



Aurora College Transformation Yellowknife Campus Site Selection Process

May 2022

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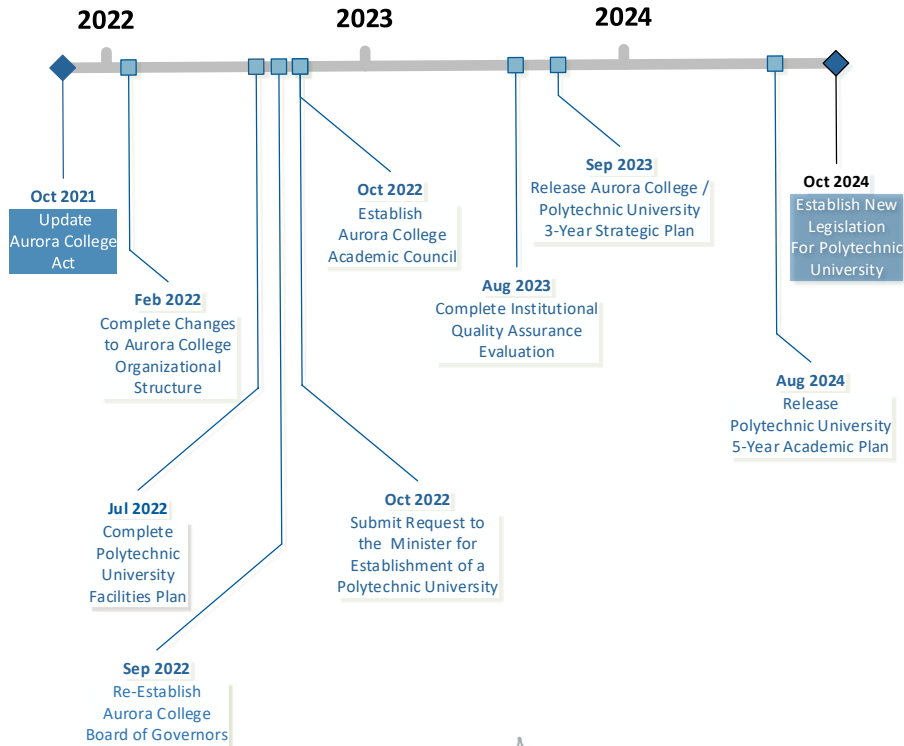
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- How does this fit in Aurora College Transformation?
- What is a Facilities Master Plan?
- Why did we select the Tin Can Hill site?



Phase 2: *Transformational Change*



- Focus first on building additional **transformation capacity** within Aurora College.
- **Engagement, planning and decisions** around what the polytechnic university will look like and how it will work.
- **Incremental implementation of changes** in the right order and at the right time.

Polytechnic University Facilities Master Plan

- **Applies to all** three campuses, research facilities and network for community learning centres.
- Academic, research and student housing facilities need to be **enhanced and expanded**.
- Planning process **supported by federal funding**.
- Anticipated release in **Summer 2022**.



Polytechnic University Facilities Master Plan

Supports effective, efficient and sustainable growth by allowing for strategic investment in facilities over 5, 10 and 20 years.



Polytechnic University Facilities Master Plan

- **Analysis** of institutional needs and opportunities.
- **Input** from many partners, stakeholders and informants across NWT.
- **Expert knowledge** of campus development.



Polytechnic University Yellowknife Campus

- Planning for **three strong campuses**.
- Existing YK facilities an **obstacle to growth**.
- Planning for Yellowknife campus can only succeed if considered a **part of the overall polytechnic university**.



Campus Model for Yellowknife

Campus size

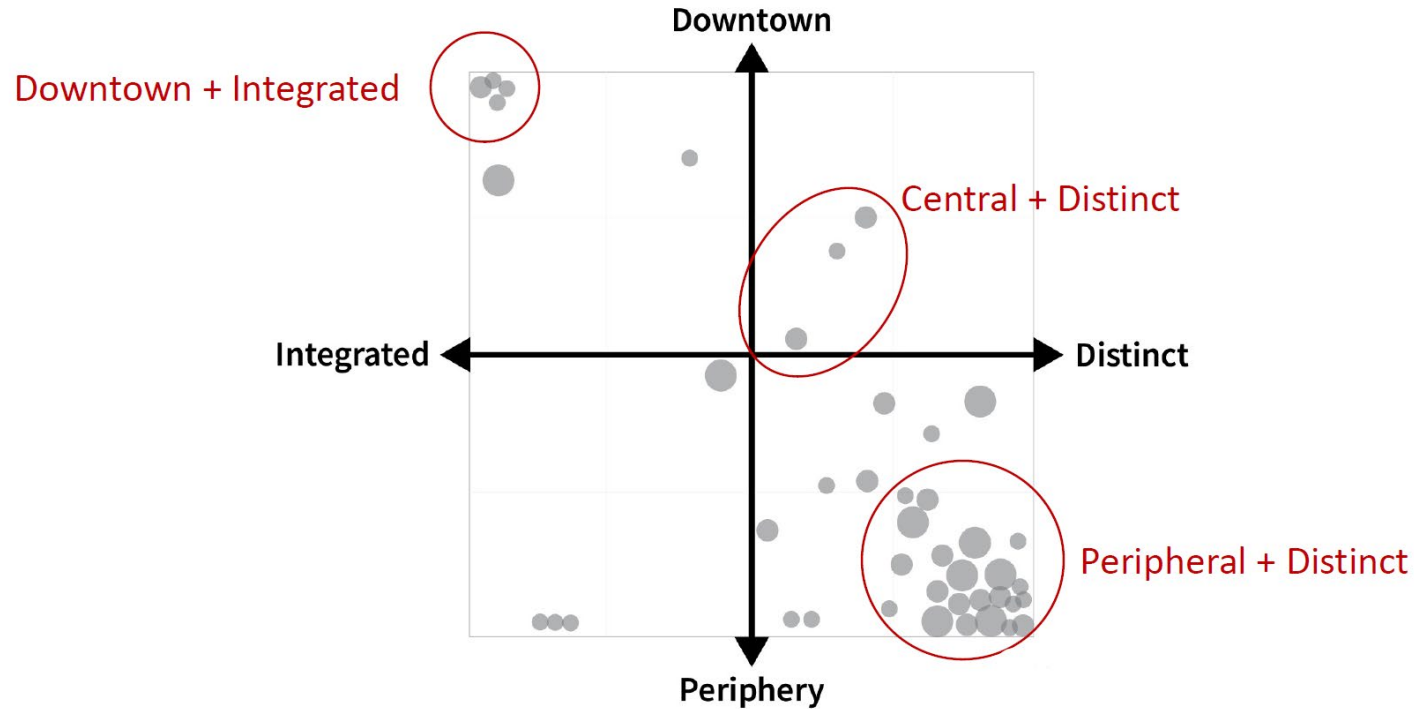
- Multi-program over 5,000 Students
- Multi-program under 5,000 students
- Specialized campus

Institutions

- Algonquin College
- British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Lapland University of Applied Sciences
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
- Otago Polytechnic
- Red River College
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- University of Highlands and Islands
- Yukon University



Campus Model for Yellowknife



Selecting a Campus Model for Yellowknife

Considerations	Downtown Integrated	Central Distinct	Peripheral Distinct
Flexibility to accommodate and manage growth	○	◐	●
Critical mass to support complete campus	●	◐	○
Ability to establish campus identity	○	●	●
Presence of hard infrastructure	●	●	?
Accessible by public transit	●	◐	○
Options for parking	◐	●	●
Proximity to existing and future housing	◐	●	?
Proximity to community amenities	?	●	○
Proximity to potential academic partners	?	?	?
Potential for local economic impact	●	◐	○

- Strength
- ◐ Sufficient
- Weakness
- ? Unknowns

➤ Land

- Availability

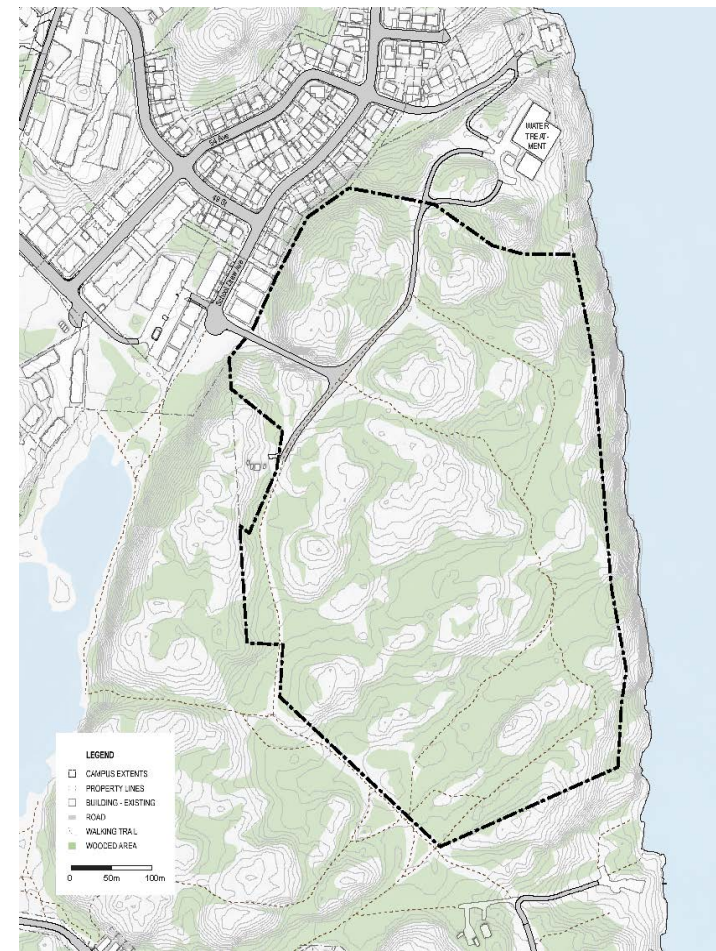
➤ Timing

- Land acquisition in 2022
- Site development begins 2023/2024

➤ Cost

- Site development cost
- Phased construction

Central Distinct: Tin Can Hill



Memorandum of Understanding

- Required to move forward with **site planning**.
- Site plan part of **Facilities Master Plan**.
- Facilities Master Plan the basis for **co-investment and construction**.



Memorandum of Understanding

- **Identifies anticipated site for YK campus.**
- **Begins land transfer process.**
- **Establishes shared understanding to shape legislative/bylaw processes.**



Memorandum of Understanding

- **Preserve and enhance** the natural setting and support a safe and healthy community.
- **Strive to create opportunities** for the surrounding community to access the Lands in a manner consistent with historic uses.



Aurora College Transformation

<https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/aurora-transformation/>



POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Yellowknife Campus Location

Presentation to Governance & Priorities Committee

May 30, 2022



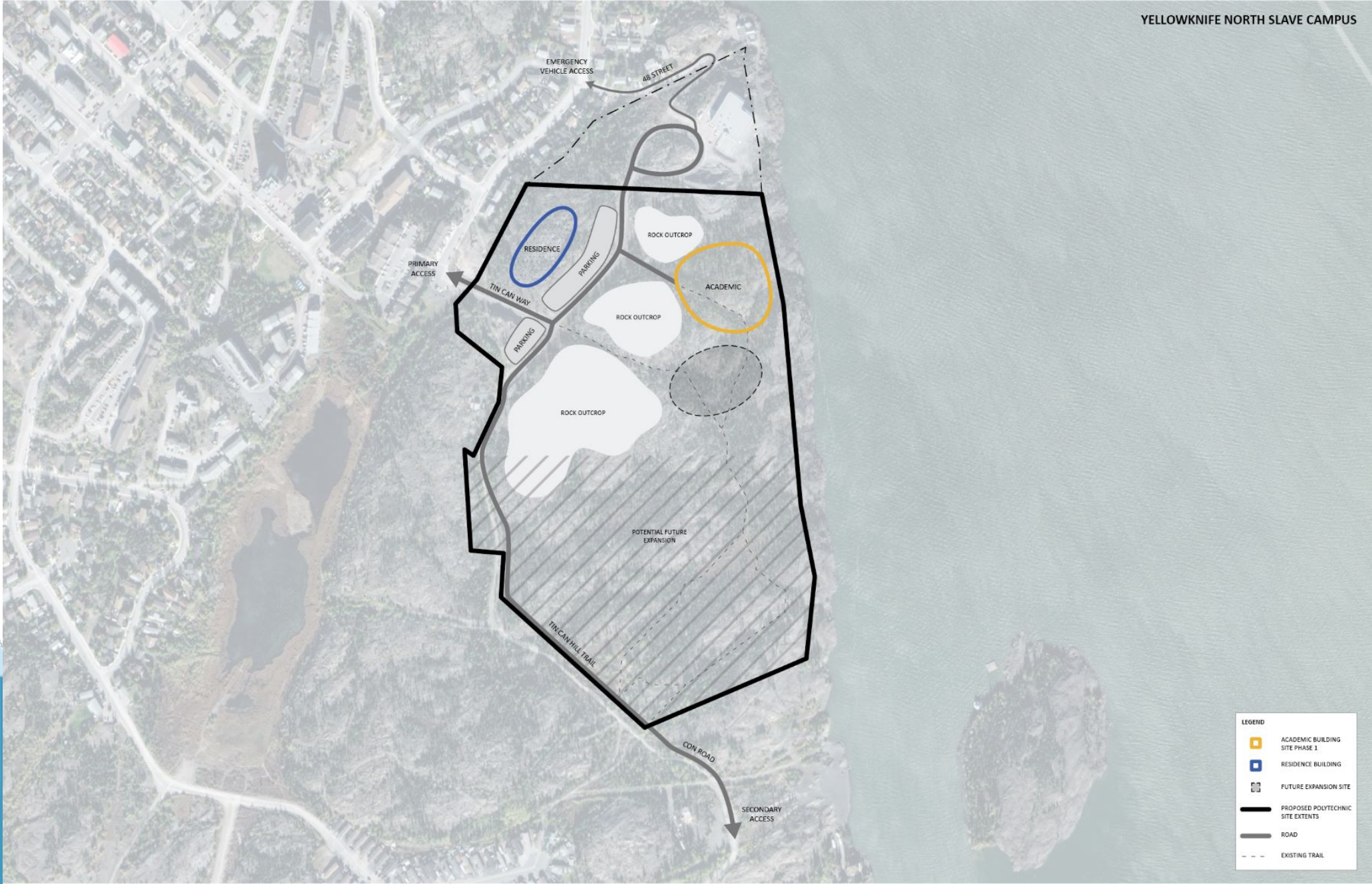
Proposed Location – Tin Can Hill...

- Close to downtown and in a natural environment
- Public access to the natural space in this much loved area to continue after the campus is built, like most post secondary campuses
- Community Plan designates this area for future development
 - currently designated “Downtown Central Residential”
 - zoned “Parks and Recreation” so would need to be rezoned
- Respectful development of this important area - Preserves it with a notable institutional landmark (not condos)

Proposed Location – Tin Can Hill...

- Ensures space for expansion of the campus in the future
- Can provide space for university campus residences as well
- Supported by:
 - ✓ City of Yellowknife Economic Development Strategy (2020-2024) and Implementation Plan
 - ✓ City of Yellowknife University Feasibility and Benefits Study (2019) and City Response
 - ✓ City of Yellowknife and YKDFN Joint Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan

Tin Can Hill Property...



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Next Steps for the City...

- Receive land transfer application from GNWT
- Final site selection and land survey
- Registration of title
- Zoning amendment to change the zone
 - Public process and notification
 - Public hearing by Council
 - Decision of Council
- Development permit
 - Development Agreement to address access, site plan, structures, trails, etc
- Building Permits (at time of construction)