus residents, commuting students, faculty, and interested residents of Greater Victoria. The physical campus also increasingly recognizes and elevates the visibility of First Nations history and presence.

*Principle 7: The University will continue to plan and design in a way that enhances social interaction on a scale that is friendly to people on foot, further recognizes First Nation history and presence, and preserves the unique Pacific Rim island character of the campus.*

### **Principle 8: Movement and Accessibility**

With each year, the University accommodates more students, faculty, staff and adult learners. It also provides venues for exhibits, community concerts and performances, public lectures and athletic events. People arrive by all modes of transportation – and a growing percentage of trips are taken on foot, by bike, and on transit – but the most common mode remains driving or being driven in a personal vehicle. The University recognizes that this practice is not sustainable, healthy, or conducive to vitality, and that a shift to less energy-consuming modes of transportation is essential. Likewise, surface parking is highly land-consumptive, occupying land that might

otherwise be used as open space, active recreation, or building development.

*Principle 8: The University is committed to prioritizing pedestrian movement, making walking or wheelchair use convenient, safe, accessible, and enjoyable. The University will also continue to increase support*