



Community Associations Liaison Committee (CALC)

Meeting Agenda

Thursday December 7, 2023

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Ian Stewart Complex

University of Victoria:

Mike Wilson – Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability

Melissa Donaldson – Executive Director, Facilities Management

Kirsten Lauvaas – Associate Director, Public Affairs

Julie Potter (co-chair) – Associate Director, Community & Government Relations

Community Associations:

Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Community Association

Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Ryon Bateman, Mt. Tolmie Community Association

Meralin Young, Camosun Community Association

Bill Trott, Community Association of Oak Bay

Trevor Barry, North Quadra Community Association (representing SCAN)

Guests:

Brita Harrison-Brooke, supporting work on the Ian Stewart Complex

Alyssa Jackson, Community and Government Relations

Regrets:

Jennifer Vornbrock, Executive Director, Community & Government Relations

Barry Andruschak (co-chair), Cadboro Bay Residents' Association

Stephanie Raymond – Community & Government Relations

1. **Welcome** (Julie Potter)
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda** (Julie Potter)
Approved
3. **Review and Approval of September 2023 Minutes** (Julie Potter)
Approved
4. **Tour of Ian Stewart Complex** (Mike Wilson)
 - UVic purchased the complex from St. Michaels University School in the 1990s. The complex includes an ice rink, field house, racket sports, outdoor pool, tennis / volleyball courts.
 - The complex was decommissioned in 2015 when CARSA opened. The remaining ice arena will be decommissioned in 2026.

- The site is currently used for athletics, administrative offices, storage and emergency services; however, buildings on the site are nearing the end of their lifecycle.

5. **Future of Ian Stewart Complex – Engagement session** (Mike Wilson)

- The goal is to transform UVic's Ian Stewart Complex and adjacent lands into a walkable mixed-use community to support much-needed new housing. The site is ideal for new housing, as it is close to transit, amenities and the main campus.
- There is always demand for student housing and UVic is exploring other housing initiatives in response.
- A CALC member expressed that UVic should consider including a medical facility in the potential mixed-use University District. Approximately 500 Gordon Head residents are without a doctor. Response – UVic is exploring the development of a Faculty of Health which would train nurse practitioners and other medical professionals. A medical facility may also be considered as part of the new University Heights development.
- UVic has not been assigned provincial housing targets, but will work to support the District of Saanich in achieving their targets.
- A CALC member expressed that UVic needs to connect with BC Transit early to ensure it can accommodate traffic changes and possible route adjustments to get ahead of any issues that may arise. UVic does engage with Transit on local Transit Plans and has been engaged in the early planning for bus rapid transit on McKenzie Avenue.
- The housing provided should meet a variety of needs to accommodate students as well as professionals who would like to relocate to Victoria with their families, yet cannot find housing.
- UVic's Fall 2023 transportation survey results will be available in the new year.

6. **Roundtable Reports** (facilitated by Julie Potter)

Community Association of Oak Bay, Bill Trott

- The Association will be hosting a panel on housing in January. The regulations might be posted by the time the panel will take place.
ACTION: Bill will share the date of the panel with CALC.
- Oak Bay Community Green Map is being updated and digitized. It will then be uploaded and made available to the public.
- The Association is conducting strategic planning sessions.
- The AGM is coming up in Jan/Feb. The board changed their bylaws to allow members of 16 years and up and join and is currently working with a local high school on recruitment.
- The Association is working closely with [ReconciliACTION Oak Bay](#) to build relationships with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and take concrete action to advance the process of reconciliation.
- A new and improved website for the Community Association of Oak Bay is on the way!

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, Chris Bartlett

- The District of Saanich is engaging the community in the Quadra McKenzie Corridor study.
- Many developments are currently moving ahead in this area.
- The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association President initiated a meeting with community representatives to discuss common issues related to the OCP which went successfully. This group will meet again in January.
- New 40km signs on Cedar Hill Crossing have successfully been installed.

Camosun Community Association, Meralin Young

- The AGM occurred on November 16. There was a notable speaker from the CRD who spoke on water

management strategies.

- CCA is looking for a university student to join the board.
- Lansdowne South Field is no longer being sold. It took two years of work to achieve this. There are plans to continue work with Bowker Creek Society to keep public ownership of this property. The school district is in favour of this, too. Part of the Bowker Creek plan is to include it in local school district science curriculum.
- Bowker Creek Blueprint is in the final stages of the 10-year update, however, it is a 100 year plan.
- Suggestion: invite Bowker Creek association to CALC meetings as it runs through many of communities in the Greater Victoria Area.

Gordon Head Community Association, Joan Wenman

- Cam Scott, from the District of Saanich spoke at the October meeting.
- In November, Brita and Mike presented the future of the Ian Stewart Complex to the association.
- Gordon Head is happy to have some younger board members join the association!
- The board is pleased with current community engagement from UVic on this development.

Mt. Tolmie Community Association, Ryon Bateman

- The AGM has been postponed until the New Year.
- Mt. Tolmie hospital shelter closed without notice (owned by Island Health). Now, BC Housing is looking at the property and exploring how best to make use of the site.
- The Nellie McClung library is currently zoned for a four-story building, however, a twelve-story building is being proposed.
- Mt. Tolmie is moving towards increased development initiatives.

North Quadra Community Association (representing SCAN), Trevor Barry

- The AGM took place on December 6.
- Trevor is the new Vice Chair of SCAN.
- When the regulations for the housing bills all come out, there will be a change in process for engagement for community groups.
- The District of Saanich will be meeting with community associations to unpack the new development permit guidelines to help the community better understand the changes.

Supporting work on the Ian Stewart Complex, Brita Harrison

- The latest information on the project can be found on the [University District Website](#).
- The community survey has been closed after receiving over 500 responses. CALC members who are interested in sharing feedback with the university can reach out to planning@uvic.ca to answer the following questions from the survey.
 - In which neighbourhood do you live? Please share your municipality and community. (For example: Saanich, Gordon Head). Please do not share your home address.
 - What types of housing would you like to see in the University District?
 - In addition to much-needed new housing, what other supporting uses do you envision? (For example: restaurants, coffee shop, retail, etc.)
 - What features or elements would you like to see in the landscape and public spaces of the University District to make them inviting and accessible? (For example: courtyard, plaza, green spaces, seating, etc.)
 - What are you excited about? What are your concerns?

2024 Meeting Dates

March 21, 2024

June 20, 2024

September 19, 2023

December 12, 2024