

## MEETING NOTES

### UVic Community Association Liaison Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2021

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### University of Victoria:

Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management  
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability  
Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planning and Sustainability  
Jennifer Vornbrock, Community and Government Relations  
Denise Helm, Acting Executive Director, Communications and Marketing  
Karen Johnston - Associate Director, Public Affairs, Communications and Marketing  
Jim Forbes, Director, Campus Services  
Scott Mason, Director of Facilities, UVic Properties  
Julie Potter, Associate Director, Community and Government Relations (co- chair)  
Adrien Castle, Executive Assistant, Community and Government Relations (meeting minutes)

**Camosun Community Association:** Meralin Young (co-chair)

**Mt. Tolmie Community Association:** Gayla Baranieski

**Cadboro Bay Residents' Association:** Barry Andruschak

**Mt. Tolmie Community Association:** Gayla Baranieski

**Gordon Head Residents' Association:** Joan Wenman

#### Regrets:

**Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association:** Chris Bartlett

**Saanich Community Association Network:** Eric Dahli

**Community Association of Oak Bay:** Rick Marshall

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#### **1. Roundtable Introductions and Welcome to Joan and Karen**

- Bob Hart has stepped down from the committee and from the Gordon Head Residents' Association. Joan Wenman will be replacing Bob Hart. Joan was on the GHRA Board about ten years ago. Joan did her undergraduate degree at UVic, and worked at the UVic library when taking courses at the university.
- University Communications and Marketing welcomes Karen Johnston. Karen has spent over 20 years as a communications director for BC Government and will now oversee issues management at UVic.

#### **2. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**APPROVED**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes (December 2020)**

**APPROVED**

#### 4. UVic Properties Update – Mike Wilson

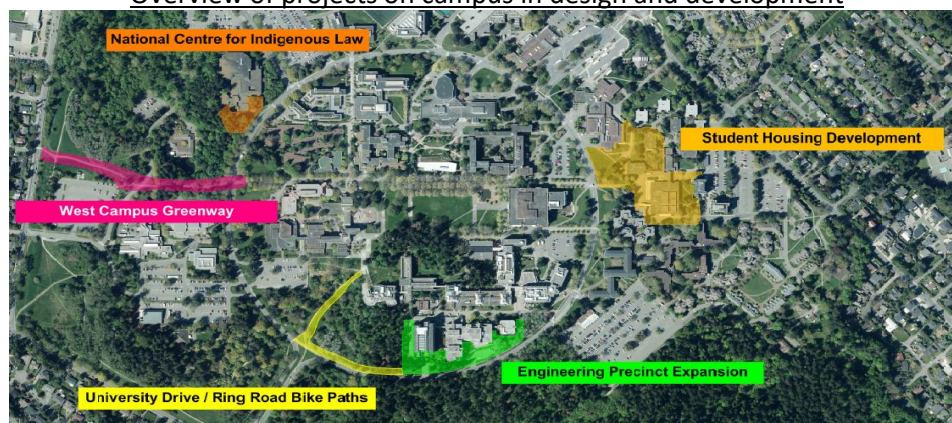
##### Queenswood Campus Update (presentation attached)

- The site discussed includes two main buildings - 2474 Arbutus Road in the Cadboro Bay neighbourhood.
- In 2017 the property was rezoned to permit a 26,000 renovation of what is now the Ocean and Climate Building. Further renovations were completed last year and now Environment Canada is also on site.
- In 2019, the university engaged architects and engineers to complete a condition assessment of the former Queenswood Retreat Centre to explore best use opportunities. The building was built in 1965 and has been vacant since 2010. Unfortunately, due to its age and layout, the condition assessment determined that the building is a poor candidate for rehabilitation and reuse for the university, with the exception of the former chapel.
- In exploring opportunities to increase child care services at UVic, the Queenswood Campus has been identified as an ideal location for a new childcare centre.
- While the university is still early in the planning stages, the project will retain and renovate the former chapel to accommodate the new child care centre. The remainder of the building will be carefully deconstructed and re-landscaped for new outdoor play and learning areas. The retention and renovation of the former chapel at the Queenswood Campus will allow the university to add 12 new spaces for children from 18 months to 36 months and 25 spaces for children 3 to 5 years of age.
- The university has made a funding application to the Province to support the project and expects to hear the results of this application later this spring. Pending Provincial funding support, the university expects to be welcoming new families to the Child Care centre in early 2022.
- We anticipate site preparation to begin in late spring / early summer, followed by the building renovation and landscape improvements through the fall and winter of 2021.
- We have created a project webpage with more detailed information:  
<https://www.uvic.ca/campusplanning/current-projects/queenswood-child-care/>

**ACTION** Link to the Community-University Engagement Framework available [here](#).

#### 5. UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability (Update and Discussion) – Juliet Van Vliet

##### Overview of projects on campus in design and development



**Campus Greenway East at the Student Housing Building:**

- We are moving ahead with the design of the Campus Greenway.
- Currently coordinating landscape elements across the Campus Greenway, such as benches, feature lighting and light post banners.

**Campus Greenway West:**

- Includes separated bike lanes and pedestrian pathways in this busy commuter corridor.
- There will be new public realm amenities such as plazas and seating elements and new crossings at west campus way and Ring Road.
- The District of Saanich is planning intersection improvements to Gordon Head Road with cycling improvements UVic is making.

**University Drive and Ring Road Bike Pathways:**

- Soon to be completed - University Drive separated pathways, along Ring Road to the Engineering and Computer Sciences Building.
- Phase two will include bike pathways in front of Engineering and Computer Sciences Building to the Bob Wright Centre and will be constructed with the building.

**Engineering Expansion:**

- UVic is planning the expansion of the Engineering Computer Science building and a new High Bay Research and Structures Lab to meet the growing student demand for the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science programs. A DVP application will be submitted to Oak Bay this summer.

**National Centre for Indigenous Laws – Fraser Building Expansion:**

- National Centre for Indigenous Laws is an expansion to the Fraser building towards Ring Road at McGill Road. This centre will house classroom and research facilities for the new Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders program (JD/JID), Indigenous Law Research Unit (ILRU) and will serve as a national centre for dialogue, research, and knowledge transfer. The JD/JID program is the first of its kind in Canada and will further the university's reputation by training legal professionals to work across Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal traditions.
- A DVP will be submitted to Oak Bay and it is anticipated the project will go before Council this summer.

**6. Roundtable Reports****Camosun (Meralin Young):**

- Congrats and thank you for offering the COVID vaccination site at UVic. Great location and good signage.
- The Association now has a Facebook page which is being well received.
- Developments: Proposal for car free townhouses on Richmond/Lansdowne area, no parking/five bike spaces per unit, car share program. The space that would be used for parking provides for greater yards, etc.
- School District 61 may sell some of the Lansdowne Middle School land for a French school.

**Mt. Tolmie (Gayla Baranieski):**

- Happy to hear about the Queenswood development and that no variance is requested yet more parking will be included.

- Currently MTCA has been overwhelmed by development proposals including many requesting large developments on small properties and with the usual parking variances. An example of parking variances is at 1544 Christmas (proposing 14 parking stalls instead of 32 as prescribed by Saanich.) As well, this area at 1544 is a wetland in winter and people have been seeing it as a park- ducks, etc. come. MTCA is opposing the development and would love to see it become a park as there are limited parks in the area.
- First cannabis store approved in Shelbourne Plaza (next to BC Liquor store).
- Request to invite new president (Dr. Hall) to our next meeting.

**Cadboro Bay Residents' Association (Barry Andruschak):**

- Housing task force recommendations were presented to Council and can share with the committee.
- Plans for Sinclair Hill are being done next month. Plans for funding for Sinclair in the works for next year.
- The Association is using committees to act as liaisons within the community.
- The Local Area Plan for Cadboro Bay is on track to be completed by year end.

**Gordon Head Residents' Association (Joan Wenman):**

- Thank you and happy for this to be first meeting.
- Tyndall Rd development. Community meeting over zoom with over 30 people in attendance.
- AGM will likely be via ZOOM this year.
- Housing Strategy going to Council.
- Would welcome new/younger members on the Board (UVic Students) as community liaisons.
- The Board will be developing a Strategic Plan.

**Executive Director, Facilities Management, UVic (Ron Proulx):**

- The Student Housing and Dining Project is progressing well. The footings/foundation on the second building are being put in place.
- District Energy Plant: we received complaints from neighbours about a white noise (hum) sound coming from the plant. To address the issue, we first had to complete the installation and tune-up the boilers (Jan 2021). Then we found out there were issues with two motors and fans resulting in vibrations. They were replaced and noise level testing occurred in March. We are now waiting for the results; however, if the noise issues are not resolved, a deeper dive into installing mufflers, etc. will be explored.

**Director, Campus Services, UVic (Jim Forbes):**

- Child Care project is moving forward and thrilled about the progress around the student housing and dining project (anticipate it operational by end of next summer).

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

- UVic happy to be hosting Island Health immunization site.
- Bonnie Henry (supporting a full return this fall), UVic working on a plan.
- Connecting with Saanich on the new housing strategy.
- Sinclair Rd update is a positive and great for increased safety.

- Off campus student conduct (student orientation, code of conduct, supporting students joining associations, etc.) recent conversation with municipal liaisons to find a way to tackle this issue.
- Presentation to come on new initiative based on the Students' Dialogue on Democratic Engagement (based on a Citizens Panel). Working on a proposal that we will share with all three municipalities where invitations would be sent to 12 community members and 12 students, to discuss and make recommendations to UVic and municipalities on issues related to student engagement, housing, transportation, etc.

**ACTION:** Jennifer will connect with Emily Lowan, Director of Campaigns and Community Relations (term ends April – will connect to see if new Director might be interested in coming to a future CALC meeting).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is on Thursday, June 17, 2021