

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: May 23, 2012: 2:30 – 4:30 pm, ASB 120

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
√	Reeta Tremblay, Co-Chair	√	David Perry (ex-officio)
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Tom Smith (ex-officio)
R	Howard Brunt	R	Tony Eder (ex-officio)
R	Valerie Kuehne	√	Melanie Groves (ex-officio)
R	Katy Mateer	√	Grant Hughes (ex-officio)
R	John Archibald	√	Kristi Simpson (ex-officio)
√	Thomas Tiedje		
√	Andrew Rowe	√	Rhonda Ljunggren (Secretary)
R	Karena Shaw	√	Neil Connelly
√	Jaraad Marani		Guests
√	Wanda Martin	√	Rita Fromholt, Sustainability Coordinator
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Dan MacKinnon, Sustainability Coordinator
√	Paul Ward		
√	Peter Tanner		
			√ = In Attendance
			R = Regrets Noted

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 23, 2011

The minutes of November 23, 2011 were approved as circulated.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Roundtable introductions and the Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Ms. Gorrill drew the committee's attention to the upcoming agenda item on CARSA, and made note of the lessons learned from the community consultation process.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

"24/7 campus" item will be brought forward to fall 2012 meeting.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

6. Regular Business

1. Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) and revised Parkade Design – Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly presented on the revised CARSA parkade design, noting that the initial parkade design was first approved by the committee in April 2010. Following two presentations to Saanich Council, the university was advised to consult the community around the revised schematic design. Mr. Connelly reviewed the various components of CARSA for the committee and outlined the CARSA consultation process, including:

- 3 open houses held in March 2012
- Consultation results from these events showed the main factors of community concern were the visual aesthetics from McKenzie, traffic flow and number of parking spaces
- CARSA tree replacement strategy (94 trees removed; 3-to-1 replacement policy)

Revised parkade design from the March consultation process resulted in 4 levels above ground and 1 underground. The revised design rationale was reviewed for the committee, including that the revised design:

- Recognizes consultation results: most supported Option B (bury by 2 levels), followed by Option A (reduce by 2 levels)
- Responds to feedback that aesthetics from McKenzie Avenue, convenience to CARSA and provision of parking spaces were important design factors
- Minimizes visual impact with lower height and enhanced tree buffer along McKenzie Avenue
- Maintains convenient, safe and direct access from the parkade to CARSA
- Limits the depth of excavation to 1 underground level, lessening technical challenges involved with deeper sub-surface work
- Conforms to the 10 meter height maximum set out in the Saanich Zoning Bylaw; no height variance is required for parkade component of CARSA
- Provides a cost-effective solution relative to the number of parking spaces provided

The revised design provides a total of 332 parking spaces (264 above grade, 62 below grade plus 6 surface stalls), which will result in a bylaw variance of 256 spaces with 98 net new stalls, given that the project displaces 234 existing parking spaces.

Moving forward, the revised schematic design:

- Addresses concerns from local community and resident associations
- Meets parking needs of UVic and CARSA facility and includes bike parking and improvements that accommodate cyclists
- Allows for transit expansion opportunities
- TDM measures support the parking variance application
- Requires ongoing parking monitoring and planning

Next steps include submission of the revised schematic design to the Board of Governors at the end of May, and submission of an updated development variance permit application to the Saanich planning department for consideration by Saanich Council. A two to three year construction period will result in anticipated completion by September 2015.

Mr. Perry offered a comment based on his participation in 7 open houses – cost and safety were concerns emphasized more often than expected. Other committee comments included concerns around trees, Saanich planning, support from community associations for the revised design, and the possibility of adding levels to the parkade in the future.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was presented and approved:

MOTION (Tanner/Martin)

THAT the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the revised schematic design for the parkade adjacent to the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA), be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Gorrill closed the discussion by offering special recognition to Mr. Connelly, Ms. Simpson and Mr. Perry for the efforts contributed to the CARSA consultation process.

2. Community Consultation Framework Update – Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly advised the committee that the consulting firm, HB Lanarc-Golder, will be assisting the university in developing a consultation framework for future capital projects. The framework will identify processes, structures and tools for how UVic will engage the community when developing new capital projects and related campus planning initiatives. It will take into account the project location, anticipated impacts and the planning context to identify the consultation approach and potential impacts. Work on the consultation framework is already underway, with completion scheduled for Fall 2012. As part of the framework, updated terms of reference for the UVic community liaison committee are also proposed to be developed.

Ms. Gorrill commented that it would be useful to bring this item back to the committee, especially with regard to the campus community consultation framework already in place, and the upcoming Campus Plan renewal process.

3. Sustainability Update

- **2011 Carbon Neutral Action Report – Mr. MacKinnon**

Mr. MacKinnon gave the committee a brief status update on the 2011 carbon neutral action report. This is UVic's third year of measurement and second year of purchasing carbon offsets. Three areas are reported on: buildings, fleet and paper usage (both on and off campus). A more robust process was undertaken this year in terms of oversight and quality control. UVic was required to purchase \$432K in offsets for 2011: 96% buildings (85% of which is natural gas, 11% electrical), with paper and fleet covering the remaining 4%.

The report will be available on the LiveSmart BC website (<http://www.livesmartbc.ca/>) by the end of the month.

- **Sustainability – Ms. Fromholt**
- Ms. Fromholt will be attending a one-day conference in Richmond in June; an item of interest is that K-12 and municipalities are now able to access carbon offset funds for energy improvements).
- The Sustainability Highlights 2009-2011 Report on the Sustainability Action Plan: Campus Operations, 2009-2014 is available, both in print and online.
- New Sustainability website went online last week (uvic.ca/sustainability/)
- Working on a sustainability award and recognition program, in consultation with HR
- Ms. Fromholt is on the planning committee for Congress 2013 – desire for strong sustainability presence and initiatives for a “green congress,” also on planning committee for 50th anniversary celebrations.
- Sustainability Action Teams – good competition between EOW and CST. This year the emphasis is on more of a generic green office program.
- Bottled water “ban” consultation has taken place, with online survey and face-to-face meetings with departments. Over 400 responded to the online survey. There has been communication with UBC, SFU, and UNBC, none of which have actually banned bottled water.
- Bike to Work Week next week, also new Bike Buddy program

4. Capital Projects Update – Mr. Perry

- **Bookstore**
 - On track for full opening September/12; has been occupied and ongoing for the last 6 months; phase 4 is final internal renovation
 - Wayfinding signage has been generating good comments
 - Plaza between the bookstore and McKinnon is looking rather barren. Student Affairs and Indigenous Affairs have approached FMGT regarding 50th anniversary ideas – more trees, attractive plaza for people, totem as central feature, benches and flexible seating
- **University Centre Food Services**
 - UVC cafeteria redevelopment with 6 unique food kiosks, market, flexible seating, open to exterior/interior
 - Looking into possible exterior patio enhancements – preliminary ideas and some seating screened from sun
 - Coffee bar opening into lobby – will also be open for evening events
- **Peter B. Gustavson School of Business expansion**
 - Programming and site study underway
 - Next step – fundraising; Mr. Gustavson heading fundraising committee
 - Possible 3500m² addition and BEC renovation
 - New approach to learning – multi-use space, integrated technology
 - Possible first LEED platinum building; LEED gold now standard at UVic
- **Integrated Energy Master Plan – Mr. Smith**
 - Cobalt Engineering awarded contract to help develop energy master plan
 - UVic needed to understand how energy is delivered to campus
 - 2/3 of heat delivered by hot water system
 - Need to capture waste energy and heat
 - Explore alternate energy sources

- Recommendations going forward to Board of Governors next week to pursue some opportunities

Energy Plan – approval in principle:

- Select a strategic partner to assess the feasibility of a biomass thermal energy plant
- Offset over 80% of natural gas consumed on campus which heats approximately 2/3 of campus building area
- Largest source of carbon emissions
- Site assessment for biomass plant would be a component of feasibility study with CPC involvement and public consultation
- Replace one of four existing gas boiler plants
- Upgrade controls on district hot water loop
- Install solar thermal arrays to support domestic hot water
- Complete “continuous optimization” of university’s 19 largest buildings
- Heat recovery installation at data centre
- Establish “energy performance standards” for new buildings and major renovations

Mr. Smith commented that there will be an educational and research component with the biomass plant. It will be 3 – 4 months to get a strategic partner, and another 2-3 years moving forward.

Comments from the committee included the option of geothermal energy. Mr. Smith advised in the affirmative, where the building is new and can take advantage of it. Mr. Perry noted that CARSA will incorporate geothermal energy.

Ms. Gorrill commented on the abundance of opportunities and good progress made.

7. Other Business

- **Community Liaison – Mr. Hughes**

Mr. Hughes gave the community relations update to the committee, including the following highlights:

Community/Municipal:

- ✚ Community Relations participated in the CARSA Open Houses and will follow up with the UVic Community Liaison Committee to discuss the Step 5 implementation.

✚ UVic 50 Anniversary

- Planning continues for the 50th Anniversary Festival that will occur on September 28 and 29 with campus, alumni and community participation. We are inviting 16 potential regional participants in addition to those partners that will be involved in the Open Houses in the various units.
 - City of Victoria
 - District of Saanich
 - District of Oak Bay
 - Township of Esquimalt
 - United Way of Greater Victoria
 - Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

- Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Residents associations on the liaison committee
- Capital Regional District
- BC Transit
- Queens Own Rifles of Canada
- UVic Retirees Association
- Volunteer Victoria
- Leadership Victoria
- Capital Region Music Awards Society
- Community Social Planning Council

✚ Sponsorships planned or completed with Community Relations participation since our previous meeting include:



- Dr. Kate Moran (Neptune Canada) was the Keynote Speaker at Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2012 conference in Ucluelet on April 13
- The Victoria Autism Awareness Walk took place on April 15 with a record number of participants raising money for this important cause
- The UVic Retirees Association hosted the College and University Retirees Association of Canada conference on campus with support from UVic
- The Saanich Cycling Festival took place on Sunday, April 22 with a record number of cyclists from the community and participation of UVic Sustainability and Vikes at the fair
- Leadership Victoria Community Leadership Dinner was held on April 24
- UVic supported Oak Bay's Young Exceptional Star Awards (YES Awards) on May 2nd
- UVic is supporting Canada Day, July 1st, organized through City of Victoria
- Victoria Symphony, Band of Heroes, supports Victoria Symphony Splash 2012, Sunday, August 5th
- The 3rd Latin American and Spanish Film Week is planned for September 17th to 23th, 2012 at Cinecenta with Community Relations sponsorship support
- UVic has reaffirmed its support for a JUNO Awards 2014 bid through offering in-kind use of the Farquhar Auditorium for an event in 2014 should the bid be successful

Mr. Hughes noted, through his involvement with CARSA and other initiatives, that the communities would prefer lengthy advance notice, when they are asked to provide input. He also commented on the degree of polarity among community associations.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

9. Next Meeting: November 28, 2012

- Consultation Framework
- CARSA results
- Updating Campus Plan
- 24/7 campus item