



**Community Associations Liaison Committee**

**Minutes**

Thursday, December 9, 2021

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**University of Victoria:**

Jennifer Vornbrock, Community and Government Relations  
Anika Leist, Community and Government Relations  
Brita Harrison Brooke, Community and Government Relations  
Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management  
Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability  
Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planner, Campus Planning and Sustainability  
Denise Helm, Acting Executive Director, Communications and Marketing  
Karen Johnston - Associate Director, Public Affairs

Meralin Young (co-chair), Camosun Community Association  
Rick Marshall, Community Association of Oak Bay  
Gayla Baranieski, Mt. Tolmie Community Association  
Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association  
Barry Andruschak, Cadboro Bay Residents' Association  
Eric Dahli, Saanich Community Association Network  
Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Residents' Association

**Guests:**

Chris Horbachewski, Vice President External Relations

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1. **Welcome** (Jennifer Vornbrock)
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda** (Approved)
3. **Approval of Minutes** (September 16, 2021) (Approved)
4. **Update from External Relations:** Chris Horbachewski, Vice President External Relations
  - November 2020 welcomed Kevin Hall as new president
    - Came from University of Newcastle, Australia
    - Participated in 250+ meetings and multiple town halls
      - Focus on listening and understanding UVic and the surrounding communities
      - Research, Academics, and Community – three legged stool analogy
  - Starting to develop new strategic plan with 30-year vision and installments of five year plans
    - Main themes: Community, Research, Sustainability/Climate Action, Indigenous Engagement/Decolonization, EDI, and Alumni Relations
    - Kevin Hall and Robina Thomas (Associate Vice President Indigenous) are working with Indigenous Groups as a starting point for the new plan
    - External engagement piece – look to members of the community for input (CALC members will be included!)
  - Expressed gratitude to Shelagh Rogers for her term as chancellor
    - The university will commission mini libraries on campus to acknowledge her term

- The new chancellor, Marion Buller, *influential Indigenous legal scholar and the chief commissioner of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)—has been named the University of Victoria's 12th chancellor. She begins a three-year term on Jan. 1, 2022.* [Read more here](#)
- Unveiled a new research and creative works plan, called Aspiration 2030 – [read more here](#)
- We will be pursuing MOUs with Victoria, Oak Bay, and Saanich to identify shared initiatives
- UVic has released innovation hubs
  - The first is located in Club Kwench – focusing on entrepreneurship/innovation
  - 4-5 more will follow over the next year (other themes such as biotechnology and clean technology)
- COVID-19 on campus: following strict PHO guidelines and consulting with Island Health to make decisions
  - All examinations have been moved online to reduce amount of students in one space
  - All gatherings have been cancelled or postponed
- Student Parties:
  - Working with Saanich Police to check identities – weekend nights police are turning away cars with non-UVic students (primarily high school students trying to come on campus)
  - We are working with school boards to remind students not to participate in parties on UVic campus

#### Q&A:

- Eric: Suggested an enhancement of campus security
  - Suggestion to consider the possibility of upgrading the current status of security staff to that of a peace officer. This may give them more influence with those who choose to ignore the rules. This could cut down on the number of calls to SPD or assistance. Once students realize the people who give out parking tickets have more authority, it will have a calming effect on campus life.
  - We will look into this – but actively working with the police and they are increasing their presence on campus
- Chris: Have the number of security employees decreased during COVID?
  - The numbers have been pretty steady for security throughout the whole pandemic as the jobs were necessary with nobody on campus during lockdown
- Meralin: Plans for updating Farquhar for earthquake
  - Plans are being made...outside upgrades will allow the auditorium to stay open
  - Inside upgrades will be at a time where events are less frequent
  - At this point, everything is being planned – funding is needed – timeline is about 2-3 years to begin
- Meralin: MOU with CRD/Bowker Creek?
  - MOUs are very high level at this point only to identify shared interests and goals
  - We have been a part of the Bowker Creek initiative for many years
  - The new student residence building has a storm water management component
- Gayla: Search for new Provost?
  - Valerie Kuehne to end her role as VP Academic and Provost in February
  - Finished international search – will be making announcement in next few weeks
- Joan: Uvic able to track car numbers on campus
  - 2018 was the lowest and no study was done in 2020 – 2021 results will be shared at next meeting

#### 5. UVic Campus Planning and Sustainability (Update and Discussion)

- CSAP - Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 2030 (find more information [here](#)):
  - Previous Sustainability Plans focused on operational priorities of the university
  - The need for a cross-portfolio Climate and Sustainability Action Plan was developed from a key priority of the Strategic Framework.
  - The plan represents an opportunity to implement a comprehensive and integrated approach to sustainability and climate across UVic's academics, operations and research portfolios while valuing Indigenous ways of knowing and being.
  - Currently consulting with 5 different groups made up of students, faculty, staff and Indigenous knowledge keepers.
    - Learner/educator
    - Sacred Earth
    - Community Builder

- Innovator and partner
  - Climate and sustainability leader
- In the Spring, there will be more opportunities for the community to engage
  - On-campus surveys, online surveys, and open houses
- Ahead of COP 26 UVic Joined the Race to Zero. To reach net zero GHG's as soon as possible, and by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5C.
- Interim target to achieve in the next decade, which reflects maximum effort toward or beyond a fair share of the 50% global reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> by 2030.
- 2016 [Campus Plan](#) implementation
  - With five years since the adoption of the Campus Plan, this presentation will provide an overview of implementation progress through capital projects, policy development, environmental stewardship and relationship building.
  - Developed through extensive community consultation, the [2016 Campus Plan](#) guides physical growth and change on the campus.
  - Plan is guided by a vision, goals and big moves
  - Capital projects
    - [Student housing](#) and dining – largest project in size and cost – Fall 2022/Spring 2023
      - Passive House and LEED certification
      - Climate change and accessibility in mind
      - Implements the Campus Plan big moves including: a renewed commitment to walkability, a compact campus, Ring Road as a people place, new centres of animation, the Campus Greenway, and a focused first phase.
    - [Engineering and Computer Science Expansion and new building](#) – construction start in 2022: selected based on a development site identified in the Campus Plan and also the opportunity to implement some of the Plan's 'big moves' such as walkability, a compact campus, preservation and enhancement of natural areas, Ring Road as a people place and enhanced cycling.
    - [National Centre for Indigenous Laws](#) – construction to begin on 2022: This project activates Ring Road as a people place while preserving and enhancing existing natural areas adjacent to the site, and enhances walkability and cycling.
    - [Campus transit exchange](#)
      - Upgrades will begin this summer – increase safety and bus lay bays in partnership with BC Transit – federal and provincial funding in place
    - [District energy plant 2019](#)
      - Produces significant energy savings
  - Policy projects and capital implementation
    - [Campus cycling plan and implementation](#)
      - Comprehensive and coordinated approach to increase cycling on campus
      - University drive connection pathway and phase 1 of Ring Road pathways complete
      - West Campus Greenway almost complete
      - Increased signage - Follow BC active transportation for signage
      - Bike parking
    - [Campus Greenway Landscape Plan and Design Guidelines](#)
    - [Cedar Hill Corner](#) new management approach
      - UVic's new management approach provides guidance to ensure that the uses on the property contribute to the academic mission of the university, and that the site can one day support the future physical growth of the university campus.
      - Current uses at Cedar Hill Corner include the Centre for Forest Biology, operations and storage and periodic teaching and learning uses. Since 2020, the Varsity Cross Country team has been using the site for training and for races. 3 Cross Country meets were held there this fall, and these events were a great success. UVic welcomed as many as 200 athletes per event, and over 200 spectators at a single event. Participants included kids, university athletes, and community athletes. UVic is planning to continue the support of

the cross country uses on the site for the coming years.

- Stewardship and partnerships
  - Greater Victoria Green Team Partnership
    - Removing invasive species on campus
  - Engagement with community associations, implementing the [Community Engagement Framework](#)

## 6. Appointment of New Co-Chair

- Barry Andruschak appointed as new co-chair

## 7. Roundtable Reports

- Barry Andruschak (Cadboro Community Association):
  - Issues with dogs on the beaches – will be revisited in the New Year
  - Green teams – transferring to Queenswood in September 2022
- Eric Dahli (SCAN):
  - Local area plan moving forward
  - Removing the ship – December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Had their AGM
  - Last year for Eric on the executive
- Meralin Young (Camosun Community Association):
  - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – nature space by Royal Jubilee King's Park Community Nature Space completely purchased
  - Trust can now apply for grants in order to make the space more natural
  - Discussions are underway with School District 61 about the sale of Lansdowne south land
  - CCA has made donations to the Friends of Bowker Creek and the Shelbourne kitchen
  - In search of UVic student to take a place on the board (Jennifer to meet and discuss this with the student society) – Student services put the request out on their socials
  - Possibility to talk to Political Science/Geography Faculties for targeted outreach
  - Had their AGM with a new member and guest speakers who spoke about Bowker Creek
  - Property development continues
- Chris Bartlett (Quadra Community Association):
  - Had AGM – some trouble maintaining membership during the pandemic
  - Every month zoom speaker series
    - Some from UVic speakers bureau
  - McKenzie at Borden – new developmental projects in progress
  - Association sent condolences to the family of the student that was killed
    - Saanich looking to improved pedestrian safety
- Gayla Baranieski (Mt. Tolmie Community Association):
  - AGM to be held in the New Year
  - Mt. Tolmie hospital/shelter – lease until end of December (hopefully only a 12-month lease)
  - Shelbourne community kitchen – new location – hire UVic practicum students
- Joan Wenman (Gordon Head Resident's Association):
  - GHRA 2020 AGM was held in person in Nov 2021 and the 2021 AGM will be held in April 2022. The same slate was elected as the previous year.
  - Launched a new [website](#)
  - GHRA hopes that Saanich will move up our Local Area Plan renewal so all residents can participate and be aware of possible significant changes in their community.

**8. 2022 Dates:**

March 17, 2022

June 16, 2022

September 15, 2022

December 9, 2022