

## **Media Response:**

Thank you for your email.

The Gage South & Environs Working Group is unequivocally committed to transparency and therefore agreed that all meeting notes will be made public after the meetings. Notes of all Gage South & Environs Working Group meetings will be posted on the Campus + Community Planning website.

The Gage South & Environs Working Group has been convened to provide guidance on this area planning process. The Working Group is an advisory body comprised of a number of stakeholders (TransLink, UNA, UEL, the Aquatic Centre, Enrollment Services and UBC Properties Trust), as well as student representatives from the AMS and GSS, which functions through a collaborative process. As a collaborative committee, the members determine the terms of reference and the members have elected not to allow external observers at future meetings.

As this is a working committee where participants are exploring complex ideas and technical planning content, the participants wanted the ability to explore a diversity of perspectives and views, take risks and build trust. The group felt that this type of open dialogue might not be possible with media and visitors present.

The role of the committee is not to make final decisions, but to make recommendations that will be taken forward to the campus community for consideration and review. All ideas supported by this group will be made public and draft plans will go through a public consultation process, including opportunities to provide input at events and online. Public consultation is planned for this fall and will be widely advertised.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the planning of our campus.