

My Upcoming Meetings**Climate Action Committee**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, May 27, 2016

Joint Mayors' Council/TransLink Board

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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Many wipes are labelled “flushable”, but they don’t break down easily in the sewer system. Once flushed, wipes can clog sewers and toilets, damage pumping equipment, and even cause sewage overflows into the environment. Metro Vancouver spends millions of dollars every year to deal with wipes and other unflushables in the wastewater system. The ‘*Adult Toilet Training*’ campaign will raise awareness of the problems caused by supposedly flushable wipes and ask audiences to put wipes in the garbage, not the toilet.



The regional campaign is based on a 2015 pilot project conducted with the City of Pitt Meadows, which was successful in reducing the amount of wipes coming into a local wastewater pumping station. The campaign includes some memorable posters in public washrooms, a [shareable video](#), an online quiz and a roaming pink campaign port-a-potty that will travel to community events.

In addition, local governments are displaying posters in washrooms in their municipal facilities and Shoppers Drug Mart is placing “Never Flush Wipes” signage in the areas of their stores where baby wipes and personal hygiene wipes are sold.

Wipes and other so-called flushable products cost Canadian municipalities an estimated \$250 million every year and with their increased popularity have become an international problem. Metro Vancouver is part of a national group that is working to develop an international (ISO) standard for Canada to more accurately label products that are truly flushable.

I encourage you to remind your residents to put wipes in the garbage by posting campaign artwork in your public washrooms. To access campaign artwork, please contact Carol Nicolls at 604-436-6851 or carol.nicolls@metrovancover.org.

http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid775238908001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAtIh4TE~,EyOzR91VLdulgADKKY_pykPL2-vBHv9u&bctid=4471208332001

Emergency Planning Day – May 7, 2016

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



University Endowment Lands
Community Safety & Emergency Planning Day
Saturday, May 7, 2016 | 10 am – 2 pm
 Jim Everett Memorial Park
(Cross-section of Dalhousie Road, Allison Road and University Boulevard)

Let's Get Prepared!

#UELprepares

请参与 UEL 社区防灾日活动 – 五月七日 (周六) 上午十时至下午二时
 地点: Jim Everett 纪念公园 (University Blvd. 与 Allison Rd. 交叉处)

Learn **safety planning** for your family and neighbours
 Experience exhibits, **demos and activities**
 Talk to **safety experts**
 Get information on disaster and **emergency response**
 Purchase **emergency preparedness kits**
 Recharge your **fire extinguisher**

Drop by this event between 10 am – 2pm and talk to safety experts, see exhibits, demos and participate in an activity. Be informed, be ready.

This Saturday, May 7 the UEL will be holding a Community Safety and Emergency Planning Day, open to all interested residents of the UEL, UNA and UBC. The goal of the event is to provide residents with the information and tools they need to be prepared for an emergency. The event will be held at Jim Everett Memorial Park (University Boulevard and Allison Road), from 10 am to 2 pm.

From providing an opportunity to purchase an emergency preparedness kit to demonstrating how to use a fire extinguisher, the UEL Community Safety and Emergency Planning Day promises to be a fun way to help residents in our communities be prepared.

The March issue of the [UHill Connections newspaper](#) contains a special spread devoted to emergency preparedness.

I would appreciate your help in promoting this event. For Twitter, please use the hashtag #UELprepares.

http://uelcommunity.com/UHill%20News%20MAR_2016.pdf

Sprinkling Regulations begin May 15, 2016

As part of Metro Vancouver's ongoing water conservation measures, the region-wide sprinkling regulations begin May 15. The regulations allow outdoor watering within these hours:

Residential lawn sprinkling:

- Even-numbered addresses Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday mornings, 4 am to 9 am
- Odd-numbered addresses Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday mornings, 4 am to 9 am

Non-residential lawn sprinkling:

- Even-numbered addresses Monday or Wednesday mornings, 1 am to 6 am
- Odd-numbered addresses Tuesday or Thursday mornings, 1 am to 6 am
- All non-residential addresses Friday mornings, 4 am to 9 am

Non-residential addresses include buildings with commercial addresses on the main floor and apartments above. All details are available [here](#).



Lawn sprinkling regulations help to manage water use throughout the summer, when there is low rainfall, and a high demand for outdoor watering. They also shift demand from evening to morning (which reduces daily spikes in water demand), and reduce operational costs to treat and distribute our water. Shifting demand and reducing operational costs contribute a lot to the size and cost of our overall water storage and distribution system. Through reasonable conservation efforts, we can defer the financial and environmental costs of providing more storage.

http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/conservation-reservoir-levels/lawn-sprinkling/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=newsletter44&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=chair_update

Water Supply Forecast and Water Consumption Update for Summer 2016

The Greater Vancouver Water District Board received its annual spring update on water supply and water consumption at its April 29 meeting.

The report concluded that, with the snowpack levels only slightly below average as of late March, and significantly above spring 2015 levels, it is expected that source lake storage will be sufficient to ensure adequate water supply for the 2016 summer season. Overall precipitation in the form of rainfall through the fall, winter and spring also contributes to the water levels in the three source reservoirs. Further to this, per capita water use in the region continues to decline, off-setting the impact of population growth and keeping total consumption relatively steady.

In November 2015, the Board amended the Water Shortage Response Plan to extend Stage 1 Lawn Sprinkling restrictions from June 1 – September 30 to May 15 – October 15. In the event of an extreme drought or unusually high demand for water, Metro Vancouver has the ability to implement additional demand management measures, if necessary.

If you're interested in reading more, you can view the full report [here](#).

<http://www.mariaharris.ca/assets/Documents/Water%20Supply%20Summer%202016.pdf#zoom=100>

Input to Provincial Climate Leadership Plan

In the spring of 2015, the Provincial Government initiated a process to develop a new climate action plan called the [Climate Leadership Plan](#), and provided opportunities for public and stakeholder input.

Metro Vancouver has provided feedback to the consultation process. At the heart of Metro Vancouver's [recommendations](#) are five foundational policies:

1. Widespread adoption of low/zero carbon vehicles;
2. Transition to net-zero-carbon new buildings and near net-zero-carbon existing buildings;
3. Support for local government actions to reduce and shorten vehicular trips and increase trips by walking,

- cycling, and transit;
4. Carbon pricing to create a market signal to stimulate adoption of low carbon technologies and practices; and
 5. Tools and resources that can assist local governments to adapt to climate change that is already locked in.

These five policies were further supported by detailed policy recommendations including continued incentives for electric vehicles, energy benchmarking for buildings, and further investment in walkable, transit oriented communities. Metro Vancouver's policy recommendations align closely with the feedback that the Province received from public and the 32 recommendations of the Climate Leadership Team, an expert advisory group set up by the Province.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership/>

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership/files/2015/12/115_-Metro-Vancouver-Board.pdf

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership/files/2015/12/104_-Metro-Vancouver.pdf

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership/files/2015/11/CLT-recommendations-to-government_Final.pdf

Cultural Grants Application Deadline – June 6, 2016

Cultural groups can apply to Metro Vancouver for Regional Project Grants. The Regional Project Grants will support research, creation, production, dissemination, audience development, project staff and/or administrative capacity building. The maximum grant per project is \$10,000.

The 2016 application form and the Project Grant Eligibility and Selection Criteria can be downloaded from www.metrovancouver.org/cultural-grants. Alternatively, request the application form and grant eligibility material by e-mailing judy.robertson@metrovancouver.org or calling 604-432-6205.

Completed applications must be submitted by 4 pm, Monday, June 6, 2016.

Community Works Fund

As part of the New Building Canada Plan, the Government of Canada transfers funds to local governments through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. In British Columbia, the Federal Gas Tax Fund is delivered through three program streams: Community Works Fund; Strategic Priorities Fund; and Greater Vancouver Regional Fund.

Federal Gas Tax Fund money is allocated to local governments on the basis of population. Ninety-five percent of the money allocated to Metro Vancouver and its member municipalities is directed to the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund and used for regional transit. The remaining 5% of each local government's share is allocated to that government's Community Works Fund.

At their April 29, 2016 meeting, the GVRD endorsed the distribution of funds from its Community Works Fund to areas within Electoral Area A based on population. Since the Point Grey peninsula of Electoral Area A (i.e., UBC/UEL) 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 (see table below).

ELECTORAL AREA COMMUNITIES	POPULATION		COMMUNITY WORKS FUND \$					
	2011	% of Total	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5 Year Total
University of British Columbia	9,636	73.9%	\$82,029	\$82,029	\$85,724	\$85,724	\$89,419	\$424,925
University Endowment Lands	3,141	24.1%	\$26,751	\$26,751	\$27,956	\$27,956	\$29,161	\$138,575
Sub-TOTAL	12,777	98%	\$108,780	\$108,780	\$113,680	\$113,680	\$118,580	\$563,500
Barnston Island	137	1.1%	\$1,221	\$1,221	\$1,276	\$1,276	\$1,331	\$6,325
Howe Sound mainland and Passage and Bowyer Islands	66	0.5%	\$555	\$555	\$580	\$580	\$605	\$2,875
Indian Arm and Pitt Lake	55	0.4%	\$444	\$444	\$464	\$464	\$484	\$2,300
TOTAL	13,035	100%	\$111K	\$111K	\$116K*	\$116K*	\$121K*	\$575K

*anticipated amounts based on Renewed Gas Tax Agreement projections

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 met with representatives from each of these bodies on April 14, 2016. At this meeting, we discussed which projects would be eligible, what general principles would guide our decisions, identified some project ideas that already exist, and gained an understanding of how each representative will discuss potential projects with their respective bodies.

Staff will be gathering information on potential projects for a more detailed discussion at the next meeting, which is expected to take place in June 2016.

Events & Media Updates

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

Sustainability Community Breakfast – Tuesday, May 31, 2016



Providing Regional Leadership
7:30 – 9am (continental breakfast at 7am)
Port Moody Inlet Theatre
100 Newport Drive, Port Moody

In a rapidly urbanizing world, the challenges facing cities around the globe are extending well beyond local municipal boundaries. Hear Metro Vancouver Board Chair Greg Moore outline 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/>

The Sustainable Region



Emergency Preparedness: Being prepared for an emergency means having the right equipment and a good plan. This episode demonstrates how to be prepared at home and how Metro Vancouver protects our water infrastructure and parks from natural disasters.

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 more sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, residents can search “Metro Vancouver Close Up” at metrovancover.org or follow metrovancoverblog.org.

For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

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

The screenshot shows the 'April 2016 Update' newsletter. It features a 'Welcome' section with a photo of a park and a list of 'In this issue' items. The 'In this issue' list includes:

- > Sprinkling regulations begin May 15
- > Study indicates increasing organics recycling
- > Funding update for New Waste Water Treatment Plan on the North Shore
- > Regional campaign tackles the Unfortunates
- > Trip to Provincial Climate Leadership Plan
- > Celebrating Regional Parks Volunteers
- > Surrey Bend Regional Park now open - plan your visit
- > Embrace 2016 - try out an e-vehicle this summer
- > Check it out
- > Metro Vancouver Television Shows

 The 'Welcome' section contains text about the new park opening, a 2015 waste composition study, and e-vehicle information. At the bottom, it states: 'Metro Vancouver is a partnership of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation that collaboratively plans for and delivers regional-scale services. Its core services are drinking water, wastewater treatment and solid waste management. Metro Vancouver also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system and provides affordable housing.'

Links & Connections

[Metro Vancouver](#)

www.metrovancouver.org

[Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director](#)

www.mariaharris.ca

[@EADirector Twitter](#)

www.twitter.com/EADirector

[Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation](#)

www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx

www.mayorscouncil.ca

[Union of BC Municipalities](#)

www.ubcm.ca

[University Neighbourhoods Association](#)

www.myuna.ca

[University Endowment Lands](#)

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

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www.uelcommunity.com

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