

Community Associations Liaison Committee (CALC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday , September 19, 2024

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: UVic, Michael Williams Building, Room 220

Community Associations:

Joan Wenman, Gordon Head Community Association
Bill Trott, Community Association of Oak Bay
Ryon Bateman, Mt. Tolmie Community Association
Meralin Young, Camosun Community Association
Chris Bartlett, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association
Robert Des Trois Maison, Cadboro Bay Residents' Association

University of Victoria:

Julie Potter (co-chair) – Associate Director, Community and Government Relations
Juliet Van Vliet - Campus Planner, Campus Planning and Sustainability

Regrets:

Jennifer Vornbrock – Executive Director, Community and Government Relations
Mike Wilson – Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability
Kirsten Lauvaas - Associate Director, Public Affairs
Barry Andruschak (co-chair), Cadboro Bay Residents' Association
Melissa Donaldson – Executive Director, Facilities Management
Stephanie Raymond - Administrative Assistant, Community and Government Relations

1. Review and Approval of Agenda (Julie Potter)
Approved

2. Review and Approval of June 2024 Minutes (Julie Potter)
Approved

- Draft minutes will be shared no later than one week after the meeting. Final minutes will be shared as soon as all edits are received, with a target timeline of one week after initial distribution.

3. University District Master Plan – Update (Juliet Van Vliet, Campus Planning)

Presentation attached and in addition to the presentation:

- The OCP permits 6 storeys in this area.
- The Quadra McKenzie Study outlines this area as up to 18 storeys.
- Housing would be available to entire community not just UVic community.
- These units could be for purchase or could be rentals – this has not yet been decided.
- The governance structure has not been decided yet.

Discussion on phase two engagement – what worked / what can be improved?

- What worked – the poster. Possible to put up on bulletin boards.

- Engagement at Recreation Centres – consider using Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.
- The Associations can send out a write-up in their newsletter.
- Consider making a video of the event.
- The more detail you can provide the community about the project the better.

4. Roundtable Reports (facilitated by Julie Potter)

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, Chris Bartlett

- The Association is hosting an All Candidates Meeting on Tuesday, September 24 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Reynolds Secondary School Theatre. The Association is in the Victoria-Swan Lake Electoral District. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Friends of Cedar Hill Park (surrounding Cedar Hill Golf Course) are holding their AGM on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 1245 Judge Place. The speaker will be Eva Riccius - the Senior Manager of Saanich Parks. She will provide an update on the Urban Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Strategies.
- This is the first year the Association has held only one Music in the Park event at Rutledge Park. The new park playground and water feature opened in June; however, some water park closures occurred over the summer due to 'higher than acceptable chlorine water levels entering the watershed'.
- The Safety Committee has addressed concerns with Saanich about the dangers of bollards on bike trails. Councillor Phelps Bondaroff brought this to council. Council unanimously voted to ask the CRD to remove bike trail bollards and only add bollards if there is problem area. The Saanich Active Transportation policy puts bollards as a last resort.

Camosun Community Association, Meralin Young

- The CCA took the summer off. The first meeting was Sept 12.
- Development continues. Construction has begun on the car free townhouses at Allenby and Richmond. The application has gone into Saanich for the townhouses at Carnarvon and Dean. There are two petitions begun by the neighbours: one against the building design, number of townhouses, size and height and one to save "big Pandy", a 70 year old Poderosa pine on the boulevard at the corner of the proponent's property. There was a surprise for the community in that Abstract met with the neighbours in the summer without letting them know about a 6 story building proposal at 3216 Shelbourne. They want to present the project to CCA now.
- The Association's AGM will be on Nov 14 online.
- The CCA will be at the Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day put on by the Friends of Bowker Creek this Sun Sept 22, 1-4 at the Lansdowne South Campus on Richmond Rd. There will be speakers, information about the Creek, music, games and ice cream.

Community Association of Oak Bay, Bill Trott

- Over the summer, the Association was involved in several events including the Bowker Creek brush-up.
- Upcoming fall events include:
 - September 30: The Reconciliation Group in Oak Bay is sponsoring an event at the Welcome Pole at Oak Bay Highschool.
 - October 5: All Candidates Forum for Oak Bay - Gordan Head. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will be moderated by Chek News at 6 anchor Paul Haysom and will be held at Monterey Recreation Centre.
 - November 27: Date of the AGM with Patty Dijak - chair of CAOB's Housing & Environment Working Group. 7 p.m.

- The Association is convening a housing and environment working group that will study affordable housing and its relationship to the environment. The goal is to have the recommendations available in time to inform the OCP update.

Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association, Robert Des Trois Maison

- The Association will host their AGM on October 16.
- Barry is leaving the position as Chair. He will continue to attend CALC for one more year.
- The Association plans to host an All Candidates Meeting, date TBC.
- Road construction taking place on Sinclair Road and Cadboro Bay Road.
- A delegation from the Board went to see the Mayor last month regarding the replacement of the Environmental Development Permit Area (EDPA). The Mayor shared planning is in early stages and that there will be lots of opportunity for input.
- Another issue being addressed is street lighting. There is a residential development taking place on Sheret Place and they would like streetlights; however, many in Ten Mile Point prefer no lighting, which is presenting to be an issue.

Mt. Tolmie Community Association, Ryon Bateman

- Very successful yoga session put on by the Association at Horner Park.
- Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day is coming up and UVic has a speaker at the event.
- The Shelbourne Valley Action Plan terms of reference go to Council Monday night (September 23).
- Shadow studies have been underemphasized in recent developments.
- Nellie McClung engagement – the max height shared with the community was 13 storeys, yet what went to Council at 18 storeys.
- Great presentation at the last CALC meeting regarding energy use at UVic. Energy use coming from AI is something the university will need to consider.

Gordon Head Community Association, Joan Wenman

- 4080 Gordon Head Road on the Corner for Feltham by Abstract Developments’. Going to public hearing on Sept 24, 2024.
- On November 4, 2024 there is a community meeting at Saint Leopold Mandic Croatian Parish to discuss development in the area and required amenities. The Association is concerned about losing greenspace in that area and in the Lambrick Park re-development the District is doing (Lambrick Park master plan). Representatives from the Board are on a committee helping to inform the master plan. The District is currently exploring an ice rink and pickle ball courts on the site.
- Traffic and infrastructure issues in the area. There are concerns about perhaps the need for more schools and other amenities particularly those lost when new rental housing was built at McKenzie Ave and Shelbourne Street.

2024 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, December 12

2025 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, March 20

Thursday, June 19

Thursday, September 18

Thursday, December 11