



SUBJECT	Advisory Urban Design Panel Annual Report
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REQUEST	For information only - No action requested
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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission is received annually by the Property Committee for information, most recently on [November 26, 2019](#).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 2019 and October 2020, the AUDP met eight times. The panel provided design review and advice for the following proposals:

ACADEMIC LANDS

- Pump House Replacement
- Technology Enterprise Facility (TEF) 4 – Digital Tech Office
- MacLeod Building Renewal, envelope replacement and seismic upgrades
- Gateway South Building (Nursing, Kinesiology, UBC Health & Integrated Student Health Services)
- School of Biomedical Engineering (SBME), a partnership between the Faculties of Medicine and Applied Science

PUBLIC SPACES + CAMPUS LANDSCAPE

- Brock Commons Phase 2 Public Realm
- Pacific Residence/Walter Gage Courtyard Public Realm

NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDS

- Lot 5 (The Conservatory), market residential, Wesbrook Place
- BCR 9, faculty and staff housing, Wesbrook Place

PLANNING STRATEGY

- Wesbrook Place: Plan Amendment for Accelerated Rental Housing

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.