


**SUBJECT** ADVISORY URBAN DESIGN PANEL 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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**FOR INFORMATION**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In July 2002, the Board of Governors established the Advisory Urban Design Panel (AUDP) to provide key advice in the development permit processes that are applied to all major capital projects at UBC Vancouver. The UBC Board of Governors Terms of Reference for the AUDP requires members be appointed by the Board, and comprised of three architects nominated by the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC), two landscape architects nominated by the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA), one representative from the development industry, one UBC faculty member, and one UBC staff member.

This report provides a summary of UBC’s Advisory Urban Design Panel (AUDP) activities from November 2018 to October 2019. The AUDP met nine times and advised on nine projects on academic lands, two public space and campus landscape projects, two neighbourhood projects and one planning strategy across the Vancouver campus.

**STRATEGIC CORE AREAS SUPPORTED**

- People and Places
- Research Excellence
- Transformative Learning
- Local / Global Engagement

**DESCRIPTION &  
RATIONALE**

The Advisory Urban Design Panel (AUDP) mandate is outlined in the Terms of Reference adopted by the Board of Governors on July 18, 2002. The AUDP is an advisory body to the Board of Governors with respect to institutional projects on UBC’s Vancouver campus, and to the Development Permit Board for development in the family housing neighbourhoods. The AUDP review covers a wide range of campus architectural and landscape design issues. This task includes reviewing a project’s relationship to campus buildings, open space, neighbourhood development and overall campus design in the context of the Board of Governors’ established policies, including the Vancouver Campus Plan, Land Use Plan and appropriate Neighbourhood Plans.

The AUDP is facilitated and supported by Campus and Community Planning staff. Design review for the UBC Okanagan campus is provided by staff from Okanagan Campus Planning and Development and Vancouver Campus and Community Planning.

**BENEFITS** Between November 2018 and October 2019, the AUDP met nine times. The panel provided Learning, Research, Financial, Sustainability & Reputational design review and advice for the following proposals:

#### ACADEMIC LANDS

- TRIUMF Institute for Advanced Medical Isotopes (IAMI) Cyclotron
- Acadia Modular Daycare
- Pacific Residence, student residence
- Arts Student Centre (Bosque)
- Brock Commons Phase 2, mixed-use development of academic uses and student housing and services
- Museum of Anthropology, Great Hall seismic and skylight upgrades
- Pump House replacement
- Arts Student Centre (Brock Commons 2)
- Technology Enterprise Facility (TEF) 4 Digital Tech Office

#### PUBLIC SPACES + CAMPUS LANDSCAPE

- The Bosque revitalization design
- Walk through Time, a Faculty of Science exterior interpretive installation

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDS

- BCR 8, faculty and staff housing, Wesbrook Place
- Lot 5 (The Conservatory), market residences, Wesbrook Place

#### PLANNING STRATEGY

- Planning for Student Growth on Campus

For each of these projects the AUDP played a key role in assessing the merits and deficiencies of proposed physical development and design at UBC. The panel's experienced and qualified advice helped ensure the university's design, planning and sustainability policies are reflected in projects approved for construction. Further, the panel helps ensure densification of the campus is matched with quality-built environments and landscapes that support the well-being of the campus community and campus ecology.

**RISKS** With six of the eight AUDP members being from the development/design industry, it functions as a peer review on major capital projects. The panel therefore assists the university in reducing risk by providing advice on areas for improvement, balancing competing objectives and optimizing the quality of design within the fixed budget. The panel is an advisory panel to the university and therefore there is no associated financial risk.

**Previous Report Date** December 4, 2018

**Decision** For information: 2018 Advisory Urban Design Panel Annual Report

**Action / Follow Up** -