

# UBC Neighbourhood District Energy System



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## Welcome!

The purpose of this Open House is to provide information regarding a feasibility study undertaken by UBC and CORIX to examine opportunities for a Neighbourhood District Energy System to serve new residential developments on UBC lands.

# Your Feedback is Important!

We hope you will review the material presented and provide us with your thoughts by completing a feedback form. We will be consulting with members of the community during all phases of the project.



# Neighbourhood District Energy System (NDES)





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# **Project Description**

As part of its commitment to sustainability, the University of British Columbia is investigating the implementation of a Neighbourhood District Energy System (NDES) to provide space heating and domestic hot water to new developments on UBC lands.

The objective of the NDES is to provide low-carbon energy to UBC residential neighbourhoods. The NDES will also support UBC's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a sustainable live-work-learn community. We are currently evaluating the use of waste heat from TRIUMF's cooling towers as the most effective way of providing the GHG reductions needed.

- Wesbrook Place
- East Campus
- Acadia
- Stadium

It may also serve neighbouring developments in the area (see map). Potential synergies between the NDES and the Academic District Energy System will also be explored, including possible research and educational opportunities that are consistent with UBC's goal for the Campus as a Living Lab.

The NDES will serve new developments of UBC lands including:

# COPIX® Utilities

# Who is CORIX Utilities?

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# **UBC Partnership with CORIX**

The Neighbourhood District Energy System (NDES) will be undertaken by CORIX in partnership with UBC. CORIX was chosen in a competitive bid process based on their established expertise and track record of successful community partnerships for energy and utility systems.

In Phase 1 of the project CORIX will be finalizing the business case for the NDES. If a decision is made to proceed with the NDES Project, CORIX will design, construct, own and operate the system with oversight by UBC and the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC). The BCUC regulates all energy utilities in BC, and approves rate structures and customer billing models to ensure transparency.

In communities across North America, CORIX delivers safe and cost effective utility infrastructure products, services and systems for water, wastewater and sustainable energy. CORIX is a BC based company with extensive experience in the design, construction and operation of innovative energy, water and wastewater systems.







# What is a District Energy System?



**Central Energy Plant** 



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a community.

The System uses a central energy plant to produce hot water, which is then distributed through an underground piping network to heat exchangers located in each building. The heat exchangers, in turn, provide space heating and domestic hot water for residents. Once the fluid has cooled it returns to the central energy plant to be reheated and recirculated.

A District Energy System can substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions through higher efficiencies and the ability to use a variety of alternative energy sources including biomass, GeoExhange, solar and waste heat recovery.

District Energy Systems are a way of sharing energy efficiently across



# Proposed Neighbourhood District Energy System





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# Waste Heat Transfer

The District Energy System would then elevate the temperature of the waste heat captured from TRIUMF and in turn provide individual buildings with heat.

## One possible source of heat energy for the Neighbourhood District Energy System is TRIUMF, Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics research, located on the south campus of UBC. The proposed NDES would use the waste heat captured from TRIUMF's cooling towers as the main source of heating for UBC neighbourhoods and portions of the UBC campus. This captured heat would otherwise be released into the immediate environment.









# Benefits

The UBC Neighbourhood District Energy System will provide numerous benefits to the community and its residents.





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**Enhanced Comfort** – residents will enjoy comfortable space heating provided by radiant sources like in-floor, rather than traditional perimeter electric baseboard heaters.

reduced.

**Improved Reliability** – exposure to weather-related power outages is reduced compared with traditional electricity-based systems.

Lower Operations and Maintenance Costs – the centralized production of heat results in highly efficient delivery and eliminates the need for each building to have its own boilers, hot water storage tanks and other associated equipment, reducing operations and maintenance costs.

climate change.

for people.

**Reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions** – greater energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy sources decrease the air emissions that lead to climate change.

**Increased Price Stability** – because the system uses alternative fuel sources, residents' exposure to fluctuating gas and electricity prices is

**Reduced Air Emissions** – greater energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy sources decrease the air emissions that lead to

Flexible Building Design – on-demand hot water systems mean no boilers and no hot water storage tanks, resulting in more usable space

Added Resilience – flexibility to add or change energy sources over time without having to modify building systems.





# Sustainable Energy Projects





UniverCity, Burnaby, BC



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# A Local Example:

## Southeast False Creek in Vancouver has a community energy system that delivers hot water for space heating and domestic hot water to all buildings. The system uses sewer heat recovery as the primary source of energy with high efficiency boilers for backup and supplemental heat on the coldest days. The neighbourhood utility also collects heat from solarthermal arrays located on roof-top.

# Sustainable energy systems in other CORIX communities:

## UniverCity, Burnaby, BC

CORIX is working with UniverCity, an award-winning, mixed-use community, located adjacent to Simon Fraser University, to design and install a biomass-based district energy system that provides heat and hot water to residents. The temporary district energy system started serving the first buildings in 2011.

## Sun Rivers Golf Resort Community, Kamloops, BC

CORIX designed, installed and operates a comprehensive range of utilities including ground source heating and cooling, making Sun Rivers Canada's first GeoExchange community.

## Beaver Barracks, Ottawa, ON

CORIX designed, installed, owns and maintains a GeoExchange loop field system and central energy plant which provides heating, cooling and domestic hot water to 247 low-cost rental units managed by Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation, a private non-profit housing organization.



# NDES Project Process

## FEASIBILITY PROCESS

**RFP PROCE** 

### UBC completed a District Energy Pre-Feasibility Study in 2011 to examine the technical feasibility for District Energy serving residential neighbourhoods

• UBC completed a full District Energy Feasibility Study in 2012 to evaluate the technical feasibility and business model needed to deliver a low carbon neighbourhood district energy system

2010 - 2012

- UBC issued RFP a selected two com comlete initial due
- RFP awarded to C July 2013

FEBRUARY TO 2013

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ESS	TECHNICAL DUE DILIGENCE	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	ONGOING OPERATIONS
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and panies to e diligence CORIX in	<ul> <li>MOU approved by UBC Board of Governors in September</li> <li>CORIX is completing the business case to support the NDES</li> <li>UBC and CORIX are negotiating mutually agreeable business terms</li> <li>Public consultation and stakeholder engagement</li> <li>The final business case will be submitted to UBC in December for Board of Governors approval in January</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Phase 1 is a temporary natural gas plant that will serve the community until the community reaches the size that will support the renewable waste heat from TRIUMF</li> <li>Board of Governors approval</li> <li>CORIX and UBC negotiate and sign definitive agreements</li> <li>Apply for BCUC approval for Phase 1</li> <li>Upon BCUC approval, detailed design and implementation of the temporary plant will begin</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Phase 2 is the implementation of capturing and using waste heat from TRIUMF</li> <li>Determine optimal integration with Academic District Energy System</li> <li>Apply for BCUC approval for Phase 2</li> <li>Develop servicing strategy for Acadia and other potential neighbourhoods</li> <li>Detailed design and implementation of TRIUMF heat recovery solution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implement servicing strategy for Acadia and other potential neighbourhoods</li> <li>Continuous improvement to maximize service to customers</li> </ul>
JULY	JULY TO DECEMBER 2013	JANUARY 2013 TO MID 2014 Phase 1 plans are currently estimated to serve the community until 2018	BCUC Application for Waste Heat Implementation begins in 2017	2017 AND BEYOND

## PUBLIC INPUT AND INFORMATION



# We Appreciate Your Feedback



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## Thank you for taking the time to review the information about our proposed Neighbourhood District Energy System.

We hope you will assist us by completing a feedback form. Community feedback will be considered along with technical and financial input as decisions are made throughout the project.

Please hand your completed form to one of the representatives. Should you wish to review this information online and/or submit your form online please visit www.planning.ubc.ca from November 25th to December 6th.

In order to be included in this consultation phase, please provide us with your comments by completing the feedback form by December 6th, 2013.