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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, 2022 and October 31, 2023, the AUDP met eight times. The panel provided design review and advice for the following proposals:

ACADEMIC LANDS

- Jack Bell Renewal: a Routine Capital Renewal project to address the existing building's seismic vulnerability, envelope deficiency, deferred maintenance of the building systems, and to improve accessibility inside and surrounding the building.
- Applied Science Digital Design Studio: a 2-storey infill building within the courtyard of the Chemistry and Biological Engineering building to support teaching and learning by providing workshops, fabrication and exhibition space for Applied Science, Chemistry and Biological Engineering, and the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.
- Sauder School of Business Expansion: a 10-storey flagship building that includes space for classrooms, informal learning, offices, events and café to accommodate the Robert H. Lee Graduate School and innovative business programs in support of the school's growing population.
- Lower Mall Precinct (Place Vanier and St. John's College Student Housing): redevelopment of existing student housing to provide additional first-year, upper-year, and graduate student housing along with amenities such as student commons and dining, outdoor social and recreation space, childcare, and landscaping that supports broader biodiversity and ecology objectives.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDS

- Lot 26, Wesbrook Place: a 16-storey market residential housing development consisting of a single tower and lower-scale city homes that include a range of housing units from studios to 3-bedroom apartments, along with associated outdoor play and social space.

CAMPUS VISION 2050

- Campus Vision 2050 is a comprehensive public planning process that started in late 2021 to develop a 30-year vision and a 10-year plan for the Point Grey campus. The Vision supports UBC's academic mission, values and priorities by providing a bold framework for physical growth and change, and is aligned with other UBC initiatives, including the Strategic Plan, Academic Futures, the UBC-Musqueam Relationship Agreement and extension of SkyTrain to the UBC Vancouver campus. The AUDP provided feedback on the draft guiding principles and emerging big ideas on two occasions.

For each of these projects, the AUDP played a key role in assessing the merits of the proposals and identifying areas for improvement related to the 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 plans and 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.