

POLICY

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Approving Authority: Board of Governors

Executive Responsible: Vice President
Finance and Business Operations

Title:

SMOKE and VAPE FREE PLACES

Background & Purpose: The University of Northern British Columbia, *Canada's Green University*[®] is committed to supporting the health and wellness of all members of the UNBC Community, and to providing a safe and healthy, smoke and vape free environment, for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

This Policy supports that commitment through the provision of a smoke and vape free environment, and through compliance with:

- City of Prince George Smoke and Vape Free Places Bylaw No. 8591, 2016
- *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* [RSBC 1996] c. 451
- *BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation – Part 4, General Conditions: Environmental Tobacco Smoke and E-Cigarette Vapour (ss.4.80.1- 4.82)*
- *BC Human Rights Code* [RSBC 1996] c. 210
- *UNBC Resident's Handbook & Residence Life Community Standards*

1.0 Scope and Interpretation

This Policy applies to all persons on any property owned, managed or leased by UNBC, and includes all vehicles owned or leased by UNBC. The Policy reflects legislated and regulatory requirements as of the date of approval of the Policy. Should a change in legislation, regulation or bylaws result in additional or more restrictive limitations on smoking or vaporizing, those restrictions will apply, and this Policy will be deemed to be amended to conform.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 **Smoking** - Smoking includes the holding of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted smoking or other device in which tobacco or any other substance is burning, and for the purposes of this Policy includes vaporizing or electronic smoking and the use of electronic smoking devices. This definition must be read in conjunction with the provisions of s. 3.2 herein.

3.0 Policy Statement

3.1 All Smoking is prohibited in all buildings or enclosed spaces including vehicles, and on all premises, land and property, owned, managed or leased by the University, with the exception of locations that are specifically designated by UNBC for smoking. Designated smoking locations as of the time of enactment of this Policy are identified on the maps attached as Schedule “A”. The location and number of designated Smoking locations may be amended from time to time on the authority of the Vice-President responsible for Finance and Business Operations, with notice to the University Community. Allowable smoking under this section is limited by the provisions of s. 3.2 herein.

3.2 **Prescription Drugs, Other Controlled Substances, and Illegal Substances, Prohibited**– Smoking which is permitted at designated locations under this Policy, is limited to tobacco and legal, non-regulated substances. For clarity, allowable smoking does not include flammable or vaporized methods of consumption of prescription drugs, marijuana, cannabis, other illegal substances, or other controlled substances.

3.3 **Accommodation of Medical Need** – Any student with a documented medical need to smoke any substance that is not permitted at designated locations under this Policy must register with the UNBC Access Resource Centre. Any employee with a documented medical need to smoke any substance that is not permitted at designated locations under this Policy must register with Human Resources. Documented medical need will be assessed and reasonable accommodation made, if UNBC can do so without undue hardship.

3.4 The sale, promotion or distribution of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes and all smoking devices, is strictly prohibited on all UNBC campuses or at any facilities owned, managed or leased by UNBC.

3.5 **Research and Ceremonial Use of Smoke** - Smoking, burning or use of tobacco products, controlled substances or non-regulated and legal organic substances, for research, or as part of cultural, religious or spiritual ceremonies, may be permitted, if approved in accordance with Procedures enacted under this Policy or in accordance with UNBC’s Policy on “*Smudging and other Ceremonial Use of Smoke*”, UNBC’s Policy on “*Open Flames*”, or any other applicable and approved UNBC health or safety policy, or directive.

4.0 Authority, Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 In accordance with the Legislation, *Regulations* and *By-Laws* listed above, and in accordance with the powers granted in the *University Act*, the University is authorized to enact this Policy and to designate smoking areas and may establish, post, promote and enforce rules related to Smoking and the sale or promotion of tobacco or other Smoking devices.

4.2 The Vice President responsible for Finance and Business Operations is responsible for the administration of this Policy and has the delegated authority to enact and amend procedures to give effect to the Policy, and the authority to designate, limit, or alter smoking locations under this Policy.

4.3 The administrative unit responsible for Health, Safety and Security is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this Policy.

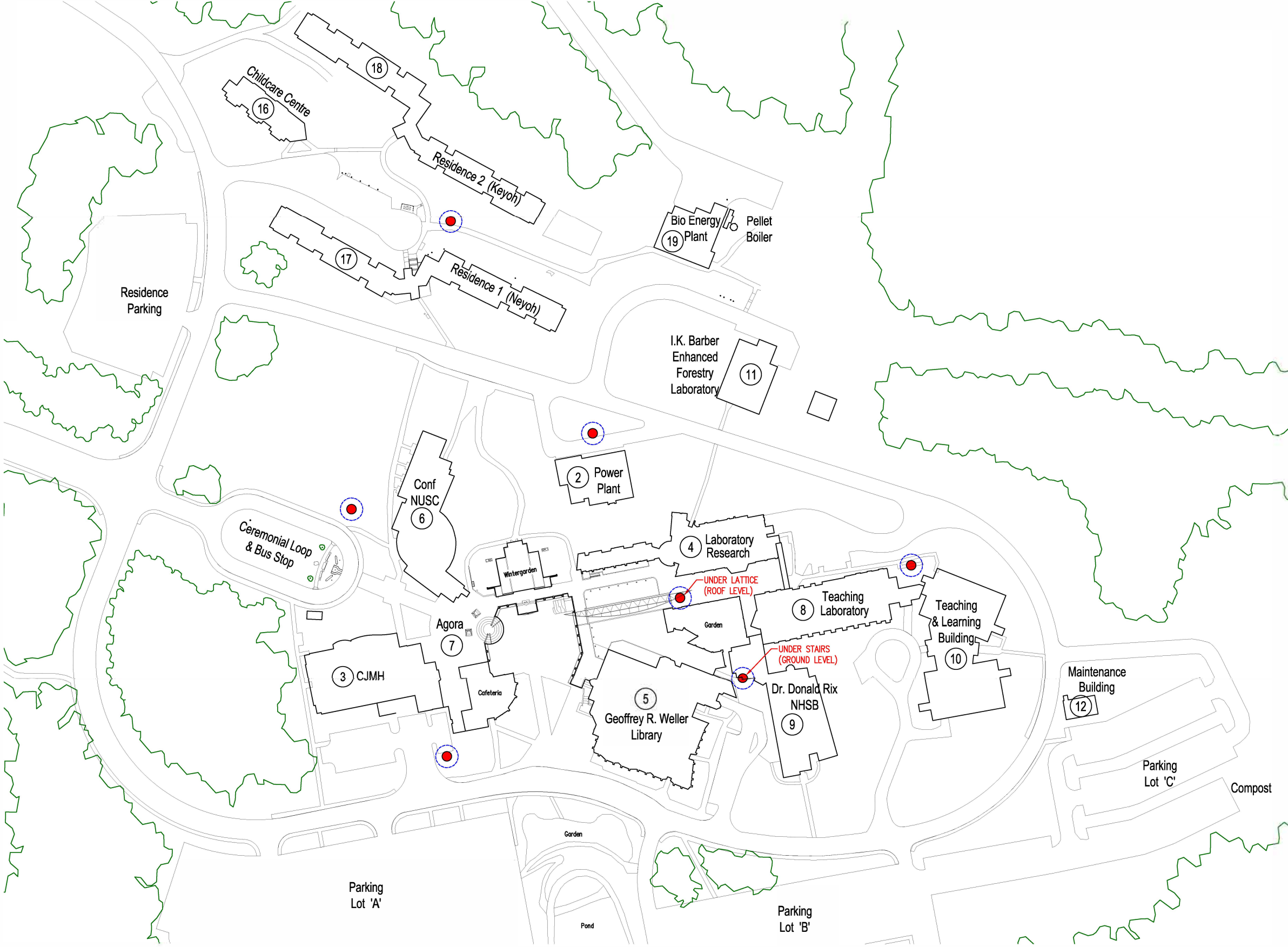
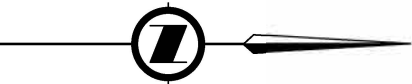
4.4 The administrative unit responsible for facilities management is responsible for compliance with respect to signage and any physical space requirements.

4.5 All employees are responsible for reporting breaches to Security or Occupational Health and Safety and for ensuring that staff, students and visitors are aware of the Policy.

5.0 Effective Date

5.1 This Policy will come into effect at midnight on the 31st day of August, 2018, and replaces the UNBC Smoking Policy approved by President's Council [motion: 199510.11].

Schedule "A"



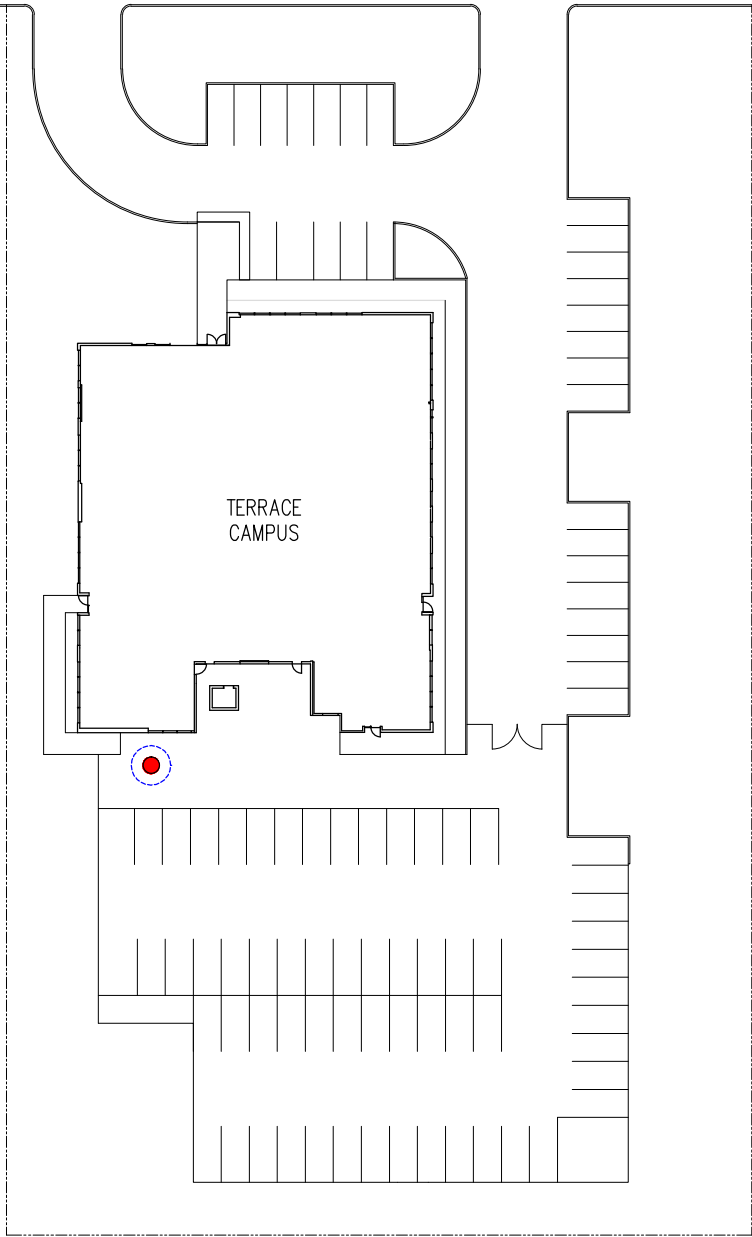
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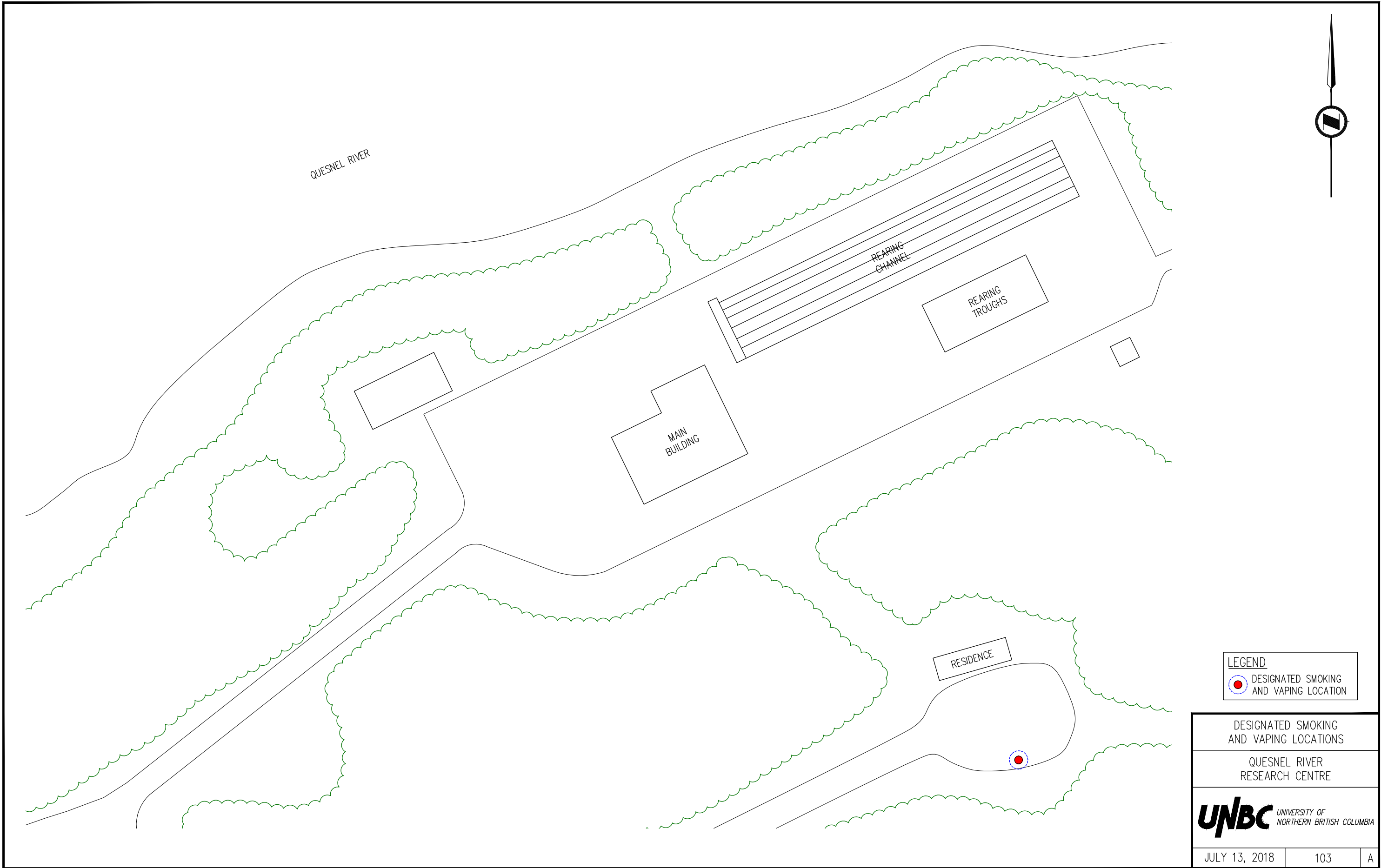
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