



**Community Associations Liaison Committee
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/89821489139>

University of Victoria:

Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management

Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and
Sustainability

Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planner, Campus Planning and Sustainability

Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co- chair)

Meralin Young (co-chair), Camosun Community Association

Gayla Baranieski, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community
Association

Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Residents' Association

Barry Andruchak, Cadboro Bay Residents' Association

Guests:

Moussa Magassa, Specialist, EDI Education and Partnerships Equity and Human Rights

Regrets:

Jennifer Vornbrock, Community and Government Relations

Denise Helm, Acting Executive Director, Communications and Marketing

Karen Johnston - Associate Director - Public Affairs

Eric Dahli, Saanich Community Association Network

Rick Marshall, Community Association of Oak Bay

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- 1. Review and Approval of Agenda Approved** 3 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.
 - 2. Approval of March 2021 Minutes Approved** 3:05 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.
 - 3. UVic Community Engagement, EDI and Anti-Racism Initiative** 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Moussa Magassa, UVic
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - The [Equity and Human Rights Office](#) is a resource for all UVic community members, providing education, information, assistance and advice in aid of building and supporting an inclusive campus. The office believes that the campus should represent the diversity of the larger communities and that every person--student staff and faculty--should be treated equitably. To this end the team works closely across all units to build equity and diversity through education, prevention and structural initiatives. When issues and concerns arise, the team assists community members and helps guide them through the range of available resolution options.
 - The office is working on a new Community Engagement EDI program/partnership. This will be a three year project pilot, supported by UVic President Kevin. Hall. The objectives of the work are to facilitate and support good practices and conversation both on campus and in community; host EDI events expand beyond Victoria and to include the South Island; work with regional partners; establish community

relationships and create tools and resources.

- The team will be approaching key community groups through this work and would like to re-connect with CALC on the opportunity.

4. UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability Update **Juliet Van Vliet, UVic**

3:30 p.m. to 3:51 p.m.

Update on Cedar Hill Corner Property

- The university completed a property management review for the site. There was immense support from faculty, researchers and staff for increased use of this area of campus to support athletics, teaching, research and reconciliation. The review recommended that the site support temporary uses which contribute to the university's academic mission. Until the university is ready to develop in this area of campus, temporary uses at Cedar Hill Corner will be managed to support UVic's academic mission.
- For the summer and fall of 2021, UVic varsity student athletes and other community athletes are initiating additional training, coaching and competitions in this area of campus. UVic has invested in a new running track surface on the property and approved the increased use of the site for cross country training and competition both by university and community athletes, led by the Vikes' cross country program throughout the summer and fall. Covid restrictions permitting, some of these competitive events may be open to the public for spectating.
- The UVic Centre for Forest Biology will continue to conduct research in this area of campus.
- New teaching, learning, research and athletic initiatives will be based out of this space in the 2021/2022 academic year. These new temporary uses for Cedar Hill Corner will support students, researchers and faculty and the overall academic mission of the university.
- Access to Cedar Hill Corner is limited to university-approved uses. Community members are welcome to submit requests to book the site to support community events. Requests can be sent to planning@uvic.ca. Please note that uses in support of the university's academic mission will be prioritized in this area of campus.
- Information will be posted on the Cedar Hill Corner Property website as it becomes available <https://www.uvic.ca/campusplanning/current-projects/cedar-hill-corner/>

Projects in Design **Mike Wilson, UVic**

UVic Transit Exchange

- In partnership with BC Transit, UVic is planning a refresh to the existing aging infrastructure at the exchange in front of the bookstore. Funding (provincial and federal) for upgrades to the transit exchange has been announced.
- The upgrade is proposed to refresh existing bus bays, provide two additional bus lay-bys for BC Transit, a new bike lane on Finnerty Road, median plantings, stormwater management and improvements to crossings. The project also includes upgrades to the existing transit stops on Ring Road to allow for improved operations as well as a refresh for the bus shelters.
- A key goal of the design is to improve pedestrian safety.
- The proposed schematic design retains two of the existing Garry Oak trees adjacent to the new bus layby separating the exchange from Finnerty Road. The project requires the removal of 8 trees, and at least one is bylaw protected. Replacement trees will be required and are planned as part of this project. Healthy bylaw protected trees will be planned for replacement at a 3:1 ratio, exceeding the replacement requirement of 2:1. 2 transit stops added to ring road, to elevate double stacked buses.

Campus Greenway West

- University Drive Pathway, an active transportation project, was completed this past April in collaboration with the District of Oak Bay. The next upcoming project is the West Campus Greenway which runs from Gordon Head Road at Midgard to Ring Road. Collaborating with the District of Saanich on some intersection improvements at the corner of Midgard and Gordon Head.
- The project will entail landscape improvements, new seating areas, new separated bike lanes and pedestrian pathways.

Engineering Expansion (DVP application to Oak Bay June 2021)

- Another capital project in progress is the addition to Engineering and Computer Science building as well as the new High Bay Research and Structures Lab. This expansion will support the new civil engineering program started at UVic a few years ago.
- A building height variance and parking variance is expected to go before Oak Bay Council late this summer.
- This project also includes active transportation improvements including a new cycling path.
- Building height and parking variance permit applications were presented to the District of Oak Bay. This will include separated bike and pedestrian pathways along ring road in front of the new buildings.

National Centre for Indigenous Laws:

- A parking variance was submitted to the District of Oak Bay in June and final consideration of the permit will be in mid-July.
- There will be updated renderings and project details ready to share with the community in late fall.
- The National Centre is a key step in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action Number 50, which asks the Federal Government to open legal institutions for the practice of Indigenous Laws.

5. Roundtable Updates

3:51 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Meralin Young (co-chair), Camosun Community Association

- The Association will be reaching out to UVic Students' Society Director (Robin), in September in hopes of inviting a student to join the board.
- Camosun has agreed to host as a satellite zone for the Evo car share program. The Association would like to ask if UVic would also consider being a satellite zone in hopes that it would reduce the amount of cars parked in residential areas. Response: UVic has an existing agreement with Modo.
- The Association is encouraging residents to share their feedback with Abstract regarding the development on Shelbourne.
- The Greater Victoria School District is in negotiations to transfer 7.3 acres of Lansdowne Middle School lands to B.C.'s French school district. Voting will take place on the 21st. One challenge is that there is little green space in this area and green space will be lost due to the development. Bowker Creek also goes through the area and the District of Saanich is planning for this to be a flood control area and a trail that will connect up with all the other bike trails to connect to Oak Bay, which does not exist at the moment.

Barry Andruchak, Cadboro Bay Residents' Association

- Eric will remain on CALC as the SCAN representative.
- Dogs off leash in parks remain an issue. Community members miss access to Cedar Hill Corner Property.
- A big thanks to Mike for rescuing the sundial at Queenswood.
- UVic was successful in getting provincial funding for a new childcare facility at Queenswood. The team is looking to engage a contractor right now in the deconstruction of the current structure, followed by the construction of the new facility. More information is available here.

ACTION: Mike will circle back with Barry as to when Green Teams will be back up and running.

Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

- Tuesday, June 22 was the last meeting of the season. No AGM since COVID, will take place in fall 2021.
- Working on some development issues in particular the Abstract Development on Quadra St.

Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management

- Student housing development is going well.
- Two video site tours were complete to keep the community up to date on the project - <https://www.uvic.ca/campusplanning/current-projects/new-student-housing/>

Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Residents' Association

- The Association would like to attend Orientation Week (Week of Welcome), if COVID restrictions permit.
- The Association recently collaborated on a brochure for students living in community with the UVic Students' Society and the District of Saanich.

ACTION: Julie to follow-up

- The community is having some issues with Abstract Development (Gordon Head/Feltham).
- The University Heights development is back for consideration and is pending Council's approval.
- Thank you to Ron, for assisting with a concerned community member regarding a composting situation.

Gayla Baranieski, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

- The main issue for the community is the move of vulnerable populations to the Mt. Tolmie Hospital. There

was mention of consultation; however, there none was completed with the Association. Since then there

have been meetings with BC Housing, the building operator, the police and the community.

- Some community members are concerned and others are ready to welcome new members into the community.
- The Association has a new Acting President who has been really engaged on this topic and others.
- There are ongoing developments in the community. Open meeting tonight (June 24) regarding the University Heights development.

Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co- chair)

- Continuing to plan for Fall return to campus (all buildings to re-open, staff, students and faculty to return, teaching and learning to resume) as per COVID re-opening restrictions.
- Sent Bob as small gift on behalf of CALC, as he stepped down from the committee.
- Stay tuned for a potential face-to-face meeting in the fall.