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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

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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 residential 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 1, 2021 and October 31, 2022, the AUDP met seven times. The panel provided design review and advice for the following proposals:

ACADEMIC LANDS

- Beaty Biodiversity Centre Addition: a 6-storey laboratory and office addition to the existing building to provide space for researchers, museum collections and supporting functions, and meeting and gathering spaces.
- Food and Beverage Innovation Centre: a one-storey laboratory on the north side of Health Sciences Parkade to house Faculty of Land and Food System facilities for food processing research.

PUBLIC SPACES + CAMPUS LANDSCAPE

- Central Connector: a strategy that establishes direction for campus landscapes to realize broader, long-term ecological gains by applying design strategies to corridors and delivered through capital projects. Applying ecological, social, and Musqueam presence strategies to key opportunity sites will improve the overall biodiversity and ecological health of the campus.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDS

- Carey Theological College: an expansion consisting of two buildings, a 4-storey mixed-use institutional and residential building and a 6-storey residential building to the east and south of the existing Carey Centre.
- Lot 6, Wesbrook Place: a 231-unit market housing development at the corner of Birney Avenue and Ross Drive, consisting of a 16-storey apartment high-rise and 3-storey townhouses.
- BCR 6, Wesbrook Place: a 515-unit market and faculty/staff rental housing development at the corner of Wesbrook Mall and Binning Road, consisting of an 18-storey market rental high-rise and two 6-storey faculty/staff rental buildings.

CAMPUS VISION 2050

Campus Vision 2050 is a two-and-half year process to develop a 30-year vision and a 10-year plan for the campus.

The AUDP reviewed draft planning outputs on three occasions focused on the following topics:

- Planning Principles
- Pre-Planning Charrette Concepts
- Big Ideas and Choices: Update and discussion

For each of these projects, the AUDP played a key role in assessing the merits and deficiencies of the 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.