Who is Campus Planning?
We are the urban planners, designers and public consultation professionals making decisions that create the physical environment at UBC, shaping your experience of campus life. We are dedicated to creating a vibrant, sustainable, live-work-learn community at the UBC Okanagan campus.

Our Mission
UBC Okanagan Campus Planning is responsible for planning and implementing the long-term vision for the use and development of campus lands. In support of the University’s academic mission, we work collaboratively with the campus community to provide policy, guidelines, and review processes to guide campus growth and support its development as a healthy and vibrant live-work-learn environment. Located within the municipal jurisdiction of the City of Kelowna, we work in partnership with the City, and maintain strong relationships with our other regulatory bodies and service providers, and our surrounding community.

Our Role
Our key responsibilities include long range planning, land use and development regulation, campus and landscape design, transportation initiatives, community building, and programs that bring life and vibrancy to campus. UBC’s dynamic Okanagan campus is designed to meet the needs of a unique community of staff and students eager to learn and contribute.

Policies + Plans
The UBC Okanagan Campus Plan, UBC Okanagan Design Guidelines, and UBC Okanagan Public Realm Plan guide the physical planning of UBC Okanagan, provide the foundation for developing and evaluating proposed physical changes, and help shape the University’s form, character and landscape. Supplementing these plans, are the UBC Sign Standards and Guidelines, which establish a palette of consistent sign types and specifications for all exterior campus signage.
Development Approvals

Campus Planning & Development (CPD) oversees the review and approval processes for the use and development of all campus lands – the buildings, structures, outdoor spaces, streets, landscape and permanent exterior signage.

The UBC Okanagan Campus Plan supports the academic mission, values and commitments of the University by providing a framework for physical growth and change on campus that in turn provides academic, social, financial, and environmental benefits. Successful implementation of The Campus Plan relies largely upon effective project review and approval processes for all capital projects.

Development Approval is required if a project involves:

- developing a new permanent, semi-permanent or temporary building
- making an addition to an existing building or moving an existing building
- making significant changes to the exterior appearance of an existing building, including the addition of communications infrastructure
- undertaking work that impacts campus lands, such as landscaping, ecological enhancement, street furniture, site lighting, street access or loading docks
- using campus lands for conducting outdoor research and/or teaching
- permanent exterior signage

Types of Approvals:

- Development Approval – Major + Minor Projects (construction value above or below $2.5 million)
- Outdoor Research/Land Use Approval
- Street and Landscape Approval
- Sign Approval
- Filming and Photography Approval

In all cases, project proposals will be assessed through a review against the endorsed objectives in The Campus Plan and through discussion with other departments and relevant committees. The principles, policies and guidelines in The Campus Plan and the accompanying UBC Okanagan Design Guidelines apply to all capital projects, as well as other applicable Board-approved policies.

Project proponents are encouraged to consult with CPD prior to commencing design concepts to ensure a full understanding of the context and design issues for a given project.

If there is uncertainty whether an approval from CPD is required, the Associate Director, Campus Planning, should be contacted for further information and confirmation.

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