

My Upcoming Meetings

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, June 23, 2017

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Electoral Area Committee

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Mayors Committee

Friday, July 7, 2017



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Emotive

Visitors to the recent UHill Elementary School Earth Day BBQ got a chance to learn about electric vehicles (EVs) thanks to a Metro Vancouver collaboration called Emotive.



Metro Vancouver has been involved in Emotive, a BC-wide campaign to raise public awareness of EVs, for the past four years. The Emotive team attends events all over Metro Vancouver and throughout the province, providing an opportunity for prospective EV owners to have technical questions answered by neutral third parties without sales pressure. In addition, at some events, Emotive provides a unique service – an opportunity to test drive different EVs.

At the Vancouver International Auto Show earlier this year, the Emotive campaign recorded more than a thousand test drives – nearly triple the number in 2015 -- showing the public's interest in electric vehicles is on the rise.

The next major public test drive event Emotive will be participating in is Electrafest, to be held July 15 in Vancouver at Concord Pacific Plaza.

For more information, visit emotivebc.ca or join the conversation at www.facebook.com/emotivebc

Recycling and Banned Materials

Metro Vancouver issued fewer surcharges for banned materials at its regional transfer stations over the past two years, suggesting residents are getting better at recycling items rather than throwing them in the trash.

The regional district has banned recyclable materials from the garbage in an effort to encourage recycling, and the surcharges act as a financial deterrent as they can be applied if banned materials such as cardboard or recyclable containers are found in the trash. The decrease in the number of surcharges is also reflected in a steady increase in recycling rates across the region year to year.

In 2016, electronic waste, mattresses, and cardboard were the most commonly surcharged materials. However, the total number of surcharges issued for mattresses and cardboard was down in 2016 from the previous year, indicating an improvement in recycling habits. Surcharges were also issued for paint, clean wood, food waste, and recyclable paper.

Recyclable materials should be separated from garbage and recycled in accordance with the instructions for your building or neighbourhood, or delivered to a recycling depot. Regional transfer stations accept many items for recycling as well. Details on materials accepted at regional disposal facilities can be found [here](#).

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/garbage-recycling>

Transportation and Public Transit

Mobility Pricing Independent Commission

On June 6, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink's Board of Directors announced the launch of the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission.

The Commission's purpose is to make recommendations to the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board on how to improve the way transportation is priced in Metro Vancouver, including the use of roads and bridges. It is being asked to evaluate mobility pricing options for Metro Vancouver based on the following objectives:

- **Reduce traffic congestion** on roads and bridges across the region, so people and goods can keep moving and businesses can thrive and be competitive.
- **Promote fairness** to address concerns around our long-standing approach to tolling some roads and bridges but not others.
- **Support transportation investment** to improve the current transportation system in Metro Vancouver for all users.

The Commission will engage broadly and use its findings as key inputs to help inform and guide its recommendations. Public and stakeholders from across the region will be able to take part in the Commission's work through a variety of engagement opportunities across Metro Vancouver and online.

The Commission will commence its work immediately, and is to provide its report and recommendations by Spring 2018.

Further information on the Commission and its full terms of reference are available on the Commission's website: www.mobilitypricing.ca.

Mayors' Council and TransLink 90-Day Action Plan

On May 29, the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board announced a 90-Day Action Plan for Metro Vancouver Transportation. The Plan was sent to the major provincial political parties and to all MLAs for the Metro Vancouver region.

The Action Plan calls on the new provincial government to be ready to make quick decisions over the summer and fall to put the funding in place for Phase 2 of the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation. Fast provincial action is needed to avoid costly project delays, and to access federal transit funding.

The Action Plan describes five priority areas requiring government decisions by the fall. These include:

- confirming a 40% provincial contribution to new transit projects, including \$2.2 billion in matching funding for the Broadway subway and South of Fraser LRT, and a \$360 million contribution towards upgrading the existing SkyTrain system;
- collaborating with the Mayors' Council to develop fair, affordable revenue sources that will provide the additional funding needed to implement the rapid transit projects and other elements of Phase 2 of the 10-Year Vision; and
- enabling a new development levy to complete the funding of Phase 1 of the 10-Year Vision.

The Action Plan is available from the link on this page: www.curecongestion.ca.

BC Energy Step Code

The B.C. government in April adopted the BC Energy Step Code, which sets out a path to make all new buildings "net zero energy ready" by 2032. This will help further Metro Vancouver's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

The Code aligns with one of the policies that Metro Vancouver, in its submission to the provincial Climate Leadership Plan process, identified as foundational to reaching provincial and regional GHG reduction targets.

Residential and commercial buildings currently generate about a third of the region's greenhouse gas emissions. A net zero energy building produces as much energy as it consumes over a year, as it is designed to minimize energy use and have its energy needs supplied by renewable energy created by the energy systems of the building.



The BC Energy Step Code is a voluntary roadmap that establishes progressive performance targets (i.e., steps) that can be used to encourage, or require, more construction of energy-efficient residential and commercial buildings.

The provincial government established a multi-stakeholder Energy Step Code Council to support local governments and industry. The Council will actively support the implementation of the BC Energy Step Code with research, training, communications, and policy guidance.

Iona Project Definition

Metro Vancouver will be replacing the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant with a state of the art facility providing more extensive treatment of sewage to produce a higher quality effluent. The Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant serves approximately 680,000 people within the Vancouver Sewerage Area which includes the City of Vancouver, parts of Burnaby and Richmond, as well as the University Endowment Lands, the University of British Columbia, and the reserve lands of the Musqueam Indian Band and Squamish Nation.

The timeline for the new plant has three main phases. It starts with the Project Definition Phase, followed by detailed design and construction and completes with commissioning the new plant.

The project definition work is scheduled for completion in 2019. It will include a decision regarding project procurement that will allow the project to proceed to the detailed design and construction phase. This phase will fully define the scope of the Iona Island Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant that will be built on the site to replace the existing primary treatment plant.

The consultation and communications process will be structured to ensure that all parties with an interest in liquid waste management or the potential to be affected by construction and operations of the project have an opportunity for input and receive relevant project information. The process will focus on groups within the region: Metro Vancouver members, government agencies, First Nations, special interest groups and the public.

Metro Vancouver anticipates the new facility will be ready by 2030.

Regional Park Use Report

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks published its annual statistics report for parks visits, visitor services and volunteering in 2016. The data is used to communicate the benefits of the regional parks system to the Metro Vancouver Board and the public, and to support ongoing park planning, capital planning, facility development, and other programs and management.

2016 marked the first-ever observed decrease in visitation to regional parks, with 2% fewer visits compared to 2015. This decrease is believed to be associated with wetter and cooler weather combined with a sharp decrease in visitation to Capilano River Regional Park (-35%) due to access impediments and a relatively poor fishing season.

Pacific Spirit Regional Park saw 2,225,000 total visits (down 4%), hosted 152 special events for 4,633 participants, and logged 6,718 volunteer hours through the Pacific Spirit Park Society.

2016 Regional Parks Visitors, Visitor Services and Volunteers Report

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/ParksPublications/2016RegionalParksVisitorsVisitorServicesandVolunteersReport.pdf>

Community Works Fund

On May 24, Metro Vancouver staff and I met with representatives of the UNA, UBC and the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) to continue the discussion about shortlisted projects that would potentially be recommended to the MVRD Board for funding from the Community Works Fund. At the meeting, the group confirmed that pedestrian and cycling amenities along Wesbrook Mall and at key intersections (Wesbrook Mall at University Blvd. and Wesbrook Mall at Chancellor Blvd.) remain priority projects for funding. In their deliberations, they noted that Wesbrook Mall road improvement work has been delayed until spring 2018 due to technical and financial issues that still need to be resolved. UBC expects to have detailed information related to Wesbrook Mall pedestrian and cycle amenities sometime in fall 2017. In anticipation of this additional information, the group expects to meet in the fall and to make a recommendation at that time. In addition to the Wesbrook Mall improvements idea, the UNA Board and UEL CAC can discuss projects that may serve their communities independently and bring those forward for consideration at the fall meeting.

The group also discussed noise affecting the UNA and UEL communities. It was noted that UBC gave a presentation on noise management approaches to both the UEL CAC and UNA Board in early 2017. UBC is working to address noise from existing sources and to incorporate noise mitigation into their planning and design processes. Discussion at the meeting centred on touching base with the UEL CAC to confirm if letting UBC's process unfold was the best way to move forward at this time.

Water Wagon

Metro Vancouver's Water Wagon travels to outdoor events throughout the region to let eventgoers refill their water bottles and learn more about Metro Vancouver's drinking water.

The Water Wagon is staffed by an outreach team that promotes tap water by sharing information about water quality and the region's supply and treatment systems. The Water Wagon is a regional resource, and is available to attend public events from mid-May to the end of September, at no cost to event organizers or attendees. Criteria used to select events include regional representation, the anticipated number of attendees, length of event, opportunities for engagement, and access to GVWD water on site.



Event recruitment is ongoing, so if you would like to have the Water Wagon at an event, I encourage you to contact Metro Vancouver's Tap Water Team. tapwaterteam@metrovancouver.org

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/conservation-reservoir-levels/water-wagon/>

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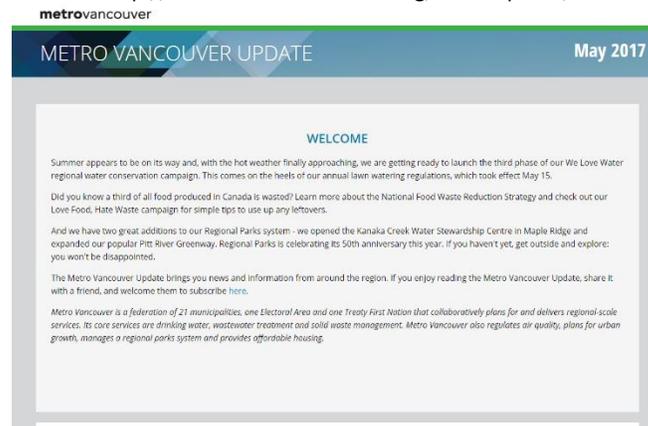
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[Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director](http://www.mariaharris.ca)

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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)

www.ubcm.ca

[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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