

Hi Neal,

Thanks for your question.

I'd like to assure you that the current phase of consultation provides an opportunity to raise issues, such as the one you identify, that fall outside of the scope of our current proposals for amendments to the Land Use Plan. I encourage you to provide this feedback in the last section of the feedback form. The input from this phase of consultation will be carefully considered and reported to the Board of Governors, along with any recommended changes to the proposed amendments.

I would also like to assure you that the input received to date about Gage South has been considered by the university. In August, the Board of Governors' Community Planning Task Group discussed, in considerable detail, the materials being developed for the current phase of consultation. Their deliberations included careful consideration of input received from the first phase of consultation, including the AMS resolution and the results of discussions with AMS representatives about that resolution.

The discussions with AMS representatives focused on developing an understanding of the concerns related to the topics covered by the AMS resolution, and options for addressing those concerns. With respect to Gage South and University Boulevard, the concerns are ensuring that housing developed in this area is compatible with student life and transit service. There are numerous options for achieving these objectives. The Task Group's report to the Board recommended that these issues be addressed by revisiting the Neighbourhood Plans.

Neighbourhood plans contain detailed land use plans, development controls, design guidelines, and servicing and transportation strategies for a local area. They can allow for a range of housing types and tenures. For example, there is student housing incorporated into several of the neighbourhoods on campus. This was done partly in response to previous AMS Council requests that students be included in the development of the community on campus. Neighbourhood Plans are developed in a process that includes consultation with the community. Once amendments to the Land Use Plan are completed, we will begin the process of updating neighbourhood plans.

On September 15, the AMS passed a second motion that contains principles and potential strategies regarding all of the topics identified in their first resolution. This material will be recorded as input to the second phase of consultation and we will be meeting with AMS representatives to discuss this in more detail. All of the input from this phase of consultation will be reported to and considered by the Board of Governors.

Community input is considered carefully by staff and by the Board of Governors. Given your strong interest in this topic, I would be happy to discuss it further with you. Please let me know if you would like to arrange a meeting.