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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission is received annually by the Property Committee, most recently on the following occasion: [November 20, 2020](#) – Property Committee (OPEN) Receive Annual Report for information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Advisory Urban Design Panel (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 residential neighbourhoods.

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 UBC Vancouver Campus Plan, Land Use Plan and appropriate Neighbourhood Plans.

The AUDP's mandate is outlined in the Terms of Reference adopted by the Board of Governors on July 18, 2002, and the AUDP is facilitated and supported by Campus + Community Planning staff.

Design review for the UBC Okanagan campus is provided by staff from UBC Okanagan Campus Planning & Development and UBC Vancouver Campus & Community Planning.

BENEFITS

Between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021, the AUDP met eight times. The panel provided design review and advice for the following proposals:

ACADEMIC LANDS

- Hydrogen Fueling Station (part of the UBC Clean Energy Research Centre: Clean, Connected and Safe Transportation Testbed)
- Carey Theological College
- Recreation Centre North (emerged from the UBC GamePlan: 20-year Recreation and Athletics Facilities Strategy)
- Gateway Building (Nursing, Kinesiology, UBC Health, Arts, Integrated Student Health Services reflecting a high level of engagement with Musqueam)
- School of Biomedical Engineering (a partnership between the Faculties of Medicine and Applied Science)

PUBLIC SPACES + CAMPUS LANDSCAPE

- Student Union Boulevard Public Realm (revised arrival court to campus, public space, and forecourt to new Recreation Centre North building)
- Gateway Landscape (considerable engagement with Musqueam to express host nation values in the landscape)

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.

CAMPUS TOUR

In September 2021, Campus and Community Planning hosted the AUDP members on a walking tour to provide tangible context for projects. The tour enabled members to converse and engage with Campus and Community Planning staff, and gave the AUDP a foundation from which to assess and discuss future projects.

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.