

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of Meeting: March 9, 2017 (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)
Administrative Services Building Boardroom 120**

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Tony Eder
R	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
R	Carmen Charette	√	Jennifer Vornbrock
R	Nancy Wright	√	Kristi Simpson
R	Catherine Krull		
√	Thomas Tiedje		Other:
√	Andrew Rowe	R	Joanne McGachie
√	Karena Shaw	√	David Perry
√	Amanda McLaughlin (GSS)	√	Mike Wilson
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Rhonda Ljunggren
√	Paul Ward	√	James Pepler
√	Pete Rose		
R	Kevin Tupper (UVSS)		
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF Nov 07, 2016

Clarification is required on the Business Arising from the Minutes of June 2016. Queenswood received SIF funding, whereas the district energy plant and science labs received other provincial funding.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Comments were made about the legacy of this committee and introductions were made given some new members to the committee.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. 2016 Traffic Survey Report

Recommendation:

THAT the Campus Planning Committee supports the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability to complete the following and report back to the Committee:

1. *Undertake a comprehensive review of the university's existing TDM measures and develop a renewed TDM Strategy in support of the transportation goals to be established in the Sustainability Action Plan Campus Operations: 2019-2024.*
2. *Identify and consult with stakeholders to develop appropriate implementation plans.*

Moved: Sheryl Karras

Second: Karena Shaw

CARRIED

Committee discussion included:

- Mike Wilson presented the travel survey. He discussed peak hours, comparison of inbound and outbound traffic, the 60/40 modal split. Despite the 2% increase in campus population per year, the numbers remain consistent.
- Achieving the Sustainability action plan 70/30 transportation modal split is a challenge. Requires broad consultation with the campus community in order to develop an implementation plan.
- The 60/40 split is consistent, but could change as more student housing is developed on campus. A long-term approach is recommended to address this.
- New TDM measures may have a larger impact and thus require additional community consultation.
- In general, students are more engaged; however, encouraging behavioral change with respect to sustainable transportation choices with staff and faculty is more difficult.
- There was discussion about how UVic works with BC Transit and if there were some opportunities there to help the modal split. BC Transit seems to be more responsive with student groups. University staff work with data and behind the scenes information, but traction is better made with the help of students.
- We will be revisiting the options originally suggested by the TDM Report prepared in 2008.
- Options around monthly subsidized bus passes rather than a staff and faculty UPass, and the impact of parking rate increases. There were concerns over parking increases affecting students more acutely than staff.
- Research and community consultation should look to inform how to help people change their travel choices.
- These conversations summarize that additional work is required in order to see what's possible, open up and do more work through consultation and initiatives.
- What is the cost of this project? Majority of work will be completed in-house

2. Seismic Upgrades Report & Capital Projects Update

Recommendation:

THAT the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Schematic Designs for the seismic upgrades to the McPherson Library and Farquhar Auditorium, be approved.

Moved: Karena Shaw

Second: Andrew Rowe

Committee Discussion Included:

- Mr. Wilson provided a presentation of the proposed seismic upgrades to each building.
- McPherson Library: They discussed the history, continuous operation through construction, shear and fin walls, drag struts, lighting upgrades, its relations to the Grande Promenade, the allowance for significant room for future upgrades, community consultation (the inform approach), tree removal, and a long-term plant replacement strategy.
- Municipal approvals need variance approval from Saanich council. Limited impact on neighbours.
- There was discussion about the existing awkward space (between the Library and Clearihue buildings) for cyclists and pedestrians (this will be explored in the large-scale cycling plan).
- Farquhar Auditorium: They discussed the excellent acoustics of the building, roof structure is vulnerable in a seismic event, new concrete and steel buttresses are the recommended solution, it will remain operational and limit potential damage to the acoustic performance of the building. There is opportunity for landscaping improvements during this project, new seating, and programming.
- Municipal approvals need variance approval from Saanich council. Limited impact on neighbours. The area is in need of improvement, and there are opportunities.
- 5-6 years ago, the remainder of the building (University Centre) was seismically upgraded.
- Other Seismic Upgrade Projects (for information): Building upgrades will compliment the original architectural design with minimal exterior changes.
 - Petch: new shear walls on exterior.
 - MacLaurin: new shear walls, some loss of brick veneer and limited impact on windows.
- Other Capital Projects:
- New Residence Facility Planning: RFP process is complete, signing with design consultant. Looking at planning site options, community consultation in the next 12-months. Much more discussion to be had on this project later.
- District Energy Plant: Underground Services installation underway, building permit application in progress for main building.
- Facilities Management New Service Building: Construction has commenced, neighbours will be notified, construction expected to last 10-months, new building will house a fleet vehicle repair garage and grounds maintenance equipment.
- A Committee Member asked about the number of buildings left to be seismically upgraded on campus? Staff stated that the KIP looked after the most needy buildings; however, more work needs to be done. Seismic upgrading projects may be subject to additional funding opportunities from the Province, thus we wish to have shovel ready projects.
- A Committee member commented that perhaps an article in The Torch or other alumni donations could help with seismic upgrade funding? Ms. Vornbrock will explore this as a potential opportunity.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Vornbrock updated the committee on recent activities:

- Verbal Report. Presentations were given at the last meeting. The surrounding community is curious about our projects, but does not appear anxious or worried.
- Discussion will continue about impact of students in the community. Students need to know their rights in the community given affordability challenges. Students must also understand their rights and responsibilities as members of the broader community. More student housing as being a part of the solution to Victoria's Housing crisis is helping pressures, but traffic and

parking are ongoing issue.

- The general mood is that we're all neighbours. Overall very positive. Updates on Queenswood and Dunsmuir arouse mostly curiosity. Queenswood is well-received because community liaisons are working closely with us and are well informed. Working with community on rezoning to explore what works best for all people is going well.
- Queenswood must be done by April 30th as it is a SIF project.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

9. NEXT MEETING: April 12th, 2017: MWB Boardroom 120 (9:00 – 10:30 am).