



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Campus + Community Planning

Memorandum

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To: UNA Board

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Subject: Monthly Update from Campus and Community Planning

UBC Response to COVID-19

The health and safety of the UBC community is a priority at all times. For UBC COVID-19 updates see <https://covid19.ubc.ca/>. Students, faculty, staff, or visitors are required to follow [UBC's COVID-19 Campus Rules](#) when on campus.

Film & Events Notification

Currently, some buildings are open for faculty, staff, and students. Events and programming may change. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

November

- Wednesday, November 11th. **Remembrance Day**. University closed. Due to COVID-19, in-person Remembrance Day service is cancelled this year. Virtual service is provided through <https://ceremonies.ubc.ca/remembrance-day-ceremony>
- Wednesday, November 25th - **UBC Graduation**. The virtual ceremony will be hosted at <https://graduation.ubc.ca/schedule>.

December

- December 7th to 21st - **final exams**
- Thursday, December 10th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm - **529 Bike Registration Station** at Fairview Residence Commons (may be subject to change).
- Friday, December 25th - **Christmas Day**. University closed.
- Monday, December 28th - **in lieu of Boxing Day**. University closed.

Community Development

Community Grants

UBC Community Grants supports the work of our community members by funding ideas for creating a more socially vibrant and connected community. Grants up to \$1,000 are available to residents living on the UBC campus, the community of Musqueam as well as students, faculty, and staff members of UBC. Reminder to get your grant applications in as the grant cycle is completed on December 1st, 2020, or once funding is fully subscribed. For more info see <https://utown.ubc.ca/communitygrants>.

Lighting Design Contest – “What Lights You Up”

The winning designs will be selected by a judging panel and projected onto UBC’s Money and Raymond M.C. Lee Square. Submissions are due by November 18, 2020. For more information see <https://utown.ubc.ca/LIGHTS>

Engagement and Consultation

UBC Climate Emergency

The UBC Climate Emergency community engagement process has taken place between February and June 2020. Work is now underway to develop recommendations for consideration by the UBC Board of Governors. Currently, the working groups, with diverse representation from the campus community, helped to synthesize the Engagement Report findings into strategic directions and recommendations as part of a Task Force Report. Work continues on finalizing the Task Force Report and it is anticipated that the report will be presented to the Board of Governors in early 2021. In parallel, staff will also present to the Board of Governors the next steps on how to advance the strategic directions and recommendations. Learn more about the UBC’s response to the climate emergency see <http://climateemergency.ubc.ca>.

Building Energy Benchmarking Pilot Project for UNA Strata-Owned Multi-Family Buildings

In early 2020, UBC Sustainability and Engineering, in partnership with the UNA, launched an Energy Benchmarking Pilot Project for UNA strata-owned multi-family buildings. The objectives of the project were to inform building owners of building energy use and to help them reduce their energy use and utility costs, as well as to help Campus and Community Planning understand outcomes of green building policies.

Nine UNA buildings participated in the project. Overall, the UNA buildings were significantly more energy efficient and had lower carbon emissions than comparable buildings in the region. Reports have been provided to all participating buildings. Staff are currently working with the UNA to develop an ongoing program.

Vancouver Campus Plan Amendment - Proposed Site Use Change

Over the past couple of months, a planning process was underway on a proposed site amendment to the Vancouver Campus Plan (VCP) that will allow for a future academic building located at the corner of Agronomy Road and Wesbrook Mall. This proposal is to change the site use from a mixed-use hub (academic/student housing) to academic use. The proposal is in response to the Faculty of Medicine's need for additional teaching, learning, and research space in the area.

Public consultation on the change of use was held from September 21st to October 9th, 2020. Information about the amendment was posted at the site and on the Campus and Community Planning website. Participants submitted their input online through a survey and were invited to participate in a virtual public open house. A total of 89 community members participated in the public consultation. Key themes from the community consultation include:

- Overall, strong support for the location of the site's change of use because of its proximity to other Faculty of Medicine buildings.
- Some concerns about the loss of a mixed-use hub in this area and the lack of student housing in this part of the campus.
- There were a number of planning and design considerations for informing the future building.

The proposed site use change, including community feedback, will be presented to the UBC Board of Governors Property Committee for approval in November 2020. Subject to approval, further planning for the Faculty of Medicine building will follow the standard capital project approval process. Learn more about the proposed site use change at <https://planning.ubc.ca/vancouver-campus-plan-amendment-proposed-site-use-change>. New sites for student housing will be identified across the campus as part of an upcoming comprehensive update to the VCP, anticipated to begin in 2022.

Development Project Updates

For more information on development projects, please visit:
planning.ubc.ca/planning-development/projects-and-consultations

DP20022: BCR9 Faculty & Staff Housing

A development permit was issued on October 27th for a faculty and staff apartment housing building on Lot BCR9 in Wesbrook Place. The site is east of the Evolve building located on Lot BCR8 at Gray Avenue and Wesbrook Mall. The proposed project is a 6-storey building with 144 residential units and an underground parking garage.

DP07010-3: Nobel Park Softball Field Upgrades

A development permit was issued on October 28th for Nobel Park softball field improvements, including upgrades to the field surface and fencing, new covered dugouts, bullpens, safety netting, and space for temporary bleachers and washroom facilities. The permit was issued with the condition an agreement is established between the UNA and UBC Athletics concerning shared used protocols.

SLP18050-2: Additional Bike Share Hubs

A streets and landscape permit was issued on October 22nd for the installation of 26 new HOPR Bike Share hubs, that are mostly located on campus, but also within UNA neighbourhoods. The new hubs will allow for easier connections across UBC. The 32 existing hubs will be improved for greater visibility.

SLP20047: Norman Mackenzie Square Lighting

A temporary streets and landscape permit was issued on October 30th for the installation of seasonal lighting across Norman Mackenzie Square in Wesbrook place, from Blenz Coffee to the Biercraft patio. The lighting is expected to be installed by the end of November.