

Minutes

UVic Community Associations Liaison Committee

Thursday, Sept 17, 2020

University of Victoria:

Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability
Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planning and Sustainability
Bruce Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Communications and Marketing
Jennifer Vornbrock, Community and Government Relations
Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co- chair)
Adrien Castle, Executive Assistant, Community and Government Relations (meeting minutes)

Guest: Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations, UVic

Camosun Community Association: Meralin Young (co-chair)

Community Association of Oak Bay: Rick Marshall

Gordon Head Residents' Association: Bob Hart

Mt. Tolmie Community Association: Gayla Baranieski

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association: Chris Bartlett

Cadboro Bay Residents' Association: Jonathan Eades

Saanich Community Association Network: Barry Andruschak for Eric Dahli

1. Welcome and introduction of Chris Horbachewski, UVic's Vice-President External Relations (Jennifer Vornbrock)

Chris Horbachewski is the new Vice-President, External Relations.

Chris joins UVic from the University of Lethbridge, where he served as the Vice-President, Advancement since 2005. Prior to that, he held a variety of fundraising and advancement leadership positions at the University of Manitoba between 1997 and 2005. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from the University of Calgary.

Chris' experience includes roles in development, alumni relations, marketing and communications, and government relations.

The VP External Relations is a key member of the UVic executive, responsible for providing strategic leadership on the overall positioning of the university and for guiding the External Relations team's activities, including fundraising and development, alumni relations, community relations, government relations, marketing, communications, the university art collections, Farquhar Auditorium, and ceremonies and events.

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda** (Julie Potter)
3. **Approval of Minutes (12 March 2020)** (Julie Potter)
4. **UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability (Updates):**

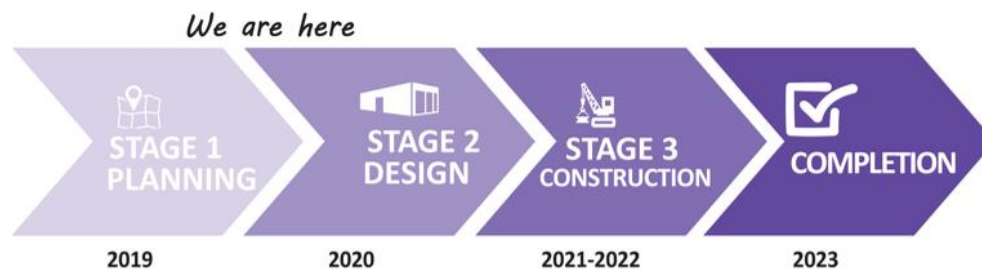
Expansion of the Engineering and Computer Science Building and Structure Lab (Juliet Van Vliet):

See attached presentation

- What's included in this project:
 - 6-storey addition to Engineering and Computer Science Building.
 - Following core components in the expansion area are:
 - Academic Offices and Support
 - Graduate Student/Research Offices
 - Research Labs
 - Design Studio and Computer Space
 - New High Bay Structures Lab –Parking Lot A: Over height single-storey building with lower level. Laboratory space for testing of steel and concrete structures.
 - Online Survey live Sept 28 – Oct 5, 2020: [Uvic.ca/engineeringexpansion](https://uvic.ca/engineeringexpansion)

National Centre for Indigenous Laws: Fraser Building Expansion (Juliet Van Vliet):

- The centre will provide much-needed academic and support space for the Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders program (JD/JID) and Indigenous Legal Research Unit (ILRU).
- The JD/JID program is the first of its kind in Canada, is unique globally, and will further the university's reputation by training legal professionals to work across Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal traditions.
- Project Highlights:
 - Expansion to the south with physical connection to the Fraser Building.
 - New classrooms, offices, research facilities and ceremony spaces as well as upgrades to the existing Fraser Building.
- The project has been awarded to an Architectural Prime Consultant led by Two Row Architect in partnership with Teeple Architects and Low, Hammond, Row Architects. Two Row is an Indigenous-owned and operated firm from Six Nations of the Grand River reserve in southern Ontario.



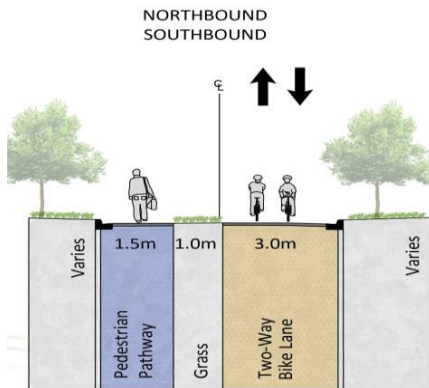
- Online open house and survey will take place November 25 to December 2

Farquhar Auditorium Seismic Upgrade (Mike Wilson):

- Plans are underway for seismic upgrades to Farquhar (designs attached).

Campus Cycling Plan - Construction Update (Mike Wilson):

- Cycling network (University Drive Pathway): Under construction
- Cycling network (Dawnview Pathway): design complete



- Campus Greenway Implementation



High priorities:

- improved pedestrian and cyclist safety at intersections
- increased seating opportunities
- retaining existing mature trees, planting new trees
- celebrate the natural context

New Student Housing and Dining Project Update (Ron Proulx):

- The work was able to move ahead of schedule due to COVID (low attendance on campus).
- The new modular dining facility is now open and will be operational from September 2020 to July 2022 (facility is installed in Parking Lot 8, behind the library).
- Deconstruction of the two existing residences, Emily Carr and Margaret Newton, is now complete.

- Deconstruction of Cadboro Commons will begin in September 2020. The first building will be open in the fall of 2022.

Cedar Hill Corner Property Discussion (Mike Wilson):

- The Property is zoned for institutional use and is an incredibly important asset to the university.
- The 2016 Campus Plan specifies this area as a future development site, and directs that a master plan be completed with a community engagement process prior to development or land use (zoning) change taking place.
- Over the past several years, the public use of the site grew, especially for off-leash dog walking, and it soon became known as the “UVic Dog Park.” Cedar Hill Corner Property has never been designated as public park and university policy states that all animals brought on to the campus are to be on leash.
- There has been an increase in complaints from the users of site, including:
 - That the property was not maintained to a municipal park standard.
 - Behaviour between users, such as dogs biting other dogs and resulting in requirements for costly veterinary care.
 - Complaints that the university was not enforcing its own on-leash animal policies on the site as well as inappropriate behaviour by members of the public using the site.
- In late March, the property was closed in order to maintain community health and safety in response to COVID-19. Consistent with other similar facilities across the region and campus, this area was closed to the public.
- As a safe reopening plan was being developed, it was acknowledged that the site was not being used for its intended purposes in support of UVic’s academic mission. The lack of enforcement of UVic policies on the property and the challenges resulting from this also became very apparent.
- The Board of Governors made the decision to keep the Cedar Hill Corner closed to the public and that the property transition to university uses which support UVic’s academic mission.
- Given the continued closure was a campus management issue versus change of land use (zoning), the community was informed on the decision, following the guidelines outlined in [UVic’s Community Engagement Framework](#).
- As soon as a decision was made regarding the property CALC was notified.
- Forestry biology research has been conducted on the property for decades (and continues to be), and UVic is also hosting Varsity athletes on the site to support with additional space for training in response to physical distancing requirements.
- UVic recognizes and appreciates the challenges the closure presents to community members.
- UVic’s role is to manage campus land use in the best interests of the university while continuing to welcome the community on to campus. The Alumni chip trail, Mystic Vale and the remainder of campus continue to be open and accessible to the public.
- UVic is conducting a management review of the site, expect this to take around 8 months and is largely an engagement of faculty and administration to understand what space and research needs we have across campus and how they may be accommodated on the property.
- UVic will also look at ways to support public access to Mystic Vale for activities such as on-leash dog walking.

5. Roundtable Updates:

Camosun (Meralin Young):

- Thank you for the Cedar Hill Corner Property update, not aware of the 'on leash' policy.
- Nov. 19th AGM via ZOOM. Updates include: Shelbourne Corridor development, Richmond Rd and the community kitchen is relocating to the Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Mt. Tolmie (Gayla Baranieski):

- Was not aware of UVic's 'on leash' policy.
- Value of the committee, updating the CALC picture on the website.
- Nov AGM via Zoom.
- Onyx Park volume has increased due to renovations of neighbouring parks.

Quadra Cedar Hill (Chris Bartlett):

- Confirmed that signage providing awareness to the community was present at Cedar Hill Corner Property.
- Currently setting up AGM via ZOOM inclusive of a keynote speaker.

Oak Bay (Rick Marshall):

- Expressed that the closure of Cedar Hill Corner Property was not handled well.
- Why was community interest over the past two years not mentioned at CALC meetings?
- Due to the significant size of the property, there is opportunity for co-exist (UVic and the community) and utilize the property.
- 'On leash' requirements not clearly posted and common knowledge by the community.
- Concerned that neighbouring municipalities were not consulted prior to the closure and that measures were not put in place to redirect the volume of people.
- CALC's purpose is to navigate issues like these and concerned with the process which was chosen.
- Oak Bay has suspended social gatherings and municipality restrictions on private properties are currently in place.

SCAN: (Barry Andruschak on behalf of Eric Dahli):

- Thank you for the Cedar Hill Corner briefing, specifically the 'off leash/on leash' information.

Cadboro Bay (Jonathan Eades):

- Thank you to Mike Wilson for the Cedar Hill Corner update.
- Social gatherings in surrounding areas, leading to increase of traffic and garbage.

Gordon Head (Bob Hart):

- Would have liked to receive more information on Cedar Hill Corner earlier in the process.
- UVSS attended to GHRA's meeting to discuss student / neighbour relations. The meeting was positive and constructive.

Executive Director, Communications and Marketing, UVic (Bruce Kilpatrick)

- The new central uvic.ca website launched August 5. Many thanks to CALC representatives and their community members for their advice, encouragement and support throughout the two year project. If anyone has additional feedback, there's a "website feedback" button at the very bottom of every page on the new central site that can be used to provide comments and suggestions.
- On Wednesday, Sept. 30, UVic will again be marking national [Orange Shirt Day](#) to honour the survivors of residential schools and their families.
You can show support for reconciliation by uploading a photo (horizontal orientation) of yourself wearing an orange shirt through the OSD photo campaign [website](#) anytime and then sharing them on social media on Sept. 30 using #OrangeShirtDayUVic. We'll be sharing photos on [UVic's OSD website](#) and social media.

Orange Shirt Day 2020 Program:

This year's event is entirely online due to COVID and includes drumming and dancing, a welcome and blessing by Elders, a reflection by a student, remarks by VP Academic Valerie Kuehne, and Chancellor Shelagh Rogers' interview with Phyllis Webstad, whose residential school experience inspired the day. The program will be available at <https://www.uvic.ca/event/orange-shirt-day/> starting at noon on Sept. 30.

Executive Director, Community and Government Relations, UVic (Jennifer Vornbrock):

- UVic is taking the student partying issue very seriously. Communicating directly with students both on/off campus. Currently campus security is working with Oak Bay and Saanich police..
- Notification of the closure of Cedar Hill Corner was shared with neighbouring municipalities. Councillor Liaisons and Mayors received the notice the same day it was shared with CALC.
- UVic continues to be committed to being a 'good neighbour' and valuing trust, transparency and collaborative relationships with CALC.
- UVic is part of the South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP) [Rising Economy Taskforce](#) which is working to support regional recovery efforts. SIPP is hosting [Economic Recovery Week](#) (Nov 16-20) which will bring together community for a week of immersive virtual events aimed at moving the needle on economic recovery and creating a future of vibrant prosperity.
- UVic is focused on welcoming students back with a safe return and ensuring that Occupational Health and Safety plans are in place and adhere to provincial guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is on Thursday, December 10, 2020