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*After the warmest month of March in the memory of man Mt. Tron has acquired fresh snow by the very end of the month, 31.03.2012.
Photo: BP.*

The finalization of the Regulation Plan is quickly approaching

“Detailed Regulation for the Mt. Tron University of Peace” which was submitted to the Municipality of Alvdal on July 1st 2011 and which was up for 1st processing by the executive committee on 20.10.2011, with consultative time limit on 02.01.2012, is now due for the 2nd processing by the regular committee for plans on April 12th. Provided that nothing unforeseen will be resolved at this meeting, the committee will recommend on finalization to the Local Council. We can therefore now expect a final public decision about our Regulation Plan more than three quarter a year after it was submitted to the municipality.

According to the new Law for Plan and Buildings a publicly sanctioned Regulation Plan is valid for five years, i.e. the project has to be continued before five years have ended. If this proves difficult it is still possible to delay the time limit by application to seven years.

Latest news

The University of Peace as a name case

In the previous issue of The Mt.Tron Mail we discussed the protest from The Royal Department of Knowledge in their letter of 13.09.2011 against our use of the name “University of Peace”, which they claimed was illegal, together with our application of 20.09.2011 for dispensation from the law for using this name.



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Dispensasjon til bruk av betegnelsen Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet

Vi viser til deres søknad 20. september 2011 om bruk av betegnelsen “Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet”. Vi viser også til departementets brev i saken 13. september 2011.

Etter universitets- og høyskoleloven § 7-2 fjerde ledd kan departementet, etter søknad, gi dispensasjon for etablerte sammensatte betegnelser som ikke er egnet til å forveksles med betegnelse nevnt i annet ledd, herunder betegnelsen *universitet*.

På bakgrunn av de innkomende opplysningene, om Tronfjell Fredsuniversitetets langvarige og etablerte bruk av nevnte betegnelse, legger departementet til grunn at Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet har et innarbeidet navn med tilbud som ikke er egnet til å forveksles med utdanningstilbud gitt ved akkrediterte universiteter eller loven.

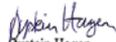
Etter en helhetsvurdering treffer departementet herved vedtak om at Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet kan benytte betegnelsen “Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet”.

Departementet setter som forutsetning for dispensasjonen at Tronfjell Fredsuniversitet i all sin markedsføring, herunder på skolens hjemmesider og i andre sammenhenger, presiserer at skolen ikke har akkreditering etter universitets- og høyskoleloven. Ved brudd på disse forutsetningene, vil dispensasjonen kunne bli trukket tilbake.

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On the 24.11.2011 the The Royal Department of Knowledge granted dispensation from the law for using the name Mt.Tron University of Peace (cf. copy of the above letter). We have therefore obtained a special permit for using this name. The Department concludes their dispensation thus:

“After a total consideration the Department hereby makes the decision that the Mt.Tron University of Peace may use the name “Mt.Tron University of Peace”. The Department sets as a condition for the dispensation that Mt.Tron University of Peace in all their marketing, including the school’s home pages and in other connections, clarify that the school do not have accreditation according to the Law for Universities and High Schools. In a case of violation of these conditions the dispensation may be withdrawn.”

Possibility Condition

Last autumn the Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. agreed to a binding agreement with Vingelen Development Inc. at Vingelen, Tolga, for developing a possibility condition for the Mt.Tron University of Peace. Such an analysis should explore the national and international commercial possibilities; possible markets, target groups or segments; regional implications; network and support; and include a risk analysis. Finalized Possibility Condition (analysis) was delivered from Vingelen Utvikling by senior consultant and DNCF coach Hedvig Rognerud on 23.12.2011. The analysis is to be characterized as critically positive and concludes thus:

“Building the Mt.Tron University of Peace is an ambitious project. It is founded on a thorough ground work and a solid foundation on the basic values represented by the university. At the same time the realisation of this project is associated with a certain risk regarding financing and operation expenses. Several of the planned activities have limited income potential seen in relation to the expenses the building and operation of the planned university of peace will involve. They will therefore require the need for operational support in the form of donations, project financing, favourable deals and a great deal of voluntary work. Arrangements for trainees, voluntary work and fund-raising campaigns will become a part of everyday life and the economic challenges may move the focus away from the main goal and vision of the university of peace. **The main goal and intention of the University of Peace is nevertheless as much of current interest, as much important and as deeply rooted that one absolutely consider it realistic that the right supportive persons will join for the realization of the project.**” (Editor`s emphasis).

The Possibility Condition has now been attached to the Regulation Plan as part of the foundation for total consideration by the politicians.

Innovation Norway

Innovation Norway has supported the Possibility Condition by NOK 25 000. Earlier – during last years autumn – they also supported the Regulation Plan by nearly NOK 110 000. Both these sums of money constitute a supportive part of 49% of the actual expenses. Of the granted contribution of altogether NOK 175 000 of budgeted expenses an arrears of just over NOK 40 000 remains as a possible payout for the Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. within 30.06.2012.

An unforgettable day of November on Mt.Tron

By Ståle Måntrøen



View towards Rondane to the west. Photo: Anna Reitbakken.

Alvdal 11.11.2011

Dear readers of The Mt.Tron Mail. I wish to share a story and a special moment regarding a trip up on Mt.Tron this wonderful day of November. For my own part, it all starts with my childhood in Alvdal. For the longest time I can remember I've had a strong attraction towards the mountain and a deep fascination about the history concerning Sri Ananda Acharya or Baral as the locals named him. Who was he? What was he doing there? Why, of all places, did he settle down here? And not the least... why do I feel such a strong attraction towards the history and the mountain? As a 17 year old boy, I moved from Alvdal and after a while settled down in Trondheim. The history was partly forgotten and Mt.Tron only existed from pictures and a few yearly trips to my village, but I never visited the mountain. Then one day, I have this sudden surge of enlightenment. At the age of 38, I get this homesickness. The silence and tranquillity called to me. I felt fed up with the city life and all the negative energy. The light, the night sky and beautiful nature drew me back home again. The fact that my closest relatives still lived in Alvdal was also a reason for moving back again, but what is the real reason? I had to ask myself: Was I moving back because of a mountain? I have to admit that it sounds strange, and I can't use it as an argument when people ask me why I came back. People will start to wonder, ask questions, questions I do not know how to answer.

But I think to myself, Baral did also settle down in the village. For the same reasons, and the attraction towards Mt.Tron. My conscience called me back here. Time will tell for what reasons. Answers will after a while come to me, but I feel a deep personal approach and importance around the University of Peace that they might build on the top of the mountain. I do not know why exactly but I feel it is very important for the whole humanity and the village in this time and space. From the movie "Flåklypa" Rudolf Blodstrupmoen said: "Time will show".

On one of this year's many special dates, on the 11.11.11 I and my girlfriend Anna decided to take a hike up on the Mt.Tron. The plan was to meditate beside the monument of Baral and at the same time to be there at 11.11 hrs to make it magical. In the village, the temperature shows -2 C and the fog was hanging heavily all the way down to Tronsvangen Seterhotell. Originally a sad and cold day for a hike. But the sight that would reveal itself on the way up has been burned as an image in my mind forever. Pictures and words became meaningless when I try to explain to you as a reader what I saw and felt that day. Moments like this has to be experienced. Along the mountainside there was this special light that was throwing out thousands of different shades of the colours blue, pink, purple and grey. This trollish atmosphere taken right out of a Norwegian folklore set our imagination into play.

An unforgettable... (cont.)



Magical light and mist to the east. Photo: Anna Reitbakken

As we were approaching the top, the most beautiful autumn day revealed itself. Clear blue sky, in all directions. A warming sun showing 7 degrees, and there was no wind at all. Trees and bushes were glowing in a silvery light after the nightfrost. It was as if every single tree was carrying a million diamonds showing themselves, only for us. The trees standing at the highest part of the mountain threw their glimmer away, making them all come alive. Just like in the spring time, when the sun beams with light.

Right before 11.11 hrs we were sitting down in a “lotus” posture at Baral’s monument, just like him illustrated in his temple in a state of meditation, we cleared our minds, and let the peace enter our hearts. For a long time we just sat there, and emptied our heads from the daily stress and challenges, before we rose up, we did some additional yoga exercises and took a stroll at the plateau below the mountain top. The fog beneath us was placed around us in all directions, as far as I could see. Just a few high tops were visible from the fog making the surroundings look like ice. The associations to the ice age thousand of years ago filled our thoughts, and took us back to this period. We felt incredible small compared to the big universe. An overwhelming feeling of appreciation and humility for this wonderful creation, giving our self to the hands of nature.

We barely saw the “Snøhetta”, a summit at 2286 meters above sea level covered with new snow. The massive “Rondane” was before us with “Rondeslottet” (2178 m.a.s.) as the tallest. In front of that the big “Sølnkletten” (1827 m.a.s.) which still had avoided the snow cape. In addition we saw “Humselfjell”, “Sølen” and “Sålekinna” mountains that all reach 1500 meters above sea level. From the Mt.Tron the view is that of god’s in all directions but today only the mountains were spoke to us. Every suburb around the area was covered in the fog, only visible to our conscious mind.

After 3 hours, we sat down in our car, and drove slowly down to the valley and to the darkness again continued filling our camera with the most beautiful pictures. As a last confirmation that the nature expressed its energy in many different forms, Anna took a picture that captured tens of “orbs”. These unknown energies of light that we know so little about played with the photographer in a fraction of a second, before they disappeared in the next picture frequency. There should have been more local people up on the mountain this beautiful November day, but for me and Anna it became a memory for life, and we are trying our best to express this through this article. Romantic, beautiful, poetic and pure love from mother earth. Thanks.

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