

2.0 Background

a) 2003 Campus Plan

In 2013 the University of Victoria celebrated the fiftieth year of the 1963 provincial legislation that officially established UVic. The first Campus Plan was prepared in 1961, with the key feature of a circular central area for academic instruction, bounded by Ring Road. Other defining elements of the original plan, that have been carried forward since that time, include the Quadrangle as a major organizing open space with low to moderate height buildings, connected by pathways, courtyards and lots of green space.

The current 2003 Campus Plan was developed over a period of five years. Many factors provided a context for its development, including campus development up until that time, emerging academic needs and priorities, the 1961 Plan and the campus setting in the capital region and within the municipalities of Saanich and Oak Bay. The Plan's direction is organized around a vision, three main goals, nine foundation principles and more detailed policy actions within sections on Natural and Landscaped Open Space, Land and Buildings and Travel and Parking. An implementation section identified a number of actions for follow-up that were outcomes of the Plan and that assisted in the fulfillment of its long term vision, in concert with the University's Strategic Plans. A table of the action items outlined in the 2003 Plan and progress notes on the work which has been undertaken related to their implementation is outlined as an appendix.

In broad terms, the Plan update will need to consider the foundational elements of the current Plan, recognize future university needs as identified from strategic planning, respond to key issues, review previous planning principles and suggest new land use directions as required. Many factors, starting with the academic mission and priorities, provide a context and set parameters for the Plan update. Others include existing commitments and policies, the defining elements of the first campus plan and its evolution from 1961 through to the 2003 plan, current land uses and natural features, the campus setting and its relationship to its surrounding neighbours and changing societal and local values that may impact future campus development.

b) Setting

The municipalities of Saanich and Oak Bay provide a range of physical services to the university. From a planning perspective, both municipalities have a key role in development approvals for the campus through their zoning and building permit regulatory processes. In particular, the zoning parameters related to maximum building height and the provision of parking spaces for new capital development requires that the university undertake specific development variance permit applications prior to receiving approval for new projects. As a result, each new major building project on campus is typically subject to municipal review and approval. Variance applications in particular require Council consideration and approval and have a public notification and review component, while other permit requirements are of a technical nature and relate to servicing and building permit and code approvals.

New campus development needs to be guided by the overall land use direction set out in the Campus Plan. Site level planning considerations for new capital projects are typically addressed as part of the municipal review of new projects as well as under the policy parameters and land use allocations of the Campus Plan. As a result, the Plan update is not intended to provide a 'master plan' level of detail on future campus development but is to serve as a framework for future decisions on the long range physical development of the campus.

3.0 Objectives

The Plan update is intended to be comprehensive in form, with plans and recommendations that encompass the following objectives and as refined as part of the process of finalizing the project work plans.

1. The Plan will serve to support the University's Academic Mission.
2. The Plan will respect and build on the history, legacy, vision and principles that have shaped campus development over the last fifty years.
3. The Plan will serve the diverse academic, research and social needs and interests of the campus community.
4. The Plan will serve as a framework for future decisions regarding the long range physical development of the Gordon Head campus. It will also reference the Queenswood parcel on Arbutus Road within Cadboro Bay, which was acquired in 2010 for the long term and to provide opportunities to support UVic's academic mission.
5. The Plan will provide for flexibility in responding to changing campus needs.
6. The Plan will accommodate future campus growth and address specific key issues arising from the current Plan that relate to the physical development of the campus.
7. The Plan update process will provide for full engagement with the campus and external community, along with key stakeholders and organization with an interest and role in the physical development of the campus.

4.0 Project Co-ordination

A Campus Plan Update Steering Committee that represents a cross section of the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) has been established to guide the work related to the Plan update process. In their role, the Committee will:

- x Assist in the selection process of the prime consultant
- x Review the plan progress and deliverables
- x Assist in campus and external community engagement and communications
- x Provide advice and direction to the consultant team
- x Report to the Campus Planning Committee

The Committee will review and comment on the work of the consultant team and provide recommendations to the CPC at key stages of the project for their approval. These stages include finalizing the detailed work program and project scope, through to reviews of the engagement plans, draft reports and strategies and the completion of the final Plan update.

A Technical Committee with representation from Campus Planning and Sustainability, along with the Facilities Management Department will coordinate the plan process. Staff from other units and departments, such as Campus Security, Residence Services, Community Relations, Student Services, University Systems will contribute to the work of the committee, as required.

The Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability will act as a resource to the Steering and Technical Committees and as a liaison to the consultant team. The Director will coordinate the provision of available information to the consultant team for the project. Current policies, maps, studies and plans and any other relevant information will be compiled for use in the Plan update process.

5.0 Project Scope

The Campus Plan considers the physical resources of the campus and is a response to the academic and research program, student and faculty needs and the relationship to the environment and the community. The scope of the Plan Update extends across a number of related topics relating to land use and functional relationships. Key ones that relate to the broad direction to be set out in the Plan involve

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6.0 Key Issues

It is anticipated that the Steering Committee in completing the final work plan for the project, in conjunction

7.0 Project Schedule

The timeline for the various steps in the Plan update process extends from the review of submissions to the Request for Proposals in September through to a targeted project completion date of January 2016. Key steps, subject to further review and confirmation with the consultant team, are set out below.

1. Steering Committee review of proposals and consultant selection (Sept.e3(ec)-4pw 43.193 0 Td ()EMC BT /P

1. Revisit the Vision, Goals and Foundation Principles of the current Plan.

It is expected that the planning process, as a starting point, will provide for a review of the underlying values, vision, goals and principles of the Plan, and accommodate any refinements to reflect current conditions and updated themes and directions.

2. Review university data and related plans, studies and reports

3. Re- assess the physical resources from the current Plan

An assessment of current campus systems, in sufficient detail, to provide a baseline for planning is required. Standard systems include, land use, buildings, landscaping, parking and circulation and utilities.

4. Policy and context review

District of Saanich, District of Oak Bay and Capital Regional District policies and regulations that may

Appendices:

A. Background Studies / Reports

Background information related to the Campus Plan update is available in various reports and studies undertaken between 2004 and 2014. They are available at www.uvic.ca/campusplanning

- Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (2004)
- Campus Transportation Demand Management Plan (2004)
- Campus Planning Consultation Process (2005)
- Campus Development Guidelines (2006)
- Campus Sustainability Guidelines (2006)
- Natural Features Study (2007/08)
- Traffic and Parking Management Study (2008)
- Campus Traffic Surveys (2004, 06, 08, 10, 12)
- Sustainability Policy (2009)
- Sustainability Action Plan for Campus Operations (2009 – 2014 and 2014 - 2019)
- Campus Wayfinding Strategy (2009)
- Strategic Plan (2012)
- Campus Transit Plan (2012)
- Campus Integrated Energy Master Plan (2012)
- Community Engagement Framework (2013)

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Action Item	Action Title and Description	Progress Notes
	Review Role of Campus Development Committee	

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		jurisdictions.
15	Faculty Housing Study Undertake a study of the need for faculty housing, including the possibility of on-campus housing.	A review was undertaken in the mid-2000s that investigated faculty housing options. It was determined that alternative approaches to support faculty in purchasing home was the best route forward (i.e. enhanced housing loans)
16	Village Centre Planning and Design Study Undertake a planning and design study for Village Centre.	Initial campus discussions were undertaken to develop a vision for a village centre. Project not pursued further given other priorities.
17	CJVI Lands Master Planning Study Undertake a master plan for the CJVI lands.	Not undertaken. A Cedar Hill Corner Management Plan was prepared in 2010 to guide interim uses and proposals.
18	Southwest Quadrant Planning and Design Study Undertake a planning and design study for the southwest quadrant, inside Ring Road.	Not undertaken

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	Phase out vehicle parking (Lots A–E) within Ring Road and relocate these outside Ring Road as safety-conscious, well designed decked parking and/or parkades near entrances.	Parkade under construction in conjunction with the CARSA facility on former parking lot 3.
29	<p>Parking Plan Prepare a long term parking plan, including a management strategy to improve the efficiency of existing parking lots. Review lots one and four for parking decks.</p>	Plan developed as part of the Traffic and Parking Management Study
30	<p>Bicycle Storage Provide additional weather-protected storage areas.</p>	