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# VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

## ACC NORTH HILL CAMPUS PLAN



*An artist's conceptual drawing of the future North Hill Campus.*

**Ten to 15 years from now, an ACC student will have a significantly different experience than students today.**

Imagine a future ACC North Hill Campus, filled and bustling. It is a vibrant, green, inclusive and inviting place — one that provides exceptional learning experiences and welcomes the community as a year-round destination.

You may have studied at our North Hill Campus in Brandon, or perhaps you know someone who has. If you've ever been on the site, you'll agree that it's arguably one of the most scenic spots in Western Manitoba. And as far as college campuses go, it has potential to be among the most dynamic and beautiful across Canada.

In 2014, ACC began to develop a master plan for the campus. After months of consultation with staff, students and community stakeholders, workshops and open houses,



the finished plan was presented to the college's board of governors in early 2015. It was unanimously adopted.

The campus master plan helps to set the direction for ACC's future growth over the next several decades, acting as a framework for decision-making. The plan conceptually outlines the built form, open spaces, sight lines and circulation network. The aim is to ensure the right decisions can be made as opportunities present themselves to develop the site; all while ensuring the strengths and values that define our college remain paramount.

The North Hill Campus site has a long history in the community with buildings dating back more than a hundred years. As the former site of the Brandon Metal Health Centre (BMHC), many people in the community have a connection to the area in one way or another.

The announcement to develop ACC on Brandon's North Hill came in 2005. The intent was to relocate from the Victoria Avenue East Campus, while also expanding and adapting programming to be responsive to labour market demand. This goal continues to be a priority for the college.

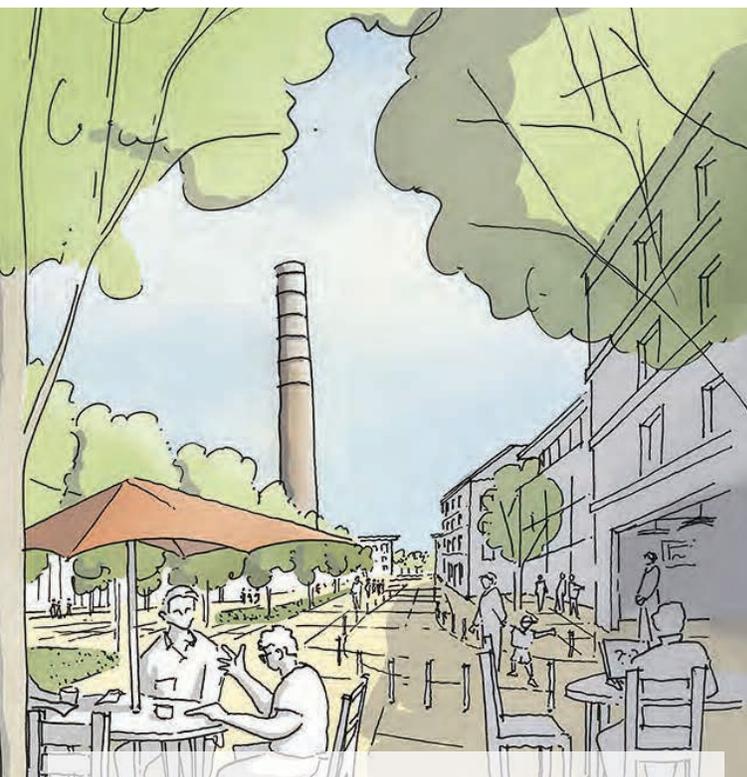
The Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts opened in 2007—repurposed the original BMHC Nurses' Residence—and was the first building to offer college programming at the campus. In 2010, the Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology opened, moving all of the college's Brandon-based trades programs to the North Hill. Most recently, ACC built its Sustainable Greenhouse, opening in early 2013.

By having a campus master plan, we move forward with a shared vision. It allows us to understand the needs of those using the campus so we can leverage facilities more effectively, improve the overall campus experience and make decisions that benefit the community well into the future.

The campus master plan is just the beginning. It will play an integral role in our college's planning processes, serving as a tool to guide the physical evolution of the campus, enabling it to grow and change over time.

We believe our North Hill Campus is a space that should be shared and enjoyed not only by students and staff, but the entire community. ACC will be celebrating its 55th birthday next year. This plan will help to ensure the next 55 years are just as successful as the last.

For more information on our North Hill Campus Master Plan, visit [assiniboine.net/nhcampus](http://assiniboine.net/nhcampus).



## WHAT'S NEXT ON CAMPUS

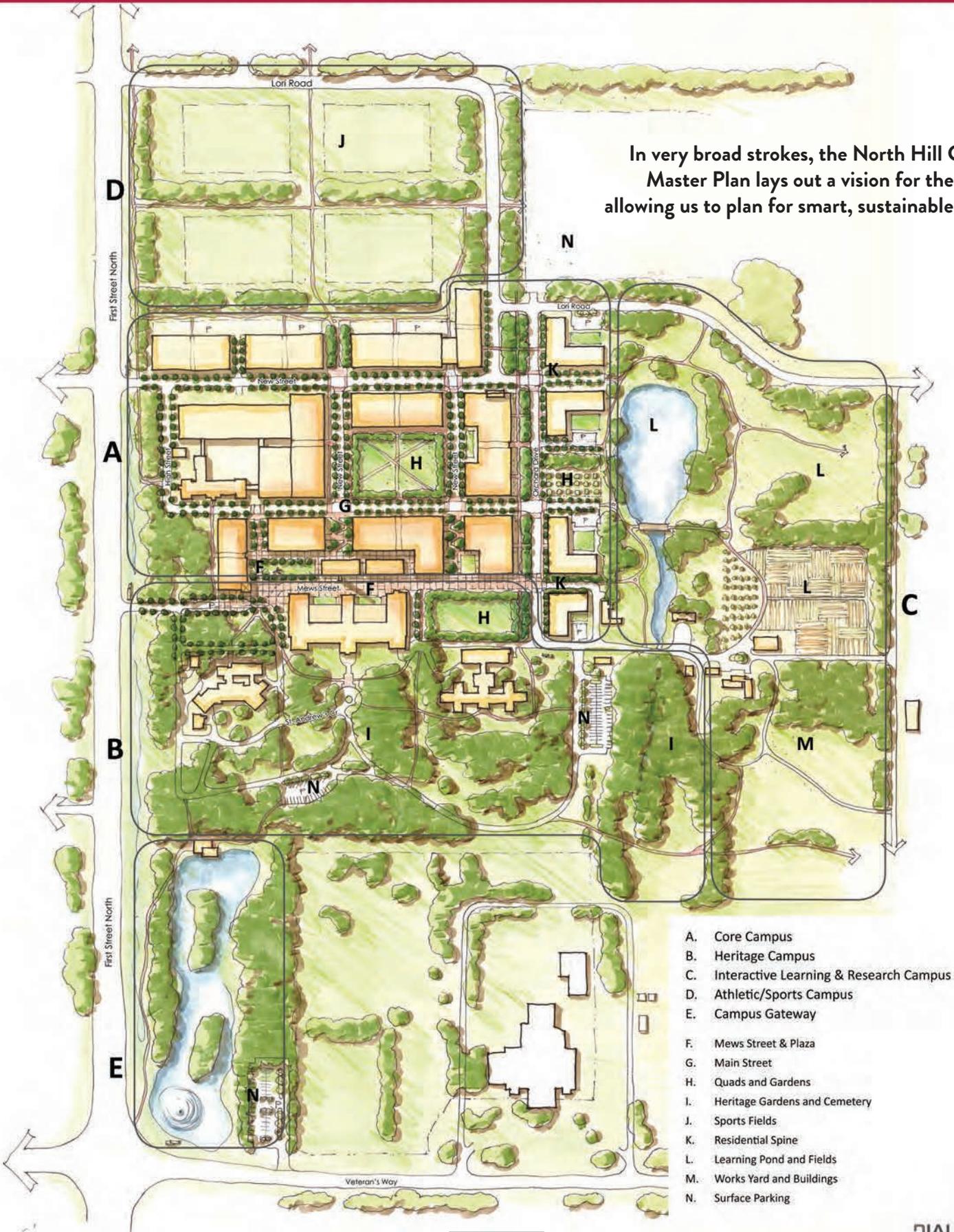
### **Centre for Health, Energy and Environment**

The college is currently completing a preliminary assessment and conceptual design study on historical Parkland building.

### **Student-led Family Housing**

ACC has completed preliminary work and awaits Manitoba Housing's next call for proposals in order to make a submission.

In very broad strokes, the North Hill Campus Master Plan lays out a vision for the future, allowing us to plan for smart, sustainable growth



- A. Core Campus
- B. Heritage Campus
- C. Interactive Learning & Research Campus
- D. Athletic/Sports Campus
- E. Campus Gateway
- F. Mews Street & Plaza
- G. Main Street
- H. Quads and Gardens
- I. Heritage Gardens and Cemetery
- J. Sports Fields
- K. Residential Spine
- L. Learning Pond and Fields
- M. Works Yard and Buildings
- N. Surface Parking

# A Commitment to Culture



*[back row, L to R] ACC Students' Association President Tamara Studer, Councillor and Cultural Consultant Cecil Roulette, President Mark Frison, Aboriginal Services Officer Crystal Bunn, and Dean of Students Michael Cameron. [front row, L to R] Elders Harvey Pelletier and Verna Demontigny*

## **Joined by community Elders, ACC signed Colleges and Institutes Canada's (CICan) Indigenous Education Protocol this past August at a ceremony held on the grounds of the North Hill Campus.**

The signing reaffirms ACC's commitment to Indigenous education, recognizing the distinct and diverse cultures, languages, histories and perspectives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people.

"We recognize our responsibility to foster supportive environments that respect and celebrate Indigenous people," said President Mark Frison. "This protocol is consistent with our strategic direction

— namely, to contribute to First Nation, Métis and Inuit prosperity by having the highest college participation rate in the province."

CICan's Indigenous Education Committee developed the document in consultation with its members across Canada and partners in Indigenous communities. CICan is a voluntary membership organization representing publicly supported colleges, institutes, cégeps and polytechnics across Canada and internationally.

Last academic year at ACC, 18 per cent of certificate and diploma students studying on campus or by distance identified themselves as First Nations, Métis or Inuit.

"The principles of the protocol are significant for us as a college as we continue to work with our Elders, students and communities to develop our new Aboriginal strategy," said Michael Cameron, Dean of Students. "Our goal is to engage Aboriginal communities and students as well as recruit and retain Aboriginal students at our college."

This protocol is founded on seven key principles, including a commitment to making Indigenous education a priority and supporting students and employees to increase understanding and reciprocity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. More information can be found on the CICan website at [www.collegesinstitutes.ca](http://www.collegesinstitutes.ca). 

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Holidays on the Hill – Save the Date!**

The annual Alumni Holiday Social will be **December 11, 2015** and all ACC alumni and friends are invited! And, we're changing things up and switching locations – this year's event will be held at our Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology (LECTT) building on our North Hill Campus. Look for more information at [assiniboine.net/alumni](http://assiniboine.net/alumni) or by emailing [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net).

# Practical Training for Public Safety

**We recently held a grand opening for our new public safety training facility at our Victoria Avenue East Campus.**

“Our college continues to demonstrate provincial leadership in public safety training and education and this facility builds on that,” said Karen Hargreaves, ACC’s Dean of Health and Human Services.

The space is unique in Manitoba, bringing a range of simulation and training equipment into a single environment and may be used for a number of purposes including the following:

- Scenario-based and tactical training exercises
- High-risk extraction exercises
- Physical defence training
- Training involving public and commercial vehicles
- Classroom study, lectures and private debriefing

The facility lends itself to hands-on learning for students at the college, the most direct fit being with the eight-month Police Studies certificate program. While the program doesn’t teach physical defence or weapons training, the centre will allow students to engage in crime scene management such as photography, evidence identification, evidence handling, and arrest procedures. ●

## Good Things Growing

**More good things will be growing at ACC, thanks to a \$57,000 gift from the Manitoba Zero Tillage Research Association.**

Their generous contribution to the ACC Foundation is being used to establish a weed identification garden at the college’s North Hill Campus. The garden will serve as an outdoor classroom near the existing Sustainable Greenhouse and will include educational signage and supplemental materials to accompany more than 80 annual and perennial weed species.

“The garden will provide students in multiple programs with tangible and real learning opportunities and has the potential for extension to the community,” said Agribusiness instructor Danielle Tichit. “I am looking forward to having this outdoor classroom and resource to enhance the understanding and skill set of our students.” ●

## DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS?

**ACC is now accepting nominations for its alumni awards, presented at the annual Alumni Advancement dinner in Brandon.**

“These awards are an excellent opportunity for us to recognize the great accomplishments of the college’s alumni,” said Caelie Walker, President of ACC’s Alumni Association.

Individuals in the community can nominate an ACC alumnus for one of three awards:

### Community Service Award

Awarded to an alumnus of the college who has positively impacted the quality of people’s lives through service to others.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

Awarded to an alumnus of the college who has distinguished themselves in both their chosen profession and their community.

### One to Watch Award

Awarded to an alumnus of the college, 30 years or younger, who shows exceptional achievement and significant contribution to their profession or community.

There is also the **Excellence in Teaching Award**, which will be presented to a current faculty member who has made an extraordinary contribution to teaching and the student experience. Awards will be presented at the annual Alumni Advancement Dinner in Brandon in early 2016. Tickets for the dinner will go on sale in January 2016.

The deadline for nominations is **November 27, 2015**. For nomination forms and more information, visit [assiniboine.net/alumniawards](http://assiniboine.net/alumniawards) or email [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net). ●

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**November 24 – 25, 2015**

ACC Holiday Buffet  
Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts

**January 18 – February 12, 2016**

Grey Owl Restaurant  
Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts

**January 20, 2016**

Alumni Reception, MB Ag Days  
(CKLQ Hall, 4 – 6 p.m.)

**February 18, 2016**

ACC Open House, everyone welcome!

# Props Presented to Parkland Pair



Mary Procyshyn & Natalie Archambault with their awards

This past April, the Parkland Region Alumni Committee held its annual Alumni Celebration dinner in Dauphin, where two awards were presented to alumni who graduated from the Parkland campus.

Natalie Archambault is a 2012 Early Childhood Program Management graduate and recipient of the Community Service Award for her outstanding contributions to the many regional committees she serves on. Her past fundraising and volunteerism with the Ste. Rose Splash Park committee and her current work with the local 100 Women Who Care committee has helped to raise much-needed funds for many local community-based charities.

Mary Procyshyn was recognized for her teaching career at ACC, which spanned over 30 years. In addition to teaching the College Prep program, Procyshyn also taught the business communications and oral communications courses to first year business classes along with math and basic computer skills to the Automotive Technician students. She retired in 2001.

Parkland Region Alumni Committee Chairperson Erin Sigvaldason was on hand at the celebration to make presentations to the recipients. ●

## Anything you want, you got it

**Good news!** The Centre of Continuing Studies has a great new course guide coming out at the end of November. It'll be chock full of convenient, affordable courses that you can take to learn a new skill, to upgrade your career with professional development, or to train for a whole new job.

We'll have details on full certificates that you can take part-time, generally during evenings or weekends, so you can earn a credential without needing to uproot your life.

Not enough? How about we include awesome photos, interesting articles, and personal profiles of some of our great courses and instructors?

Still want more? Well, now we're sending out two course guides: one for all the courses we offer in Brandon; and another for everything we have going on in the rest of the province, from Winnipeg to Russell to Dauphin to Gimli.

But don't stop there. Did you know you can order off-menu?

That's right! If you want to take a course that you just can't find, let us know. Or if you have a skill that you'd like to share, we want to hear about it.

Have something extra specific in mind, like workplace training that's either required or desired? We can set up group sessions for you. From the office door to the shop floor, we can provide the materials and the instructors — and we can bring them to you, or invite you to the college.

We want to hear from you, so please get in touch! Visit our website at [assiniboine.net/cs](http://assiniboine.net/cs) to learn more, email us at [continuingstudies@assiniboine.net](mailto:continuingstudies@assiniboine.net) or just pick up the phone! We're toll-free at **800.862.6307**, ext. 6002, or try our local number, **204.725.8725**. 

### WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

on the 2016 Parkland Region Alumni Awards and dinner, in the next edition of the Alumni in ACCtion newsletter coming in early 2016 or visit [assiniboine.net/alumniawards](http://assiniboine.net/alumniawards) or email [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net).

# Cougars Golf Tourney a Roaring Success

The college hosted its first inaugural **Cougars Classic Golf** tournament in June of this year at the **Shilo Country Club**. It was a chance to reignite old friendships and network with alumni, college staff, and partners from the business community while raising funds for student – athlete scholarships.



Wayne Kirk, Chairperson of ACC Alumni Association

Next year's event promises to be an even greater success with Wayne Kirk joining the committee as Chairperson. "I am very proud to be a member of the ACC Alumni Association board and I am also a strong believer in the benefits of athletic programs to students, the college and employers of ACC graduates," said Kirk "The drive and vision of ACC's Athletics Manager Beth Clark has me excited about the future of ACC athletics!"

of the college's Agribusiness program says, "The impact of scholarships on young adults is profound. The opportunity to raise additional funds to create more scholarship opportunities is why this event is so important." The tournament is also a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and former teammates that are also proud ACC alumni."

Next year's event will be on June 23 so mark your calendars now. Kirk, an alumnus

For more information on this event email [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net).



Have you heard? Sun of a Beach is back! Registration is now open, and you do not want to miss out on what is sure to be an epic weekend.

## Thursday, November 12th

Start the weekend off right with a Kickoff party at Houston's

## Friday, November 13th

Let the games begin!

## Saturday, November 14th

Our 2015 champions will be crowned, and will lead the way to everyone's favorite social!

Not a volleyball pro? No problem, there are tons of ways to get involved! Become a sponsor, volunteer or simply come out and cheer on our players! Sun of a Beach is for everyone and we can't thank the community enough for their continued support.

November 13-14, 2015  
Manitoba Room, Keystone Centre

[SUNOFABEACH.ca](http://SUNOFABEACH.ca)

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