

Community Advisory Council

Connections

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Notice of Annual Information Meeting

UEL Community Advisory Council
Annual Information Meeting

Monday, November 29 2010

6:30 P.M. Doors open

7:15 P.M. Start of Meeting

Location: University Chapel
5375 University Boulevard

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 – Cpl Stacey Gibson
New items

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President's Report

In 2010 the CAC looked at how they might improve on their role of advising the UEL manager on issues that affect the cost, quality or capacity of community services including the annual budget and property taxes. We met with the UEL manager and Ministry staff to look at how we might obtain information earlier and provide better input into the annual budget process for the upcoming budget year.

The 2009 UEL Public information was held at the Old Fire Hall on Acadia road. Quite rightfully there was discussion about retaining this historic building. We certainly received support from the residents attending the meeting to explore future options for this building. While a specific plan for future use of the Old Fire Hall was not developed this year the CAC will keep this in mind for future years.

The 2009 UEL Public information meeting also reviewed expanding the role of the CAC and there was support for the CAC hiring an executive director. The CAC decided to defer acting on this for the time being.

David Tobias resigned from the CAC in September. David has provided many years of service to the UEL on both the CAC and the UEL Ratepayers Association board and on behalf of all residents in the UEL I thank him.

Klaus Hoechsman and Peter Lewis were appointed to the CAC in September to fill vacant positions and we look forward to their help and the new perspective that they will bring to the Community Advisory Council.

I am also a member of the UEL Ratepayers Association and attended their only meeting for the year, the AGM. This organization is the predecessor to the CAC and used to fulfill the role of providing advice to the UEL manager. The Ratepayers Association was instrumental in creating the CAC and has been dormant since the CAC started. It was decided to keep the UEL Ratepayers current as a society should there be future community issues that require community input that the CAC may

chose not to get involved in.

The UEL management has spent considerable time preparing a new draft zoning bylaw. The CAC has participated in a number of meetings to provide advice on early drafts of the proposed by-law. In the coming months we will provide additional support as the draft bylaw is offered to the community for comment.

The Vancouver School Board has applied for a development permit to build a new elementary school on the site of the University Hill High school. Moving forward with the new high school at 16th Ave. and East Mall and this elementary school for 900 students is good news for the UEL community. Opening of schools is one of the benefits of accepting a large amount of additional multi-family housing in our midst. I attended an open house to view the new high school plans and look forward to reviewing the plans of the elementary school.

I look forward to seeing you at our Public Information Meeting and hearing your thoughts about our community for the upcoming year.

John O'Donnell

The UEL Community Website

www.uelcommunity.com

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UEL Manager Report

In 2010, the UEL Administration's focus has been on a number of key projects:

↪ Bylaw Review – a new draft zoning bylaw was published on our website and in hard copy for public review in July 2010. We received feedback from a few residents, the Community Advisory Council, and bylaw review focus groups. Check the UEL fall newsletter and website later this month for more information on next steps, including a community-wide survey.

↪ Pump station upgrade in Little Australia was completed.

↪ Infrastructure assessment underway to prepare Sustainable Funding and Asset Management Plan for implementation commencing next fiscal year (2011-12).

↪ Request For Proposals for curb-side recycling will be released in mid November.

Our 2011 priorities will be:

↪ Completion of the zoning bylaw and further work on the Building, Fees and Charges, and Procedures Bylaws.

↪ Implementation of the Sustainable Funding and Asset Management Plan starting with the 2011-12 budget.

↪ Update the Infrastructure Development and Rehabilitation Program (2003-2012).

↪ Implementation of Curb-side Recycling and Closure of Recycling Yard, currently planned for spring 2011.

As you know, the University Endowment Lands Administration is part of the BC Provincial Government. On October 25, 2010, the name of our Ministry was changed to Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to reflect a new structure and responsibilities. A new Minister, the Honourable Stephanie Cadieux, and Deputy Minister, Grant Main, were appointed at the same time. Dale Wall,

the former Deputy Minister, retired after 28 years of public service on November 5, 2010.

Margaret Eckenfelder Manager

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UEL Administration Website

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

Residents can 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 also posted on this website.

Block Watch

The Blockwatch program is running very well in the UEL. There was recently a change of officers responsible for Blockwatch at the UBC Detachment and the transition has gone smoothly.

We are in great need of Blockwatch Captains in Area A and B. The time involvement is minimal- we meet twice a year at the Detachment and there are bulletins as often as weekly to inform residents of incidents that have happened around the UEL, which we forward to our 'blocks'.

Initially, to set up your Blockwatch group, a collection of the names and information for your neighbours is required. After that, it is very little work.

If you are interested, please contact Stacey Gibson at Stacey.Gibson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. It is well worth knowing what is happening around you.

Sincerely,

Cpl Stacey Gibson
University RCMP

Metro Vancouver Update

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

There are several regional public utility investments to note. A major water filtration plant was recently commissioned at the Seymour Reservoir and further improvements to the region's domestic water quality are nearing completion. Investment in solid and liquid waste management will occur over the next years as alternatives for the Cache Creek landfill are developed and as the Iona and Lions Gate sewage facilities are upgraded from primary to secondary treatment. Although these investments will cause region-wide utility rate increases, the impact of higher rates can be mitigated by the UEL if demand is reduced. The household impact of the proposed budgets over the next five years will be in the order of \$40-\$50 per year for the average household in Metro Vancouver.

I have been asked on a few occasions about the status of lawsuits that arose out of the Province's decision to remove land from Pacific Spirit Park. In 2009, Metro Vancouver commenced two lawsuits, neither of which has progressed since I last reported in this newsletter a year ago. The first raises 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.

In Pacific Spirit Park, the Camosun Bog Nature Walk officially opened on October 5th. Complete with ecosystem restoration, new boardwalks and signage, it represents the culmination of a long-standing project coordinated by Metro Vancouver in partnership with volunteers and financial sponsors.

New legislation that came into effect last June shifted the responsibility of local land use planning on UBC Point Grey campus lands from Metro Vancouver to the provincial government.

The Minister responsible has concluded that the GVRD/UBC Joint Committee is no longer necessary, that the Metro Vancouver Electoral Area and Regional Planning Committees will continue to provide public forums for discussion of local government and regional matters affecting the area, and that UBC now has full responsibility for development of land use plans on its Point Grey Campus lands, including responsibility for public engagement and reporting on public consultation to the Minister. No indication has been given yet about whether there will be a formal public forum to hear residents' issues with respect to implementation of the UBC Land Use Plan.

With the new legislation, Metro Vancouver's perspective has changed to focus on only on regional interests. There are two regional interests that arise in considering the proposed Land Use Plan amendments at UBC:

1. Regional distribution of population and employment growth and impact on infrastructure
2. The protection of Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Lastly, a multi-year study is underway to determine the best transit solution to serve the Broadway corridor and UBC area. Development and evaluation of alternatives is expected to be complete by the spring of 2011. The link to the study website is

<http://www.translink.ca/en/Be-Part-of-the-Plan/Public-Consultation/Current-Consultations/UBC-Line-Rapid-Transit-Study.aspx>

As a member of the Metro Vancouver Board, I serve on the Parks, Agriculture, Electoral Area, and Regional Planning Committees, the Mayors' Council for Translink and I have been assigned 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.

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The University Endowment Lands (UEL)

History

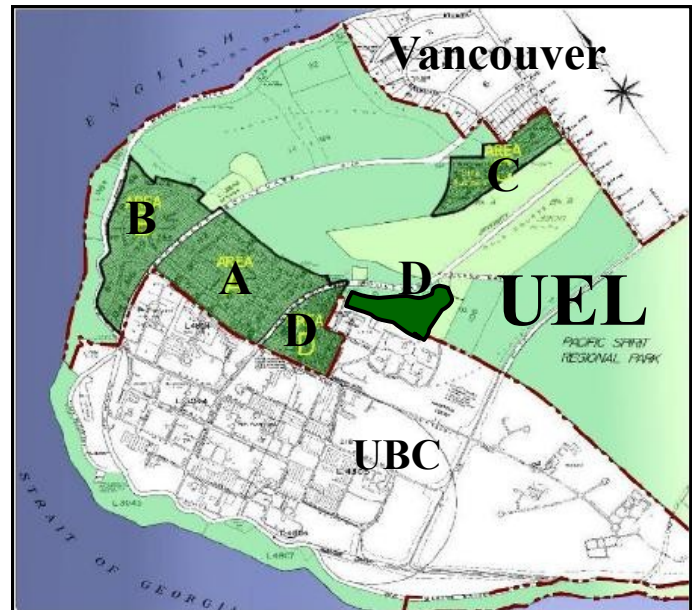
The University Endowment Lands (UEL) consist of approximately 1,200 hectares (3,000 acres) of mostly-forested land nestled between the City of Vancouver and the University of British Columbia (UBC), on the Western tip of British Columbia's Lower Mainland. These lands are the physical legacy of the University Endowment Land Act of 1907 (last revision 1996), which established a lands trust to raise capital for the formation and initial operation of the University of British Columbia. The first residential lots were sold by public auction in 1925, marking the beginnings of a residential community in the UEL, an area commonly known as University Hill. Since then, approximately 280 hectares (692 acres) has been subdivided into residential, commercial and recreational property. In 1989, the balance of undeveloped land was given by the Province to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) for park use, creating Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is a broad statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management. The University Endowment Lands Act lays out the essential inclusions of the document, and its need to align with the regional growth strategy. The OCP deals with both the urbanized portion of the UEL as well as the forested, undeveloped lands of Pacific Spirit Regional Park and the University Golf Course. The current form of administration and the responsibility for decision-making rests with the UEL Manager.

Urbanized Areas

The following map shows the four urbanized areas of the UEL known as Areas A, B, C, and D:



Governance

The Province of British Columbia is the governing body for the UEL, presently administered through the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development. The University Endowment Lands Act is the governing legislation for the UEL, enabling the Minister to, amongst other things, levy property taxes, and enact bylaws. Within this governance system, a Manager is appointed by and responsible to the Minister of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development for the administration of the UEL. Two advisory bodies to the Manager are elected by the residents of the UEL and are currently represented by the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and the Advisory Design Panel (ADP). See reverse for current members.

Additional information can be found on the UEL community website: www.uelcommunity.com



The University Endowment Lands (UEL)

The Community Advisory Council (CAC)

The role of the CAC is to advise the 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 Council members elected as follows: 2 from Area A, 1 from Area B, 1 from Area C, and 3 from Area D.

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Klaus Hoehsmann.....Area D
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Luca Filipozzi.....Area D
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Vacant Position.....Area D
Please submit application to Council

ex-officio:

Margaret Eckenfelder, UEL Manager

Maria Harris, Director - Metro Vancouver Area A

Cpl Stacey Gibson, University RCMP

Council Minutes:

Minutes of the CAC are available for reference at the UEL Administration Office. They are also archived on the website: www.uelcommunity.com.

The Design Advisory Panel (ADP)

The ADP provides advice to the UEL Manager on issues relating to land use planning, development applications and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Land Use Bylaw. The ADP consists of 7 Professional Members (registered architects, landscape architects and engineers) appointed by the CAC. An additional 8 Neighbourhood Panellists are elected 2 from each Area.

Nancy Stern.....Architect

Shelly Craig.....Architect

Bruce Carscadden.....Architect

Jonathon Losee.....Landscape Architect

Damon Oriente.....Landscape Architect

Randall Kovacs (Chair).....Engineer

David Grigg.....Engineer

Dave Forsyth.....Area A

Stuart Smith.....Area A

Pauline B. Nocente.....Area B

Margaret Stuart.....Area B

Doug Carnahan.....Area C

Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe.....Area C

Ben Seghers.....Area D

Luca Filipozzi.....Area D

For more information on the ADP,
visit the UEL Administration Website:
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