

Community Advisory Council (CAC) Newsletter

# UEL Connections

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## Notice of Meeting

UEL Community Advisory Council  
Annual UEL Information Meeting

**Tuesday, November 24 2009**

6:30 P.M. Doors open  
7:00 P.M. Start of Meeting

**NOTE new location!**  
**Old Fire Hall, 1538 Acadia Road**

### Meeting Agenda

Introductions - UEL manager,  
CAC and Neighbourhood ADP  
President's Report – John O'Donnell  
Treasurer's Report – Bob Kasting  
Metro Vancouver Report – Maria Harris  
RCMP Report – Staff Sergeant Kevin Kenna  
UBC Line Rapid Transit Study – Bob Kasting  
Bylaw Review  
New Community Spaces  
New items

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## Message from the President

In 2009 the CAC has strived to maintain the community and amenities that we all enjoy in the University Endowment Lands. The monthly CAC meetings dealt with many housekeeping issues and established a relationship with our new manager. 2009 activities included:

- Establishing the new Advisory Design Panel with CAC appointments of the professional members.
- Web sites for both the CAC and the UEL Administration have been set up.
- A number of visitors spoke at our meetings including the legal council and manager of the Musqueam Indian Band, the President and Executive Director of the University Neighbourhoods Association and representatives of the GVRD and Pacific Spirit Park.

The CAC met a number of times without UEL staff present and discussed the effectiveness of the CAC now and future directions for the CAC. As a result we are investigating hiring an executive director to help make the CAC more effective.

One of the ideas that has been explored over the years has been obtaining meeting space for the CAC and other UEL community groups. The CAC

held a meeting in space that is owned by the UEL above Starbucks in University Market Place but has not in the past been used by the UEL. This meeting room has great potential. As you will see in this newsletter we are also holding our annual information meeting in the Old Fire Hall. This will give us an opportunity to see if UEL residents would like to renovate this fire hall for other uses. The CAC has also encouraged the continued use of the affordable housing units near the UEL office for rental by people employed providing services to the UEL.

In the next year the CAC is considering the idea of expanding our organization to function more like the UBC University Neighbourhoods Association and we welcome input from UEL residents on this and other initiatives at our annual information meeting.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the UEL report and we hope to publish more frequently next year. We are gathering email addresses to make it more efficient to deliver these reports.

**John O'Donnell**

### The UEL Community Website

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

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## Metro Vancouver Update

I would like to take this opportunity, as your elected representative on the Board of Metro Vancouver, to report on some matters that have been of interest to UEL residents.

In the past, there has been discussion about the future governance of the UEL and UBC, including the possibility of amalgamation with the City of Vancouver. Vancouver City Council recently resolved, with respect to the governance of UBC, "that Council respect the rights of UBC, the University Neighbourhoods Association and voters within these areas to make autonomous decisions regarding their governance and any boundary restructuring." Although not the subject of express resolution by Vancouver, its position with respect to the UEL appears to be the same. Also, the City Manager was authorized, if requested, to enter into discussions with UBC and the UEL for provision of services to our communities.

In Pacific Spirit Park, the west area office off of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue was moved to Airport Square until a new facility is built in the Park. Park staffing and services at the park should not be affected by the move. Planning for new facilities on the site is just beginning.

Arising out of the Province's decision to remove land from Pacific Spirit Park, Metro Vancouver commenced two lawsuits. The first raised the question whether the province had the right to expropriate regional district lands without consulting Metro Vancouver. The position asserted by Metro Vancouver

was rejected by the court and has been appealed. The second case raises issues about whether the province has the constitutional authority to make the decisions that it did. This case has not yet been heard.

The future of the UBC Farm is an issue which has engaged the interest of both local residents and residents of Vancouver. The current status of the issue is that the UBC Board of Governors will soon have the South Campus Academic Plan before them and will make decisions about the future of the 25-hectare farm/forest. More information about the proposals and recommendations as well as opportunities for public input is available at <http://www.sas.ubc.ca/themes/south-campus-academic-plan>.

Lastly, TransLink and the Province of BC are leading a UBC Line Rapid Transit Study to determine the best rapid transit solution for the Broadway corridor and the UBC area. The link to the study website is: <http://www.translink.ca/en/Get-Involved/Public-Consultations/UBC-Rapid-Transit.aspx%20>.

As a member of the Metro Vancouver Board, I serve on the Parks, Agriculture, Electoral Area, and GVRD/UBC Joint Committees and have assumed the role of Board liaison to the Musqueam Indian Band. I would welcome any comments and your views on matters falling within the responsibilities of these committees.

**Maria Harris, Director  
Electoral Area A**

## Members of Community Advisory Council (CAC) meet with MLA

Last month members of the CAC had the opportunity to meet with our MLA and UBC resident, the Honourable Gordon Campbell. Frank discussions took place regarding the governance structure of the community and its relationships with the City of Vancouver and the University of B.C.

Mutual understanding and agreement was achieved

on establishing improved communications with the Ministry responsible for the UEL with the purpose of working on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on issues related to governance and the role of the CAC under our new Official Community Plan (OCP).

**David Tobias**

## Old Fire Hall



You may have noticed an old fire hall located immediately north of the UEL administrative building (1538 Acadia Road). The building now contains two small residential spaces and a large multi-purpose space where the fire trucks used to be stationed. The CAC is considering using the old fire hall for future community meetings and events and welcomes your input on this. Ron Pears and his wife Cathy Gourley, residents of the UEL, have very generously offered to help develop the space for community use. An excellent opportunity for you to view the space is at our upcoming November 24<sup>th</sup> annual information meeting which will be held in the old fire hall building.

**Genevieve Fulton**

## Bylaw Review

The bylaws of the University Endowment Lands are going to be completely rewritten. They are presently out of date and inadequate, given the changes in our community, especially the growth of the multi-family area. Beginning in the springtime, possibly in March, there will be a community consultation about the new bylaws. The bylaws will take a new look at issues such as land use/zoning, which will be the main focus of the community workshops. Building and the building approval process will be a focus of much discussion. Street parking, noise, animal control, property maintenance, trees, ticketing, the movie industry, and special events will also likely receive attention.

Everything will be on the table for discussion. This will be the time for all of those built up concerns and suggestions to be put forward. We will welcome and encourage your comments.

**Bob Kasting**

## CAC Directors

The role of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) is to advise the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Manager on matters that may have a significant effect on the cost, quality or capacity of community services including the annual budget and property tax requisition. The CAC is comprised of 7 elected Council Members:

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If you are a resident of Area D and are interested in being involved with the CAC, please contact any of the above listed council members and visit our website [www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com) for more information.

### **ex-officio:**

**Margaret Eckenfelder**, UEL Manager

**Maria Harris**, Metro Vancouver Area A Representative

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

## Minutes of Council

Minutes of the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) are available for reference at the UEL Administration Office, [www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com), 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 Faces at the UEL

### University Endowment Lands – New Staff

#### March 2009 - Manager

**Margaret Eckenfelder** is the new UEL Manager. Margaret spent 10 years with the Provincial Government in a variety of capacities, finishing as Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection at the end of 2003. Immediately prior to taking on the UEL role in January 2009, Margaret was Director of Sustainability, Planning and Development Services for the District of North Vancouver. A resident of West Point Grey, Margaret is excited about this opportunity to bring her combined provincial and local government experience to a unique role in a unique place at a very interesting time in its history. She is also looking forward to getting to know the community and its residents while reducing her carbon footprint by working in her own "backyard".

#### April 2009 - Office Administrator

**Pat Kereiff** is the new UEL Office Administrator. Pat joined the UEL in April 2009, after spending 14 years working in various roles for the City of Castlegar.

Pat moved to Vancouver last year, and is looking forward to work in this beautiful location and getting to know UEL residents. Pat brings a variety of municipal experience that will serve her well in her new role as our key front line staff member.

She will also provide support to the Community Advisory Council and the Advisory Design Panel where her years of working with municipal councillors and the public will be an asset.

#### July 2009 – Planning Technician

**Dallas Arcangel** recently joined the UEL as their Planning Technician and she brings a diversity of experience and skills to the position. Her planning and development experience extends over 15 years in both private practice as well as the public sector. Dallas' positions have included: working for an architectural firm and a residential land developer as a Design Consultant; working with various municipalities as a Plan Checker in both the Building and Planning Departments; and, finally as a Planning Technician. The technical background and interaction with a range of professionals and others throughout her career will enable Dallas to be an integral team member with the UEL.

### Announcement of the Annual General Meeting

The UEL Community Advisory Council will hold a brief **AGM** at 5:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, December 2, 2009**

at the Public Works Lunchroom  
of the UEL Administration.

This meeting is open to members of  
the public who wish to attend.

### The UEL Administration New Website

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

Residents can now access information and forms pertaining to UEL community planning, building and development permits, parking, business licenses, garbage schedules, special events and other helpful links through the website. Advisory Design Panel agendas and minutes are now posted on this website.

### Gordon Campbell

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## Unaddressed Advertisement Mail

Unaddressed advertisement mail has been an issue for a number of residents, particularly for residents living in multi-family buildings where piles of unwanted unaddressed advertisement litter the building's foyers every day. It is possible to stop receiving this type of mail.

*From Canada Post website...*

To stop receiving unaddressed advertisements such as free samples, coupons, flyers and newspapers, government mailings, free distribution magazines, catalogues, non-profit and event information, as well as municipal service notices (e.g. schedule of snow removal, changes in garbage pick-up, announcement of town hall meetings), simply affix a note explaining your request on your mailbox if you receive door-to-door delivery.

For a community mailbox, group mailbox or postal box, the note should not be placed on the inside or the outside of the door. The note should be placed on the inside lip of the box. When the letter carrier puts the mail into the community mailbox, group mailbox or postal box, the door panel is open and not in view.

The only unaddressed materials that Canada Post will continue to deliver are as follows: community newspapers, as well as House of Commons, provincial chief electoral officers, municipal electoral offices and Elections Canada mailings.

**Note:** Since Canada Post is only one of many distributors of unaddressed materials, you may continue to receive these materials from other distributors.

If the advertisements are addressed to you, you can do one of the following:

- Contact the senders and request that they remove your name from their mailing list
- Contact the Canadian Marketing Association so that it may notify its members to remove your name from their mailing lists.

The Canadian Marketing Association will automatically transmit the request to the U.S. Direct Mailing Association for action.

**Genevieve Fulton**

