

MINUTES
SAANICH ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING
HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M.

Present: Chair: Jack James in the Chair: Mac Carpenter, Brad Forth, Misra, and Ernst Snijders. Also present were Silvia Exposito, Planner 1, Jeff Chow, Planner 1, and Margaret Roper, Senior Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Bruce Hallsor.

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Motion: MOVED by Misra and Seconded by E. Snijders: "That the minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting held March 1, 2006 be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

CASE #2006/008

Application of Chow Fleischauer Low Architects Ltd. on behalf of the District of Saanich to construct a two storey 119 m² addition to the Saanich Police and Fire Department Building for an Emergency Call Centre, Lot Part A, Section 33, Victoria District, Plan 14934, Except Plan 23545 and part in 803 RD
- 760 Vernon Avenue, Planning File: DPA2006-00010 (DPR2003-00001)

Jackson Low, Chow Fleischauer Low Architects Ltd., and Dave Ward, Saanich Fire Chief, presented the design plans for the two storey addition to the existing apparatus bay which will serve as an emergency call centre for the Fire and Police Departments.

In response to questions from the Panel the applicant stated:

- The existing apparatus bay was constructed last year in preparation for this new building.
- The plan contains an area designated for a future lift should a staff member require wheelchair access.
- Installation of a stair-mounted wheelchair lift (Garaventa) was considered but it was determined that there would not be enough room for it.
- There is a handicap accessible washroom planned for the main floor.
- In the future if the Police or Fire Departments require the top floor to be handicap accessible a lift can be installed at that time.
- The addition will create a parking deficiency of 6 stalls, which is addressed in the proposed parking plan.
- The proposed structure should meet the needs of both departments for the next fifteen years.

Motion: "That it be recommended to Council that the design for the Saanich Fire and Police Emergency Call Centre be approved subject to the lift being installed at the time of construction."

CARRIED

CASE #2006/009

Application of Merrick Architecture on behalf of the University of Victoria to construct a 9444 m² social science and mathematics building, Lot 1, Sections 31, 44, 45 71, & 72, Victoria District Plan VIP57957
– 3800 Finnerty Road; Planning File: DVP2006-00006

Chistine Lintott, Merrick Architecture, Bruce James and Gerald Robson, University of Victoria, presented the design plans for a 9444 m² social science and mathematics courtyard-style building to be located on what is currently Parking Lot D.

Misra left at 4:05 p.m..

In response to questions from the Panel the applicant stated:

- There will be no wheelchair access to the main entrance from the courtyard, however there will be wheelchair access to the main floor of the building from the perimeter where the main movement of pedestrian traffic will be.
- They could take another look at the long staircase into the courtyard in terms of wheelchair access.
- There will be provision for wheelchairs in the lecture halls which is not indicated on the plans.
- Ramps will provide wheelchair access to each lecture area.
- They are considering greening the exposed roof surfaces that are visible from other areas of the building.
- Access to these roof areas would be restricted, which is common in a university environment.
- A tree retention plan is being finalized which aspires to retaining as many trees as possible.
- The academic offices will be 11.2 m², which conforms to provincial guidelines.
- The office doors in the above-ground levels will be glazed to provide “borrowed” sunlight to the corridors.
- The plan does not adequately show the sun shades which will be situated along the south and west exteriors.
- The building will be 18.3 meters in height, which will require a variance to the bylaw of 8.3 meters.
- A new fire access will be constructed between this building and the Sedgewick building.
- The addition of lounges cannot be considered as the size of the building is specified by the province.
- The building design is vetted by other groups.

Motion: “That the application of Merrick Architecture on behalf of the University of Victoria to construct a 9444 m² social science and mathematics building be tabled until further information is provided:

1. A proper landscaping plan with planting information for the different zones;
2. A tree management plan;

3. **Wheelchair accessibility to the building through the central courtyard;**
4. **Storm water management and storm water retention details;**
5. **Rationale for addition of green roof spaces on the 3rd floor roof of the north east wing;**
6. **Some opening up of the corridors – a means of letting light into the corridors;**
7. **Explore livelier building expression;**
8. **Wheelchair accessibility in lecture theatres.”**

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL MEMBER FOR THE DESIGN PANEL - DISCUSSION

It was suggested that Mr. B. Johnson of Coastal Construction would be a good candidate for membership on the Panel.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary