

Design Review Committee

Presentation

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History of the DRC

- **1995 - Campus Master Plan Review Group**
- **1997 - Physical Planning and Design Advisory Committee**
- **2001 – Design Review Committee**
 - **Terms of Reference approved with Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects**
 - **Policy updated May 2012 and Oct 2013**

Terms of Reference

- Review & make recommendations on conceptual design for building and landscape projects
- Advise on campus master plans, general principles of planning and design.
- Have representation on the Architect Selection Committees
- Be available for consultation
- Report to the Governing Council on its activities

Role of the Design Review Committee

- highlight key design issues for the University
- share expertise with staff and colleagues
- encourage others to act on their advice by clearly articulating strengths, weaknesses, and needed revisions to, designs and plans proposed for the University
- comments and recommendations of the Design Review Committee are to be given utmost consideration and should be incorporated where possible into projects.

Membership

- *The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the President and will have appropriate knowledge of design principles and practices as acquired through a significant body of professional design practice. The Assistant Vice-President University Planning Design and Construction (AVP, UPDC) will serve as Co-Chair.*
- *Appointed Members:*
 - **Four members**
 - appointed by the President
 - with professional expertise (degrees) in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and city planning
 - two should from the external community
 - knowledge of sustainable building and design and heritage buildings encouraged
 - **Two members from the Governing Council, its Boards or the wider University community**
 - appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairs of the Academic and Business Boards
 - particular relevant interest or experience
 - at least one of the two members shall be from among the alumni or Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) estates.

Membership cont.

- *Ex Officio:*
 - The Dean of the Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design (or designate)
 - Director, Campus Facilities and Planning (Executive Secretary)
 - Vice-President, University Operations (or designate)
 - Assistant Vice President, UPDC (Co-chair)
 - The Director of Project Development, UPDC
 - The Director of Project Management, UPDC
- *Ex Officio for UTSC and UTM projects:*
 - The Vice-President and Principal of University of Toronto Mississauga (or designate)
 - The Vice-President and Principal of University of Toronto Scarborough (or designate)

What else is different

- \$2 million threshold changed to \$3 million to match new Policy
- on a regular schedule the DRC should seek input from SVP and TVP
- projects of lesser value, significant exterior design component or impact on public, open spaces or historical buildings.
- projects being procured through a Design Build process are to have an initial review by the Design Review Committee immediately after selection of the Design Build team.
- text has been added to the document to better reflect the mandate of the Design Review Committee as an advisory body.
- a Procedures section has been added to provide clarity to the operation of the Committee and is intended to be a living part of the document and allow for updates and modifications where necessary.

Procedure Section includes:

- **Operation**
 - Monthly + beyond academic year to meet critical timelines of projects
- **Architect Selection Panel composition**
- **Presentations to the Design Review Committee**
 - First – overall concept, timed to ensure revisions do not cause scheduling or budget difficulties
 - Second – response to comments of DRC
 - Third – material palette and landscape plan
- **Follow up After the Presentations**
 - Comments provided within 10 working days
 - Panel's conclusions and advice
- **Selection Process & Evaluation of Architects**

Projects -> Design Review

- **CaPS (regular) – projects <\$3M**
 - In house Design and Engineering or external consultant
 - Design Review Committee - where impact on public space and/or on heritage features
- **CaPS Exec – projects >\$3M, approves expenditures <\$3M**
 - May be early Architect Selection as well as feasibility studies
 - Design Review Committee during Schematic Design
- **Governing Council Boards & Committees – projects > \$3 M**
 - Architect Selection
 - Design Review Committee during Schematic Design and During Design Development

Interested Parties

- **Project Planning Committee**
 - **Client – Faculty, Division, Department**
 - **University Operations**
- **Design Review Committee**
- **University of Toronto Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (St. George)**
- **Ward Councillor**
- **Community Meetings**
- **City Planning and all Municipal Authorities**
- **Committee of Adjustment**
- **Community Council, City Council**

Design Presentations

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- Regular presentations to the Project Planning Committee
- June 2013 – UofT Neighbourhood Liaison Committee
- June 12th – City Planning
- July 9th – City Heritage
- September 18 - **1st. Presentation to DRC**
- September 25th – Ward Councillor
- September 30 - UofT Neighbourhood Liaison Committee
- October 10th – **meeting with DRC subgroup**
- November 4th. – Circulation of revised elevations
- November 12th - UofT Neighbourhood Liaison Committee
- November 14th – **2nd. Presentation to DRC**
- February 26th. 2014 – City Planning
- April 28th – **3rd. Presentation to DRC**

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Before



After