

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: May 20th, 2015 (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, DTB A144)

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	½	Ron Proulx
½	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	½	Tony Eder
R	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
½	Carmen Charette	½	Joy Davis
R	Katy Mateer	½	Kristi Simpson
R	John Archibald		
R	Thomas Tiedje		Other:
½	Andrew Rowe	½	Joanne McGachie
½	Karena Shaw	½	David Perry
R	Bronte Renwick-Shields (UVSS)	½	Neil Connelly
½	Ada Saab	½	Carmen Mailloux
½	Sheryl Karras	R	Jim Dunsdon
R	Paul Ward	½	Joel Lynn
½	Pete Rose	½	Tom Downie

The minutes of March 25th 2015 were approved as circulated.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Gorrill noted that the Campus Plan Update project is moving along nicely. She welcomed Ruth Young and Tom Downie to the meeting and explained that two items had arisen related to safety and First Nations heritage that warranted their attention. Joel Lynn would also be arriving shortly to participate in discussions involving student residences.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

6. Regular Business

1. Campus Plan Update

Regarding building heights, Ms. Gorrill asked whether the proposal to have a 4-storey minimum included classroom buildings. Mr. Gomez-Palacio suggested that circulation problems can be introduced if classroom buildings are too tall.

Mr. Connelly noted that the current Campus Plan references a 6-storey maximum. He asked if the maximum should be revised, or perhaps removed. Mr. Gomez-Palacio said that Dialog BC could prepare a height framework map that takes into account transitions to neighborhoods, as this might be more meaningful than defining a universal height maximum.

and pedestrians travel and interact on this road. These improvements would be aimed at creating an animated space for safe travel. Additional tree plantings

ones that support diverse activities, particularly in the eastern, western, and southern areas.

Build buildings that define open spaces with animated frontages. Any new buildings would be designed with an intention to reinforce open spaces and connections.

Improve multi-modal access, circulation and parking. This includes considering two-way cycling facilities on Ring Road, the phase-out of surface vehicle parking lots fronting Ring Road, and over time phasing out surface parking areas in favour of structured lots.

Dr. Davis inquired how visitors with mobility challenges are considered in this proposal. Mr. Gomez-Palacio said that short-term parking spots and disability parking would be maintained.

Ms. Young said that Elders visiting campus for long-duration events (4-hours+) do not benefit from short term parking, but would in fact benefit greatly from parking opportunities within Ring Road.

Mr. Downie said there will be an ongoing need to have parking within Ring Road.

Mr. Gomez-Palacio offered that some of these considerations are best addressed operationally, with different kinds of parking passes and pricing schemes.

Ms. Simpson said there had been considerable focus on this very question at her round-table during the February workshop. Mr. Gomez-Palacio said they will consider precedents for various parking and two-way cycling schemes.

In the West end, add definition, life, and visibility by creating opportunities for new buildings and uses near the Fine Arts facilities.

In the East end, add a sense of place by focusing a critical mass of uses and residents. This would create opportunities for new residential buildings near current residences and strengthen connectivity to areas within Ring Road.

Mr. Lynn said that residences add an interesting flavor to the campus atmosphere and increases the vitality and 24/7 feel. There can be benefits to having distributed residences rather than concentrating them in one particular area on campus. Preferred designs often include retail and food outlets on the ground level as these tend to have the greatest animation. He also suggested that there are opportunities for residences to partner with faculties in the vicinity.

2. Capital Projects Update

Mr. Perry reminded the CPC that May 1st was the grand opening of CARSA. It was a huge milestone and success.

Continuing studies will be completed by the end of the year.

CanAssist has now moved out of Elliott, which will become the incubator for the Civil Engineering program.

Partial closures of Ian Stewart are currently being studied to take advantage of energy cost savings as spaces become vacant.

He is also excited that the request for qualification process is underway for the new six-hundred bed residence. Once a shortlisted set of architectural firms are designated, the request for proposal process will begin (likely in September). Broad interest is expected. At this stage questions about size, design, location, and parking implications are all to be determined.

Mr. Rose inquired about the status of the Queenswood property. Mr. Perry said that it is currently zoned for health-related uses and would need to be re-zoned before the university can use it. Currently it is being used for storage, and there is some activity underway to consider other uses.

7. Other Business

Community Liaison

Dr. Davis indicated that concern was expressed by the Gordon Head Residents Association regarding the large number of students living in Gordon Head. She indicated that this concern is based on assumptions that may not be factually correct and she will be meeting with them to provide some details.

Municipality representatives will be doing a tour of the campus next week by bike.

All elected officials are invited to the campus next week to see how we can work together to forge partnerships.

Mr. Rose asked if there is a plan to consult with the communities regarding the new residence. Mr. Connelly said yes, this is an important part of the municipal approval processes.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 24th, 11:30-1:00
David Turpin Building, A144