

My Upcoming Meetings

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday February 24, 2017

Climate Action Committee

Wednesday March 1, 2017

Mayors Committee

Friday March 3, 2017

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Thursday, March 9, 2017



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Standing Committee Appointments

In 2017 I will serve as the Chair of the Electoral Area Committee, and as a member of the Mayors Committee and Climate Action Committee.

Changes to Metro Vancouver's Water Shortage Response Plan

Metro Vancouver is updating the region-wide Water Shortage Response Plan that regulates how residents, businesses and local governments use drinking water in the summer months or during periods of water shortages.

Metro Vancouver and local members received a lot of feedback on the water restrictions during the summer of 2015, and a formal consultation process was held through winter 2015/2016 resulting in some immediate changes for summer 2016. A second consultation process, including four Sustainability Dialogues and an online survey, wrapped up January 31, 2017.



An updated draft WSRP is expected to be presented to the Metro Vancouver Board in spring 2017.

www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/consultation/WSRP-review/

UBC Recycled Particle Board Study

Research conducted by the University of B.C. with Metro Vancouver and FPInnovations showed that wood waste from housing demolitions and sawmills can be remanufactured locally into high-grade particle board for furniture, cabinets and flooring, at a price point comparable to conventional particle board.

Nearly 3,000 houses are demolished in Metro Vancouver each year, sending about 400,000 tonnes of wood waste to disposal. Most of the clean wood recovered from home demolitions in the region is used as fuel in sawmills and

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cement plants. But Metro Vancouver believes using recovered wood waste to create new products is a far higher and better use than burning it as fuel.

Making particle board with recycled wood is common in the resource-scarce European Union, but has yet to catch on in British Columbia. Researchers led by Felix Böck, PhD candidate at the UBC Centre for Advanced Wood Processing, sought to determine if the process could be adapted to local technical and economic conditions, including local feedstock.



Though particle board is typically made from virgin wood, the researchers used wood chips, off-cuts and shims from local transfer stations and saw mills. The wood was chipped down to size and mixed with a non-formaldehyde resin to produce particle board face and core layers. In lab tests, the recycled product performed just as well as industrial grade particle board, and met all the technical performance requirements stipulated in industrial standards.

Böck, who recently made national headlines with his company ChopValue, which manufactures products from recycled bamboo chopsticks, is keen to share the particle board technology. Interested individuals or companies are encouraged to contact FPInnovation's Full Fibre Utilization Strategy Project Team or the UBC Centre for Advanced Wood Processing for more information.

Pacific Spirit Regional Park Service Yard Replacement

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks staff will present an update regarding the Pacific Spirit Regional Park Service Yard Replacement project to the Regional Parks Committee at the February 15 meeting. The agenda will be available on Metro Vancouver's website by February 8. If you are interested in speaking to the committee on this topic, please visit the delegation information page.

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Gerald McGavin Rugby Centre Liquor Licence

The B.C. Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) issued a liquor primary licence for the Gerald McGavin Rugby Centre at UBC. Metro Vancouver acts as the local government for liquor licence applications in Electoral Area A. After the end of the public comment period, the GVRD Board recommended that the LCLB issue the licence based on the proposed location within an existing sports venue, on the limiting of alcohol sales as an amenity to sporting events or pre-booked and private functions, and since there were no objections from the RCMP to the application.

Transportation and Public Transit

TransLink has three initiatives that I would like to draw to your attention.

Broadway Subway

TransLink is asking for feedback on the Millennium Line Broadway Extension project, better known as the Broadway Subway, which would extend the Millennium Line underground from VCC-Clark station to Broadway and Arbutus. Initial planning and design work is underway, but construction cannot begin until the federal and provincial governments commit to funding and one or more additional regional funding sources are determined. If funding is secured soon, construction could begin as early as 2019 and is expected to take five to six years. You can provide your feedback through TransLink's survey until February 13.

www.translink.ca/en/Plans-and-Projects/Rapid-Transit-Projects/Broadway-SkyTrain-Extension.aspx

Transit Fare Review - Phase Two

In 2016, TransLink began a comprehensive review of its fare structure. The review is now in its second of four phases. TransLink would like your views on the possible ways to vary fares by distance travelled, time of travel, and service type. A helpful discussion guide and videos are available from the TransLink website, and you can provide your views through the Transit Fare Review survey. The deadline for completing the survey is February 16.

www.translink.ca/farereview

TransLink has also launched a discussion forum as an online place to share ideas, ask questions, and learn more about potential fare options.

translink.forumbee.com

TransLink Accountability Centre

TransLink has created an Accountability Centre on its website. This is a one-stop-shop for the following information:

- Regional Snapshot: what TransLink does and where it goes, including cycling infrastructure.
- Performance Dashboard: performance indicators in six categories: Ridership, Customer Satisfaction, Safety and Security, Service Quality, Efficiency, Environment.
- Transparency: links to TransLink's corporate reports, meetings and Freedom of Information requests.

www.translink.ca/accountabilitycentre

TransLink welcomes feedback on its Accountability Centre. How can it be made better? What additional information would you like to see? Feedback can be provided through TransLink's customer feedback form. There's a link to the form at the Accountability Centre.

Community Information Initiative for the University Endowment Lands

In mid-January, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development published a series of factsheets to provide basic information about governance, services and financial arrangements in the UEL area. The Ministry also created a feedback form for residents to provide their views on issues in the UEL community. The factsheets and feedback form are available online and in print at the UEL Administration Office. The feedback form must be completed by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17.

The Ministry has mailed an information package to each UEL household containing summary information from the factsheets, and printed copies are available at the UEL Administration Office.

The UEL's Community Advisory Council (CAC) prepared a flyer commenting on the factsheets and feedback form. The flyer has been mailed to UEL households and is available from the UEL community website. The CAC points out in the flyer that the factsheets and feedback form are the government's first public action in response to the CAC's 2013 request for a study on incorporating the UEL community as a municipality. Among other comments in the flyer, the CAC notes that the factsheets provide very little information relevant to the CAC's request for an incorporation study. In particular, they do not describe the shortcomings with the current governance structure.

www.UELfacts.gov.bc.ca

www.uelcommunity.com

Dogs at Pacific Spirit Regional Park

On Friday, January 13, a Pacific Spirit Regional Park visitor was bitten by a dog on Swordfern Trail, a leash-required trail. The dog was on-leash at the time, and the injury was not serious, but the incident does underscore the need for dog owners to be mindful of their pets.

Please keep your dog on-leash and under control at all times, unless in a designated off-leash area or on a designated leash-optional trail. Yield the right-of-way to other trail users, and keep your dog close as others pass by.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Metro Vancouver Parks Area West Office at 604-224-5739 and report any incidents to the RCMP.

Support for Community Clean-up Initiatives

Do you know of some great community clean-up activities in your neighbourhood? Non-profit and volunteer groups doing community clean-ups can now apply to drop off garbage at no cost at Metro Vancouver transfer stations. This initiative encourages the work of volunteer groups who donate their time to help beautify and protect public parks and streets in our region.

Any clean-up project within Metro Vancouver is eligible, as long as it is conducted by volunteers on behalf of a non-profit society or volunteer community group. Examples include



collection of garbage from publicly owned land such as parks, playgrounds, roads, marine shorelines, lakes and rivers. This initiative is for garbage only. Recyclable materials should be separated for recycling. It also does not include invasive plant removal initiatives.

The application form will be posted soon at metrovancover.org.

Events & Media

Metro Vancouver Chair Greg Moore's Address to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver, Le Versailles Ballroom 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:30 AM

Join Metro Vancouver Chair Greg Moore for his annual address to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade. Chair Moore will discuss the importance of interconnected urban centres and the role of local governments to facilitate dialogue between citizens and institutions, in support of a strong, sustainable, and prosperous economy.

He will also discuss how regional collaboration is driving change in important areas such as the Regional Prosperity Initiative, Metro 2040, Affordable Rental Housing Strategy, National Zero Waste Council and many others.

<https://www.boardoftrade.com/events/individual-events/881-6104>

Winter Watershed Snowshoe Tours

Mt. Seymour

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in February and March

Explore the connection between snow and your drinking water at Mt. Seymour. Learn about your water supply in a fun and active way while discovering alpine plants and animals. After a moderately strenuous snowshoe, warm up with a cup of hot cocoa. Ages 16+. Must be physically capable of hiking up and down steep sections with snowshoes.

Cost: \$18 with own snowshoes; \$25 includes snowshoes rental

www.metrovancover.org/events/watershed-tours/

Family Day Campfire

February 13, 2017, Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Drop by for a cozy campfire and learn about plants and animals through story and song. Free event

<http://www.metrovancover.org/events/calendar/vancouver/503/family-day-campfire>

ELECTORAL AREA A Director's Update

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From Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director

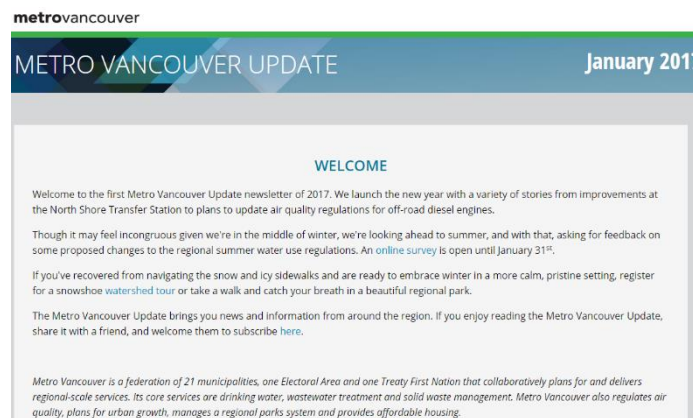
Metro Vancouver Close Up



Metro Vancouver Close Up shows how municipalities and community groups are promoting sustainability and shared regional goals. New videos are posted each month. To see sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, you can search “Metro Vancouver Close Up” at metrovancover.org or follow metrovancoverblog.org.

For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

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[Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation](http://www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx)

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[Union of BC Municipalities](http://www.ubcm.ca)

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[University Neighbourhoods Association](http://www.myuna.ca)

www.myuna.ca

[University Endowment Lands Administration](http://www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca)

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

[UEL Community Advisory Council](http://www.uelcommunity.com)

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[Metro Vancouver Media Releases](http://www.metrovancover.org/media-room)

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