



Community Associations Liaison Committee (CALC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 15, 2023

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: UVic, Michael Williams Building

University of Victoria:

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

Mike Wilson – Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability

Brita Harrison Brooke – Associate Director, Community & Government Relations

Stephanie Raymond – Community & Government Relations

Kirsten Lauvaas - Associate Director, Public Affairs

Melissa Donaldson – Executive Director, Facilities Management

Community Associations:

Barry Andruschak (co-chair), Cadboro Bay Residents' Association

Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Meralin Young, Camosun Community Association

Trevor Barry, North Quadra Community Association, representing SCAN

Bill Trott, Community Association of Oak Bay

Ryon Bateman, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Community Association

Regrets:

Jennifer Vornbrock – Executive Director, Community & Government Relations

Gayla Baranieski, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

1. Welcome and Introductions (Julie Potter)

Julie welcomed new CALC member Bill Trott who represents the Community Association of Oak Bay, and shared thanks to Rick Marshall for his contributions.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda (Julie Potter)

Approved

3. Approval of March 2023 Minutes (Julie Potter)

Approved

4. **UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability Update and Discussion** (Mike Wilson)

Presentation attached

- Mike shared UVic's new [Real Estate Strategy](#). The strategy identifies Ian Stewart Complex as the first property UVic will develop.
- UVic has other lands that may support residential and commercial uses in the future including Cedar Hill Corner and the Queenswood Campus.
- The District of Oak Bay is currently seeking direction from staff on engagement regarding their OCP to examine the opportunity of designating Cedar Hill Property for residential and commercial development. In the short to medium term, UVic will continue to utilize the property to support teaching, research and athletic uses.
- Similarly, UVic worked with Saanich on the current Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan which supports opportunities to include new housing at the Queenswood Campus.

5. **Facilities Management Update** (Melissa Donaldson)

Melissa provided an update on the work being conducted around campus.

Grounds Crew

- The grounds crew has been busy preparing the grounds for convocation as well as weeding and mulching Finnerty Gardens as it has been in spring bloom and attracting many visitors. The team has also been painting lines on the new field hockey pitch and renovating the turf on the sports field.

New Student Housing

- The naming ceremony for the buildings took place on April 5, 2023 - Cheko'nien House has 398 beds for student and the Cove dining hall which is open to the entire campus community. Sngequ House has 385 student beds, an Indigenous student lounge and meeting rooms. It is scheduled for occupancy in July and to be fully open in August 2023.

National Centre for Indigenous Laws

- December 2024 is the project completion date. More information is available [here](#).

Engineering and Computer Science Extension

- The first building will provide additional labs, design studios, offices and research space.
- The second building, the High Bay Research and Structures Lab, will include a clear high bay structures testing area along with other teaching and research lab space.

UVic Accessibility Plan

- UVic's draft Accessibility Plan launched in June. The draft plan and survey (open until July 16) can be found [here](#).

6. **Community Association Roundtable Reports** (facilitated by Julie Potter)

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, Chris Bartlett

- Hosted their AGM on May 23. The executive positions were filled with the same people. Great presentation *Peking to Paris* by Chris and John Beresford.
- More [safety measures](#) are being implemented along Cedar Hill Cross Road.
- [Open House](#) about Rutledge Park.

Camosun Community Association, Meralin Young

- Development continues along Shelbourne.
- The Association is opposing the rezoning and sale of part of the Lansdowne Middle School south campus property. 50 % of the land is green space which could be lost with more density.
- The Association hosted a great speaker, [Patrick Condon](#) - *It's all about the Dirt*. Presentation is on the Association's website.

Cadboro Bay Residents' Association, Barry Andruschak

- Council approved the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan.
- The Association is doing more engagement events. Recently hosted an event on native plants which had good turnout.
- Engaging members of 10 Mile Point community (Barry not the Association). Hosted a dinner at the University Club as a way to engage residents who don't have an existing connection with UVic. Planning for the next one and hope to have someone from UVic attend.

Gordon Head, Joan Wenman

- 25 people attended the AGM.
- The Association had a good meeting with the Mayor. Asked the Mayor to consider updating the 2008 Gordon Head LAP.
- The Association welcomes two new members to the Board.
- The Board is hearing negative feedback from the community on new cycling infrastructure (concrete dividers). The dividers are not yet painted causing concerns about visibility in fall and winter when it becomes dark and rainy.

Community Association of Oak Bay, Bill Trott

- Met with Mayor and will be meeting with each councillor.
- Re-issuing the green map and exploring how to embed it with stories.
- Plan to host panels on different topics starting this fall.
- The June 12th critical mass ride from UVic to City Hall raised issues around part-time bike lanes on Henderson.
- Oak Bay made it on the province's top 10 housing list. The Association will be hosting a panel discussion on the topic and will invite Lisa Helps to talk about what this decision means for Oak Bay.
- Members of the Association met with Ry Moran to discuss impacts of UNDRIP on municipalities.
- Future of Turkey Head - consultation.

University Communications and Marketing, Kirsten Lauvaas

- Speakers' Bureau is closing after 43 years. In the last seven years, 1308 talks provided to the k-12 sector. For speakers, the community can connect directly with faculties.

SCAN, Trevor Barry

- Saanich also made the province's top ten housing list and will receive housing targets.
- CRD is moving forward with asking the province to create a regional transportation authority. Trevor encourages everyone to support this ask.
- Saanich is updating its OCP which will replace Local Area Plans with centres, villages and corridor

plans.

- McKenzie corridor will be one of the first plans.
- UVic currently is not identified as a growth area in the OCP but should be.

Mt. Tolmie Community Association, Ryon Bateman

- The community hut was graffiti bombed. Saanich painted over graffiti on the hut. MTCA is working with BC Hydro to clean up graffiti in the area.
- 2022 AGM was held last fall. Recent Meet and Greet Events in Horner Park have been well attended and community engagement and membership has reached levels not seen in years. Lots of discussion.

2023 Meetings

September 21, 2023

December 7, 2023