



Community Associations Liaison Committee (CALC) Meeting

Minutes – DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Thursday September 15, 2022

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

University of Victoria:

Brita Harrison Brooke (co-chair), Community & Government Relations
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability
Denise Helm, Acting Executive Director, Communications and Marketing
Kirsten Lauvaas - Associate Director, Public Affairs
Melissa Donaldson – Executive Director, Facilities Management
Kirsten Brazier – Executive Assistant, Community & Government Relations

Barry Andruschak (co-chair), Cadboro Bay Residents' Association
Meralin Young, Camosun Community Association
Rick Marshall, Community Association of Oak Bay
John Schmuck, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association
Eric Dahli, Saanich Community Association Network
Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Community Association
Ryon Bateman, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

Regrets:

Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association
Gayla Baranieski, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement (Brita)

2. Review and Approval of Agenda (Brita)

Approved

3. Approval of June 2022 Minutes (Brita)

Updates:

- All Candidates meeting is on Sept. 28
- 60,000 trips to and from campus per day (traffic, walking, cycling, buses, carpool)

Amended Minutes Approved

4. Update on UVic's Strategic Planning Process (Brita)

- Over the summer, we engaged with the external community for total of over 15,000 engagements.

Nine events with over 400 participants. Over 1000 survey submissions. Thank you to the CALC members who completed the survey.

- Key themes: environment, affordability, desire for the University to connect with and come out to community, desire for increased communication about events and happenings on campus, UVic has a role to play to bring together members of the community to solve problems.
- Next steps: survey results have been shared with groups on campus who are working on different areas of the strategic plan.

5. UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability -Update and Discussion (Mike Wilson)

- Student housing and dining building (the first of two) completed this summer. We are now at move-in stage for the first building.
- Mike presented an overview of the project from initial consultation to completion.
- Employee Housing Assessment: This fall we are surveying employees as to their housing situations, needs and challenges. Will allow us to explore solutions to housing challenges. Communications will go out early October regarding the survey.
- Queenswood Campus Childcare: Targeting opening in Sept. 2023
- Transit Exchange: Has now opened.
- Campus Greenway (connects into Midgard across GH road): moving towards completion.
- **CALC Request:** Would it be possible to have a summary about the housing needs survey in writing that members could use to report out to their community associations. **Mike will send this out when it is available.**
- One on one meetings with Cedar Hill Corner neighbours are continuing and Mike and Brita will be going door to door to chat with neighbours and update them on the project.
- **CALC Questions:** Could UVic share how much the track is being used?
 - The X-Country team is now using it 3x a week. There are a few X-Country meets and practices planned there this fall, including a huge elementary school meet early in November.
 - Barry Andruschak shared that the feedback about communication from UVic is not great. Some neighbours see UVic as acting like a bad neighbour.

6. Facilities Management Introduction & Update (Melissa Donaldson)

- Introduction to Melissa.
- Engineering project out to tender.
- National Centre for Indigenous Laws is underway – completion 2025.

7. University Communication & Marketing Update (Denise Helm)

- The new issue of the Ring newspaper has just landed – keep an eye out in your communities
- There was a back to classes live CBC radio broadcast with Gregor Craigie hosted at UVic featuring the new student housing project.
- Joan Wenman won a mini draw for a CBC coffee mug. Brita will pass it on at the next meeting in December, which is our first in person meeting since COVID.

8. Community Association Roundtable Reports (facilitated by Brita Harrison)

Cadboro Bay (Barry Andruschak)

- All Candidates Sept 27th.
- AGM on the 28th. New board members are coming up to vote who would bring an excellent skill set to the board.

Mt. Tolmie Community Assn (Ryon Bateman)

- Increasing development pressure in the area
- Concerns raised by a senior; during her evening walks has run into groups of large males that she finds to be intimidating.
- Horner Park has become a parking lot for people heading up the hill.
- Discussion about the “Missing Middle” coming from UVic – will impact the entire neighbourhood.
- Mike shared that it was likely a student society leader who was commenting during the Missing Middle discussion. He also shared that we are always looking walkable/bikeable routes for staff to live near or on campus.

Saanich Community Association Network (Eric Dahli)

- Working on official community plan.
- Ongoing discussions with developers on building costs.

Gordon Head Community Association (Joan Wenman)

- McCoy Rd development with CRD
- Supportive of this development to build affordable housing. Was also interested in the discussion about the “Missing Middle”
- Development on Tyndall: very contentious. Lacks parking, accessibility.
- Feltham to Gordon Head Rd. could be designated as a development corridor? Services like daycares and health services are being taken away to build housing units. These amenities are being dropped by prospective developers.

Community Association of Oak Bay (Rick Marshall)

- All Candidates meeting on Oct 7th.
- Part of “ReconciliACTION Oak Bay” which works with local First Nations. Taking place Sept 17 at Canadian College for Performing Arts.

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association (John Schmuck)

- Two music in the park events in August.
- Quadra and McKenzie corridors are coming up for approval with Saanich.
- Thousands of new housing developments along Quadra/McKenzie.
- All Candidates meeting on Sept 29th at Reynolds Secondary. 24 candidates.
- Succession is proving challenging.

Camosun Community Association (Meralin Young – sent by email)

- Having their AGM on Nov 17 by Zoom. Zoom has worked well for us as our president is often out of town on business and others are still more comfortable not meeting in person.
- Development continues, of course. The townhouse development on Richmond and Allenby (the car free one!) is going to Saanich council meeting of the whole on Sept 19. The six-story Abstract condo building on Shelbourne and McRae was approved by council over the summer despite strong neighborhood disapproval.
- All Candidates meeting on Sept 27 that is being put on by all the community associations.
- Saanich's survey on the updated Official Community plan closes on Sept 25. We'll be promoting it through our website, Facebook page and membership.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

December 8, 2022 – Meeting and holiday reception – in person!

March 16, 2023

June 15, 2023

September 21, 2023

Meeting adjourned 4:20 pm