

## ELECTORAL AREA A Director's Update

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From Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director

## Upcoming meetings I will attend

**Metro Vancouver Board**

Friday, April 1, 2016

**Climate Action Committee**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

**Intergovernment and Finance Electoral Area Sub-Committee**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

**Mayors' Committee**

Friday, April 8, 2016

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## UEL – Community Safety and Emergency Planning Day

In late 2015, the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) created a committee to help UEL residents be prepared in the event of an emergency. The committee consists of three UEL residents—Kim Smith, (editor of the *UHill Connections* newspaper), Pete McConnell (CAC member), and me—as well as representatives from the UEL Administration and Metro Vancouver and also a UBC student.

A Community Safety and Emergency Planning Day has now been set for Saturday, May 7, 2016, 10am – 2pm, at Jim Everett Memorial Park. The day 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. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please help spread the word about this event.

An event poster will be sent in the near future, and you can look for further event details in the March issue of the *UHill Connections* newspaper. I would appreciate your help in promoting this event.

## Dramatic Shifts in Surface Transportation in Canada

Metro Vancouver Chair, Greg Moore, will be participating in an important panel discussion in Vancouver on March 11, 2016 as part of a workshop series that Intelligent Transportation Systems Canada will be hosting in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver in mid-March. These sessions will explore the systemic shifts in surface transportation in Canada that we can anticipate over the next few decades due to concerns about emissions, the advent of electrified autonomous vehicles, and expanding ride and vehicle sharing, and will help cities, regional districts, urban planners and other key stakeholders better prepare for this dramatically altered future.

The Vancouver session, sponsored by Metro Vancouver, will feature keynote presentations by two renowned Finnish experts on urban transportation, Mr. Sampo Hietanen, CEO of MaaS Ltd., and Mr. Sami Sahala, Project Manager at Forum Virium Helsinki. The event will take place at the Robson Square Media Centre Theatre on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 10am to 3pm.

For ticket information, please visit [www.itscanada.ca](http://www.itscanada.ca).

## Temporary Extension of Liquor Licensed Area at Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre

UBC has applied to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (BC LCLB) for a temporary extension of the liquor licensed area at the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre to allow liquor to be consumed in the dressing rooms during two concerts on April 1 and April 27, 2016. As part of the BC LCLB's approval process, local governments are asked to provide comments on such applications. Following receipt of the application from UBC on February 22, Metro Vancouver staff consulted with the RCMP and the UNA Executive Director, both of whom had no objections to the application. Metro Vancouver staff provided comments to that effect to UBC to meet their March 3 deadline. The decision whether to approve the temporary extension of the liquor licensed area will be made by the BC LCLB.

**Events**

I would like to ask you to draw the following Metro Vancouver events to the attention of residents, students, and others:

**Winter Watershed Snowshoe Tours, Mount Seymour – Thursdays and Saturdays until March 19**

Time is running out to take part in this fun and active way to learn about the role our mountains play in collecting and storing our drinking water. Learn about local plants and animals that call the Seymour Watershed home. Wrap up your active day with a cup of hot cocoa.

Adults 18+; \$18 with own snowshoes; \$25 includes snowshoes rental

To register, visit: [www.metrovancouver.org/region/calendar/Pages/WatershedTours.aspx](http://www.metrovancouver.org/region/calendar/Pages/WatershedTours.aspx)

**Night Quest in Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Saturday, March 19**

7 – 9:30pm

Enjoy nature at night. Stroll 2 km of lantern-lit trails featuring owls, squirrels, coyotes and more. Then cozy up to the campfire with a hot chocolate. Bring a lantern, flashlight or headlamp and allow 1 hour to complete the quest. All ages welcome!

Meet at Park Centre at 16th Avenue, 400 m west of Blanca Street.

Presented with Pacific Spirit Park Society.

**Trail Troupers, Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Saturday, March 19**

10 – 11am

On this youth-led nature hike, children learn about stream ecosystems in the forest. No fee, children ages 2 to 12. Registration required at <http://pspssevents.blogspot.ca>.

Presented with Pacific Spirit Park Society Youth Committee.

**Sustainability Community Breakfast – Thursday, March 24**

Providing Regional Leadership

7:30 – 9am

BCIT Downtown

555 Seymour Street, Vancouver

Join Metro Vancouver Board Chair Greg Moore as he outlines his priorities as Chair 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.

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

## Interpretation Skills Workshop, Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Saturday, April 9



9am – 3pm

This workshop is designed for new interpreters, teachers and volunteers who want to lead outdoor programs. Adults only, \$45/person. Register using barcode 6501 at [metrovancoveronline.org](http://metrovancoveronline.org) or call 604-432-6359.

## 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. The following stories are scheduled to go live March 7, 2016:

- North Shore Talk at the Top: The City of North Vancouver is a leading partner in a youth mental health event that combines awareness and self-care workshops with outdoor activity on Grouse Mountain.
- Green Sweep at Coquitlam Curling Club: Provincial curling championships at a Coquitlam municipal facility are featured on national television...and Metro Vancouver Close Up's video crew is there too --focusing below the ice on the building's amazing greenhouse gas emissions reductions track record.
- Timms Community Centre: The City of Langley takes another step toward a walkable community with the opening of the centrally located Timms Community Centre featuring fitness and neighbourhood connection opportunities aimed at building a healthy lifestyle.

To see more sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, residents can search “Metro Vancouver Close Up” at [metrovancover.org](http://metrovancover.org) or follow [metrovancoverblog.org](http://metrovancoverblog.org).

## For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

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### Welcome

This edition also features an upgrade to some key liquid waste infrastructure, improvements to our online recycling tool, and a celebration of excellence in green buildings with the Annacis Research Centre.

The GLOBE Leadership Summit and Innovation Exposition (March 2 to 4), is held every 2 years. People come from all over the world to discuss pressing global challenges, and solutions. All we need to do is register, and jump on the skytrain. Metro Vancouver is an exhibitor, and participating in the National Zero Waste Council's March 4 workshop covered in the Events section below.

Local and regional challenges also need coordinated solutions, and this was the premise a keynote from Metro Vancouver's Chair Mirona to the

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### [Union of BC Municipalities](#)

[www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca)

### [University Neighbourhoods Association](#)

[www.myuna.ca](http://www.myuna.ca)

### [University Endowment Lands](#)

[www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca](http://www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca)

### [UEL Community Advisory Council](#)

[www.uelcommunity.com](http://www.uelcommunity.com)

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