

Campus and Community Planning Engagement Charter

2019 Annual Review

March 2020



Introduction

The 2019 Annual Report of Campus and Community Planning's (C+CP) Engagement Charter summarizes 2019 consultation activities undertaken by the department. In addition, as part of our ongoing commitment to our Engagement Principles, this past year we also implemented changes to enhance engagement practices for development permitting that were committed to as part of the previous Annual Review. This included new practices put in place to provide more information for larger and complex projects as part of the development permit open house process, along with changes made in how notifications and information updates are provided for larger and complex projects on construction, detours, and tree removals.

During 2019, C+CP delivered 13 building and landscape planning processes, along with collaborative partnership programs, and ongoing work with key organizations.

Purpose

The UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses are located, respectively, on the traditional territories of the Musqueam and Syilx Okanagan nations. The university's Indigenous Strategic Plan is being finalized to provide clear, implementable steps to enhance Indigenous engagement across both campuses. This plan intends to build upon UBC Okanagan's recent Declaration of Truth and Reconciliation Commitments and recognizes the current discussions underway with the Musqueam to deepen the relationship between UBC and Musqueam through a renewed Memorandum of Affiliation. This deeper engagement is now underway and works alongside the implementation and refinement of Campus and Community Planning's Engagement Charter.

C+CP conducts an annual review to reinforce transparency and accountability on the Board of Governors adopted [Engagement Charter](#), which identifies core principles and guiding practices for consultation on C+CP-led plans and development projects.

Engagement is central to the University's academic mission, administration, planning and community relationships. The UBC Board of Governors adopted C+CP's [Engagement Charter](#) in September 2014, after consultation with stakeholders and partners. The Charter sets out C+CP's promise to the community on engagement by identifying core principles and guiding practices for consultation on planning and development projects.

The 2019 Review provides a summary of engagement activities undertaken by the department. These activities include public consultation on development projects and policy

initiatives in both academic and neighbourhood areas, in addition to collaborative partnership programs.

2019 Engagement Activities

During 2019, C+CP designed and delivered the following engagement initiatives, based on the Charter principles and practices, and on stakeholder/partner suggestions from previous annual Charter reviews.

a) Area, Building and Landscape Planning Processes

Enhanced Engagement Practices for Development Permitting

As part of last year's 2018 Annual Review, C+ CP identified commitments to enhance engagement practices for development permitting according to the Engagement Charter's three phases: 1. Defining, 2. Designing and Implementing, and 3. Concluding the Process. Implementation of these commitments is an ongoing process. This year changes were made in the following areas:

1. As part of the development permit open house process, new practices were put in place to provide more information for larger and complex projects. The development permit open house projects listed below with an * included additional information on the following:
 - the project purpose, engagement objectives, type/level of involvement, and how input will be used.
 - the context for the development proposal, such as the project rationale and benefits; policy and planning context; and siting and design principles used.
2. There were also changes made in how notifications and information updates are provided for larger and complex projects on construction, detours, and tree removals. Examples include:
 - As part of the Wesbrook Mall Upgrades, there was a dedicated info session on the upgrades when the construction began to raise awareness about the project. There was also signage installed along Wesbrook Mall, along with construction updates on the C+CP website, via social media and email throughout the duration of the project.
 - Notifications and information updates on construction, detours, and tree removals have also been more broadly communicated for Pacific Residences.

Development Permit Open Houses

A public meeting may be held at the discretion of the Director of Planning for major Institutional/Public Realm/Neighbourhood development permit applications or minor projects that generate significant public interest. In 2019, thirteen Public Open Houses were held, including ten Institutional and three Neighbourhood projects.

Institutional/Public Realm Open Houses

1. DP19001 - Pacific Residence*
2. DP19001-1 – Pacific Residence/Gage Courtyard Public Realm Improvements
3. DP19002 - Acadia Modular Daycare
4. DP19014T – Counselling Services Temporary Facility
5. DP19019 – Pump House Replacement
6. DP19020 – Brock Commons Phase 2*
7. DP19020-1 – Brock Commons Phase 2 Public Realm Improvements
8. DP19006 – Arts Student Centre at the Bosque (withdrawn)*
9. DP19030 – Arts Students Centre at Brock Commons*
10. DP19034 – Technology Enterprise Facility 4

Neighbourhood Open Houses

1. DP17024 – South Campus Greenway
2. DP19027 – Wesbrook Place Lot BCR8: “Evolve” Faculty/Staff Rental
3. DP19036 – Wesbrook Place Lot 5: “The Conservatory” Market Housing

Stadium Neighbourhood Planning Process

UBC builds neighbourhoods to support its academic mission. This includes providing affordable housing for faculty, staff and students. UBC’s Stadium Neighbourhood planning process began in fall 2017. In 2017 and 2018 there was extensive community engagement and consultation involving students, faculty, staff, residents and partners. Details on engagement activities during each phase of consultation are available [here](#).

In 2019, the project focused on staff exploring additional scenario analysis for residential densities and building heights to better understand economic, urban design and neighbourhood character implications, as well as the implications on the proposed increase to the UBC community housing units. This analysis is underway and will likely be presented in 2020.

In parallel, UBC has been working to deepen its relationship with Musqueam, on whose traditional, ancestral and unceded territory the UBC Vancouver campus is located. This includes developing a new Relationship Agreement to guide future UBC-Musqueam engagement, reflecting the priorities in UBC’s new Indigenous Strategic Plan.

<https://aboriginal.ubc.ca/indigenous-strategic-plan/>

Given the importance of this discussion to the University and Musqueam, the Stadium Neighbourhood Plan completion will be considered through the Relationship Agreement process.

b) Community Programs

Ongoing

- UTown@UBC Community Grants includes stewardship of a volunteer grant selection committee with UBC community members and Musqueam partnership
- UTown@UBC Youth Leadership Program
- UTown@UBC Community Bike Clinics
- Utown@UBC Kids Fit
- UTown@UBC Baby Senior Sing Along
- Walk n' Roll & Car Free Morning
- Project 529 anti-bike theft registration
- Funding Acadia Park Family Resource Fair
- Kids Take Over UBC (youth engagement)

One-time / Special

- UTown@UBC review and rebranding community consultation
- International Women's Day event advisory group
- UBC Pride LGBTQ advisory committee and community consultation
- Mother's Day Maternal Health talk and community meet up
- Beautify My Bike Cage Mural contest (third time)
- Walk n' Roll video community collaboration

c) Ongoing Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout the year we met with a variety of stakeholders and partners on a range of planning initiatives. The following provides some examples of this ongoing work:

With the UBC Community

University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA)

C+CP and the UNA work together on a variety of initiatives to respond to the needs to residents and enhance engagement and communication. Examples of this include: the Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (a joint committee of the UBC Board of Governors and the UNA Board of Directors); a resident member of UBC's Development Permit Board; quarterly meetings between UBC Executive and senior leadership and the UNA Board of Directors; daily engagement between UNA and UBC administration; co-hosted UBC-UNA community conversations; and monthly updates to the UNA Board on campus planning initiatives.

University Endowment Lands (UEL)

C+CP meets regularly with the neighbouring University Endowment Lands (UEL) administration, and the UEL's Community Advisory Council. In 2019, C+CP engaged the UEL on the Pacific Residences.

Alma Mater Society

Campus and Community Planning holds regular meetings with AMS leadership to discuss issues of shared interest.

With key external organizations

Rapid transit to UBC

The Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation has developed a vision and a plan for an integrated transportation system to ensure Metro Vancouver continues to be a great place to live, work, learn, play and visit. The vision calls for extending rail rapid transit to UBC's Vancouver Campus and planning for this connection is part of TransLink's 10-Year Plan.

UBC staff, including C+CP, are working closely with City of Vancouver and TransLink officials to complete pre-business case work for a rapid transit extension to the campus. This work includes technical studies and joint advocacy. It delivers on the Mayors' Council's commitment for stakeholders to work together on project development for the next phase of rail to the Point Grey Campus.