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Dear residents,

I want to notify you that UVic plans to build a new 17,685 square metre Athletics and Recreation Centre with an attached 7 storey parking structure on the corner of Gabriola Road and Mackenzie Avenue (across from the Technology Enterprise Facility). They are requesting a height variance from the Saanich Planning Department of 25 meters; the current permitted height on campus is 10 metres.

Saanich's own Advisory Design Council has expressed concerns about the parking structure and described it as "massive and unrelenting" and "not an inviting entrance to the University". Nonetheless, the Saanich Planning Department has approved UVic's application unchanged.

UVic's application will be considered at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Saanich Council at the Saanich Municipal Hall on Monday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 pm. I will be speaking on behalf of the Cadboro Bay Residents Association to request amendments to the parking structure. You may wish to attend this meeting.

Thank you,

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