Gifts of Securities: The most tax-efficient way to make a charitable gift.

Overview:
If you are considering a donation to the University of Victoria and you own publicly listed securities – stocks, bonds, mutual fund units or shares – you may want to consider transferring these directly to the university, rather than cashing them in to make a donation. Why? If you cash in these securities, you have to include 50% of the capital gain (how much they’ve increased in value) in your income for the year. This can result in a large tax bill. If you donate the securities directly to the university, you do not include any of the capital gain in your income.

Benefits to You:
- The entire amount of your donation results in a tax credit that may be used to offset other taxable income.
- Stockbrokers do not charge fees for transferring ownership of securities.

Essential Information:
- **How to make the gift:** Have your broker transfer your shares electronically to our broker [See Letter of Direction on 2nd page]. If you hold share certificates, please contact the Planned Giving office for information about transferring them.

- **Valuation of your gift:** The amount of your charitable tax receipt reflects the closing price of the shares on the day they are received by our broker. If the price of the shares fluctuates widely during the day they are received, the receipt will reflect the average price of the security that day.

- **What we do with the shares:** We sell the shares as soon as possible; that may be on the day we receive them or on the next business day.

- **Mutual funds:** Donations of mutual funds take longer to transact than gifts of stock due to the additional steps needed to transfer ownership.

Our goal is to ensure your legacy is managed and administered according to your wishes. We can work closely with you and your advisors to capture the true spirit and intent of your donations. The University of Victoria does not provide legal, accounting, tax or financial advice to donors with respect to gifts. Please consult with your financial advisor to ensure your gift is structured in accordance with your personal circumstance and that the related tax implications have been thoroughly considered.

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