

Upcoming meetings I will attend

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, February 26, 2016

Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, March 2, 2016



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Committee Appointments

Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore and Vancouver City Councillor Raymond Louie were acclaimed as Metro Vancouver Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. In January, the 2016 Board committees were announced. I will serve as:

- Chair of the Intergovernment & Finance – Electoral Area Sub-Committee
- Member of the Mayors Committee
- Member of the Climate Action Committee

I will also continue to represent Metro Vancouver on the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board.

Community Works Fund

The Community Works Fund is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local priorities. The grant amount for each local government is based on a per capita formula, with areas of high population receiving more funding than areas of low population.

Since the Point Grey peninsula of Electoral Area A accounts for 98% of the Electoral Area's population, it will be the main beneficiary of the Community Works Fund money for the Electoral Area. Approximately \$560K over the 2014-2018 period would go to the UBC/UEL portion if the Fund money ends up being allocated to projects on the basis of population.

In recognition of the various bodies that exist in the Point Grey peninsula of Electoral Area A (i.e. University Neighbourhoods Association, the University Endowment Lands Community Advisory Council and Administration, and the University of British Columbia), staff and I will be sending a letter to request a representative from each of these bodies to meet together to discuss potential projects and priorities for the use of the Community Works Fund money.

UEL Emergency Planning

Metro Vancouver Safety, Security & Emergency Management and Electoral Area staff are supporting the University Endowment Lands Administration in planning activities and materials to help UEL residents be prepared in the event of an emergency.

An Emergency Preparedness Day is planned for spring 2016 and will focus on both providing practical information to residents as well as understanding the roles and responsibilities of different agencies in emergency management and response. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Day.

Liquor Licence Applications

Metro Vancouver acts as the local government within Electoral Area A for liquor licence applications made to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, which is the approving authority for such licences. In the fall of 2015, Metro Vancouver solicited public comments on a liquor licence application for the Gerald McGavin Rugby Centre, which was recommended for approval by the Metro Vancouver Board on November 27, 2016, and granted a licence by the Province in late January 2016.

Most recently, Metro Vancouver completed the public consultation for the Frederic Wood Theatre liquor licence application. Public comments were sought through a variety of means: notices in the local newspapers (the Campus Resident and the Vancouver Courier), a large sign at the proposed location, notification through the UNA weekly email newsletter, and posting of information on the Metro Vancouver website. In addition, the UNA Board of Directors had the opportunity to consider and provide comments on the application.

Metro Vancouver supporting BC's Climate Leadership Plan

Consistent with the Metro Vancouver Board's strategic direction to "incorporate strategies and actions into all Metro Vancouver functions to mitigate and adapt to climate change", Metro Vancouver and Quest Canada hosted a Community Energy Symposium on January 28, 2016. <http://www.questcanada.org/>

The Symposium aimed to connect organizations focussed on addressing climate change to prepare to implement the BC Government's Climate Leadership Plan, and provided a head start on implementing key provisions of the Climate Leadership Plan, including:

- Improving building energy performance in the residential and commercial sectors,
- Accelerating uptake of low-carbon onsite and community energy systems through district energy, waste heat capture, and distributed generation, and
- Integrating transportation, land use and development to minimize travel between work, homes, schools, services, shops and parks.

Community Television

The CRTC, the federal agency that regulates Canadian broadcasting and telecommunications, is conducting a review of the policy framework for local and community television programming.

<http://crtc.gc.ca/eng/consultation.asp?page=complete&type=tv&num=2015-421>

Community television offers individuals and groups the opportunity for expression and participation in the broadcast system. Municipal council meetings are broadcast on the community channel and community producers cover issues not seen on commercial news. In addition, Metro Vancouver independently produces The Sustainable Region, a monthly newsmagazine show for community channels (Shaw TV4, NVTV4, Delta TV and Coast Cable). <http://www.metrovancouver.org/media-room/video-gallery/the-sustainable-region/>

One proposed change could see funding for community channels (currently about \$150 million per year) reallocated to private broadcasters, potentially ending the era of public access television in Canada. One of our local journalists captured the story well for the Vancouver Sun recently.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/entertainment/metro+vancouver+officials+worried+about+potential+loss+shaw+channel/11665187/story.html>

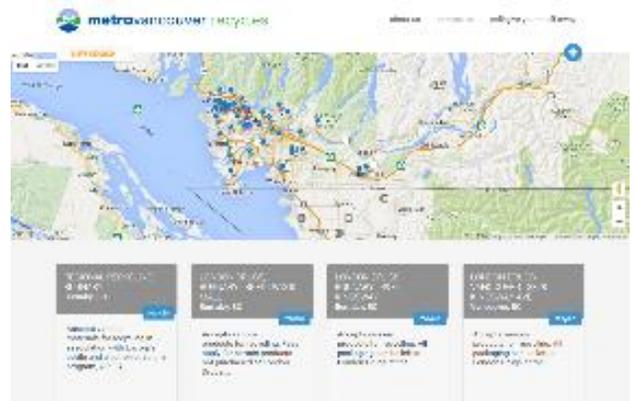
Metro Vancouver's position is that community broadcasting is a key information vehicle and an important way for local governments and others to engage with residents. It plays a vital role in Canadian communities and should be protected. Metro Vancouver presented its position at a CRTC hearing on February 2, 2016.

Metro Vancouver Recycles

MetroVancouverRecycles.org is a free directory of recycling, donation and safe disposal services in the region. The website has been recently upgraded with a fresh new interface and optimizations for mobile devices.

The green "reuse" pins in the search results point to options for donating items, while the blue "recycle" pins will help you find the closest recycling service. The website also includes services for businesses. I encourage you to publicize this useful tool.

<http://www.metrovancouverrecycles.org/>



Events



Vancouver Board of Trade

Metro Vancouver: Providing Regional Leadership

Friday, February 19, 2016, 11:30 AM

<https://www.boardoftrade.com/events/individual-events/616-5972>

Join Greg Moore for his third annual address to The Vancouver Board of Trade, as he outlines his priorities as Chair of Metro Vancouver and how Metro Vancouver is playing a critical leadership role in convening key players throughout the Greater Vancouver region to tackle issues related to growth management, regional prosperity, transportation, infrastructure, governance and zero waste.



Designing for Compostability in Canada - Sustainability Community Breakfast

February 17, 2016, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

BCIT Downtown, 555 Seymour St., Vancouver

Compostable materials are both an innovation and a source of confusion in the world of products and packaging. Join Metro Vancouver and the National Zero Waste Council to learn about designing for compostability, and the work being done to demystify this topic as we move towards a zero waste circular economy.

Register: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/community-breakfasts/>

For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/metroudate/>

The screenshot shows the top portion of a newsletter titled "January 2016 Update". The Metro Vancouver logo is in the top left corner. The "In this issue" section on the left lists several topics: Metro Vancouver's report to the CTC on strategic programming, Green Transportation: a road to a smarter future, Metro Vancouver's update to winter operations for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, Surrey and Delta's Park opening in April 2016, The 100+ green efforts January 1, 2016, Where will the homes go?, Check out!, and Metro Vancouver's Federal State. The "Welcome" section on the right contains introductory text about the newsletter's purpose, updates on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, and information about the winter operations report and the 100+ green efforts report.

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www.mayorscouncil.ca

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www.ubcm.ca

[University Neighbourhoods Association](#)

www.myuna.ca

[University Endowment Lands](#)

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

[UEL Community Advisory Council](#)

www.uelcommunity.com

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