**MINUTES**

UVic Community Associations Liaison Committee  
Thursday, December 5, 2019  
MWB 110

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**University of Victoria:**  
Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management  
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning & Sustainability  
Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co-chair)  
Bruce Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Communications and Marketing  
Erin King, Coordinator, Web Design and Development, Communications and Marketing  
Len Collins, Architect & User Experience Specialist, Communications and Marketing

**Camosun Community Association:** Meralin Young  
**Community Association of Oak Bay:** Rick Marshall  
**Mt. Tolmie Community Association:** Gayla Baranieski (co-chair)  
**Quastra Cedar Hill Community Association:** Chris Bartlett  
**Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association and Saanich Community Association Network:** Eric Dahli  
**Gordon Head Residents’ Association:** Bob Hart

**Regrets:**  
**Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association:** Jonathan Eades  
Jennifer Vornbrock, Executive Director, Community and Government Relations

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**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Approved

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (19 September 2019)** - Approved

**4. UVIC.CA CENTRAL WEBSITE REBUILD**

Erin King, Coordinator, Web Design and Development, Communications and Marketing  
Len Collins, Architect & User Experience Specialist, Communications and Marketing

UC+M would like to thank all committee members who provided their feedback on the architecture of the new website. The public facing site will be live in the summer of 2020. This will be the first major update to the site in ten years.

The principles of the new site are:

- Evidence based – Informing design based on viewer needs.
- Mobile first – Making sure the site works on a mobile device is the first priority.
- Accessibility – Meeting standards to ensure the website is fully accessible.
- Searchable – Making sure google can find the site easily.
The site will see a major reduction in content and duplication to increase its effectiveness in making high traffic pages as searchable as possible.

Individual sites have been created for specific audiences (undergraduate admission; grad admissions; students; faculty and staff).

During the second half of the meeting, UC+M engaged the committee in further user testing.

5. UVIC CAMPUS PLANNING UPDATE
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning & Sustainability

Engineering Expansion Project
UVic is planning an expansion of the Engineering Computer Science building and a new High Bay Research and Structure Lab in the engineering precinct, to meet the growing student demand for the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science programs. The project will provide additional design studios, laboratory, office and research facilities, and will facilitate greater student and faculty interactions to support interdisciplinary activities.

The project consists of 6-storey addition to the south Engineering Computer Science building and a separate High Bay Research and Structures Lab in Parking Lot A. Community engagement is an essential component of planning for this project. Campus engagement will begin in January 2020.

Parking and building variances will be required from Oak Bay Council.

We are here

STAGE 1 PLANNING  STAGE 2 DESIGN  STAGE 3 CONSTRUCTION  COMPLETION

2019  2020  2021-2023  2023

Student Housing and Dining Project
Beginning in January 2020, the project will become more visible – with the installation of fencing at the project site and the closure of Parking Lot B in February 2020 for the installation of the Modular Dining Facility. The Modular Dining Facility will be installed over the summer and be operational by September 2020.

The Campus Greenway Landscape Plan and Design Guidelines
The Plan and Design Guidelines were developed through three planning phases from summer 2018 to fall 2019. Improvements are expected to be phased and implemented over ten or more years as funding becomes available. Project progress and future opportunities for community engagement will be posted here.

Campus Cycling Plan Implementation
Last year, UVic released its first Campus Cycling Plan. Construction will start this summer around two priority projects aimed to enhance the safety, convenience and comfort of pedestrians and cyclist:

- University Drive Connection Pathway - A new two-way bicycle path to connect cyclists from University Drive to the centre of campus.
- Dawnview Crescent to the CARSA Pathway – Formalize an existing cycling and pedestrian connection that many students and community members use to travel between the Gordon Head neighbourhood located to the north of campus and the existing pathway located behind the CARSA building

6. DISTRICT ENERGY PLAN
Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management

The Plant was completed in late August 2019. Since then, UVic has received complaints from two neighbours. The noise is within bylaw, but UVic recognizes the disruption the noise is having and is committed to determining the cause and exploring solutions.

ACTION: If committee members hear complaints please send them directly to Ron.

7. NEW COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR APPOINTMENT
The Committee Chair will rotate from each association. The committee appointed Meralin Young as the new co-chair, for a two year term.

8. ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

Gordon Head (Bob Hart):
There is lots of development in the neighbourhood. University Heights development has resumed. A community meeting is scheduled for January 7. The proponent will be present; however, the proponent will not be an active participant.

Camosun (Meralin Young):
- Association membership is increasing (now over 90 members).
- Improvements are being made to the website.
- There are three active developments in the community.
- The CRD stated they would examine if they might be able to assist in providing the remainder of the $5.5 million to help preserve the land at Kings Rd and Richmond Ave, known as the BC Hydro lands.

Community and Government Relations
In February, External Relations will welcome a new Vice President, Chris Horbachewski. Chris is relocating from Lethbridge where he served as the Vice-President, Advancement with the University of Lethbridge. Chris will attend a future CALC meeting, and is very much looking forward to meeting the committee.

UC+M
For those who were not able to attend the website advising session with UC+M, another session will be organized.

ACTION: Those interested in meeting with UC+M to discuss best practices regarding website design to please contact Julie Potter.

Cadboro Bay and SCAN update (Eric Dahl):
- SCAN’s new chair is Don Gunn.
- Mayor Haynes will be attending the SCAN meeting in March.
There are rumours that the Local Area Plan will be put on hold. The decision will be made at the December 16 Council meeting.

There are six derelict boats in Cadboro Bay. Oak Bay is working closely with Saanich and Victoria to do what they can do remove the boats as they are a multi-jurisdictional issue.

_Qquadra/Cedar Hill (Chris Bartlett):_
- The Local Area Plan is being delayed.
- Updates are being made to the website.
- Like many other neighbourhoods, there is a lot of development in the community.

_Oak Bay (Rick Marshall):_
- The Association has partnered with the District on the Grow the Oaks in Oak Bay is a campaign. The campaign is intended to help achieve the goals outlined in the District’s Urban Forest Management Plan by encouraging people to plant Gary Oaks on their property. The plan aims to plant 1,400 new trees on public land and work with residents and institutions to plant 5,000 new trees on private property. 70 trees have already been planted.
- Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture, the Community Association of Oak Bay and Friends of Uplands Park hosted Experts Talk on Adapting to Climate Change. The talk was very successful, and attended by 150 people.

_Mt. Tolmie (Gayla Baranieski):_
- Nine developments in the community – three developments on the corner on cedar hill cross at cedar hill. Traffic will be a challenge.
- The Association will be hosting a burgers and beverage night on March 1 at 1550. $20 per person and the association will get half of the funds.
- Parking continues to be a challenge. Brodie wrote a letter to Saanich council about parking issues. Council has placed parking enforcement as a priority in their Strategic Plan.

 **ADJOURNMENT**

2020 Meetings Dates:
Thursday, March 12
Thursday, June 11
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, December 10