

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: September 13, 2018 (9:00 am – 10:30 am)
Michael Williams Building Boardroom 120

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
√	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
R	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	R	Tony Eder
R	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
√	Carmen Charette	R	Jennifer Vornbrock
√	Nancy Wright	√	Kristi Simpson
√	Catherine Krull		
√	Saul Klein		Other:
√	Andrew Rowe	√	James Pepler
R	Karena Shaw	√	David Perry
√	Tanya Tran (GSS)	√	Mike Wilson
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Melanie Groves
√	Michael Hawkshaw		
√	Lesley Patten		Guests:
R	Pierre-Paul Angelblazer (UVSS)	√	Bryan Patterson
		√	Shaun Heffernan
		√	Kaz Bremner – Perkins + Will
		√	Kathryn McLeod
		√	Peter Wild
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 23, 2018

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Kuehne welcomed the committee and guests and followed with a round of introductions. Ms. Kuehne commented that she was excited to see the progress of student housing and the alignment with the strategic framework. This project is also win win for the local community and Victoria's low vacancy rate. This is a big step for the new Campus Plan, and it is great being able to provide feedback today.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Student Housing and Dining Project – Schematic Design

Presented for feedback and recommendation

- Mr. Wilson went through his presentation on the Schematic Design of the new Student Housing and Dining project. This included backgrounds on stages 1 & 2 of the project.
- They engaged with over 1000 students, faculty, and staff during the first stages of the project. Some key themes they heard included building up not out, a livelier ground floor base, and pod-style apartments with common kitchens.
- This project represents the creation of the tallest building on campus at 38.5 metres.
- A new north /south walking path has been added. A new servery, dining hall, and outdoor seating spaces speaks to the goals of the Campus Plan, including covered walking paths and bike parking.
- Mr. Wilson spoke to the building program, breakdown of beds, kitchens, servery, and 600-seat dining hall, lecture theatres, crush space, lounges and an Indigenous student lounge (implementing the Indigenous Plan). The Committee then explored the renderings, the buildings' heights, draft landscape concepts, and walking connection into the core of campus. Many of the trees will be retained in this project, however the removal of ~58 will be necessary, and replaced at a 3:1 basis.
- Mr. Wilson then spoke to the Green building status. LEED standards have changed, making it harder to attain Gold. The project team is looking at Passive House certification, representing a superior building envelop, considering heat loss and providing a constant temperature. This would be the largest Passive House certification in Canada.
- Mr. Wilson went through project timelines and explained the phased construction method for Building 1 in order to look for ways to accelerate the timeline in cost-effective ways.

Questions or comments:

- Dr. Wright commented that this seems like a wonderful design, specifically the inclusion of the Indigenous student lounge.
- Ms. Tran was concerned about the 4-year approach, the lost beds during the interim construction. Ms. MacLeod from Residence Services responded that they will be testing systems to reduce lost beds including turning the single rooms into doubles.
- Dr. Krull asked about the difference between LEED Sliver and Gold. Mr. Bremner responded that it is based on a scorecard system with 60-80 out of a possible 100 for a Gold rating. Ms. Simpson, Mr. Proulx, and Mr. Wilson added information about energy performance, light, materials, etc. LEED Gold is attainable but there are cost trade-offs and trade-offs between LEED and Passive House.
- Ms. Tran was concerned with charging students the same for smaller spaces? Ms. MacLeod responded that the smaller space pilot will be scaled in price.
- Ms. Patten asked if the number of bike parking spaces were enough given the amount of beds being added. Mr. Wilson responded that they are looking at addressing those concerns in the Cycling Plan, adding new spaces all over campus.
- Dr. Kuehne stated that she appreciates the holistic approach, that it is more than housing and dining, it's classrooms, Indigenous spaces, and social spaces. Student will have a wider experience. This is forward-looking, and adds many aspects to their living experience. Study, learning, living, and finding community, all without doing it in siloed spaces. The mix of academic with social and personal is outstanding.

Recommendation:

THAT the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Functional Program for the New Student Residence, be approved

b. Campus Cycling Plan – Plan Draft Directions

Presented for information and feedback

Committee Discussion Included:

- Mr. Patterson provided an overview of the purpose and identified the 5 principles realized from previous engagement feedback.
- Current policy considerations begin with both inside and outside Ring Road. The outside is focused on access to inner Ring Road, and the inside is about how cycling can coexist with other modes of traffic and travel.
- Mr. Heffernan explained the four key strategies that look at Transportation Planning Priorities, Shared Space and Safety, Bicycle Network, and End-of-trip facilities. He spoke to the Transportation and Mobility Hierarchy pyramid that will be used as a decision-making guide. The second strategy of shared space is more of a policy approach through awareness campaigns, respectful education, signage, and shared space areas. He showed maps of where speed mitigation might have potential impact.
- Mr. Heffernan then spoke about the Cycling Network, and identified seven location for cycling network, areas that require work. They are looking at the following areas:
 - A separated multi-use path for The Ring Road Pathway.
 - Creating a solid buffer between cyclists and vehicles on University Drive that would require moving the current bus stop.
 - The McGill Road area includes improving connections between Mackenzie and Gordon Head, the two-way bike path beside the pedestrian path.
 - The University Pathway should see a full separation of pedestrians and cyclists.
 - For the Midgard Pathway, more separation, expanded space, and viewing the crosswalk opportunities are suggested.
 - Gabriola Road might see the closure to vehicular traffic entirely over time, in phases, temporarily opened if needed or for major events with moveable bollards.
 - Dawnview crescent will have its path formalized and paved, with considerations for crossing improvements.
- The final strategy is to look at end-of-trip facilities. They have mapped the areas for desired covered bike parking, and have identified 6 priority locations for future additional bike parking. Locker and shower spaces become available as spaces open up across campus.
- The timeline for each of these strategies will be ranked by short, medium, and long-term.
- Mr. Heffernan stated that they are in the final stage of the Cycling Plan and are looking for feedback before the plan is refined and presented on October 10th at an Open House. A final plan will be brought back to this Committee in November for approval.

Comments & Questions:

- Dr. Wild asked about the Dawnview access choke-point at CARSA. Are there other options? Mr. Heffernan responded that cyclist are moving through a loading zone, and that is problematic. Mr. Wilson added that the shortest path will always be used, so we should make it safe.
- Mr. Hawkshaw expressed concern about Gabriola, and service vehicle access and noted that large service vehicles also present an issue for smaller traffic areas. Mr. Wilson added that they are still exploring the best options for service access and will be having open discussions with all stakeholder groups at the detailed design stage.
- Dr. Rowe inquired about a migration route being created as Lot 1 has only one exit, which drives traffic through busier areas. Mr. Wilson responded that Haro Road is a long-term strategy for adding egress to Cedar Hill X Road. Mr. Heffernan added that they are trying to manage crossings

of pedestrians in this area as well. Mr. Wilson said that they will be developing a Ring Road design study that would look at this area.

- Dr. Kuehne spoke about University Drive, that we should keep in mind that there will be two new 250-seat classrooms within the new housing building that will drive traffic to the housing precinct and that new conflict zones could arise. Mr. Wilson said that they have included that as a future issue to look at.

c. Grand Promenade – Project Introduction

Verbal Report

- Mr. Wilson stated that the goal from the campus plan is to strengthen the east west connection, and deal with the multi-modal aspect of the area. He went through the purpose and intent of the improvements and a refresh of existing areas through new developments. He spoke to the health of the trees by hiring an arborist to extend tree longevity on campus. He explained the 3 Phases of the process including the hosting of an ideas fair in the library in Oct, and a design charette in November 2018.

d. Capital Projects Update

Verbal Report

- Mr. Perry gave the report. Throughout summer there has been lots of effort on student housing. Ongoing efforts include the FMGT Services Building, which has officially opened and is currently in operation. The District Energy Plant is 80-85% complete, they are hoping to have it open and running before Christmas. The building has an Interactive component, signage inside and out on how it works, and is generally an exciting building to see.
- Dr. Pepper reminded the Committee of a possible walking tour in spring of the new buildings.
- Dr. Kuehne thanked all those who take care of our facilities. She used the analogy of the shoemakers children being the last to get shoes and is very glad we are able to provide a new building for those who do so much hard work in that area.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Charette updated the Committee in Ms. Vornbrock's stead on recent activities:

- Ms. Charette stated that the UVic Community Liaison Committee (CALC) relationships are very good. There has been lots of consultation and they are happy with work that is underway.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

9. NEXT MEETING: November 19th, 2018: MWB Boardroom 120 (10:30 – 12:00pm).