

University Endowment Lands
Minutes from the
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2017

Minutes from the meeting of the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Community Advisory Council (CAC), held at **6:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2017**, in the Community Amenity Space at 300-5755 Dalhousie Road, Vancouver, BC.

CAC Members Present:

Dave Forsyth, Area A, President
Jaymie Ho, Area B, Vice-President
Peter McConnell, Area C, Secretary-Treasurer
Mojan Nozari, Area D
Justin LeBlanc, Area D
Hong Chen, Area D

UEL Staff Present:

Jonn Braman, Manager
Will Emo, Public Works Superintendent

Regrets:

Lynne Pomfret, Area A

1.0 Call to Order at 6:01 pm

1.1 Open Public Session

1.2 Introduce Will Emo, Public Works Superintendent

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved, Seconded and Carried.

- A change that is made to the agenda is:
 - Under Section 9.0 “New Business” to add the item “9.2 - Census Data”

3.0 Approval of March 2017 CAC Meeting Minutes

Moved, Seconded and Carried

4.0 Delegations

4.1 Constable Christina Martin, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (University Department)

- Constable Christina Martin is the new Community Officer and Liaison in the RCMP University Detachment. She hopes to work with the community stakeholders (e.g. the university, students and UEL) to improve the

department's communication approach and strategy, and hopes to seek residents input with this regard. To address break in crime rates, RCMP have plans to work with the city and community to identify crime targets in the neighborhood area and locate the abandoned houses in the neighborhood area. They also have plans to launch campaigns to help educate community residents on issues such as bike thefts, break-ins.

Public Q&A

- Question: Are there plans to bring Speed Watch back?
Christina: Yes, RCMP hopes to bring back speed watch in the area and will be working to identify target areas.
- Maria comments that she would like to see the statistics for the number of vacant houses and how that is changing.
- Question: Is there a unit for cybercrimes?
Christina: Yes – the RCMP e-division is province-wide. The RCMP has a broad mandate for investigating and apprehending criminals in the online world. More information about the Government of Canada's launched Canada's Cyber Security Strategy (2010) can be found here:
<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/royal-canadian-mounted-police-cybercrime-strategy>
- Question: Are you in contact with UEL's Block Watch Captain?
Christina: Yes – I will be meeting with Wreck Beach and other units soon. Kim adds that many people in the community are interested in having a Block Watch. Little Australia has a good Block Watch. However, other areas in the UEL do not have one.

4.2 Graham Walker, AECOM on the 2016 Water Quality Report

- Graham Walker reports on the submission of the 2016 Water Quality Report. Every year, a report is created summarizing the water sampling in the UEL. The data is routinely collected from sampling water from various stations within the UEL at different times to test the quality (e.g. testing for pathogens in water, acidity, HPC, chlorine, *E. coli*, etc.). The routine samples collected get processed by the Metro Vancouver testing lab, and the data then gets sent to AECOM for analysis. The water quality report provides an outline of the Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Program and its water quality testing results for the year 2016.
- The sampling analysis demonstrates that during 2016, all of the 162 samples met the standards set out in the Drinking Water Protection Act and Regulation, as well as the health standards specified in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ).
- While there is no water quality issue, Graham notes that Site S-F (Marine Dr. at the UEL boundary) is located at an furthest end of the water distribution system, which also has low flows due to a low number of residential connections each with seasonally low water usage. These conditions increased the likelihood of stagnant water and the deterioration of chlorine residual. In 2016 a strategy was developed to improve circulation of water for site S-F. The strategy has since been implemented and the results will be

available in the 2017 Water Quality Report.

- Regarding the quality control of the water quality report, Pete enquires about the quality control policy procedure (i.e. what are the data aggregate process and quality control processes). Jaymie also enquires about the signs and indicators that would concern AECOM and mark as red flags.
An Internal Q dash system is a quality dashboard AECOM uses to review the data. Water quality is triple checked by the author and senior reviewers. Graham reassures that the results of the overall programme have no red flags and that the overall water quality standard of the UEL is in very good condition.
- Hong asks about how iron level testing and testing for iron eating bacteria is done (in reference to what Area C had experienced).
Iron, along with a list of other metals (see page 12 of the water quality report) are tested. Testing for bacterial and *E. coli* are also done. With regards to Area C, in order to improve the aesthetic quality of water and decrease iron levels in the water distribution system, the UEL had replaced the cast iron (CI) pipe with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes. In the spring of 2016 the UEL replaced the last section of existing CI with PVC pipes in Area C.

4.3 Maria Harris, Director of the Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A

- Regarding the UEL population data, Maria reports that the UEL population number of 3,034 in 2016 is based on Statistics Canada's Census data, which is a reliable source of data. It is not clear why the City Spaces report has the UEL population number as 4000. Maria suggests looking into where the number comes from.

The March 22nd federal budget commits approximately \$2.2 billion of funding over 11 years for rapid transit along Broadway and in Surrey. The BC government has also announced in March 31 that the province will match dollar-for-dollar the federal government's \$2.2 billion funding commitment. It appears, however, that this amount may include the province's funding for more than just rapid transit: the media release states that it is for "investment in new projects, including commitments to new rapid transit projects in Surrey and Vancouver." Much work is being done to update the 2014 cost estimate for rapid transit projects (e.g. reviewing project scope, construction methods, and other cost drivers), which indicates that increasing real estate costs around the Lower Mainland are driving up the cost of purchasing property for the project. The question Maria poses is: How do we pay for the regional share?

5.0 CAC Correspondence

5.1 CAC Bank Statement for the period ending April 23, 2017

- The CAC bank statement for the period ending April 23, 2017 is \$37,401.80.

6.0 Next Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2017

- Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6pm in the Community Amenity Space at #300 - 5755 Dalhousie Road.

7.0 UEL Manager Report to the CAC

7.1 New Development Permits

- There are no new development permits.

7.2 Snow damage on the Hedge

- The hedge experienced some snow damage and needs a trim and cut. A work plan for the hedge repair and maintenance will be in place.

7.3 Construction Update

- Paving the storm sewer trenches in Area A has been on hold due to the weather.

7.4 Block F Update

- There are no new updates on Block F.

7.5 Church Collection Bins Update

- There are no updates on the church collection bin.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Block F Working Group Update

- Mojan reports a firm has been selected and awarded to do the project programming for the Block F community centre. A meeting will take place tomorrow (April 25, 2017).

9.0 New Business

9.1 CAC Website Update

- The CAC website is now up and working again (<http://uelcommunity.com/>). In addition to content migration, the website appearance is updated, backend infrastructure work was done to make the website more smooth and secure, and new features such as a language translation tool and auto-updates on the front page were added to enhance the communication and user experience.
- The website is a work-in-progress and feedback is welcome (to be sent to Nicole at council@uelcommunity.com).

9.2 Census Data

- The discussion around the UEL population number has prompted interest from the CAC, UEL and Maria (EEA) to look into what the population number is, and why there is such a large discrepancy between the City Spaces report and Statistics Canada census numbers. Furthermore, in the case that the UEL population is indeed 3000 and not 4000, the discussion sparked the idea

and possibility of looking to see if some kind of rebate is available as the UEL would have been overpaying for the population base.

- In the discussion, there are interest to find out where the 4000 population number came from originally, as this is the number that has been referenced to in reports and documents. This number comes from City Spaces back in 2011.
- Maria says the 3000 number comes from the 2016 census that is taken in March/April and is the number the province is using.

10.0 Questions from the Public to the CAC

- Questions about hedges were raised, specifically around the hedges that are overgrown onto the sidewalks and what can be done about it. In Area C, there are some hedges around Chancellor and 7th Avenue that are overgrown and may benefit from trimming.
- There are also comments about taxation, such as how tax money is divided for schools, and how we can engage with the Metro government with respect to the changes around taxation in terms of school funding and the school tax increases.
- Pete brings up the idea of organizing a summer event, possibly a picnic at the Little Oz Park.
- A question around garbage pickup was raised. Jonn explains that normal garbage pickup takes place every two weeks while organic and yard waste is picked up every week.
- Kim asks how many building inspectors do the UEL have. Jonn replies there is a full-time building inspector and a deputy inspector qualified to inspect.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.



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