

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: May 19th, 2021 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
√	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Kristi Simpson, Acting Co-Chair	√	Jennifer Vornbrock
√	Lisa Kalynchuk	√	Denise Helm
√	Chris Horbachewski	√	Tony Eder
√	Robin Hicks		
√	Saul Klein		Committee Resources:
√	Andrew Rowe	√	James Pepler
√	Kara Shaw	√	Lorne Mack
√	Jeffrey Bruton	√	Mike Wilson
√	Cliff Haman	√	Melanie Groves
√	Peter Wild		
√	Lesley Patten		Guests:
√	Marran Dodd	√	Juliet Van Vliet
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF January 6, 2021

Minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Kuehne welcomed everyone with a special welcome to new members. She acknowledged all the hard work and incredible efforts of all through the pandemic – students, staff, faculty, and leaders.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. UVic Transit Exchange and Ring Road Transit Stop Upgrades – For Recommendation
Presentation by Mike Wilson

Mr. Wilson provided information on planned upgrades at the transit exchange by the Bookstore and certain transit stops around Ring Road. The project is planned for summer 2022.

- He showed schematics of the project, maps, and explained the phases, noting infrastructure that needs improvement.
- Key considerations of the project included looking at improving safety and movement of pedestrians and buses, as well as the existing conditions to help guide pedestrians to designated crosswalks. Crossing the centre island at the Transit Exchange was discussed including aspects of reducing crossing distance, added planting, and the removal of eight trees with the usual 3-1 replacement strategy.
- Mr. Wilson spoke about the widening of the bus lay-by and relocation of crosswalks to two other transit stops along Ring Road as part of this project.

The committee discussed the best strategy for crosswalks at the main UVic Transit Exchange with regard to walking desire lines and safety. The project will use strategically located planters, shelters, and crosswalk to guide users. The new lay-bys along Ring Road will allow for rapid transit locations which will provide greater access for the future.

Recommendation:

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the Schematic Design for the upgrade to the Transit Exchange in front of the University Bookstore and to transit stops on Ring Road be approved.

Moved: Cliff Haman
Seconded: Jeffrey Bruton
CARRIED

b. Cedar Hill Corner Property Management Plan – For Recommendation
Presented by Julie Van Vliet

Ms. Van Vliet went through the presentation, noting UVic's Campus Plan and the academic mission of the university as guiding reasons for the Property Management Plan. She covered the property's history and closure timeline in addition to the review process, analysis, project planning and consultation for the Plan.

- No land use changes or development are being proposed at this time.
- Consultations for the Plan included engagement with the Office of IACE, the Associate Vice-President Indigenous, the Indigenous campus community.
- The Project Advisory Team, peopled by UVic faculty, staff, and students, received strong feedback that the space be used for work that advances UVic's academic mission.
- Current uses of the space should be short-term with a simple approval process, and should be consistent with the purpose, management principles and temporary use criteria.
- Next Steps include recommendation to the President, accompanied by a Board report followed by community communication, developing an internal request system for temporary uses, increased athletic uses in the fall, a review of the property use, and a formal review of the Plan in 2030.
- Questions arose about possible revenue generation for the space.
- A discussion was held about how the use of the land can better support and recognize Indigenous people and their history and relationship with this land. It was suggested that the Plan would benefit from greater inclusion of these points. Wider Indigenous consultation was also discussed, including the challenges of engaging with communities during the pandemic.

- Mr. Wilson proposed to include an update to the Monitoring and Review section of the Plan in light of the discussion (updates in bold below) with the intention of engaging with the First Peoples of the region as UVic manages the site moving forward:

“Monitoring and Review

Monitoring and review is an important to ensure the effective implementation of the Plan. Users of the site will be required to provide site and use information annually. To meet monitoring goals, update reports to the Board of Governors will be provided on a biennial basis including a list of the temporary uses on the site, and a description of how the uses respond to the Strategic Framework of the university. **The biennial report shall also review opportunities to engage with local Indigenous communities for the property to support educational programming, research partnerships and reconciliation.** Reports from the VPFO will **also** include an overview of the operational effectiveness of property management measures. Reports will be informed by input from on-campus stakeholders including the Office of the Vice President Academic and Provost, Campus Planning and Sustainability, Campus Security, Facilities Management and Community and Government Relations.

A formal review of the Plan shall take place in 2030.”

RECOMMENDATION

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the Cedar Hill Corner Property Management Plan be approved.

Moved: Saul Klein
 Seconded: Robin Hicks
CARRIED

c. Outdoor Basketball Court – For Recommendation

Presented by Juliet Van Vliet

Ms. Van Vliet gave an account of the history of outdoor courts at UVic. She indicated that with a new donor identified, this is a good time to consider an outdoor court.

- The court will be closely tied to the We the West Basketball Festival.
- Maps of the proposed location were shared.
- The space will be managed by Vikes, and open to campus community and general public.
- Questions about fencing arose, such that it would not require booking or unlocking.
- Location considerations were discussed.
- Clarity was given about the We the West Festival, as an event to generate excitement for the Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the proposed location for an outdoor basketball court at Centre for Athletics Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) be approved.

Moved: Chris Horbachewski
 Seconded: Saul Klein
CARRIED

d. Campus Planning Committee Terms of Reference Amendments – For Information

Presented by Mike Wilson

Mr. Wilson led a high level discussion about the membership of the committee and what size of projects should be considered?

- The last review of the Terms of Reference was a decade ago. Basic housekeeping amendments could be considered with better alignment to the strategic direction of the university.
- He spoke to the addition of the Associate Vice-President Indigenous (AVPI) or a designate, which is supported by the Indigenous Plan. Conversation about aligning the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) project review and signing authority took place. The suggestion is that there be a threshold for items to come to the CPC. For reference the University of Manitoba's threshold is \$1M.
- The committee spoke to potential issues for smaller projects that the CPC would need to take into account, such as tree removal.
- Debate continued about the dollar value threshold, with other dimensions included. Smaller items could be a standing agenda item for information.
- There was unanimous support for adding the AVPI or designate.
- Next steps include a formal TOR amendment for consideration at the fall meeting.

e. Capital Projects Update

Presentation by Lorne Mack

- Student Housing & Dining (Foundations – Construction)

Mr. Mack showed photos of the exterior sheeting and shared that they are casting an entire floor of concrete every 3 weeks. It will be fully concreted by early July. He spoke to the interiors with mechanical, H-Vacs, the mass timber floorboards, and beams. Building 1's schedule is on track for occupancy for July 2022, and Building 2 is on track for winter of 2023.

- Engineering and Computer Science Expansion (Design-Development)

Mr. Mack spoke to the progress of the design-development, including the 6-storey addition, with the High Bay Structural Research Lab. He explained what was included in the project with key design features like a reduction in GHG emissions and sustainable efforts, then showed photos of the current state, future renderings, which include the preservation of the large nearby sequoia tree, and the connection between the two buildings with exposed wood elements in the new addition. Finally he showed the outdoor plaza, renderings of Ring Road, and screens of the yard. As the project is still waiting for provincial funding, it will likely go to tender this fall and winter.

- Campus Cycling Plan Implementation

Mr. Mack showed photos of the current improvements, and the completed University Drive pedestrian and cycling paths.

- National Centre for Indigenous Law

Mr. Mack noted that they are still working through the costs and bring it forward to the next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Presented by Jennifer Vornbrock

- Ms. Vornbrock spoke to UVic as being one of 16 institutions that is part of a national engagement of community engagement systems across higher education called the Carnegie classification Canadian pilot project
- They are also involved in many requests for UVic's outdoor space, and are trying to find new and fun ways to get engagement on campus.
- The Community Association Liaison Committee's last meeting was in March. They talked about initiatives with presentations from Ron Proulx and Mike Wilson. There is a lot of community

interest in these initiatives.

- UVic hosted mayors Hayes and Murdoch, as President Hall escorted them on a tour of the community projects.
- Ms. Vornbrock told the committee to watch for the news release of an MOI with the 3 municipal partners which will bring focus and rigor to our community partnerships.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

9. NEXT MEETING: TBD