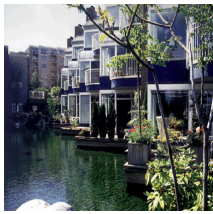




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**UDI PACIFIC WELCOMES UDI AUSTRALIA**  
Mr. Brian Stewart, Chief Executive and General Counsel of UDI Australia gave a presentation to members and the general public on November 14, 2006, highlighting some of the group's initiatives in that country. He discussed EnviroDevelopment, a program intended to encourage the residential development community to build environmentally-responsible building forms. He provided a detailed and interesting account of development practices in Australia, sharing his common interests and experiences with his counterparts in Vancouver. It was a well attended and informative event. Thank-you, Brian.

**WELCOME NEW UDI CANADA PRESIDENT, MR. KEVIN RILES**  
Mr. Kevin Riles of UDI Nova Scotia was unanimously elected the new UDI Canada president on November 16, 2006 during the annual UDI Canada Board meeting, replacing Ward McAllister who held the post for a three-year term. Thank-you, Ward, for your contributions and leadership as president during this time. Congratulations to Kevin on the new appointment.

**FOOD BANK DONATION**  
The Christmas Food Bank drive, promoted by CBC and supported by our Members was successful in raising \$30,000 in cash for donation to our community. Our appreciation to all those who were generous at this very special time of year.

**UDI SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT - NOVEMBER 17TH AND 18TH**  
Another successful UDI School of Development session was held November 17th and 18th, 2006. The course material focused on 'The Numbers Behind Housing Development'. The two-day seminar is one of the most successful UDI programs, with this year being no exception. The following moderator and faculty provided informative presentations:

- Michael von Hausen, MVH Planning & Design moderated
- Sandra Cawley, Burgess, Cawley, Sullivan & Associates
- Harry Grimm, Portrait Homes
- Max Bruce, Mosaic Homes
- Colin Bosa, Bosa Properties
- Pat Brennan, ScotiaBank

Positive reviews and the good turn-out are signs of encouragement as we look forward to hosting another School of Development on March 30th and 31st, 2007.

**RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION (RAR)**  
UDI has been active on advocating for a clear position from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) related to its stance on the Riparian Areas Regulation. The Institute has organized several meetings with senior officials in the Ministry. The meetings also included discussions about erosion and sediment control as well as the Ministry's Environmental Process Modernization Plan.

### VANCOUVER GREEN BUILDING STRATEGY

The ongoing involvement of UDI in the Vancouver Green Building Strategy culminated with the receipt of the first draft of the Strategy on November 8th. The original report was scheduled to proceed to Council on November 28th. Subsequent changes in timeline for Council hearing on the issue, delayed the report until early 2007. UDI has had considerable consultation with the City concerning the Green Building Strategy, including participation on the Green Building Strategy Stakeholder Committee, discussions at the Vancouver Liaison Committee and meetings with City staff.

### PORT COQUITLAM GREEN ROOFS

The City of Port Coquitlam proceeded with 'Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2006, No. 3569' (Green Roof Bylaw), with final reading of the bylaw at the December 11, 2006 Council meeting. UDI had considerable discussions with the City, and submitted a November 16, 2006 letter to the Community Economic Development Committee and one for the Public Hearing.

### RICHMOND CITY CENTRE AREA PLAN

UDI has continued consultations with the City of Richmond, including discussions with staff on issues such as design and planning, and cost allocation for amenities and infrastructure development. UDI's recommendations have been expressed in correspondence to City staff, including a December 7th letter in which the Institute suggests reducing costs to parkland acquisition by fully utilizing school sites in the allocation of parks.

### CITY OF RICHMOND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

The city released two reports related to their Affordable Housing Strategy and a City-wide Interim Amenity Contribution Policy prepared by their consultants. At a December 2006 meeting with City staff, UDI members examined options that were presented. Membership advised against the 'proforma approach' where amenity charges would be determined by an increase in land values following rezoning. UDI further noted these concerns in a December 15, 2006 letter to City staff.

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