

Camosun College Film Studio Project Advisory Committee
Inaugural Meeting, May 25, 2021
Meeting Summary

Advisory Committee in attendance:

Sherri Bell, President, Camosun College (Chair)
Hon. Murray Rankin, MLA, Oak Bay Gordon Head
Calvin Simpson, Constituency Assistant to M. Rankin
Kevin Brewster (for S. Baskerville), EFO & Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance, Technology & Management Services, Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training (MAEST)
Phil Hancyk, Executive Director, Post-Secondary Finance, MAEST
Kathleen Gilbert, Film Commissioner, Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission
Michael Goodwin, Production Design Specialist

Camosun College Resources in Attendance:

Geoff Wilmshurst, VP Partnerships
Deborah Huelscher, VP Administration

Regrets:

Fred Haynes, Mayor, District of Saanich
John Boraas, VP Education (Resource)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Committee Role
Sherri welcomed the group and invited each member to introduce themselves.
2. Business Case Update
The Province has provided \$150K to create a business case. The college was fortunate to be introduced to three consultants who have worked in the industry for many years and are working with us on the business case:
 - x Ray Wolfe, Architect, Think Space (lead architect on a recent film studio build on the lower mainland as well as lead on Camosun's Health building and recent Campus Master Plan);
 - x Leslie Wootton –Director of Communications & Strategy, Motion Picture Production Industry Association of BC;
 - x Karen Lamare, Consultant, Lamare Productions Inc.

Camosun has met with the three consultants to identify what is needed in the document. It is anticipated that the first draft will be ready near the beginning of September will be brought to the Advisory Committee for feedback.

3. Terms of Reference
Terms of Reference were approved with edits.
4. What's Next?
Work is underway on the education component of the plan. There has been a lot of interest from the film industry with some film studios having toured the site. Discussions regarding the technical aspect of both the land and the building are underway. It was agreed that community awareness remains a high priority including interaction with neighbours. It was also agreed that consultation with our Indigenous community is essential; it was suggested that Christina Clarke is a good contact for that discussion.

5. Future Advisory Committee Meetings

It was agreed that the group will meet next at the end of September to review the draft business case. The next meeting will be planned for early December . Should any emergent issues arise, the group will meet sooner /as needed.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.