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Candidates Neatly Fill All Positions

All to be elected by acclamation. No vote necessary.

All positions for the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and Advisory Design Panel (ADP) were filled precisely as required. At 8:01pm on general voting day, November 15, 2014, these candidates will be declared elected by acclamation. As a result of this perfect match between candidates and positions, there will be no

need to go to the polls to vote for CAC or ADP.

All candidates are to be thanked for putting their names forward. This list is impressive and the next Council and Design Panel should both be excellent.

For information on the candidates see pages 2-3.



Dear Mr/Ms Postman: this is not junk mail!

Newspaper Delivery Problems

Since the first edition of Connections, we've heard that some U Hill residents don't receive a copy. This happens to different people each time, but seems to occur with every issue. Other mailings announcing events suffer a similar fate.

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2 Regional Elections!

Vote Saturday, November 15th, 2014 8AM – 8PM

1. Electoral Area A (EAA) Director to the Board of Metro Vancouver

Residents of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A vote to elect an EAA Director to sit on the Board of Metro Vancouver. All residents of the University Endowment Lands (UEL), can vote.

For more information: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

2. School Trustees

The UBC/UEL public schools are administered by the Vancouver School Board. During the municipal elections, residents of the UEL participate in the election of school trustees using the same slate as the city of Vancouver.

For more information: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/2014-municipal-election.aspx>

Maria Harris runs for third term

by Ron Pears,
Outgoing CAC President

Maria Harris is running for a third term as our elected representative to Metro Vancouver. This is good news for all of us living in the U Hill community. Not only has Maria been an excellent Metro Electoral Area A (EAA) rep, she has also put considerable effort into helping us in our own work in furthering the interests of all UEL residents, of which she is one herself.

It is not easy being Metro's EAA rep. The Electoral Area is an odd entity, being made up of a smattering of small areas spread over the lower mainland, plus the two areas that make up almost all of the population: UBC and the UEL. These are the "leftovers" of the lower mainland, those areas not in municipalities. Our EAA representative has to represent us at the level of the mayors, without the mayors' level of staff support. This takes a lot of persistent effort and a lot of time. Maria has shown that she can work hard and be thoroughly prepared on the issues and take the initiative when required. Maria knows the ropes and serves us well.

Maria comes with an excellent alternate, Bill Holmes. Bill, who lives in Hampton Place, attends meetings when Maria is out of town and helps her with research and in other ways. Together they make a terrific team. Bill has also very ably assisted the UEL CAC and me in our work, in particular the work with the Province on governance.

There is one other candidate running for EAA representative. His name is Daniel Wood. Mr. Wood is a UBC graduate student. It appears to me that Mr. Wood knows little about the role of the Electoral Area A rep, and this is a problem. I can see why Mr. Wood might want to run to further his nascent career, but I cannot see why we would want to vote for him.

I urge all UEL residents to get out to the polling station and vote for Maria Harris. She has served us very well and will most certainly do so for the next four years.

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EVENTS:

CAC Regular Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2014 – 5:30pm

DON'T MISS—the toe the U Hill pre-Christmas party!

Wednesday, 26 November – 5:30 – 7:30pm

Seasonal Wine and Cheese Party

- Come celebrate the season with your neighbours!
- Chat to the outgoing CAC and ADP members and say hello to the incoming CAC and ADP members
- This is an informal affair and all UEL residents are welcome

CAC Regular Meeting

Monday, 8 December 2014 – 5:30pm

Annual General Meeting and installation of new Council

Above events will be held at the U Hill Community Space

Suite 300, 5755 Dalhousie Rd. Above Starbucks, University Village

Electoral Area A All Candidates Meeting

Come listen to Maria Harris and Daniel Wood discuss the issues

Monday, 3 November 2014 – 7pm

where: Tapestry, Wesbrook Village, 3338 Wesbrook Mall

All UEL, UNA and UBC residents are invited to attend.



The who's who in the CAC and ADP

The candidates

For Community Advisory Council (CAC):	For Advisory Design Panel (ADP):
Jean-François Caron (Area D)	Jean-François Caron (Area D)
Hong Chen (Area D)	Hong Chen (Area D)
Dave Forsyth (Area A)	Dave Forsyth (Area A)
Jaymie Ho (Area B)	Jaymie Ho (Area B)
Pete McConnell (Area C)	Tamara Knott (Area C)
Mojan Nozari (Area D)	Maciek Kon (Area C)
Lynne Pomfret (Area A)	Pauline Nocente (Area B)
	Stuart Smith (Area A)

The Community Advisor Council is your elected council: it is your voice to government

The University Endowment Lands Community Advisory Council is a unique political body. It is very important to the residents of the UEL as it is the only elected body that represents us to the local office of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development which runs our affairs.

Without a strong and active CAC we residents of the UEL have no control over what the government in Victoria does with our tax money. Without the CAC we also have no influence over the vision of what the UEL should become over time, or in the policies and procedures that guide daily activities.

Taiwanese-Style Hot & Sour Soup

- Ingredients:**
- 1.5 cups sliced carrots
 - 1.5 cups sliced Chinese cabbage
 - 1.5 cups sliced tofu
 - 1.5 cups sliced wood-ear fungus and Chinese mushrooms (use dried wood-ear fungus and mushrooms when fresh are not available, but soak in warm water for 30 minutes before adding)
 - 1.5 cups sliced bamboo
 - one egg
 - 0.5 cups water with 2 tbsp corn flour
 - 1.5 cups lean sliced pork marinated in rice wine and white pepper with 1 tbsp corn flour (for about 10 minutes)
 - one red chili, chopped; some finely-chopped spring onion and ginger pieces
 - a pinch of sugar
 - 3 tbsp black vinegar or aged vinegar
 - white pepper and sesame oil to finish



- Role of CAC:** Key words from the CAC's Constitution regarding purposes of CAC:
- advise the Manager on issues regarding quality of life and tax impacts;
 - advise the Manager on land use planning;
 - advise the Manager on any other items regarding cost, quality or capacity of community services;
 - review the annual budget and property tax requisition;
 - fund community advisory bodies (including ADP);
 - receive and use funds from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (the CAC's own budget);
 - promote and develop the interests and welfare of UEL residents;
 - assist, develop and foster community planning.

The Advisory Design Panel: The Community's Voice On What Gets Built

The ADP has a responsibility to ensure that the community has a voice in what gets built in our community. It meets to review problematic development permit applications or ones that are large and/or complex. There are seven professional members (architects, landscape architects, engineers) and eight community members.

- Cooking:**
1. Chop and slice all ingredients
 2. Fry the pork for a couple of minutes and remove from pan
 3. Put in a little bit of oil and add the spices (chili, ginger and spring onion)
 4. Add Chinese mushrooms and wood-ear fungus; stir fry
 5. Add carrots, then bamboo shoots and Chinese cabbage; stir fry
 6. Add pork back into pan and stir together
 7. Add boiled water to just cover the level of ingredients
 8. Heat until boiling. Mix corn flour with 0.5 cups of water and stir, and slowly pour it into the soup using a circular motion
 9. Add the black vinegar and a pinch of sugar
 10. Adjust the hot and sour taste according to preference; add more white pepper if you want the soup spicier, and add more black vinegar if you'd like a more sour taste.
 11. Turn off the heat. Beat the egg and slowly pour it into the soup, again using a circular motion. Pour a little splash of sesame oil and a dusting of white pepper to finish. Stir before serving.



Jean-François Caron

CAC & ADP – Area D
I have been a resident of the UEL in Area D since 2011, and at UBC since late 2006. I am a PhD candidate in experimental particle physics, working on particle detection techniques. My undergraduate degree is from the University of Calgary, where I spent most of my childhood and early adult life.

I've been involved with the AMS Bike Co-op for nearly my entire time on the west coast, starting as a new volunteer, with some years as a coordinator of the famous Purple and Yellow Bikes program, as President, and I am currently Vice-President. I strongly believe that cycling is the only mode of private transportation that will be sustainable in the long run, in urban areas. I've recently become involved with HUB, the Metro Vancouver cycling advocacy organization, and I sit on their Vancouver-UBC committee.

I'm strongly devoted to social justice and anti-oppressive values. Since I'm a bit of a radical, these directly inform my political opinions and goals.

- Some of my goals as a CAC and ADP member are:
- the addition of minimum public bicycle parking requirements for new and existing buildings;
 - the reduction of speed limits on all UEL roads without bicycle infrastructure and sidewalks to 30 km/hr;
 - the exploration of possibly broadening the categories of people who can be nominated in and vote for the CAC and ADP elections; and
 - improving the behaviour and attitudes of the CAC in the context of anti-oppression.



Hong Chen

CAC & ADP – Area D
I have lived in the UEL since 2002. I have served on the Community Advisory Council since February 2013 and on the ADP since July 2014.

Having lived in North America for more than twenty years, I hope to continue contributing to our multicultural environment. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Science and Technology of China (Geophysics), a Master's degree from Harvard University (Geophysics), and an MBA from Queen's University School of Business. I have worked as an analyst in venture capital (1996-2001) and in public equity investing (2002 to present).

Urban design, architecture, and community building are of great interest to me. I would like to encourage building designs that take into account the UEL's unique and valuable heritage, wherever possible.



Area A, B, C and D of the UEL



Dave Forsyth

CAC & ADP – Area A
Although Dave has lived in the UEL for most of his life, he does not take for granted how fortunate he is to live in this very special neighbourhood. Dave's goal is to ensure that the overall character of the

neighbourhood is preserved while respecting the interests of both long-term residents and families who are new to the UEL.

Dave is a Professional Engineer specializing in industrial control systems and software. He balances his work with an active life of running, tennis, and Saturday morning cycling trips with a great group of neighbours. Dave has served on the CAC for the past three years as Secretary/ Treasurer, and on the ADP for the past six years. Dave will do his best to ensure that all residents are truly represented in a fair, open, and democratic manner.



Jaymie Glasmann Ho

CAC & ADP – Area B
Jaymie's goal as ADP Rep for Area B is to provide continuity in neighbourhood representation. Jaymie has called the UEL her home since 1998 and has felt fortunate to raise her family here with her husband,

Steven. She contributes a strong background in finance, consulting, and community volunteerism, as well as her appreciation for the history and community values of the UEL. Jaymie holds an MBA from Wharton and a BA from Stanford, and previously worked for JPMorgan in New York and Citicorp in Hong Kong, providing investment banking services.

Jaymie's three years on the ADP, and her involvement with the Communications Committee, U Hill *Connections*' editorial Board, and the Block F Committee, will inform her position on the CAC. She hopes to build on the progress of past CACs and help create more amenities for the UEL community!



Tamara Knott

ADP – Area C
Tamara has been a serving member of the ADP for Area C for the past three years. Tamara is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and the owner of Adventura Counselling Services. She also works as an

intake counsellor for crisis and at-risk clients at Optum Canada. Tamara was formerly a project manager of hydro-electric development for a variety of run-of-the-river projects before making a career transition. She is currently a PhD student and also has a BComm in Entrepreneurial Management from Royal Roads University. Her BA is from Queens University. Tamara is currently the organizer for the Vancouver Parents Group with over five hundred members. Formerly, she has been a group facilitator in a variety of settings and was a committee member of the Victoria Regional Planning Committee, developing a five-year plan for Victoria's urban growth.



Maciek Kon

ADP – Area C
Maciek is pleased to continue as an Area C representative on the Advisory Design Panel. In addition to the ADP, he has volunteered over the years as a local resident representative during the UEL Building Bylaw

review, helped organize local community events, actively participated on the CAC Finance Committee, contributed to the community newspaper, and maintained a blog to bring attention to local issues.

Maciek hopes to contribute to a long-overdue review of the Official Community Plan and a related review of the UEL Building Bylaw. Maciek and his family have enjoyed living in Area C for more than a decade, raising two children in Little Australia. After pursuing engineering studies in his native Poland, Maciek graduated with an MBA in Finance from Simon Fraser University and pursued a finance career in Asia, Europe, and North America. Outside volunteering and family life, Maciek works in the field of investment management, managing pension and endowment assets.



Peter McConnell

CAC – Area C
Peter has lived in Area C of the UEL for almost 14 years. He has an MSc in Physics from UBC. He is a retired engineer and worked in various positions with several local high-technology firms. One of these firms was

Sierra Wireless Inc, where he was one of the co-founders. He is presently Board Chair of the Pacific Flying Club, a Not For Profit Society providing aircraft rental and flight training to its members. He holds a Commercial Pilot's License and owns a homebuilt experimental aircraft.

In 2011 he worked with a candidate in the campaign for the Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Director. Since 2011, he has been involved with two CAC committees, the UEL Governance Committee, and the Block F Committee. Through these activities he gained insight into the many issues facing the UEL, those of concern to UEL residents, and the unique governance structure of the UEL.

Peter wants to ensure that the CAC represents all residents in an effective manner, and to continue building on the efforts of the past UEL CAC councils.



Pauline Nocente

ADP – Area B
Pauline lives in Area B on the UEL. She is married to husband Daniel and has three daughters. Her parents are also residents of Area A. Pauline received a B.A. from UBC and an LLB from Dalhousie Law School. She is a

Member of the BC Law Society. After articling at a downtown Vancouver firm, she practised law for nine years, including six years at the Department of Justice defending the decisions of federal administrative tribunals before the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal, and three years at a full-service firm as a litigator in B.C. Supreme Court. Pauline sits as a Director of the BC Arts Council.



Mojan Nozari

CAC – Area D
I am excited to be part of the Community Advisory Council as one of the members from Area D – my neighbourhood. I have lived in the UEL since 2001, and moved to Acadia Road with my husband and

my son in 2005.

I have accumulated several years of experience in the architecture and development of mixed commercial/ residential high-rise complexes, community centres, libraries, etc., both in Canada and abroad. Currently, I am working with the IBI group on a major project next to BC Place.

I feel so fortunate to be living in the UEL, next to Pacific Spirit Park. Walking and jogging through its trails with my dog, makes me realise how fortunate we are to be surrounded by its beauty, and how important it is for us to take care of it and preserve it for generations to come.

I am looking forward to representing our community on the CAC.



Lynne Pomfret

CAC – Area A
Lynne and her family moved from Vancouver to the UEL in 1992. She and her husband Peter Stanley have two daughters, both educated here. The elder daughter attended UBC for her master's degree.

Lynne, also a UBC graduate, has taught in the public school system for more than 12 years in the Surrey School district and more recently in Vancouver. Previously, she worked in sales for Xerox and co-owned an antique store in Point Grey for many years.

A keen gardener, Lynne was drawn to the UEL by its park-like setting, separation from the city, and also by its proximity to the beaches, Pacific Spirit Park and UBC's amenities.



Stuart Smith

ADP – Area A
Stuart is an ophthalmologist, and balances his professional life with family, travel, outdoor adventures and sports. He has lived most of his life in the University Endowment Lands, and appreciates the unique

character of the neighbourhood with its interesting people and pets, open feel, green spaces, and quiet atmosphere.

Stuart currently serves as one of two Area A representatives on the ADP and welcomes the opportunity to continue this role, understanding the 'Advisory' nature of this committee. He believes in consensus-building and democratic decision-making, and will continue to listen to, and express, the opinions of his neighbours concerning development issues in Area A.

Motions That Go Nowhere

Council passes quite a few motions, which are formal statements of position or acceptance of some course of action. A few motions request or recommend action by the UEL Administration. Sometimes nothing results from these requests. Here are a few examples:

March 26, 2012

Recommendation that the UEL administration hire an additional employee to assist with amenity upgrades to the community, to look at ways to enhance the visual environment of our community, and to proceed with the infrastructure program. (Background: Council recognized several years ago that the UEL admin office was shorthanded and needed more staff.)

Action by the administration to date: nothing.

March 26, 2012

Motion in support of the use of our capital reserve fund to commence and carry out capital projects. (Background: For quite a few years the CAC has actively encouraged a start on our very necessary infrastructure work, for which money has already been saved.)

Action by administration to date: planning work done and budgets set, but this essential work program continues to be delayed.

March 26, 2012

Motion to support the UEL administration in the establishment of Development Cost Charges (DCCs) to support general improvements to the community. *Background:* most or all municipalities have a method of charging developers, particularly for rezoning that increases value, in order to improve public amenities.

Action by administration to date: nothing.

March 26, 2012

Request that UEL administration investigate how the overall firefighting cost for the UBC/UEL service is allocated to the UEL.

Action by administration to date: efforts were made to find out how costs were allocated, but the answers from Victoria were not specific and we still don't really know how this is done.

March 26, 2012

Request that the Ministry reconsider the cancellation of the \$60,000 grant we received for some years in lieu of the normal municipal grants, which as a non-municipality we are not able to apply for.

Action by administration to date: nothing.

April 16, 2012

Request that the UEL administration maintain the Acadia Circle cottages in an attractive and rentable condition, and that these small dwellings be rented to UEL and RCMP staff, as was the case for many years.

Action by administration to date: nothing.

June 18, 2012

In response to a citizen complaint that the house across the street from her was abandoned and infested with vermin, Council recommended that a review of UEL Bylaws and enforcement of the Bylaw be made a priority.

Action by the administration to date: the citizen complainant was pleased with the way UEL staff tried to sort out the situation and thanked staff for doing so. Eventually the offending house was torn down. The larger questions of Bylaw review and Bylaw enforcement remain outstanding.

December 10, 2012

Council encourages UEL administration to proceed with a review of the OCP early in 2013. (Background: the lack of a solid and visionary Official Community Plan has hindered the rezoning work for Block F, among other things.)

Action by administration to date: nothing.

June 17, 2013

Council approves proceeding with a formal request to the Minister for a governance study (later revised to an incorporation study).

Action to date by the CAC: a formal request was prepared and submitted to the Minister.

Action by the Province to date: some indication that the government is looking at the issue, but no formal response to the CAC yet.

September 16, 2013

Council requested that UEL administration begin the process of amending the OCP to eliminate the existing ward electoral system and institute an at-large-system.

Action by administration to date: nothing.

Tell us the truth: just what IS the problem in getting VPL access?

How complicated can it be?

The UNA's fee agreement with the Vancouver Public Library began way back in 2000. The first year's fee was based on a percentage of the population, while subsequent years have relied on a simple formula of the number of cards used in the previous year multiplied by the VPL's subscription rate. Why can't this uncomplicated equation be used for UEL residents?

Here's a short quiz: what do the communities of Agassiz, Aldergrove, Boston Bar, Bowen Island, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Clearbrook, Coquitlam, Delta, Fort Langley, Gibsons, Hope, Ladner, Langley, Lillooet, Maple Ridge, Mission, Mount Lehman, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Pemberton, Pitt Meadows, Port Moody, Richmond, Sardis, Sechelt, Squamish, Surrey, Tsawwassen, Vancouver, West Vancouver, Yale, and Yarrow have in common?

If you guessed access to the VPL through the InterLINK library system, you're right! Hundreds of thousands of readers enjoy the pleasures of our public libraries. In other words, virtually everyone within the Lower Mainland... except for us.



Dear Mr Braman,
Could you please find a way to telephone or email your contact person at the VPL to sort out, once and for all, the financial arrangements necessary for UEL residents to access the VPL network? The money is waiting. All it will take is a few minutes on your part.
Cordially,
Kimberly Smith
Reader and book-lover

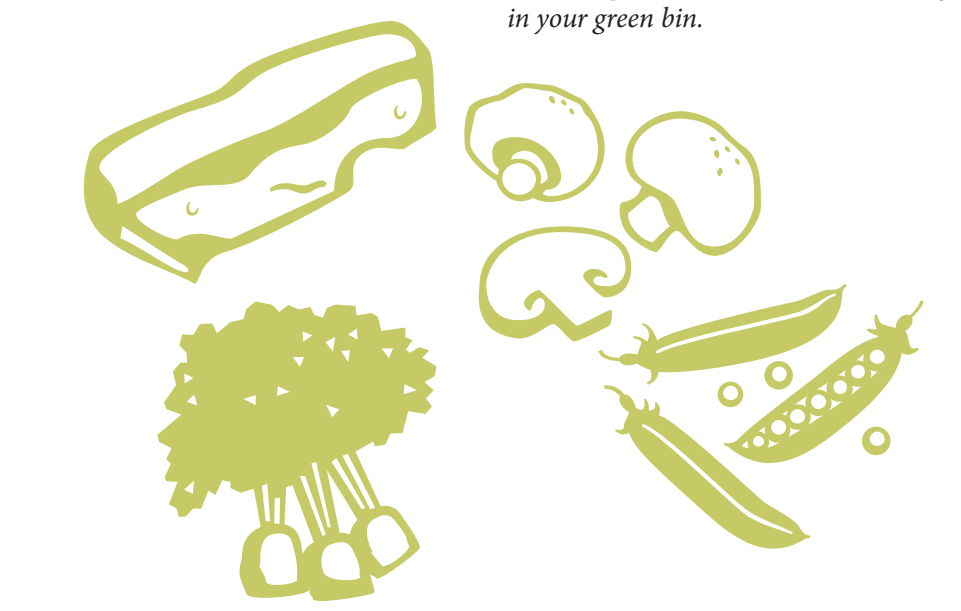
Plastic Contamination

Plastics, even products marked as biodegradable, contaminate compost and reduce its value – please keep them out of the collection bin. Common contaminants include:

- plastic wrap
- elastic bands
- straws
- plastic bags
- twist ties
- swizzle sticks
- plastic cutlery

Compost: It's the Right Thing to Do

In our region, about 40% of household garbage is composed of food scraps. When we throw away food, all the nutrients, soil, water, money and energy that went into its production is lost.



Food that decays in landfills produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

By processing food waste separately from other garbage, we can create compost to grow more food and biofuel to replace fossil fuels. Compared to garbage disposal, composting also costs less. It's a win-win both ecologically and economically.

More information

Metro Vancouver now has a home page for the organics ban, including a Residents' page. You can get there easily from www.metrovancouver.org

Please remember: *Food is not garbage. Food scraps in the UEL will soon belong in your green bin.*

Recycling in the UEL: Bigger, better, and possibly more confusing

by Malcolm Tait



At the beginning of September, EMTERRA, on behalf of Multi-Material BC (MMBC), began curbside recycling in residential Areas A, B, and C of the UEL. Prior to this, residents of Areas A and B took recyclable materials to the UEL Works Yard, while Area C residents have had curbside pickup provided by the City of Vancouver for the past four years or so. In Area D, landlords and strata corporations in Area D will continue to use commercial haulers to manage recycling.

Darrel Walker, Manager of the Recycling Facility in Surrey, indicated that the initial uptake of the system in the UEL was low – but anticipated that this will improve. In part, this may have been due to the Works Yard facility remaining open until mid-September.

MMBC reminds UEL residents that pick-up day is always Monday, regardless of statutory holidays.

Also, residents have a responsibility, not only to put the materials out, but to wash them – this makes a big difference to those who work at the recycling facility. The consistent pick-up day is a welcome change for Area C residents; previously, their pick-up day changed after every holiday.

Several UEL residents were asked for their thoughts on the new system:

Were the instructions helpful?

A few respondents thought the graphic depiction of recyclable materials was clear, but the majority found the instructions too wordy and complicated. Except for the most conscientious, the system has to be simple; otherwise many items will end up in the garbage. The list of items that are not accepted and which need to be returned to recycling depots is very long, as is the list of items unacceptable either for curbside pickup or at MMBC depots.

On the principle of “it needs to be simple to make it work”, several respondents would have preferred one tote for all

recyclables as is used in some other jurisdictions: this would be simpler for house-holders and easier for pickup.

The instructions were provided in English only. In response, MMBC indicated that Korean, Punjabi, and Chinese translations are available at <http://recyclinginbc.ca/program/mmhc-materials-list/>.

Ease of use?

The City system involves one blue box and two heavy-duty plastic bags for newsprint and mixed paper. There was general agreement that the boxes are preferable to the bags. However, bags keep paper dry in wet weather; the open boxes now used may prove problematic.

Many individuals find the three boxes cumbersome and difficult to store. MMBC commented that the UEL, along with Langley, is the only place in the province which chose to use three streams of recycling waste rather than two – which means an extra step for UEL residents: separating glass from plastic. As to older individuals having trouble hauling heavy bins to the curbside, MMBC responds that anyone in a single-family residence could call upon family members or neighbours for assistance. Using a wagon to transport bins is fine, as long as they remain accessible for pickup – ie: they are not strapped in.

Bins need to be put out only when full, and the larger box may be used for paper rather than containers. Under the old UEL system, newsprint and mixed paper were separated,



presumably a result of newsprint's higher recycling value. The new Surrey facility has the capacity to separate these materials, hence they can be put out together.

Some respondents consider the need for clear plastic bags for shredded paper as an additional chore. Having to cut large pieces of cardboard to fit the bins is seen as awkward and potentially dangerous.

The UEL facility: what happens now?

There was strong support for retaining the local recycling facility in its present location. All respondents believe that UEL Administration should approach recycling from a broader perspective to include a wider range of items.

According to MMBC's own information, drop-off depots are located on Vancouver's east side, which makes for a lengthy, inconvenient, and inefficient special trip. Consequently, recyclable items not permitted in the boxes will probably go to the landfill.

Could the UEL make occasional use of the former recycling area as a central drop-off point for such materials? A reasonable time-frame would be once every three months. Perhaps the UEL could collaborate with the UNA and/or UBC: such a venture would be good for the community and

even better for the environment. There are several commercial companies that will pick up large items and other rubbish for recycling or disposal.

A full list of MMBC depots is available at: <http://recyclinginbc.ca/mmhc-depots/>

For more information about the UEL program go to: <http://recyclinginbc.ca/uel/>

Questions/comments may be sent to: askmebcl@emterra.ca or call 604 599-8651

or contact Sarah Stephens: sstephen@multimaterialbc.ca 778 588-9505

Many thanks to all who provided input for this article, and to Sarah Stephens, MMBC Communications Manager, and Darell Walker, Manager of the Recycling Facility in Surrey.

社區回收服務

本社區由九月份起,由 EMTERRA 代表 MMBC 公司,提供路旁定時資源回收服務,您可以上 MMBC 網站,讀取中文版的回收資源項目說明。網址是:

<http://recyclinginbc.ca/program/mmhc-materials-list/>

9 월초부터 EMTERRA 는 Multi-Material BC (MMBC)를 대신하여,기타 재활용 물품 수거를 시작 했습니다. MMBC 웹사이트에서 재활용 가능 물품 목록을 확인 하십시오. 웹사이트 주소는: <http://recyclinginbc.ca/program/mmhc-materials-list/> 입니다.

Food Is Not Garbage!

by Maria Harris,
Electoral Area A Director, Metro Vancouver

Starting in 2015, all residents and businesses in the region will need to separate food scraps from regular garbage as Metro Vancouver introduces an organics disposal ban. The ban will apply to all raw and cooked food, including fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy, grains, frozen foods and so on – anything that decays into compost.

Nearly all communities in the region already have successful food scraps recycling programs for single-family homes and many are now implementing programs for multi-family homes like apartments and condos. These programs keep food scraps out of the garbage, and instead turn them into nutrient-rich compost or energy-rich biofuel.

I asked Metro Vancouver to respond to some Electoral Area residents' questions regarding the ban. Here's what they said.

Avoiding Odours and Pests

Pests and odours can be kept to a minimum by regularly emptying and cleaning food waste containers.

Some tips for keeping pests at bay, especially for those using individual collection bins:

- Put organics out for collection regularly, even when there's very little in your collection bin.

for grants and hold special events, pay instructors, market programs, and recruit volunteers.

In general, between 40 to 60% of a community centre's annual expenses are supported by Parks Board distributions derived from property taxes, while the remainder comes from facility-related revenue such as membership and program fees, rental fees, grants, and community events. The Parks Board bases its funding support according to a formula that considers population diversity, the number of children and seniors, and the number of low-income residents. Financial sustainability

and low-income access policies have been key issues facing community centres in recent years. The Parks Board is currently in the process of renegotiating many community centre partnership agreements.

Vancouver's first community centre opened in 1949 at Marpole Oakridge, followed shortly by Dunbar, Killarney, and Trout Lake. Several centres have developed specialty programs

associated with unique infrastructure such as boating facilities, pottery studios and theatres. Childcare and preschool are offered at many centres and some offer breakfast and lunch programs for children and seniors. Community centres vary in size, amenities and programs provided. Some incorporate historic buildings and highlight important cultural community ties.

Vancouver has seen it important to invest in parks and community centres for its growing citizenry for 67 years.

Isn't it high time that the UEL made a similar effort for its residents?

Block F Update

The Block F property owner is currently working on a revised rezoning application as the application submitted last December was not acceptable to the UEL Administration as presented. In addition, the CAC and the wider U Hill community had identified and communicated a number of serious problems.

In the past few months the Block F Working Group established by the CAC has tried to work collaboratively with the UEL staff and their team of consultants but the attempt did not succeed. The goal of the Working Group was to gain a better understanding of the rezoning package and to explore ideas and possibilities. The Province's team was quite prepared to listen to any comments the Working Group had, but not to enter into a dialogue. The Working Group needed to have the expertise of the consultants and a one-way flow of information could only go so far.

As a result of this impasse, the Working Group will wait for the next iteration of the rezoning application. When a revised submission is made, the Working Group will carefully examine the revised scheme and provide comments to the UEL office, the applicant and, of course, to the public. It is hoped that the Working Group can view the application at a draft stage so comments are not made on a finished and polished product. It will be a lot easier for the applicant to make changes to a draft scheme.

In summary, the CAC's team working on the Block F rezoning process has little to report, except to say that we are told our previous comments have been passed on to the applicant. As the discussions are going on behind closed doors between the property owner and the Province, the community is being kept largely in the dark.

One detail of note: Recently a parcel of land in Kerrisdale was put on the market. The listed price was reported to be \$359 per buildable square foot. The existing rezoning application for Block F asks for an increase in the allowable buildable floor space of close to 300,000 square feet. Using the Kerrisdale parcel as a reference, this would make the extra value of the density increase about \$100,000,000. This is a very large amount of money and you cannot blame the applicant for asking.

However, the Working Group believes that the proposed density is too great for this site and would like it reduced substantially. And then, if there is still an increase in density, the resulting lift in value should be shared with the whole community by way of amenities. If the increase in value is not shared on a fair basis, the density should stay at the level of the current zoning.

Thirty-four letters of objection to these plans were submitted to UEL Administration.



Coming soon to a neighbourhood near you: a new take on the epic sci-fi film!

I have a theory about Block F. Like “climate change,” the urgent need for a more open community consultation process is being ignored.

The Block F plans describe a highly disturbing change to the UEL neighbourhood, with towering 22-storey towers, a hotel, and a bare minimum of greenspace, with no ascertainable community amenities.

But it seems a distant threat. The timing is uncertain. No one seems to know what is happening; we are being kept purposely in the dark. The way in which the development is being reviewed and shaped is quite deliberately designed to destroy the chance of alerting our sense of threat. Block F developers claim they have already led a balanced consultation process, giving residents permission to avoid becoming involved. The UEL management team is refusing to share critical proposals with the UEL resident Block F committee. People who are deeply concerned are being treated as a small, polarized minority.



The process has become very politically skewed against current UEL residents.
Beware of the UEL Metropolis.

Where are all the park benches? You will find many in Pacific Spirit park, but what about along some of the scenic walks in our lovely garden community.

There are not many places to just sit and enjoy the birds, talk with friends or stretch after a long run. Benches could enhance our enjoyment of these areas.

above left: A drawing of a bench is placed at the top of the path along Chancellor Blvd.
left: How about a bench in Area C?

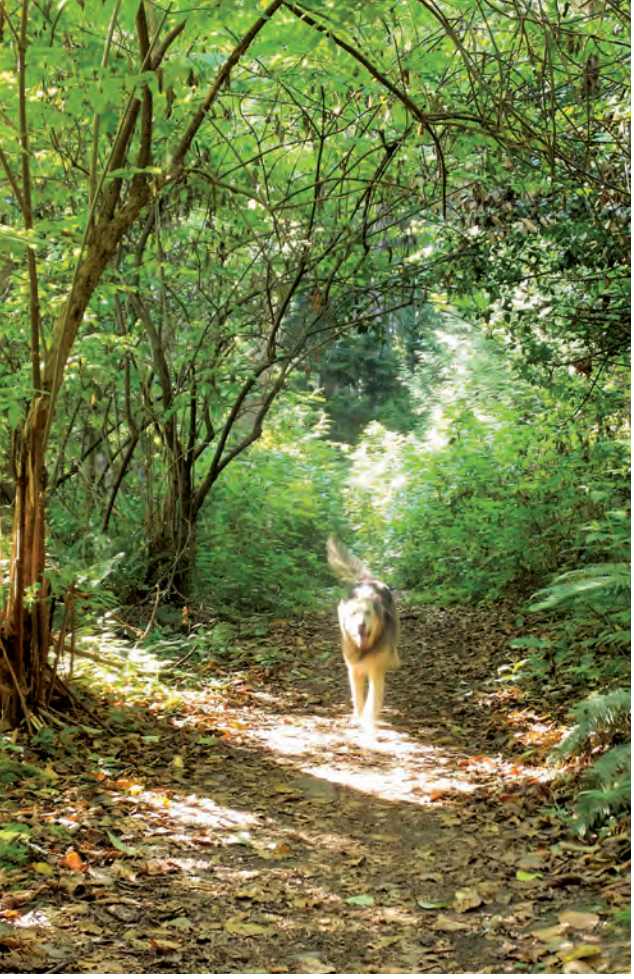
Where are all the park benches?



Why not take a walk through Block F?

Block F is more than just another parcel of land slated for development. With its impressive coniferous canopy, dominated by towering Douglas firs and cedars, it is a place unto itself. The formidable Iva Mann, perhaps the

best known of those whose relentless lobbying resulted in the creation and preservation of Pacific Spirit Park, considered it an essential connection between the northern and southern sections of this magnificent



forest. Block F's winding trails feel wilder, less-cultivated than their counterparts.

Before it disappears forever, take a walk of discovery through Block F.

Decisions, decisions...

Anxiety is rising as the community awaits Jonn Braman's decision on the development permit application for 5915 Newton Wynd.

The ADP recommended that this development permit be denied at its August 12, 2014 meeting, the second time it met to review the variances under request. This difficult decision was made after several hours of deliberation that included a careful review of revisions to the proposed home height and landscaping plan.

Before a packed room of concerned residents, Formwerk's Jim Bussey advised that in an effort to meet UEL recommendations, the home height had been dropped by approximately two feet, a second-storey bedroom to the west compressed, the garage roof lowered, and the impermeable surface reduced through a reduction in the size of an outdoor patio by approximately one-third, plus some changes to pathway materials. The landscaping plan had been revised to replace an allée of palm trees with more indigenous Northwest plantings. Mr. Bussey stated that while the previous home design had been inspired by the glamour of Hollywood and the Mediterranean seaside, the new plans were inspired by an Orca with a fin.

It was noted that the proposed home would still significantly interfere with neighbouring homeowners' important ocean views and negatively affect almost every other property's privacy due to sheer mass of the house and the positioning of its two stories on the lot. While the architectural plans had appeal, ADP representatives

expressed the widely-held community view that its design is out of place for the location and out of touch with the values and streetscape of this neighbourhood.

Mr. Braman has the final say on whether to accept or reject the development permit. Once his decision is made, the affected parties, including those who wrote letters of objection, will have 10 days in which to make an appeal to the Minister. The Minister then has 30 days to make a decision, whereupon affected parties have the right to a second appeal to the Minister before a building permit application can be processed, if it can be processed.

It has been approximately two and a half years since the homeowner began designing plans for 5915 Newton Wynd. The UEL office began reviewing the plans in September of 2012. The first APD review was held in June 2014.

The client's architect warned residents that rejection of the Development Application could have a negative impact on the desirability of the UEL to offshore investors and explained that he was requesting the variances due to the "hardship" of the site envelope.

While real estate agents agree that the uncertainty of gaining development permits is a concern to some home buyers, the UEL's unique location, beautiful streetscapes, large flat lots, walkability, proximity to excellent educational opportunities, and Asian family networks continue to make it an extremely attractive for buyers who want a better lifestyle and safe haven for their families.



Living in a Parking Lot

The garden community gets walled off University Hill used to be known by its residents as the "garden community." Most of the lots were large and the front yards mostly unfenced and without hedges. Fences and hedges started to become more prevalent twenty years ago as a heightened sense of security became common. More hedges and fences were installed, particularly as the older homes were replaced. While some of the fences and gates are decorative, there has been an increase in taller examples, some of which ignored our existing Bylaws. Although the UEL is a very safe community, the need to create a definition between private space and public space just keeps growing.

Why the love of paving?

Lately we are seeing another trend taking us further away from the "garden community." More and more new developments are covering a large percentage of a property in hard surface materials. Some development permit applications have proposed as much as 65% impermeable surfaces, which is unacceptable by any reasonable standard. Even front yards that used to be sweeps of lawn and landscaping are now vast areas of pavers. Some back yards are likewise threatened with four-car garages and large access drives and garage forecourts.

Gains versus losses

It is hard to see what the gains are for excessive paving. Perhaps you can park lots of cars, but some of these paved areas are not even used for that practical purpose. Anyway, street parking for residents is almost endless, so it cannot be that. We are at a loss to explain why somebody would tear up a lovely south-facing front yard lawn, only to pave the whole thing. As well as being aesthetically unpleasant, excessive paving has many negative environmental consequences and contributes to storm water problems by preventing the absorption of rainfall.

Bylaw revision could help

It is hoped that the long overdue revision to the UEL Bylaw will help the UEL Administration staff control the extent of hard surface paving.

Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A – 2014 Election

Maria Harris



I have served as the Electoral Area Director for six years, representing all residents with passion, dedication and thoroughness.

Of all the successes in my two terms, one of which I am especially proud is that the Electoral Area Director is now automatically a member of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, a body that makes important decisions about public transit expansion and funding sources for it. Another success is the support I have provided to the Community Advisory Council in dealing with provincial government officials on matters concerning the UEL.

I attach high priority to seeking residents' views and keeping them informed through, for example, my website and the regular updates I prepare. I am open to new ideas and not afraid to challenge the status quo.

Representing the Electoral Area properly requires considerable time, which I am able to devote to the role. It also requires an in-depth understanding of Metro Vancouver's responsibilities and the role of the Electoral Area Director. With the steep learning curve behind me, and my professional background as an economist, I am in a unique position to serve effectively and would be honoured to continue to have this opportunity.

The UEL has been my home for 15 years. During that time, I have been involved in many community activities, including the development of the UEL's Official Community Plan, serving on the board of the UEL Ratepayers' Association, participating in the establishment of the Community Advisory Council, and serving on that body.

Please visit www.mariaharris.ca to understand why this election matters and learn how you can vote.

I hope I can count on your support on November 15th.

Daniel Wood



Daniel Wood is a longtime Vancouver resident and has lived at the University of British Columbia campus for almost a decade. He has a proven track record of professional accomplishments in communications, public affairs, and leadership. Through his active involvement with organizations like the City of Vancouver, CUPE 2278, UBC GSS, and MAAPPSSA, Daniel has advocated for positive changes. Aspiring to contribute back to his community, Daniel and his family actively volunteer in UBC community events and encourage civic engagement at all levels.

Daniel has a unique background in safety and community development that

he would like to bring to this position. He has previous experience sitting on the University of British Columbia Health and Safety committee, as well as acting as a liaison to RCMP. Because of the cases of unresolved violence in the UBC community during 2013 and 2014 Daniel believes that more needs to be done to increase the level of personal safety and security to the residents. Ensuring the everyday safety of both campus families and the visiting community is his number one priority.

Daniel also has extensive experience working with the UBC administration as well as in municipal politics with the City of Vancouver. Specifically, through his involvement at the committee level, he played an important role in implementing positive changes across the university for land use planning and public transportation.

Daniel brings a wide array of professional employment experience to the position. If elected, he promises to bring positive changes to the community on many outstanding issues that have not been addressed. Daniel believes that communicating the issues through citizen participation is crucial to the well functioning of a community.

Police Blotter

General notes

Staff Sgt. Darren Malcolm has resigned to take a position with ICB, and our new Staff Sgt. at the UBC Detachment is Pat Riley from Burnaby. He will be taking up his position later this month.

Wreck Beach was much quieter this year – fewer than 12 incidents all summer!

The Fraternity houses have been particularly problematic this fall, mostly due to off-campus high school students who drink excessively; a few assaults have also been reported.

The AMS is using Google maps with heat-tracing to augment the Safe Walk program, which allows them to see who is moving around campus at night.

Property crime is down, but theft from autos has become epidemic throughout the lower mainland. The hot spots at UBC are the Aquatic Centre, SUB, and the Rec Centre, as well as student housing. Thefts are especially common on

Mondays and Fridays between 12-6am, so foot and bike patrols are being stepped up

The person who broke into a house in the 2100-block Acadia Rd in early September was caught with the help of the VPD dog squad; he is now on a no-go to the UEL until his court appearance.

Updates for the RCMP and alerts for the area will be tweeted – @University_RCMP.

UBC /UNA Property theft:

Several reported thefts of cell phones, laptops, wallets, and backpacks stolen from the Student Rec Centre. Similar thefts occurred at 2100 Health Sciences Mall, Pit Pub and Thunderbird Stadium.

Break and Enter:

Police conducting a foot patrol in the 3400-block Wesbrook Mall arrested a male during an in-progress B&E. This condo complex has been targeted several times recently.

Other thefts occurred in:

- a residence 2600-block Fairview Crescent.
- a unit 6000-block Iona Dr.
- a room in 2800-block Wesbrook Mall.
- 5900-block Gray Ave.
- 5700-and 5900-block Birney Ave. (mailboxes)
- 2300-block Main Mall.
- 5800-block Hampton Place.

Theft from vehicles have occurred in these locations:

- 3400-block Wesbrook Mall, several vehicles in the underground parkade.
- 4900-block of 16th Ave. park trail head parking lot.
- North Parkade, Student Union Blvd. several vehicles.

- 3200-block Wesbrook Mall, underground complex.
- 5900-block Birney Ave. x2
- 5600-block Hampton Pl.
- 2600-block West Mall.
- 2600-block Fairview Cres.
- 6100-block Agronomy Rd.
- 5600-block Yalta Place, theft of license plate from motorcycle.

Theft of bicycles:

- Approximately 40 bicycles were reported stolen from numerous locations on UBC campus and the UNA residential areas.

Theft from storage lockers:

- 6300-block Larkin Dr. x2
- 6000-block Iona Drive.
- 5600-block Hampton Pl.

UEL Village:

- theft from vehicle in the underground parkade of the Village shopping plaza.
- theft from vehicle – area of the village (University Blvd./ Allison Rd.).

UEL Single-Family area: Break and Enter

- 2100-block of Acadia Rd. As noted earlier the culprit was located and arrested.
- 4800-Queensland Rd (Little Australia).

Thefts from vehicles have occurred in these locations:

- Little Australia x2
- 5500-block Chancellor Blvd.
- Suspicious persons:
 - unwanted person camping in the bush area by the bus loop on Blanca.
 - suspicious person 4900 Wycliffe (Little Australia).

Thanks to Cpl. Brenda Winpenny and Lisa O'Donnell, U. Hill resident and RCMP Liaison, for providing information.

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ELECTORAL AREA A, METRO VANCOUVER

It's time to vote!

In November, general local elections will be held all over the province. This includes an election for the Director of Electoral Area A in the Greater Vancouver Regional District who will represent this area for a four year term on the Metro Vancouver Board.

Electoral Area A includes the University Endowment Lands, the University of British Columbia lands, Bowyer Island, Grebe Islets, Passage Island, Barnston Island, and those areas of Howe Sound, Indian Arm and West Pitt Lake in the regional district not within a municipal corporation.

When and Where to Vote	
Date and Time	Voting Place Locations
GENERAL VOTING DAY Saturday, November 15, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ University Hill Secondary School, 3228 Ross Drive, Vancouver, BC■ Carey Hall, 5920 Iona Drive, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC■ Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC■ Teloten Community Centre, Barnston Island, BC
ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES Wednesday, November 5, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Kitsilano Community Centre, 2690 Larch Street, Vancouver, BC■ West Vancouver Municipal Hall, 750 – 17th Street, West Vancouver, BC
Saturday, November 8, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Carey Hall, 5920 Iona Drive, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC■ Kitsilano Community Centre, 2690 Larch Street, Vancouver, BC

Who Can Vote

To qualify to vote you must be:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day (November 15, 2014)
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months before the day of voting
- a resident of Electoral Area A or the registered owner of real property in Electoral Area A for at least 30 days before the day of voting
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting

It does not matter if you are a renter or a home-owner. Students living in residence at an educational institution such as UBC, may choose to vote in this election, or in their usual area of residence, but not both.

You may also be eligible to vote by mail, and to vote in your local school trustee election. Visit www.metrovancouver.org (search "election") for more information.

What You Need to Vote

To vote, you must bring the following documents to the voting place:

- if you are a resident elector: 2 documents (at least 1 must have your signature) to prove residency and identity
- if you are a non-resident property elector: 2 documents (at least 1 must have your signature) to prove identity; and proof of property ownership; and if there is more than one owner, written consent from a majority of the property owners.

Need More Information?

Visit www.metrovancouver.org (search "election")
Telephone 604.432.6200
Email icentre@metrovancover.org

This information is considered accurate, but it is not an official election notice.

Green College launches new lecture series



"Ideas of the University in the Early 21st Century"

(Tuesdays at 5pm)

A century and a half after John Henry Newman lectured on The Idea of a University, five prominent intellectuals and public figures offer their personal reflections under an updated version of his classic title.

Tuesday, November 4, 5-6:15pm

Ana María Martínez-Alemán, Professor of Education, Boston College; author of *Accountability, Pragmatic Aims, and the American University* (2012)

Tuesday, December 2, 5-6:15pm

Robert Gibb, Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto; author of *Why Ethics? Signs of Responsibilities* (2000)

Tuesday, March 3, 5-6:15pm

Sir David Watson, Professor of Higher Education, Principal of Green Templeton College, Oxford; author of *The Question of Conscience: Higher Education and Personal Responsibility* (2014)

Tuesday, April 14, 5-6:15pm

Erika Frank, Canada Research Chair in Preventive Medicine and Population Health, UBC; Founder, President and Executive Director, NextGenU.org

Green College is a residential facility for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting faculty from all disciplines, and a host-venue for talks and events arranged by UBC graduate students, faculty members and others. We're also partnering with the Vancouver Institute on Saturday evening talks. Events are free of charge and guests are invited to stay for dinner. Dinner ticket reservations can be made by calling 604 822.0912 or emailing kitchen@gcdining.ca. See our website at www.greencollege.ubc.ca for current and upcoming events. We're located next door to Cecil Green Park House at 6201 Cecil Green Park Road. Call 604 822.8660 for details.

Electoral Area A All Candidates Meeting

Come listen to Maria Harris and Daniel Wood discuss the issues

DATE: **Monday, 3 November 2014 – 7pm**

WHERE: Tapestry, Wesbrook Village (3338 Wesbrook Mall)

All UEL, UNA and UBC residents are invited to attend.

Fall gardening: prune, plant, protect

by Jennifer Buckland

It's fall and time to make preparations for winter. I leave most perennials and grasses for the birds, with the exception of hostas whose decaying leaves provide perfect overwintering places for slugs. Yesterday, I looked out of the kitchen window in time to see a bush tit perching delicately on a swaying seed head.

The plants look wonderful and very decorative after a frost and I usually start to cut back perennials in February. There is nothing nicer than being in the garden on a cold sunny day just as the snowdrops are starting to come up. I do check the hellebores and as soon as the buds start to show – some as soon as early December – I cut the leaves off. They have often turned black and a good trim makes it much easier for the fresh green leaves when they appear in early spring. The flowers may then be seen to full advantage.

Bulbs can be planted until frost, which is usually around November 2nd in Vancouver. Dig a hole three times the length of the bulb and fill in adding a little compost to the soil to help nourish the bulb. Be generous when you plant, large numbers of bulbs look much better than sparse threes and fours. Plan to have different bulbs coming up through late winter until late spring.



Hellebores before and after a trim. Once you see buds showing, trim tired and black leaves as early as December.



Thank you

Thank you to all who put this paper together. It just keeps getting better and better. What a great gift to our community!

Maria Harris, Director,
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Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who produced and contributed to this newspaper. I found it very interesting reading and informative.

J. Jenkins

Trim and wash!

I would like to make a plea for homeowners to trim their hedges away from the sidewalks and power wash their sidewalks so that no one slips and gets hurt due to negligence. It is not fair nor is it safe to force our residents, especially those confined in wheelchairs onto the road due to overhanging hedges and slippery slopes.

Jaymie Glasmann Ho

This is a plea

UEL Administration, this is a plea to restore the beauty of Chancellor Boulevard

Chancellor Boulevard used to be one of the most beautiful boulevards in Vancouver – a quiet street with arching maple trees and families living in the houses on both sides of the street. This is no longer the case and we ask for more attention – and at least as much attention is provided to other areas – to be given to the Boulevard.

In recent years, the UEL has increasingly neglected replacement of damaged, dead, and dying trees on Chancellor Boulevard, despite repeated requests to do so by residents. This is also the case with dedication to flower beds which have been systematically reduced over the last few years both in number and quality; curb cleaning, which does not seem to ever take place; a seeming lack of strenuous efforts to force construction companies bulldozing and constructing homes along the route to redress the considerable damages they incur; as well as general attention to the Boulevards’ appearance and functionality.



We are quite aware that the Boulevard is deemed the responsibility of the provincial government as a provincial highway. We are also aware of the pressures placed on UEL staff to manage the many streets and avenues of the UEL. However, like all other residents of the UEL, we pay our substantial taxes to both so this is no excuse to ignore this section of the endowment lands – a section which is already undergoing unusual stress from increased noise and traffic, and massive house construction.

Patricia and Ilan Vertinsky

Enough already!



With the start of a new term at UBC comes a spate of loud student parties at various homes throughout the UEL.

On Thursday, September 18th, RCMP responded to several complaints regarding an oppressively loud gathering at 5587 Chancellor Blvd. This was the second time in the past year that the RCMP has been called to break up a noisy party hosted by the UBC students renting this address.

Apparently, several tenants are executive committee members of the UBC Ski and Snowboarding Club, and despite their efforts to maintain control, the party quickly got out of hand. This past summer, a similar party resulted in the Fire Department’s involvement to extinguish an illegal backyard bonfire. Previous parties have reportedly caused property damage to nearby homes’ landscaping and outdoor security lighting.

This time, at least eight UEL residents reported the event to the UEL office, requesting that the renters comply with UEL noise bylaws and respect our community’s privacy and property rights.

It is very easy for a student party to get out of hand, whether or not responsible adults are present. Sometimes, uninvited guests crash parties and act irresponsibly when asked to leave. In the past, there have been incidents involving homes left empty and unattended. Out-of-town homeowners are encouraged to take appropriate precautions.

If you have a concern with noise levels or neighbourhood safety, please don’t hesitate to call the non-emergency RCMP number 604 224-1322. In the event of an emergency, please call 911 – you may be put on hold for a while with the RCMP!

If you are planning to hold a large party, please consider informing your neighbours and take steps to ensure that neighbourhood peace prevails.

Political Component Missing from UEL

by Ron Pears

When is there too much politics? When is there not enough politics? Many people would probably be tempted to say that zero politics is about right. I mean, who doesn’t love to hate politicians?

Doing things right vs. doing the right thing

To answer the question properly, however, takes a bit more thinking. The difference between administration and politics is quite simple: administration follows rules and does what is required. In other words, administration is concerned with doing things right. Politics, and here we are talking only about democratic politics, is concerned with doing things that need to be done to help people live good lives. In other words, politics is concerned with doing the right thing. There are lots of examples over thousands of years of nations and empires that were very well run, but which used their rules and

efficiency to do some really horrible things to people.

At their best, democratic politicians work hard to understand the problems, goals, and needs of their constituencies and use their positions to create administrative laws and systems to promote the doing of the right thing.

Does anybody really care?

This is what we are missing in the UEL. We have an administration, but we have no politics. When was the last time a person from the government in Victoria took the time to visit the UEL and ask what we needed? Indeed, when was the last time a senior civil servant took the time to do that?

The Province is the wrong level of authority for local affairs

Recently, many of us have been pleasantly surprised to see how much effort our MLA, David Eby, has put into talking to

UEL residents and promoting our interests in Victoria. This is an attitude and level of attention we have not seen for years. But Mr. Eby is a member of the opposition party, not government, and he has a large constituency to serve. This last fact is important: while our MLA indeed has thousands of constituents, not a single one outside the UEL has the province as a municipal government.

Let’s get our own government

In my opinion, this is the heart of the matter: we do have an administration, albeit one headquartered somewhere else, but we don’t have a government. To say the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development is the “mayor” of the UEL is a joke. We need our own local politicians whose job it is to represent the local community, understand its needs and aspirations, and instruct our own administration on what needs to be done.

We need a local government.

FROM THE UEL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:

Fall Leaf Pick Up 2014

The University Endowment Lands (UEL) is offering the following options to residents for disposal of leaves in their yard:

- Put leaves in the green waste tote for regular scheduled pick up. Excess leaves can be stored on your property and placed in the green waste tote for pick up on a scheduled green waste pick up day throughout the fall and winter;
- Collection by the UEL public works crew. From November 4 to the end of the year, leaves can be raked onto the street and will be collected by the UEL public works crew over the fall season (no plastic bags).

This service is not intended for commercial/professional gardeners or landscapers wishing to dispose of leaves collected from areas other than the University Endowment Lands.

Waste collection change for Area A

Area A waste collection service change: there will be no collection on Tuesday November 11 (Remembrance Day). **Waste collection will be on Monday, November 10th for that week in Area A only.**

Parking in the UEL

Over the past few years, on-street parking in the UEL has become more of a challenge for the UEL to manage. Due to the increase in both student and residential populations at UBC, and within the UEL, the demand for on-street parking has increased dramatically with a corresponding increase in the number of parking violations.

Parking in the UEL takes three forms: Metered parking in and around the commercial village area; Multifamily parking by permit only in the multifamily area; and, on-street parking in the single-family residential areas by permit only. Additionally, UEL residents in the single-family residential area are permitted up to two guest parking hangers.

UEL parking permits are valid only in the location they are issued for; multifamily permits are for the streets in the multifamily area and single-family residential permits are valid only in front of the address the permit is issued to. UEL permits are not valid throughout the UEL, nor is a resident exempt from paying at the meter when parked at a meter.

Parking regulations are set out in Schedule 3 of the UEL Bylaw and parking enforcement is intended to ensure parking space for UEL single-family residents, multifamily residents and business customers. Vehicles parked in contravention of the UEL Bylaw are subject to a warning OR impounding at the owner’s expense.

If you have questions about parking, call the UEL Administration at 604 660-1808.

