

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: February 24, 2011: 2:00 – 4:00 pm, ASB 120

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 7th, 2010

The minutes of December 7th, 2010, were approved as circulated.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Gorrill welcomed new committee Co-Chair, VP Academic and Provost Dr. Reeta Tremblay, and called for round table introductions.

Ms. Gorrill noted that the Knowledge Infrastructure Project (KIP) project is nearing its end. The benefits include projected decreases in energy usage. She reported that the “cool campus break” over the holiday closure resulted in estimated savings of \$62K for UVic from reductions in electricity and natural gas consumption.

Ms. Gorrill also commented that the new athletics project is currently awaiting the outcome of the undergraduate student society referendum to be held in March, with the potential, depending upon the results, to move ahead with the facility’s construction after that date.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

6. Regular Business

1. Campus Community Garden Relocation Plan

Mr. Connelly updated the committee on the approved relocation plans for the Campus Community Garden. Meetings have been held with garden representatives and budget resources (\$27K) have been set aside for fencing, irrigation, and power arrangements at the new site. FMGT will be involved in soil preparation for the garden area. As the new site is significantly larger than the existing site, there is room for future expansion.

Reference was made to the potential relocation and re-use of a gazebo, currently near the 294 bed residence, which is being taken down in May. There will be some costs associated with the dismantling and relocation of the structure to the new garden site, but it will provide shelter for the garden users. Final arrangements will need to be coordinated with the Facilities Management Department.

2. 2010 Campus Traffic Survey

Mr. Connelly provided an update on the results of the 2010 Campus Traffic Survey, conducted October 20th-21st at 19 monitoring stations around campus, and a summary of the survey results. He pointed out that the methodology used over the years for the various surveys has remained consistent, while two additional pathways were included in this survey.

Discussion included questions regarding passbys left on bus routes (UVSS has been monitoring passby numbers, relying on individual student reports for specific routes and times); daytime versus evening numbers; sample size consistency; plans to boost transit and cycling numbers; the employee bus pass program; potential cycling improvements (BUC, SPOKES program, racks, bike kitchen); data regarding demographics; and incentives for behavioural change.

3. Campus Transit Master Plan

Mr. Connelly informed the committee that a consultant has been engaged by BC Transit to develop a campus transit master plan. An open house and consultation with the consultant will be held March 17th for students, faculty and staff, with a draft plan to be prepared for the fall. This is an opportunity to enhance transit service, potentially involving increased transit space, particularly with regard to expanding the current bus exchange arrangements.

Ms. Gorrill noted that Mr. Connelly has developed a good working relationship with BC Transit on a wide range of issues and opportunities involving transit service in the community and on campus.

Dr. Mateer commented that Camosun College and the Western Communities are also big growth areas for transit, and that perhaps UVic could work in conjunction with Camosun to

better serve both institutions' transit needs. She also noted that BC Transit receives over \$1M each term from UVic UPass fees.

4. Queenswood Rezoning Update

Mr. Connelly advised the committee that a second open house was held on February 8th regarding the proposed Queenswood rezoning, with approximately 200 members of the public in attendance. Concerns expressed at the open house included roadway/transportation issues and impacts, the height of any new buildings, potential student housing, as well as natural area protection.

An environmental assessment of the property has been completed for the university by a consultant. A brochure/bulletin will be produced which outlines UVic's response to the issues identified by the public and adjustments to the proposal that will be incorporated into the rezoning application. It will be distributed to all of the households in Cadboro Bay by Canada Post.

The review of the rezoning application by the District of Saanich is predicted to take several months, with the new zone targeted to be in place by September.

Ms. Gorrill thanked Mr. Connelly for the good job to date and noted to the committee that in the interim UVic will be utilizing the property for low impact uses only such as storage.

5. Capital Projects Update

Mr. Perry updated the committee on the status of various UVic capital projects:

- **KIP** is winding down and is on target for March 31st completion. Three buildings are essentially complete, and contractors are starting to pull out of the campus. The project will be completed on time and on budget. Some minor cleanups and deficiencies will be addressed after March 31st; 1% of the budget has been held back for this purpose.
- **CSEC**: expansion/renovations should be completed by the end of March at the Campus Security building.
- **Campus Services Building**: design is completed; architects are finishing drawings for tender early spring, with construction to start in the summer on the bookstore addition and renovation.

Mr. Perry commented on other projects that are in the planning stages:

- **New athletics facility**: An undergrad student referendum is to be held in March; heavy equipment is visible on Mackenzie digging trenches to bring services, including power, sewer and data, to that corner of campus in May. The District of Saanich Mackenzie Avenue road widening project (including bike lanes, a proposed roundabout, etc.) will tie in with the new athletics structure and parkade. This project is scheduled to roll out if there is a positive result from the student referendum. Design of the facility is targeting LEED Gold certification (including the parking structure).
- **University Centre**: Welcome Centre and possible expansion of food services is being discussed.

- **Legacy Gallery:** UVic collection is moving to the downtown Legacy gallery for display; tendering for minor renovations March 1st, including sprinkler installation. The grand opening is scheduled for late May, early June.
- **Wayfinding:** Facilities is working with Mr. Connelly's group on finalizing the new signage specifications, to make new signage manufacture consistent and user-friendly from a maintenance perspective. The project is currently in the first stage of preparation and will have prototypes ready by the summer. FMGT is moving forward with more signage implementation plans, and will come back to this committee with an update.
- **KIP completion celebration:** Scheduled for March 30th, this is a way to thank everyone on campus impacted by KIP construction work.

Committee discussion following the capital projects update centered on the upcoming athletics undergraduate student referendum. Ms. Gorrill noted that if the answer from the referendum is "no," the project would likely go on the shelf for a time while other funding options are explored. Mr. Perry noted that the construction market is very attractive right now. Dr. Tremblay advised that students are looking for a new athletic facility. Ms. Simpson noted that there will be a separate negotiation with graduate students regarding fees to access the new facility.

Action: Bring the Wayfinding strategy back to next committee meeting for an update on key implementation phases and components.

6. Sustainability Advisory Committee Update (verbal report)

- **2010 Carbon Neutral Action Report: Dan MacKinnon**

Mr. Mackinnon reported on the 2010 Carbon Neutral Action Report (CNAR), which requires UVic to be carbon neutral. The report is due by March 31st and requires measurement, planning for reductions and payment of offsets. Measurements regarding buildings, paper and fleet will be inserted into the SMARTTool reporting system, with UVic's payment estimated around \$500K.

Further items of note included the "Cool Campus" holiday break, which saved UVic around \$60K by lowering heat in campus buildings, and the RFP for the preparation of a campus integrated energy master plan.

- **Sustainability Action Teams: Rita Fromholt**

Ms. Fromholt reported on the Sustainability Action Team program which has just been launched. The creation of these teams is one of the foundational items in the Action Plan, and is based on the provincial government "green team" program.

This is a building based program primarily for staff, along with students. It utilizes staff creativity and energy to bring about behavioral change and reductions in energy consumption. Six buildings are involved on campus: BEC/DSB, Fraser, HSD, MacLaurin, McPherson Library and Eng/CSC. There have been presentations to staff to motivate through information, fun and competition. The buildings are competing on: 1) energy consumption (buildings are sub metered and have an online energy dashboard); and 2) waste (FMGT is tagging and measuring). Awards will be handed out to the winners at the June Connect U Conference. This

is a pilot program; another set of buildings will be considered in the fall. Ms. Gorrill complimented Ms. Fromholt on her good work with the program.

Ms. Fromholt also commented on other Sustainability activities including:

- RecycleMania competition (running from February 6th to April 2nd)
- Waste audit – February 18th which audited waste from SUB and the Library
- Waste audit video – online on Sustainability website

Ms. Fromholt also produced the UVic Green Guide in January, which highlights green measures including energy conservation, waste reduction and sustainable transportation opportunities on campus.

7. Other Business

- **Community Liaison (verbal report)**

Mr. Hughes advised the committee that he meets on a quarterly basis with eight community associations near UVic.

The thirteen municipalities in the CRD hold annual breakfast forums with mayors and councils. Discussions are quite broad, and include input on UVic's Strategic Plan renewal. Oak Bay asked for an evening presentation on March 21st with an overview and feedback from Council. This presentation will be part of their regular public meeting.

The Civic Engagement Steering Council members are developing a consultation plan for the spring, with face-to-face interviews regarding civic engagement in the community.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

9. Next Meeting: Fall 2011