

# UEL Connections

NOVEMBER 2008

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### UEL Community Advisory Council - Annual UEL Information Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2008

6:30 P.M. Doors Open

7:00 P.M. Start of Meeting

University Chapel, 5375 University Boulevard

#### Meeting Agenda

- President's Report - Bob Kasting
- Treasurer's report - Maria Harris
- Introduction of Greg Yeomans, Manager of UEL
- Metro Vancouver (GVRD) update - Gary Gibson
- RCMP Report - Staff Sergeant Kevin Kenna
- Introduction of new Community Advisory Council and Advisory Design Panel
- Questions

#### UEL Connections Newsletter of the Community Advisory Council

#### ELECTION NOTICE

Saturday, November 15th

UEL residents are reminded to vote for:

- Community Advisory Council Directors
- Neighbourhood Advisory Design Panelists
- Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director
- School Trustees

*Make Your Vote Count!*

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## Message from the President

Representing the residents of the University Endowment Lands is both a responsibility and a challenge. It is a responsibility because, other than through the Community Advisory Council, and the Advisory Design Panel, the residents of the UEL have no elected voice to speak on their behalf. We are not a municipality and have consistently said that we do not want to be one. That means that as a community, we speak through these two advisory bodies.

Representing the UEL is also a challenge because the Community Advisory Council and the Advisory Design Panel are advisory only to the Manager of the UEL, who still takes his ultimate direction from the provincial government.

Important issues have arisen within the UEL in the last year. The gifting of the University Golf Course, the expropriation without compensation of portions of Pacific Spirit Park from Metro Vancouver, and the legislating of multi-family zoning in the Park in violation of the Official Community Plan are three significant examples. With the continual development of UBC's campus and the announcement of future rapid transit to UBC, we are certain that our community will continue to be affected by our large and influential neighbours.

The first elections to the Community Advisory Council and the Advisory Design Panel were held in 2007. These second-ever elections have been coordinated, for the first time, to be held in tandem with the municipal elections throughout the province. In the UEL, that has always meant voting for School Trustees and a GVRD Electoral Area A Director only. You now have the chance to select your members to these two advisory panels at the same time.

Although we are surrounded, perhaps buried, in elections this fall, we ask all of you to pay some attention to your community and to vote on Election Day, Saturday November 15, 2008. We ask more of some of you. If you are concerned about your community and wish to have a hand in its development, we ask you to think about offering to run in this election. It doesn't have the glamour, stress, or spin of the other elections, but you can make a large contribution to your community by agreeing to participate.

We especially call upon the residents of the multi-family area of the UEL (unimaginatively called "Area D"). This newish part of the UEL needs adequate representation on both the CAC and the ADP. We need the village's voice to be heard! Please consider nominating yourself, a neighbour, or a colleague to run in the November election.

**Robert Kasting**

## Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council, like the University Endowment Lands, is a unique creation. It is an elected citizens group, with representation from all part of the UEL, which is tasked with giving advice on behalf of residents to the UEL Manager. The CAC meets monthly with the UEL Manager and expects to represent the interests of our community on a wide range of issues. The council directors do their best to communicate with residents through this newsletter, a new community website and email list, and an annual public information meeting. We invite and challenge you to let us know when we have properly succeeded in this task and when we have not. We expect you to tell us what you think.

If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact your CAC directors:

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**2 Positions Vacant**..... **Area D**

ex-officio:

**Greg Yeomans**, UEL Manager

**Gary Gibson**,  
Metro Vancouver Area A Representative

**S/Sgt. Kevin Kenna**, RCMP

## Advisory Design Panel

The UEL Advisory Design Panel (ADP) provides advice to the Manager on issues relating to land use planning, development applications and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Land Use Bylaw. It is comprised of seven Professional Members (registered architects, landscape architects and engineers who were appointed to the ADP by the CAC) and Neighbourhood ADP panellists (two UEL residents elected from each Area) who come up for election again on November 15th.

We would like to thank the following ADP members who have served our community since inception of the ADP about a year ago:

### Architects:

Bruce Carscadden, Shelley Craig, Nancy Stern

### Landscape Architects:

Jonathan Losse, Ronald Myers

### Engineers:

Randy Kovacs, David Grigg

### Neighbourhood Panellists:

Area A: David Forsyth and David Tobias

Area B: Merren Mair and Robert Strothers

Area C: Nora Stevenson (1 position vacant)

Area D: Ben Seghers (1 position vacant)

## Vancouver Board of Education Proposal for School Relocation and Renovation

At the end of June, Vancouver Board of Education approved in principle the proposal to relocate University Hill Secondary School to the National Research Building and the renovation/conversion of the vacated building to a much needed new elementary school for the UEL/UBC area. At present, discussions continue with the Province and UBC regarding financial arrangements and property transfer. The secondary school relocation is not expected to be complete before September 2010 or January 2011. The plans are to convert the former office and research building into a 900-student school with classrooms, library, labs, gymnasium and multipurpose space. Although this may be a challenge for the architects, the result could be something innovative and unique, based on current new school designs. It is not certain at this time whether the existing secondary school building will be renovated to accommodate the new elementary school before secondary school staff and students have relocated to the new building. The timeline is still being drawn up by the Board's facilities planning team and a formal announcement will be made when such information becomes available at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca).

**Po Chiang**

## CAC and ADP

### Call for Nominations

Call for Nomination flyers were distributed in Areas A, B, C, and D in early October.

Nomination documents can be obtained in one of several ways:

- From the UEL Administration Office, 5495 Chancellor Boulevard.
- They can also be downloaded directly from the CAC Website at [www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com)
- You can request them by sending us an e-mail at [contact@uelcommunity.com](mailto:contact@uelcommunity.com)
- You can contact the CAC director representing your Area for a copy.

To be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for the CAC, a person must be an Elector.

To be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for the ADP, a person must be an Elector who has been a resident of the Area he/she is representing for at least 12 months immediately preceding voting day. An Elector who has been a UEL resident for less than 12 months immediately preceding voting day is not eligible.

The closing date for nominating candidates to the CAC and ADP elections is 1:00 pm November 6, 2008. Please return all nomination documents to the UEL Administration Office on Chancellor Boulevard.

Nomination documents will be processed by the UEL Electoral Officer organizing this election on behalf of the CAC.

To be notified by e-mail at each step of the nomination and election process, please join the UEL Community e-mail Distribution List. Just send an e-mail to [contact@uelcommunity.com](mailto:contact@uelcommunity.com) with your name and address and simply say "add me to the list".

## 2008 ELECTIONS VOTER INFORMATION

**UEL residents will cast their votes on Saturday, November 15, 2008, between 8 am and 8 pm, for the following offices:**

- UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) directors
- UEL Advisory Design Panel (ADP) panelists
- Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director
- School Trustees

Within the UEL, voters will elect CAC directors and ADP panelists only in their own areas. On the CAC, there are 2 directors for Area A, 1 for Area B, 1 for Area C, and 3 for Area D. On the ADP, there are 2 panelists for Area A, 2 for Area B, 2 for Area C, and 2 for Area D.

### **Poll locations on general voting day:**

- University Hill Secondary School, 2896 Acadia Road
- UBC Student Union Building, 6138 Student Union Boulevard

Mail-in ballots for the CAC and ADP will be available for those not able to vote on Saturday, November 15, 2008. They can be picked up from the UEL Administration Office, 5495 Chancellor Boulevard starting 1:00 pm November 10th. They must be returned to the UEL Office on or before 1:00 pm November 14th.

Please note that the UEL Office is only a pick-up and drop-off point for any CAC/ADP election material kept there. For any question or request, please contact your CAC representative or send an e-mail to [contact@uelcommunity.com](mailto:contact@uelcommunity.com)

### **Only Electors are eligible to vote. To qualify as an Elector, a person must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Is 18 years of age or older or will be on voting day;
- Is a Canadian citizen (Note that Landed Immigrants who are not Canadian citizens do not qualify as an Electors);
- Has been a resident of British

Columbia, as determined in accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government Act, for six months immediately preceding voting day;

- Has lived or owned land in the UEL for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; and
- Has not been disqualified by law from voting.

Registration for the CAC and ADP elections takes place at the time of voting. To register, you must show two pieces of identification containing your name and address. One must have your signature on it.

### **Following are the forms of identification that are acceptable:**

- Valid B.C. Driver's License;
- B.C. ID card from the Motor Vehicle Branch;
- ICBC Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License;
- B.C. Care Card;
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8;
- Social Insurance Card;
- Citizenship Card; or
- Utility Bill.

### **CAC, ADP Voting Opportunities**

- 1. General Voting Day:**  
At designated polling locations, Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 8 am to 8 pm
- 2. Mail-in Ballots:** Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director Envelopes can be picked up from the UEL Administration Office starting November 10th at 1:00 pm, and must be returned to the same office by November 14th, 1:00 pm, at the latest.

## Police Advisory Committee

The UBC/UNA/UEL Police Advisory Committee met October 16 with Staff Sgt. Kevin Kenna, Detachment Commander of the RCMP University Detachment who chaired the meeting. A number of issues and local concerns were discussed, including those raised by UEL residents.

On the subject of excessive noise, public mischief and property damage by drunken UBC students returning from parties, St. Sgt. Kenna underscored the fact that it will take a community effort to alleviate this problem, and he is looking for practical ideas and strategies. Members of the Committee are encouraged to put this to their respective communities and ask for input from residents. His staff responds to every call made to the detachment on a priority basis and does not work with response time targets. They have recently completed a Crime Reduction Strategy that focuses on property crimes, social disorder and traffic. The objective is to identify areas of high crime incidence and to deploy resources accordingly.

In respect to cost recovery for police services, an agreement in principle has been made with UBC and BC Police Services Branch to invoice promoters/organizers for policing costs for special events, as these divert much needed resources from other areas. This charge-back will not apply to annual community related events such as block parties and student BBQs.

Finally, all residents in the UBC/UNA/UEL neighbourhoods are urged to watch a short video on lockdown procedures that UBC had adopted for its campus. The video describes what happens during a lockdown and what to expect when a lockdown occurs in a public building. The UBC Lockdown Video is available at [www.emergency.ubc.ca](http://www.emergency.ubc.ca).

## Po Chiang

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## CAC and ADP Elections: CANDIDATE PROFILES

*The following bios, which were provided by current candidates for the Community Advisory Council and the Advisory Design Panel, were submitted to the newsletter editors by October 21. Closing date for nominating candidates to the CAC and ADP is 1:00 p.m. November 6.*

**Bob Kasting,  
Nominee for CAC, Area A**

Bob is a lawyer in private practise in Vancouver. He has lived in the UEL since 1992. He has been the President of the Community Advisory Council since its inception in 2007. Before that, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the UEL Ratepayers Association. Two of his five children still live at home; one attends University Hill Secondary School.

**Daniel Nocente,  
Nominee for CAC, Area B**

Daniel is Vice-Chairman, National Bank Financial Group. Prior to joining NBF, Daniel was Vice-Chairman and B.C. Geographic Head for RBC Dominion Securities Inc.. Daniel has worked at various times in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and New York. He has a B.A. from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Daniel is active in the Vancouver community. He is the past Chairman of the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Board and is currently a Director of the following organizations: Vice Chairman and Director, Providence Health Care; Director, Arts Club Theatre Company; Director, Nature Trust of British Columbia; Director, Canada Line. In addition he sits on the Dean of Arts Advisory Board at the University of British Columbia.

**John O'Donnell,  
Nominee for CAC, Area C**

John, Lisa and their son live on Queensland Road in a home they extensively renovated in 2000. John is a UBC graduate with Bachelor degrees in Science and Architecture. Since 1987 John has worked as a development manager in the multi-family homebuilding industry. Prior to this John was the principal of an architectural firm that specialized in Housing Co-operatives. John is a member of the Urban Development Institute, Architectural Institute of B.C., past member of the UBC Design Panel and Surrey Design Panel, and past resident of Hampton Place who served on the Sandringham Strata Council.

**Dave Forsyth,  
Nominee for ADP, Area A**

Dave Forsyth is a registered professional engineer and is currently a member of the UEL Advisory Design Panel for Area A. Dave was Chair of the Pacific Spirit Park

Society last year and currently sits on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Having lived in the UEL for most of his life, Dave is passionate about preserving the character of this special neighbourhood and the quality of life we are so fortunate to enjoy on the Endowment Lands.

**Doug Carnahan,  
Nominee for ADP, Area C**

Doug Carnahan, PEng. is an independent mine developer who had also worked as a draughtsman and carpenter early in his career. He is a registered professional engineer in both Ontario and B.C. Doug has lived on Queensland Road since 1983, and has been active in the application of design guidelines and bylaws related to proposed rebuilding of homes in Area C of the UEL since 1986. Doug has contributed to six different volunteer associations as a board member over the past 40 years. Neither he nor his wife Sheila is involved in the real estate business.

**Chris White,  
Nominee for ADP, Area C**

Chris is a principal and director of Mosaic, an award winning Vancouver based real estate company with offices in Vancouver, Langley and Seattle. Over the past 7 years Mosaic has developed and sold over \$600 million of townhomes and apartments throughout Greater Vancouver and Seattle. Prior to Mosaic, Chris spent 11 years as a Vice-President of Investments with CB Richard Ellis Ltd, one of the largest commercial real estate companies in the world. Chris lives in "Little Australia" with his wife and two small children.

**Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe,  
Nominee for ADP, Area C**

Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe is Professor and Head of the Department of Art History, Visual Art and Theory at University of British Columbia. Among his other administrative duties at UBC, Rhodri is an elected member of the joint faculties of Senate. He served on the University Boulevard competition jury and is a member of the Advisory Urban Design Panel, UBC. Rhodri has published extensively on the history of architecture, urban planning and design.

**Ben Seghers,  
Nominee for ADP, Area D**

Ben Seghers is a retired zoology professor with special interests in the origin and maintenance of biodiversity. He has lived in Area D of the UEL since 2004 and is currently a Neighbourhood ADP Panellist. He is also active in the Pacific Spirit Park Society and helped organise the rally in December 2007 to protest against the planned removal of 22.3 hectares from the park for future housing development.

## Change in Director for Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A

The UEL and UBC, along with other unincorporated parts of Metro Vancouver are referred to within Metro Vancouver (formerly GVRD) as Electoral Area A. Residents of Electoral Area A are represented on the Board of Metro Vancouver by a director who is elected every three years at the same time as incorporated parts of Metro Vancouver hold their municipal elections.

After two terms of dedicated service as our director, Gary Gibson announced that he will retire on November 15th. When Gary took over from long time UEL resident, Tom Blom, he could not possibly have anticipated the demands of the job. However, rapid property development on the UBC peninsula along with questions related to local governance, greenspace and recreational land, transit, and much else have kept him fully engaged in our area.

Gary, on behalf of the entire UEL community, many thanks for the work you have done on our behalf and for your untiring efforts to understand and meet the needs of our residents.

Nominations for the new Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director closed on October 10th with the following list of candidates:

- Maria Harris – UEL resident
- Charles Menzies – UNA resident
- Matthew Naylor – UBC student
- Fred Pritchard – UNA Resident
- Ben West – Green Party representative

Candidate profiles are available at:

[http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/Election/candidate\\_profiles.pdf](http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/Election/candidate_profiles.pdf)

It is important that residents of the UEL are well represented in Metro Vancouver over the next three years, particularly on issues such as governance, transit, changes to Pacific Spirit Park as a consequence of the recent land transfer to Musqueam First Nation, reviews of the UBC Official Community Plan and the Metro Vancouver Liveable Region Strategy.

**Maria Harris**

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Minutes of the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) are available for reference at the UEL Administration Office and via email to UEL residents who are interested in receiving them. If you wish to be added to the list of recipients, please contact the editors.

## New UEL Community Website & Email List

Early in our mandate, the new Community Advisory Council undertook to improve communication between elected representatives and our residents. And now, at last, the long-awaited community website and email distribution list are becoming a reality.

The CAC is in the process of having a website [www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com) built for the benefit of the UEL community. The entire site is due for completion in the second week of December. In the interim, you can access a preliminary and fairly basic version of the site to find useful information about the upcoming elections. Going forward, you are invited to visit the site on a regular basis to see it gradually take shape and examine the incremental pieces added to it on a weekly basis. In particular, please do visit the site on November 7th, for the official list of candidates running for the CAC and ADP, as well as for any additional instructions on the vote.

In addition, the CAC requests your help in putting together an e-mail distribution list for our community. The list will be kept in strict confidence and will only be used for electronic distribution of the UEL Community Newsletter, and for communicating Community and Council business. Individual e-mails will always be hidden from view when the list is used. To be added to the list, send a brief message to the following e-mail address [contact@uelcommunity.com](mailto:contact@uelcommunity.com). Please provide your name, and street address and simply say "add me to the list".

The UEL Administration continues to develop its web site, which will be a source for information, documents and notices about the full range of services provided to UEL residents. It is hoped that this web site will go "live" by the end of this year.

## UEL Administration Report - Water Rates

Water rates for the UEL's residential and commercial customers are based on the wholesale prices charged by the Greater Vancouver Water District. These prices vary by season, with peak period rates (June-September) being higher than off-peak rates (October-May). Recently delivered water bills reflect the peak rates for 2008, which have increased substantially from 2007. Water costs will continue to rise in accordance with the pricing structure of the Greater Vancouver Water District.

**Greg Yeomans**