

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of Meeting: June 6, 2016 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)
Administrative Services Building Boardroom 120**

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	R	Tony Eder
R	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
√	Carmen Charette	√	Jennifer Vornbrock
R	Nancy Wright	√	Kristi Simpson
√	Catherine Krull		
√	Thomas Tiedje		Other:
R	Andrew Rowe	√	Joanne McGachie
√	Karena Shaw	√	David Perry
√	Amanda McLaughlin (GSS)	√	Neil Connelly
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Rhonda Ljunggren
√	Paul Ward	√	James Pepler
R	Pete Rose		
√	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 June 06, 2016

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. Gorrill welcomed Committee members to the meeting and roundtable introductions were conducted. Ms. Gorrill noted that this is Mr. Connelly’s last CPC meeting and conveyed the Committee’s thanks for Mr. Connelly’s 10 years of service in Campus Planning and Sustainability. She noted Mr. Connelly’s involvement in many challenges, his quiet strength and huge amount of patience, as well as his commitment to the university and moving things forward. The Campus Planning Committee has benefitted greatly from Mr. Connelly’s contributions.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes, but Ms. Gorrill noted that at the last meeting, the Committee was informed of the SIF (Strategic Infrastructure Fund) applications and subsequently three UVic projects received funding to move forward. They are the district energy plant, Science labs and Queenswood renewal for Oceans Network Canada (ONC).

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Campus Plan Implementation Priorities

Mr. Connelly outlined the background and draft priorities for the Committee. The updated Campus Plan was finalized in January 2016 and seeks to implement the university's strategic mission and guides development in accordance with its strategic priorities, teaching and research needs.

The Committee was presented a summary of the Plan's implementation strategy and an outline of a draft set of priority actions for discussion. The implementation section of the Plan outlines 19 separate actions and studies to bring the Plan's vision, goals, big moves and policy frameworks to life. They are summarized below:

Open Space

1. Grand Promenade Design Strategy
2. Athletics Precinct Study
3. University Drive Gateway Study
4. Natural Areas and Grounds Management Plan
5. Public Realm Improvement Plan
6. Community Gardens Letter of Understanding
7. Stormwater Plan Update

Land Use and Built Form

8. Building Design Guidelines
9. Outlying Lands – Master Plans for Queenswood, the Ian Stewart Complex and the Cedar Hill Corner parcel
10. Energy Master Plan Update

Mobility

11. Universal Accessibility and Barrier Free Design Plan
12. Cycling Plan
13. Ring Road Study
14. Ongoing Transportation Planning
15. Cross-jurisdictional Collaboration with BC Transit, the region and municipalities

Engagement

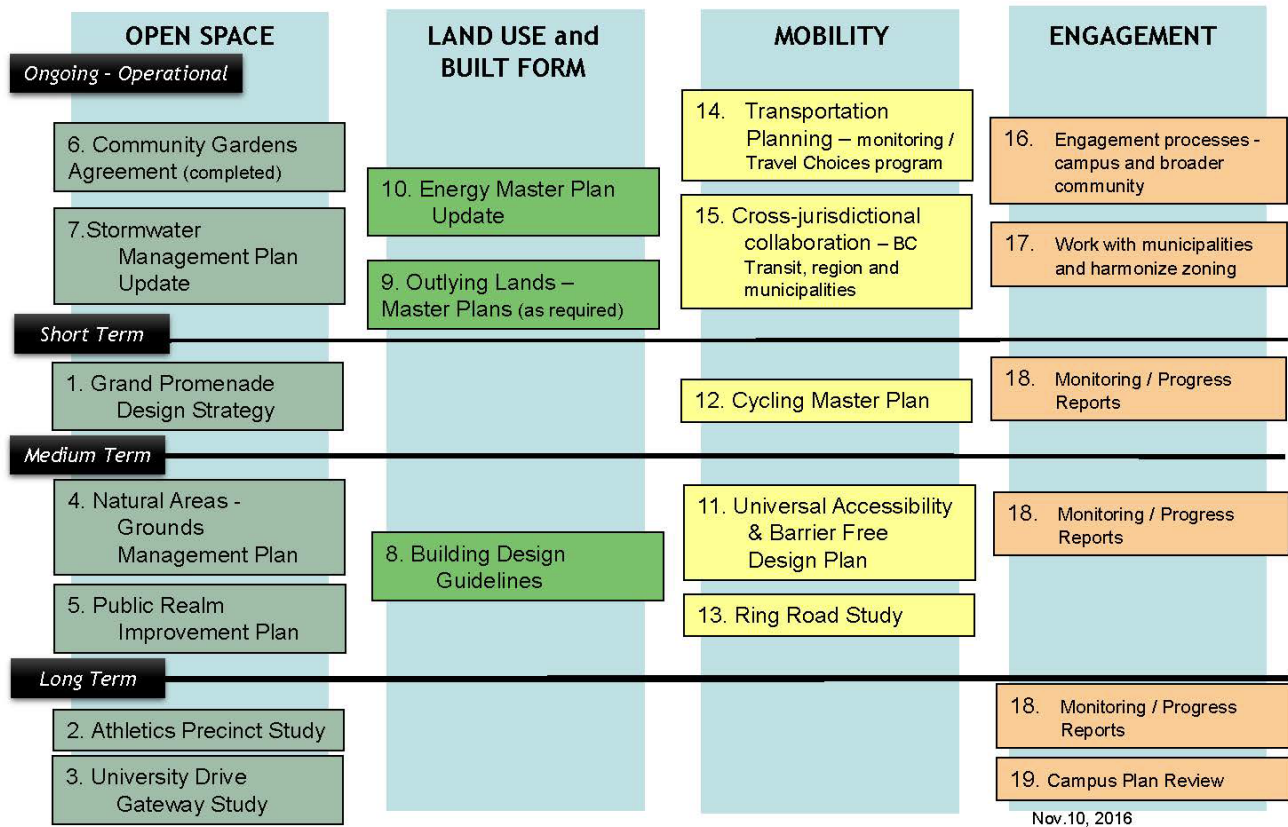
16. Engagement with Campus and the broader community
17. Work with municipalities and harmonize zoning
18. Monitoring and biannual progress reports
19. Campus Plan review in 10 years

Committee discussion included:

- Balance between moving forward with Plan implementation and being realistic in terms of available funding and resources
- Moving the Campus Plan Review to long term action in approximately 10 years' time
- Monitoring/progress re Saanich roadwork improvements and relationship/liaison with municipalities span the short, medium and longer terms
- Ring Road study and public transportation; safety issues with BC Transit, crosswalks and pedestrians
- The need to have a few plans on the shelf/shovel-ready in case external funding becomes available
- Grand Promenade idea – more decorative than functional? Focus on reinforcing east/west connection; significant impact possible at a limited cost
- In the longer-term category – operational /ongoing activities and achievements need to be factored in
- Outlying lands – include the Ian Stewart Complex (ISC), Queenswood and Cedar Hill Corner as required or necessary rather than just Long Term.

Following Committee discussion, the implementation chart is to be revised for future reference. Changes include moving some items into long term such as monitoring/progress reports and the Campus Plan Review, along with other adjustments.

Campus Plan Implementation



Ms. Gorrill commended Mr. Connelly for the great work on this project.

2. District Energy Plant – Nov. 19 Open House Update

Mr. Connelly updated the Committee on the upcoming open house for the District Energy Plant, scheduled for November 16th in the SUB Upper Lounge. The open house will be a drop-in format, with display panels and the opportunity to ask questions. The intent is to bring forward to the campus community the work done regarding schematic design and discussions with the municipality of Oak Bay. Around 36 parking stalls will be displaced.

Trenching lines will be constructed to allow the new plant to connect to the district energy loop. Some trees and low-lying shrubs will be displaced as the trenches traverse the edges of two parking lots with the least amount of disruption possible to the surrounding environment. Trees will be replaced at a ratio of 3:1. Construction will be carefully managed, as brief closures of Ring Road will be involved – possibly overnight or on a weekend.

Additional information on the project is available on the Campus Planning website.

Committee discussion included:

- Future development possibilities on the Oak Bay (south) side of the campus
- The need to manage parking as parking lots are used as future building sites
- Tree removal – will waste wood be put to use? Alumni benches given as example at another university.

3. Capital Projects Update (verbal report)

Mr. Perry updated the Committee on the following capital projects:

- 1) New Residence Facility Planning – UVic has pre-qualified three architecture firms through the RFP process; proposals will be reviewed by the project committee, with a consultant team on board by the holidays. Planning exercises will be conducted in 2017 and there will be engagement with the community. There is a need to work out a program of requirements (# of beds/square footage, etc.); probably a year of study ahead to determine the preferred site and related details. The project will utilize the community engagement framework and will come back to the CPC at key touch points throughout the project.
- 2) District Energy Plant – funding is available this year for the trenching and pipe connection work and the project will be issued for tender before the holidays. The project will involve some inconvenience with partial parking lot closures and excavation.
- 3) FMGT New Service Building – this will be a maintenance building for servicing vehicles and will allow the decanting of some spaces for Grounds. Scope and budget is in place and project will go out to tender before the holidays, with construction estimated at 6 – 8 months. Ms. Gorrill noted that the need for additional space in FMGT is critical in terms of safety issues and inefficiencies.

Committee discussion included:

- Which students will live in the residence? There will likely be a mix of room types, which will be determined through planning and consultation process.
- Is project construction funded? UVic is currently working with government on funding options, whether through taking on debt or other options. Plans will be in place when funding comes available.

Ms. Gorrill noted that options for the use of existing properties are under separate consideration, including properties downtown, and at some point ISC may be looked at in terms of potential housing.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Vornbrock updated the committee on recent activities:

- 1) The last meeting of Community Association Liaison Committee was on September 21st. A new residents group, North Henderson, may join the group. At these committee meetings there is a continuous conversation regarding students living in communities, highlighting issues of behavior, couches left at the curbside, etc. Work is continuing with Oak Bay and Gordon Head bylaw officers, as this is a community/municipality issue, not directly involving the university.
- 2) At the beginning of the new school year, communities have concerns regarding parking in areas not marked “residential parking only.” UVic is doing all it can to encourage alternate forms of transportation to campus.
- 3) SIF- Queenswood open house was held September 15th with over 100 estimated to be in attendance. ONC attended with their educational outreach workers and put on an interactive/dynamic show. There were many community questions regarding development of the property but there will be very limited impact due to parking and traffic and a building specific spot rezoning application. Planning is not complete but it is estimated that up to 200 staff will be on site.
- 4) Dunsmuir Lodge and parcel – The initiative is going to public hearing in December. Some community opposition from trail users has been expressed. These trails traverse culturally significant areas for the Pauquachin, who are a party to the proposed arrangement.
- 5) Municipal activism related to student housing – conversations are continuing with lots of interest throughout the region.

Committee discussion included:

- Major stumbling block to developing new student housing – universities are not permitted by the province to carry debt
- Lobbying of provincial government to allow universities to accrue debt related to student housing, leading to advocacy with provincial government on behalf of municipalities
- Low vacancy rate and increased emphasis on homelessness – students utilizing low cost housing and displacing others in the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

9. NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2017: ASB Lobby Boardroom (9:00 – 10:30 am).