



MEETING NOTES

Community Associations Liaison Committee

Thursday, December 10, 2020

University of Victoria:

Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability
Jennifer Vornbrock, Executive Director, Community and Government Relations
Denise Helm, Acting Executive Director, Communications and Marketing
Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co- chair)
Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planner, Campus Planning and Sustainability

Camosun Community Association: Meralin Young (co-chair)

Mt. Tolmie Community Association: Gayla Baranieski

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association: Chris Bartlett

Cadboro Bay Residents' Association: Jonathan Eades on behalf of Eric Dahli

Community Association of Oak Bay: Rick Marshall

Gordon Head Residents' Association: Bob Hart

SCAN: Barry Andruschak on behalf of Eric Dahli

Regrets

Cadboro Bay Residents' Association and SCAN: Eric Dahli

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bruce Kilpatrick, Executive Director, University Communication and Marketing recently retired.
Denise Helm is Acting, Executive Director and the newest member of CALC.

2. Approval of Minutes (17 September 2020)

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3. UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability (Update and Discussion) – Presentation Attached.

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

- The centre will provide academic, support and research space for the Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders program (JD/JID) and Indigenous Legal Research Unit (ILRU).
- Engagement on the building and the site began in fall 2019.

- Thank you to those members who were able to share their input on the recent survey. All feedback is being compiled and the engagement summary will be posted online (Uvic.ca/fraser expansion) when complete.
- Next engagement will be on the detailed design and will take place this spring.
- Question about Bowker Creek (if the flow will be increased in Bowker and if engagement was conducted with the Bowker Creek Initiative— Response: There are bylaw requirements from the municipalities and also with through the LEED process. The stormwater management system will be examined by Oak Bay as part of the review of the development. UVic is confident the design will be within Oak Bay's requirements).

ACTION: If anyone has any additional feedback, please email planning@uvic.ca.

Expansion of the Engineering and Computer Science Building and Structure Lab (Juliet Van Vliet) – Presentation Attached

- UVic is planning an expansion to the engineering building as well as a new High Bay Research and Structures Lab to meet the growing demand for the programs.
- The project is at the end of the design phase.
- Construction is anticipated for fall 2021.
- Campus engagement began in January 2020 and has continued throughout the project. The last survey had over 500 responses. The engagement summaries are online available [here](#).

University Drive Cycling Pathway (Mike Wilson) – Presentation Attached

- Staff are working on implementing the Campus Cycling Plan and the first cycling network improvement project is at University Drive.
- Last spring UVic received support from Oak Bay and Province for a BC Active Transportation Grant which was used to help build the University Drive Cycling Pathway (which services ¼ of all cycling traffic to and from campus).
- Some of the improvements include a new cycling pathway and improvements to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians, separated road crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, and a raised crossing to prompt vehicles to slow down.
- The pedestrian pathway will open by the end of the month and the cycling pathway will open near the end of January.
- A new project is being designed to connect University Drive into the engineering project and the cycling path that will be along Ring Road in front of the building.

Cedar Hill Corner Property (Mike Wilson) - Presentation Attached

- The property management review for the site is underway. The review will explore potential temporary uses for Cedar Hill Corner that will support students, researchers and faculty and the overall academic mission of the university.
- A draft plan is anticipated to be brought forward to the Campus Planning Committee this coming spring. Ideas that have come forward for consideration of temporary use include

a sea can for indoor plant research, a small solar panel array for research and opportunities for land based learning and teaching.

- No zoning change and no development is anticipated as new temporary uses are explored.
- The site is currently used by the UVic varsity student athletes, including the track and cross country teams, for training purposes. The Centre for Forest Biology continues to conduct field activities at the Forest Biology Research Compound on the site.
- The Campus Plan identifies the Cedar Hill Corner as a site for future development. A master plan (including engagement) would be completed before any development takes place. Until the university is ready to develop, the university is considering temporary university uses on the property that would support the UVic academic mission.

Campus Greenway Implementation (Mike Wilson) – Presentation Attached

- The Plan was completed last year and identifies actions to improve a lot of the public space on campus in an east-west corridor that have not seen recent improvements.
- The Plan aims to improve connectivity, placemaking, opportunities for collaboration and socializing.
- The focus now is on the design of the West Campus Greenway pathway, with hopes to gain support for phased construction to begin next summer.

4. Roundtable Reports

Camosun Community Association: Meralin Young

- The Shelbourne Community Kitchen has moved to the Lutheran Church of the Cross at the corner of Cedar Hill Cross Road and Cedar Hill Road. They had to move because they had a limited lease on the house they had on Shelbourne.
- Development continues to be a main focus. The Association is busy keeping the community informed of the buildings going up on Shelbourne.
- The AGM was held on November 19. 24 participants and one new member. There was a speaker from the Saanich Climate Action Plan.

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association: Chris Bartlett

- The Association had their general meeting but not the AGM just yet. Great turnout, with 30 to 35 people, which is similar to in person meetings.
- The Association has been accessing UVic speakers through the Speaker's Bureau. Trevor Hancock spoke at the last meeting on the 'One Planet Region strategy'. Dr. Val Schaefer will be speaking at the January meeting on restoration walks in greater Victoria. Garth Covernton will be speaking at the March meeting, about micro plastics in the environment.
- The Association made a donation to the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary towards front entry kiosk and a bike rack. The project will start after the holidays.

Cadboro Bay Residents' Association: Jonathan Eades and Bary on behalf of Eric

- Eric Dahli has been elected as the Vice Chair of SCAN and the SCAN representative for the

Saanich Housing Taskforce.

- Liz Miller from the Cadboro Bay Residents' Association has been elected as the SCAN representative for the Healthy Saanich Committee.
- All the derelict boats have been removed from Cadboro Bay.
- Eric and John Sector (retired biologist) met with the Mayor of Oak Bay to talk about a long term plan for the derelict boats.
- The December meeting will only be held if there is essential business.
- Eric Dahli was in touch with Saanich Engineering recently and pre-design work in Sinclair Hill has begun and they expect to start consultations in Spring 2021.

Mt. Tolmie Community Association: Gayla Baranieski

- AGM was held over zoom, with 28 participants.
- Marlene Davie has stepped down as President. She served in the role for 10 years. As a result, the Association is currently without a President.
- The Association has a new and very keen Vice President - Ryon Bateman.
- Horner Park upgrades are coming along – new pathways, playground, etc.
- The Association received a \$1,000 donation from a family that has been used for a new sign for Mt. Tolmie at Cedar Hill Cross Rd and Gordon Head.
- The Association has had meetings with developers as plans proceed during COVID-19.

Gordon Head Residents' Association: Bob Hart

- No AGM just yet.
- The Association has had many meetings with developers recently.
- University Heights development is still on hold.
- Development proposals are being considered for the United Church on Tyndall Avenue, as well as a development on the corner of Gordon Head on Feltham.
- Had discussions in the past with UVSS about more involvement in the community. On hold during this busy season with plans to resume in the New Year.
- Saanich Police will now enforce all parking issues.

Community Association of Oak Bay: Rick Marshal

- Two years ago one of the Associations founding member passed away – Jill Croft (husband Tom was a municipal Councillor and member of CALC). A memorial fund was established. Some of the funds were used for 'Grow the Oaks' to support planting of Oak trees on private property. Over 70 trees have been planted. The remaining funds used for four bike repair stations which will be installed at various rec centres throughout Oak Bay.
- The Association is fundraising for a bike shelter at Windsor Park to be placed over the bike facilities as well as to provide shelter for strollers. This should be constructed by the spring, contingent on fundraising efforts (bike station and bike shelter for Windsor Park will be on a Council agenda this month).

Facilities Management: Ron Proulx

- The Student Housing and Dining Project is remains on schedule.

- There will be a second crane on site starting the week of December 14 as crews start on the footings and foundations for the second building.
- Link to time lapse video <https://www.uvic.ca/campusplanning/current-projects/new-student-housing/index.php>. Updates will be made to the video on a regular basis.
- Project information can be found [here](#).

Community and Government Relations: Jennifer Vornbrock

- The President has been in the role now for five weeks and plans to engage with the community in the New Year.
- The President shares a strong commitment to community engagement.
- UVic partnered with Island health on the mobile COVID-19 testing site and a flu clinic which filled up very quickly. We continue to look for other opportunities to support Island Health.
- We have been doing work to support economic recovery and continue to look at ways to help economy recovery. Earlier this year, UVic and Camosun partnered on a funding application and successfully received funds for micro-credentialing initiatives to help workers up-skill and re-skill, in two areas - fall prevention and data literacy. These programs will be free of charge (covered by the Ministry) and offered by UVic's Division of Continuing Studies.
- UVic, Camosun met with the District of Saanich in late summer to discuss students in the community. Discussions focused on the reciprocal relationship between students and neighbours. Conversations will resume in the February.
- The South Island Prosperity Partnership's Rising Economy Taskforce (UVic is a member) recently shared Reboot: Greater Victoria's Economic Recovery Plan 2020-2022. This report, developed with input from 12 sector-focused committees and extensive consultation over the last several months, captures the top priority actions that can help our region in the short-term (0-6 months), intermediate-term (6-18 months) and help move our region towards increased resiliency against future shocks (18-24+ months). To view the report click [here](#).

Communications and Marketing: Denise Helm

- The speaker's bureau has been able to offer virtual presentations throughout the pandemic and has had good response about having UVic expertise accessible through this format.
- The University Communications and Marketing team is working hard to ensure the campus community is receiving the latest relevant COVID updates on multiple communication channels so they can be well supported with their health and safety, and get current and accurate information regarding campus services. Upcoming communication for the winter break will focus on how to travel safe and how best to continue to ensure personal and public safety.

Action:

- Denise to follow up with Rick on the availability for the speaker's bureau to support with logistics, RSVPs, etc. (done).

5. 2021 Dates and Topics

Proposed 2021 Dates (3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 18

Thursday, June 17

Thursday, September 16

Thursday, December 9

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Proposed Topics

- Invite Emily from UVSS to discuss student / neighbour relations