UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 8, 2021
10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom Online Meeting

Membership			
	Voting:		**Ex-Officio:**
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Kristi Simpson, Acting Co-Chair	√	Julie Potter
√	Lisa Kalynchuk	√	Denise Helm
√	Chris Horbachewski	R	Tony Eder
√	Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey	√	Andrew Coward
√	Saul Klein		**Committee Resources:**
√	Andrew Rowe	√	James Pepler
R	Kara Shaw	√	Lorne Mack
√	Ryan Khan	√	Mike Wilson
√	Cliff Haman	√	Melanie Groves
√	Helga Hallgrimsdottir		
√	Lesley Patten		**Guests:**
√	Marran Dodd	√	Juliet Van Vliet
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

A G E N D A

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

   Moved by Cliff Haman, Seconded by Ryan Khan – **Carried**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

   a. **UVSS Campus Dental Renovation – For Recommendation**

   Moved by Cliff Haman, seconded by Saul Klein **– Carried**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – May 19th, 2021 (attached)

   Moved by Cliff Haman, seconded by Saul Klein **– Carried**

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. Simpson welcomed the new members to the committee with a round of introductions, and thanked everyone for their hard work over the fall term.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

   a. **Campus Planning Committee Terms of Reference Amendments – For Recommendation**
   Presented by Juliet Van Vliet

Ms. Van Vliet reported that the Terms of Reference were last significantly updated in 2010. At the last meeting in May, 2021, adding the AVPI or delegate to the committee along with some basic housekeeping was proposed. Lalita Kines, Interim Co-Executive Director of the First People's House, will be added to the membership as a voting member.

Moved by Cliff Haman, seconded by Lisa Kalynchuk **– Carried**

   b. **2016 Campus Plan Monitoring and Progress Report – For Information**
   Presented by Mike Wilson

Mr. Wilson expressed the importance in communicating Campus Plan progress to the community. His presentation spoke to the plans and progress, and what has been implemented to date. He then gave a brief overview of the Campus Plan, its vision, goals, and the 'big moves' such as connecting with nature, compact development, renewed commitment to walkability, and developing Ring Road as a 'People Place'.

Mr. Wilson identified how the 2016 Campus Plan had been implemented to date through Capital Projects, policy projects, and Environmental Stewardship and Partnerships. Examples of these included:

- the **Student Housing and Dining Project** as UVic's largest capital project to date and included details about Passive House and LEED Gold ratings;
- **UVic's Cycling Plan** by sharing the overview, strategies, and reviewing the cycling network map with completed areas and current constructions;
- **The Campus Greenway**, including its links to the Campus Cycling Plan, the West, Central and East sections, its organizational framework, and current and upcoming construction plans therein;
- **The Cedar Hill Management Plan**, which guides viable future development and current or temporary uses;
- **The Greater Victoria Green Team**, a positive and successful volunteer initiative that mainly removes invasive species on campus, namely ivy; and,
- **The Community Association Liaison Committee** which helps the community learn about campus operations and allows us to share information, and receive feedback about projects through an engagement framework.

For each project, Mr. Wilson presented the ways in which the Campus Plan was implemented.

The Campus Plan will continue to be implemented, and the next steps for implementation of the Campus Plan are: Design Guidelines for Campus Buildings and a review of the outlying lands.

c. **5-Year Capital Plan – For Information**
Presentation by Mike Wilson

Mr. Wilson informed the Committee that the Plan is updated and approved annually to allow the university to plan for future capital projects while responding to emerging needs and opportunities. He then addressed the following capital priorities from the plan:

- First priority is the seismic upgrade and interior modifications to the Murray and Anne Fraser Building which addresses deferred maintenance, life safety systems, the HVAC system and common and support spaces.
- Second priority is an addition to the Business and Economics Building which will provide additional classroom, seminar, office, and student support spaces.
- Third priority is the interior modernization and seismic upgrades to the Mearns Centre for Learning – McPherson Library, which is one of the oldest and busiest building on campus.
- Fourth priority is to continue seismic upgrades for the Farquhar Auditorium and Petch Building.
- Fifth priority is to continue implementing active transportation improvements by upgrading paths and roads.
- Sixth priority is to provide student housing. The goal is to provide campus housing for 25% of our full-time graduate and undergraduate population by targeting an additional 500 beds.

In addition to these priorities there are three additional areas of planning:

- First is to support new academic and non-academic support needs through interdisciplinary approaches to scholarship.
- Second is to address climate change through decarbonisation of campus spaces heating and domestic hot water supply.
- Third is to continue to address parking demands for students, staff, and faculty at or near campus.

The committee discussed strategies for transitioning away from natural gas. Mr. Proulx gave an outline of the work Facilities Management is taking by engaging with firms that will help lead UVic through different ways toward net zero emissions, with a first draft due in Jan/Feb. They are also engaged in a mild restructuring to include a development team to bring these projects forward.

Concern was raised about the absence of the word 'research' in the plan. Committee members talked about the challenges with CFI, comparator universities, graduate student needs, the ability to retain and recruit faculty with regard to space constraints on campus for research, and how to move this conversation forward. The Committee discussed the long timelines for new building projects and possible ways to be innovative in renovations of existing spaces.

d. **Climate and Sustainability Action Plan**
   Verbal update by Mike Wilson

Mr. Wilson shared that past plans focused entirely on campus operations and that this plan, through the Strategic Framework, provides an integrated approach to sustainability and climate across UVic's academics, operations and research portfolios while valuing Indigenous ways of knowing and being. The new plan respond to the Strategic Framework and the global call for climate action as well as integrate climate and sustainability in every domain with long-term goals for GHG reductions.

Mr. Wilson spoke about the phases of the project schedule and community engagement and feedback given the PHO restrictions. They have taken a broader task force approach and are currently consulting with five different groups made up of students, faculty, staff and Indigenous knowledge keepers. He spoke about community engagement throughout the winter term, hoping for in-person events, and will be looking for feedback from this committee in the winter term.

Finally Mr. Wilson talked about UVic joining the Race to Zero, a global approach to reach net-zero carbon as soon as possible.

e. **Capital Projects Update**
   Presented by Lorne Mack
   i. Student Dining & Housing

This project is currently under construction. Mr. Mack talked about the construction materials, views of dorms, and pace of the construction. Building One will have substantiation completion in June 2022, and be operational for August in 2022. Building 2 with have completion in Feb 2023 with occupancy April 2023.

ii. Engineering Precinct Expansion

This project is in design development. Mr. Mack spoke about the provincial funding announcement, the exterior materials, social spaces, and links to the new and old building as well as the relationship to Ring Road. It is designed to net zero carbon, is in the midst of construction documents, and will be completed in 2024.

iii. West Campus Greenway

This project is currently under construction with planned completion before the end of the year. Mr. Mack spoke about the newest sections of concrete, pedestrian trails and cycling paths.

iv. National Centre for Indigenous Law

Mr. Mack shared topographical views that showed paths and movements, circulation, connection to nature, and its ability to allow the user of the building to experience changing seasons. He shared details about the Elder's Garden, guiding principles for the design of the project, architectural details, and inspirations for the design. Constructions documents are being developed now with completion in September 2024.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Community Liaison**
Verbal report by Julie Potter

Ms. Potter shared that the District of Saanich released the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan for review. The plan will guide growth in Cadboro Bay for the next 20-30 years. The District of Saanich is also planning major road reconstruction on Sinclair Road between Finnerty Rd and Cadboro Bay Rd. Improvements include a new pedestrian crossing, sidewalks on both sides of the street and on-street parking where possible. The project is expected to start next spring and finish in spring 2023.

She updated the committee on the MOUs with neighbouring municipalities. In the summer, the District of Saanich, the District of Oak Bay and the City of Victoria shared they plan to strengthen their existing partnerships with the University of Victoria through the development MOUs between the individual municipalities and the university. The MOUs will build on a shared vision for the region including collaborations on economic, social, environmental and technological interests. A meeting is being planned for September between UVic and the three municipalities to sign the MOUs and discuss implementation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

9. NEXT MEETING: TBD