

**Present:** Mike Feeley (MF), Co-Chair, UNA Chair  
Al Poettcker (AP), Co-Chair, UBCPT President  
Prod Laquian (PL), UNA Director  
Jan Fialkowski (JF), UNA Executive Director  
Ralph Wells (RW), UNA Sustainability Manager  
Stephanie Nesbitt (SN), Old Barn Program Coordinator  
Paul Young (PY), UBCPT Director of Planning & Design  
Kavie Toor (KT), UBC Athletics Associate Director  
Simon Richards (SR), Consultant  
Frank Danielson (FD), Hawthorn Place Resident  
Charles Menzies, (CM) Hawthorn Place Resident  
Chris Finch (CF), Hawthorn Place Resident  
Khaled Zaidalkilani (KZ), Wesbrook Place Resident

**In Attendance:** Katherine Xu, UNA Administrative Manager

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## 1. Introduction

The committee will be co-chaired by UNA Chair Mike Feeley and UBCPT President Al Poettcker. MF introduced the committee members and the purpose of the committee which is to provide input to the programming and design of the new Wesbrook Place Community Centre. The community centre will be built by UBCPT and operated by the UNA. Potentially, the adjacent secondary school could share resources with the community centre. Outdoor playing fields, tennis courts, playgrounds and other park facilities will share the 4 hectare site comprising the school and community centre.

## 2. Facility Use

The User Group should consider the following when determining the facilities in the community centre:

- The community survey from 2008
- Experience on the current Old Barn Community Centre
- Potential facility sharing with the adjacent school

The community centre will:

- Be 20,000+ sq. ft
- Be 2 stories
- Can have a Gymnasium on the ground floor
- Can house Childcare for 50 children
- Can have potential commercial space

## 3. Facility Share

School facilities that might be available for sharing could include dance studio, cafeteria / common room, classrooms, and gym. A recent tour to the Cambie Community Centre shows that school gyms tend to be heavily used; so it is suggested building a separate gym in the community centre. Potential facility sharing discussed included athletic facilities, classroom for pottery and graphic arts, craft shop, etc. It is suggested inviting school representative to a future meeting. CM suggested

inviting the PAC to become involved.

AP suggested involving the new seniors facility to engage more seniors.

**4. Length of construction**

AP anticipated the entire project will take up to 3 years, which include 15 months of construction, 6 months of design, 1 to 2 months to generate permits, and 12 months of construction.

**5. Architecture Consultant**

Simon Richards was hired by UBCPT as the architecture consultant for this programming phase of the new community centre. SR suggested programming the community centre in three steps: goals to needs to requirements. SR suggested designing certain scenario and giving two or three options for public open house. UNA staff will set up a meeting with SR to discuss the current needs at the community centre.

AP suggested taking a few fieldtrip to other community centers.

**6. Funding for the community centre**

MF stated that the project is funded from the community amenity charges (CAC), and should it not be sufficient, the university will provide the rest of the funding required. AP stated that the community centre is planned to be built in phases, and building of the first phase is funded.

**7. Zoning Bylaw at Metro Vancouver**

Concerns were raised on how the proposed zoning bylaw for UBC developed by the Metro Vancouver will affect this project. AP responded that it is quite unlikely that the community centre will not be included in the land use if a zoning bylaw is developed.

**8. Community Centre Size**

Three scenarios of population projections and community centre sizes were presented. The largest projected population is 15,400 that would require a community centre of 28,100 sq. ft. SN stated that the projected population does not include the potential use of the community centre by students or UEL users. JF stated that UEL is planning some programming in the village and converting the old fire hall to community use.

**9. Day Care Facility**

MF stated that the university has a plan for day care expansion. It is suggested that a childcare representative be invited to a future meeting.

**10. Next Meeting**

SR will arrange a meeting with SN to discuss the current usage of the Old Barn Community Centre. Next meeting of the User Group to be determined.