



## Director's Report

Dear UBC/UEL neighbours,

May 14, 2020

What unique times these continue to be for all of us. I hope that you're all coping as best you can and are able to spend some time outdoors as the weather warms. I feel fortunate to live in a place where it's so easy to soak in the beautiful – and healing – spring atmosphere of the forest while maintaining a safe physical distance from others. As someone trained in public health, I also am thankful that our province's response to this public health crisis has been driven by science, data and the expertise of public health experts like Dr. Bonnie Henry.



My family and I dressed in green to celebrate Earth Day

The BC Centre for Disease Control is looking for input from as many British Columbians as possible to better plan for the next phases of the response. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes (actually, it will take about 10 minutes of your time) to complete this secure and confidential survey: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-survey>.

Thank you to all who attended the April Town Hall. The feedback was excellent, and we were fortunate to be joined by a number of community leaders, including our Federal Member of Parliament (MP) Joyce Murray, Provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) David Eby, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Chief Medical Officer Dr. Patricia Daly, UBC President Santa Ono, RCMP Staff Sergeant Chuck Lan, UNA Board Chair Richard Watson, and UEL Community Advisory Council Chair Claire Huxtable.

**I will host a second virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:15 pm** (after the 7:00 pm cheer for frontline workers). Residents can join via Zoom on their devices or by telephone – **see sidebar above for details**. Minister Eby and President Ono have confirmed their availability, and I am waiting to hear from additional guest speakers.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that we are all facing different challenges throughout this pandemic. Let's continue to follow Dr. Henry's mantra: be kind to each other, be calm, and stay safe.

All the best,

Jen McCutcheon. ([areaajen@gmail.com](mailto:areaajen@gmail.com))

## Second Virtual Town Hall Wednesday, June 3 at 7:15pm

*(following the 7:00 pm cheer for essential workers)*

This virtual meeting is a chance for anyone in our broader community – those living at UBC or the University Endowment Lands to connect (virtually), ask and get answers to questions about local and regional COVID-19 responses, and to discuss how we can best support each other.

**Join us via Zoom on your device:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95145308726?pwd=RTd4Nkc2RkpqRWlCU3h0QUl1ZkxGdz09>

**Or by telephone: 778-907-2071**

**Meeting ID: 951 4530 8726**

**Password: 122980**

# ELECTORAL AREA A Director's Update

From Jen McCutcheon, Director, Electoral Area A

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## Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Updates

As you may have read in the news, TransLink and the BC Government have managed to avert the major cutbacks to our public transit system that were scheduled to take place on May 18. This will hopefully enable TransLink to continue to offer reduced but still useful transportation services to our region as the provincial COVID-19 restrictions begin to be lifted. Additional provincial and federal funding will still be needed to recapitalize TransLink by covering the projected \$400M+ in COVID-19 related losses in 2020.

Physical distancing and other public health measures will remain in effect on buses and SkyTrain for the safety of transit workers and riders. Some of the temporary service cuts that took place in late April, including suspension of the 68, and N17 night bus routes serving UBC, are no longer in effect. Routes 258 and 480 continue to be temporarily suspended due to low ridership and the availability of alternative routes.

You can read more about the evolving situation at TransLink on their [website](https://tripplanning.translink.ca/#/app/tripplanning): <https://tripplanning.translink.ca/#/app/tripplanning>



TransLink bus and RapidBus routes that service UBC peninsula (Image from TransLink)

## Restarting BC

As we move toward the next phase of pandemic response in BC, we will all be keeping an eye on the guidance of our provincial government. As a “rule follower” my first response to the announcements about BC’s re-opening plan was one of mild confusion. I wanted to be told more specifically about what I could or could not do, and how many people I could engage with. However, the more I’ve thought about it and the more I’ve spoken with residents facing very different realities within this pandemic, the more I understand the wisdom of the official guidance. We each need to assess the risk to those close to us before deciding if we are ready to loosen our own restrictions. We also feel more at peace if we focus on our own choices, and not on others’ behaviour. If your circle does not include those who are at high risk, such as older adults or those who are immunocompromised, then the BC government provides the following guidelines for individuals and families:

- Stay at home and keep a safe distance from family when you have cold or flu symptoms.
- No handshaking or hugs outside of your family.



- Practice good hygiene, including regular hand washing, avoiding touching your face, covering coughs and sneezes, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.
- Keep physical distancing as much as possible when in the community, and where it is not possible to fully physical distance, consider using a non-medical mask or face covering.

In personal settings when you're seeing friends and family who don't live with you:

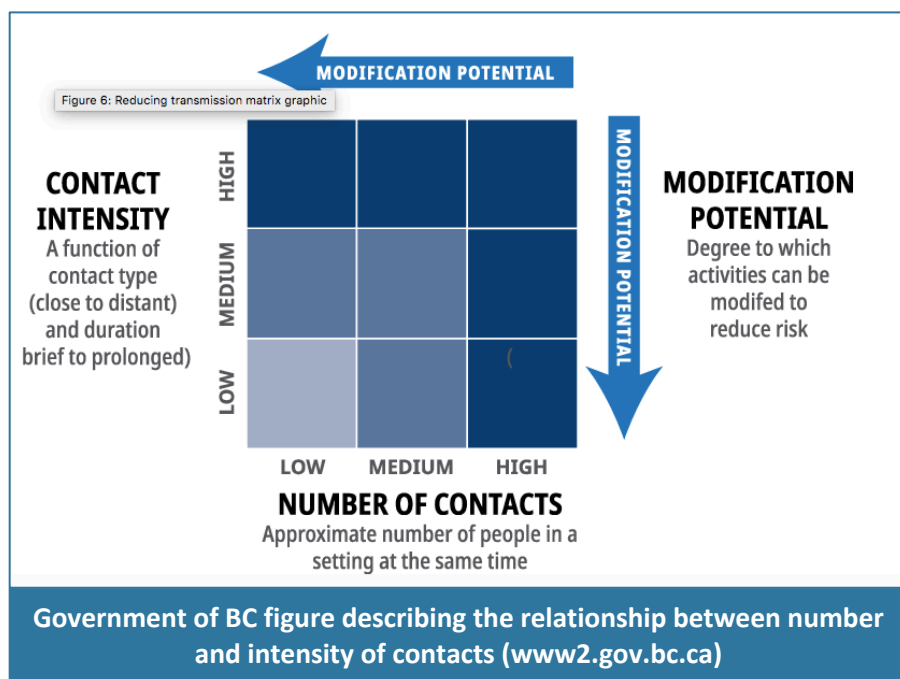
- Only get together in small groups of around two to six people and keep a physical distance.
- Stay home and away from others if you have cold or flu symptoms.

As the figure below shows, the more people you are in contact with, and the stronger the intensity (length of time and physical closeness) of each of those contacts, the higher your risk of contracting COVID19. BC residents have done a great job of flattening the curve – let's keep caring for each other by acting responsibility!

You can read more about BC's guidelines here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan#individuals>

Remember that the jurisdiction of amenities like parks, fields and playgrounds is confusing out in the UBC/UNA/UEL areas. Please continue to follow the signs posted, and if you have questions, feel free to email me, and I can forward your questions to the relevant bodies (which include: UBC, UEL, UNA, Metro Vancouver or the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure!).

Finally, many local businesses are starting to open up again, so please consider patronizing them – they're facing tough times and without our support, they could be at risk of closing forever.







## Community Update



# MariGold

Helping those in need  
Building a stronger community  
Together with MariGold Deliveries

## Mission

Providing assistance to ALL neighbours in need  
Prioritizing High Risk groups and Seniors

## Values

- Helping those in need with compassion and care
- Act with uncompromising Honesty and Integrity in every aspect of operations
- Unshakable Reliability in work and service

## Services

- FREE Grocery Deliveries
- Save on Foods
  - Shoppers Drug Mart

## Contact

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SCAN ME

*This is a new section to highlight awesome community initiatives. Please send me your ideas about people who are going out of their way to make our neighbourhoods even better. I know there are lots of examples, and I'd love to hear from you about some of them (email me at [areaajen@gmail.com](mailto:areaajen@gmail.com))*

Here's something that was recently brought to my attention and absolutely warmed my heart!

Two UBC students – Aria Sedeghian and Yuxuan Deng - who live within our community have started MariGold, a new student-run service that offers free grocery delivery within the UBC and UEL area.

Their mission is to help those in need such as seniors, people with disabilities, or families who find it hard to commute outside for their groceries. The team are practicing physical distancing and cleaning of supplies during drop off throughout their service.

To the MariGold volunteers, I extend my gratitude for this outstanding initiative to help keep members of our community safe and healthy. For more information, check out their poster or website: <https://marigoldfreedelivery.wixsite.com/campus>

## COVID-29 Information Resources

### Health resources, COVID-19 statistics and other data:

1. BC Centres for Disease Control: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)
2. BC Government Orders from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
3. Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

### Provincial/Federal Economic Recovery:

1. Provincial:
  - a. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan#individuals>
  - b. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports>
2. Federal: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/economic-response-plan.html>



#### Metro Vancouver:

1. COVID 19 updates: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/about/covid-19/>
2. Metro Vancouver Regional Parks (including Pacific Spirit Regional Park): <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/>

#### Housing support:

Tips for residents living in condos or apartment: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health-safety/7473\\_covid-19\\_apartment\\_poster\\_85x11.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health-safety/7473_covid-19_apartment_poster_85x11.pdf)

#### My Recent and Upcoming Meetings

##### Finance and Intergovernment Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

##### Climate Action Committee

Friday, May 15, 2020

##### Metro Vancouver COVID-19 Response Task Force

Wednesday, May 6 and May 20, 2020

##### CAC Meeting Monday

May 19, 2020

##### UNA Board Meeting

Tuesday May 19, 2020

##### Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

Wednesday May 20, 2020

##### TransLink Mayors' Council

Thursday, May 28, 2020

##### Metro Vancouver Board Meeting

Friday, May 29, 2020

##### UBC/UEL Virtual Town Hall

Wednesday June 3, 2020

Please join!

#### Links & Connections

##### Jen McCutcheon's Website

[www.areaajen.ca](http://www.areaajen.ca)

##### Jen McCutcheon's Facebook

[www.facebook.com/AreaAJen](https://www.facebook.com/AreaAJen)

##### Metro Vancouver

[www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org)

##### Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

[www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx](http://www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx)

##### Union of BC Municipalities

[www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca)

##### University Neighbourhoods Association

[www.myuna.ca](http://www.myuna.ca)

##### University Endowment Lands Administration

[www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca](http://www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca)

##### UEL Community Advisory Council

[www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com)