



SUBJECT	Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition (UBC Vancouver) – Update and Interim Funding Release
SUBMITTED TO	Property Committee
MEETING DATE	June 16, 2022
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
REQUEST	<p>APPROVAL REQUESTED</p> <p>IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, in recognition of the additional time needed to proceed to Board 2 in September 2022, the Property Committee recommends to the Board of Governors approval of an interim funding release of \$800,000 for the Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition project.</p>
LEAD EXECUTIVE	John Metras, Interim Vice-President Operations
SUPPORTED BY	Jennifer Sanguinetti, Managing Director, Infrastructure Development Michael White, Associate Vice-President Campus + Community Planning Aubrey Kelly, President & CEO, UBC Properties Trust

PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission has been considered previously by the Property Committee in [April 2021](#) (OPEN SESSION), at which time Board 1 approval was recommended to the Board of Governors.

Action/Follow up: Proceed with architect selection (COMPLETE) and schematic design (COMPLETE)

The Executive Summary provides a status update from the date of the most recent submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition project has made significant progress since receiving Board 1 approval in April 2021. The design team has been working hard and has completed schematic design. Reconciling program with the site has been challenging, resulting in a prolonged schematic design phase, but the team has worked creatively to develop a building massing and layout that will provide the required program and enhance the UBC public realm. The project was supported unanimously at the Advisory Urban Design Panel in April 2022.

Staff recommend that the public consultation process for the Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition project be deferred until July 2022. This deferral will allow staff to better understand the ecosystem services on site provided by natural assets and develop design strategies that advance UBC’s goals to enhance campus ecological health and biodiversity. The strategy will be shaped with input from campus biodiversity experts and Musqueam, and will take into consideration surrounding green and open space sites to enable broader, long-term ecological and biodiversity gains for the campus in alignment with emerging Campus Vision 2050 principles and strategies. Completion of this work will inform the public consultation process and benefit meaningful public engagement for the Beaty Biodiversity Addition project. Board 2 approval is now targeted for September 2022.

The original funding release at Board 1 was \$1,000,000, with Board 2 targeted in February 2022 (in alignment with the former Board meeting schedule). The additional funding release of \$800,000 being requested at this time is not added budget. It is within the originally contracted consultant time but is needed because of the additional six months of effort between Board 1 and 2 and will allow some design efforts to continue while the public consultation is occurring, reducing the impact to the overall schedule.

UBCPT has provided the following revised project schedule:

MILESTONE	B1 TARGET DATE	REVISED TARGET DATE
Executive 1	Jan 2020	Jan 2020
New Building Site Selection Committee	Nov 2020	Nov 2020
PPAC ¹	Dec 2020	Dec 2020
Executive 2+3	Feb 2021	Feb 2021
Board 1	Apr 2021	Apr 2021
Board 2	Feb 2022	Sept 2022
Board 3	Dec 2022	March 2023
Construction Start	Jan 2023	Apr 2023
Construction Completion	Oct 2024	Dec 2024
Occupancy	Nov 2024	Jan 2025
Board 4	Dec 2026	Mar 2027

1 Property & Planning Advisory Committee + Senate Academic Building Needs Committee

PRESENTATIONS

1. Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition Interim Funding Release



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Introduction and summary



Proposed Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition will:

- House 10 PAEI-supported faculty & teams
- Support growth of Biodiversity Research Centre's world-recognized research
- Provide additional space for Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Additional details



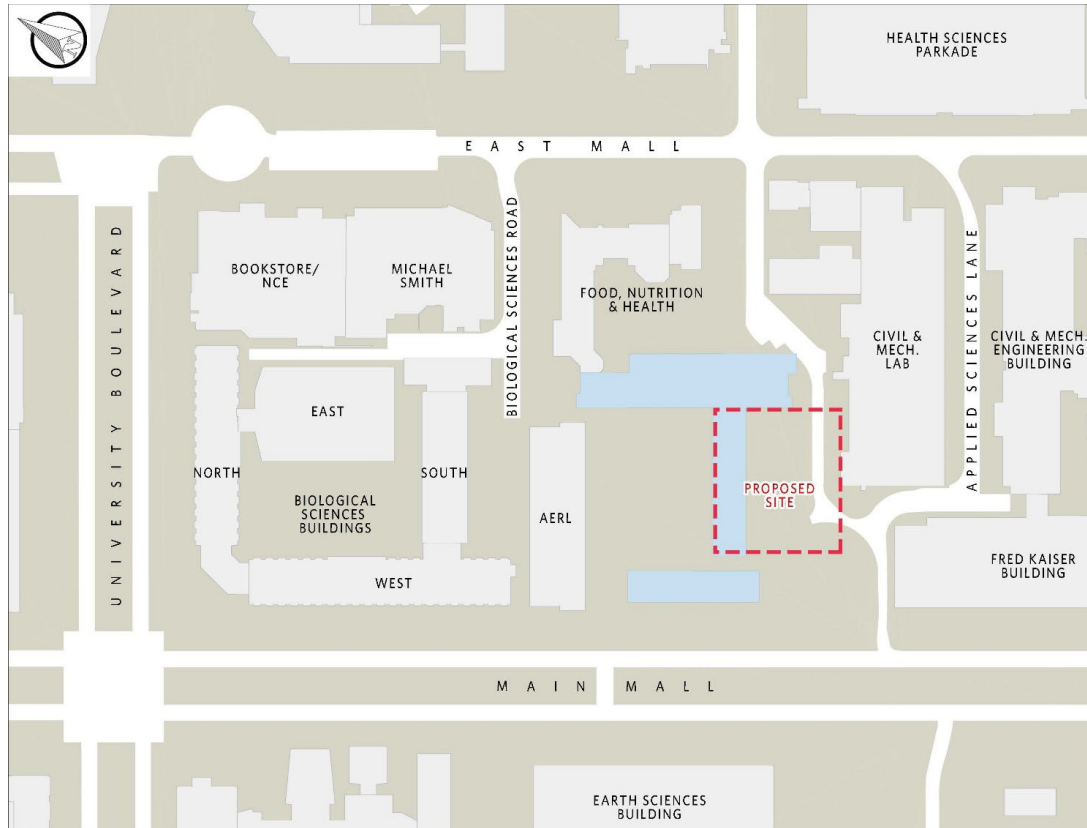
- Since Board 1, Schematic Design completed
- Board 2 approval now targeted for Sept 2022
- Reconciling program with constrained site has been challenging
- Public consultation deferred to July to allow better understanding of ecosystem services on site.

Additional details



- Added \$800K funding release is required to complete design to Board 2. This is within original consultant budget.

Additional details – Site Map



Discussion and decision points



Approval requested for an interim funding release of \$800,000* to bring project to Board 2 in Sept 2022.

* Original funding release at Board 1 was \$1,000,000.