



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Campus + Community Planning

Memorandum

From: Campus and Community Planning
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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. UBC has developed a COVID-19 Safety Planning Framework for the gradual and phased re-occupancy of the university. This fall, UBC will primarily offer larger classes online with selected smaller classes conducted in-person. This approach follows the current guidelines as directed by the Provincial Health Officer, public health agencies, and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Effective Wednesday, September 16, 2020, UBC students, faculty, staff, and visitors will be required to wear non-medical masks, in all shared indoor spaces within UBC buildings, such as hallways, stairways, building entryways, washrooms, and study spaces, classrooms, common areas in residences and other high-traffic areas. UBC community members should to stay at home if sick, maintain physical distance wherever possible, and frequent hand hygiene regardless of non-medical mask usage.

UBC will continue to monitor public health guidance, consult with local public health authorities, and provide further updates as the situation evolves. For up to date information, see <https://covid19.ubc.ca/>.

Upcoming Film & Events Notification

UBC continues to adapt its operations in response to COVID-19. As UBC begins to restart, some buildings are reopened for faculty, staff, and students to return to campus. Events and programming may change. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

September

- Wednesday, September 2nd to Wednesday, September 30th - [AMS FirstWeek](#) - virtual and in-person events located in the AMS Nest
- Monday, September 7th - **Labour Day** - University closed.
- Tuesday, September 8th - **First day of classes** (in-person and on-line) [Imagine \(virtual event\)](#).
- Thursday, September 10th from 4 pm to 6 pm - **Belkin Gallery "Soundings Exhibition"** launch.
- Tuesday, September 14th - [Launch of the Indigenous Strategic Plan \(virtual event\)](#)
- Friday, September 25th to Sunday, September 27th [Homecoming \(virtual events\)](#)

October

- Monday, October 12th - **Thanksgiving Day**. University closed

Community Development

Community of Caring Grants

The Community of Caring Grant cycle concluded on August 31st. Since April, over \$9,000 in grants have been distributed to over 20 projects. It is heartwarming to see all the creative ways that our community continues to support each other during this time of physical distancing. Project examples included online cooking workshops, group mask sewing efforts, balcony gatherings, and more! Read more about the projects at <https://utown.ubc.ca/caringcommunityrecipients>.

The launch of the fall grant cycle begins in late-September. Up to \$500 is available for community projects that promote social connection and wellbeing. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling deadline. For more information, see <https://utown.ubc.ca/whats-happening/community-grants>.

Project 529 Drop-in Bike Registration

Between July and August, a bike theft prevention campaign “make your ride stress free” was promoted over social media to encourage bike registration through the UBC Project 529 online garage. Staff also hosted in-person bike free registration sessions, three times a week at the Old Barn Community Centre, Wesbrook Village, and Acadia Park. Participating community members were given a tamper-free bike shield and a chance to enter prize draws. These sessions were delivered with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. In the upcoming months, efforts will be focused on registering bikes belonging to new students on campus and encouraging self-registration online, for more information see <https://project529.com/garage/organizations/ubc/landing>.

Engagement and Consultation

UBC Climate Emergency Engagement

In December 2019, the UBC Board of Governors unanimously endorsed a Declaration on the Climate Emergency. The declaration includes the commitment to establish a Climate Emergency Task Force, a community engagement process, and an acceleration of climate actions across both the UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses.

Starting in February, UBC’s Climate Emergency Engagement project team launched a process to gather input regarding UBC’s communities’ concerns about climate change and identifying ways UBC could take action. Input was collected through a variety of in-person and virtual activities, which concluded in June. Subsequently, five working groups gathered this summer to review the input and ideas collected and support the Climate Emergency Task Force in developing recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Governors in December.

Working group membership brought together students, faculty, and staff experts, including Task Force representatives. The diverse composition of the working groups will ensure that the recommendations by the Task Force will incorporate the wealth of expertise within the UBC community.

Each of the working group focused on one of the following topics:

- Indigenous engagement
- Research
- Teaching and learning
- Community engagement and wellbeing
- Engagement beyond the campus community (partnerships, advocacy, and public engagement)

In addition, Vancouver and Okanagan campuses are working through the Climate Action Plan 2030 process to accelerate emissions reductions from campus operations and identify new ways of addressing emissions from commuting, food systems, and business travel. It is anticipated that the Climate Emergency recommendations going to the Board of Governors in December will be considered in the context of the overall Strategic Plan, Indigenous Strategic Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Inclusion Action Plan, among other relevant policies and initiatives.

Learn more about the UBC's response to the climate emergency see <https://climateemergency.ubc.ca>.

Stadium Neighbourhood Plan

At the September 9 Property Committee of the Board of Governors, the Administration reported back on the evaluation alternative development scenarios with lower residential densities and building heights to better understand economic, urban design, and sustainability implications, as well as the implications on the proposed number of UBC community housing units.

The Stadium Neighbourhood Plan completion will be considered in the context of both the Musqueam Relationship Agreement and the upcoming Campus Vision 2050 processes. The Relationship Agreement with Musqueam will reflect the priorities of UBC's new Indigenous Strategic Plan <https://aboriginal.ubc.ca/indigenous-strategic-plan> and update the existing 2006 Memorandum of Affiliation with Musqueam. The Campus Vision 2050 process, anticipated to launch in second half of 2021, will update UBC's two key land use policy documents, the Land Use Plan and the Vancouver Campus Plan.

The September Board Report to the Property Committee and presentation is available on the Board of Governor's website and meeting minutes will be available to the public in late September.

Rehabilitation of Wesbrook Mall - Phase 2 Upgrades

The first phase of the Wesbrook Mall improvements was completed in 2019. The second phase of construction between Thunderbird Boulevard and University Boulevard is nearly complete. Improvements focus on the bus, pedestrian, and cyclist environment to provide users with a more positive experience along the corridor. These improvements will help promote sustainable travel modes.

The existing travel lanes have been fully rebuilt to create two travel lanes for general vehicle traffic and two travel lanes for buses. Also, dedicated bike facilities have been added, and lighting along the corridor has been improved. At Agronomy Road, the channelized right-turn lanes on the west side of the intersection have been removed, which will significantly improve the safety for pedestrians and cyclists at that intersection. The remaining work includes the landscaping, and signage, as well as work at the two RapidBus stops, which will be completed within the next month.

The improvements to the Wesbrook Mall corridor are being done in collaboration with the University Endowment Lands, the University Neighbourhoods Association, TransLink, and Metro Vancouver.

For more details on the project's schedule visit <https://planning.ubc.ca/wesbrook-mall-upgrades-phase-2>.

Development Project Updates

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

DP07010-3 Nobel Park Softball Field Upgrades

UBC has received an application for the upgrade of the existing softball field at Nobel Park for use by the UBC Women's Varsity Softball Team as well as the community. Proposed improvements include upgrades to the field surface and fencing, new covered dugouts, bullpens, safety netting, and space for temporary bleachers and washroom facilities.

The public was invited to view the project on the Campus and Community Planning website. Feedback was received until July 24, 2020. Staff is currently considering the feedback and responses will be posted online. A virtual Development Permit Board meeting has been rescheduled for October 14, 2020, at 5:00 pm to review this project. Details on attending the online meeting will be posted to the project's webpage.

DP20015-1 St. Mark's College

A development permit amendment has been issued for minor exterior alterations to the St. Mark's College as part of ongoing renovations to accommodate projected increased student enrolment. Renovations include the introduction of spandrel glass on the ground floor north side of the building and two small louvres related to an HVAC retrofit.

DP18001-6 Ivy on the Park

A development permit amendment has been issued to remove the water feature on the west side of the site and to realign the path and planting area in this location.