

## Electoral Area A

# Metro Vancouver Update to the UNA Board and the UEL Community Advisory Council, May 2014

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Transportation Committee

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

#### Utilities Committee

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

#### Metro Vancouver Board Meetings

Friday, May 23, 2014

#### Intergovernmental and Administration Electoral Area Sub-Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014



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### Issues & Initiatives

#### Update: Metro Vancouver's New Waste-to-Energy Project

Consultation activities on Metro Vancouver's [new waste-to-energy project](#) continued in April with a stakeholder workshop for government, First Nations, industry, academic, and non-governmental organization representatives. Attendees were provided information about Metro Vancouver's waste diversion initiatives as well as on the new waste-to-energy project. Following presentations by Board Vice-Chair Raymond Louie and staff, participants provided feedback and participated in discussions about the project.

To date, [three sites have been identified](#) by companies proposing to build the new waste-to-energy project (known as the Technology Proponents). Additionally, Metro Vancouver is reviewing submissions from landowners offering sites for purchase or lease. These sites will be announced once option agreements are in place.

An extensive [public engagement and consultation program](#), including community consultations, will be conducted throughout the project. Meetings in communities where potential sites have been identified will occur once all of these sites have all been announced.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/Recover/WTE/Pages/default.aspx>

#### Board Strategic Plan

On March 28, 2014 the Board endorsed the new 2014 [Board Strategic Plan](#) that articulates the role of Metro Vancouver in the region, its vision for the region, and strategic direction for the action areas within Metro Vancouver.

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The Plan provides staff, member municipalities, the public and other stakeholders a clear sense of the role the Board sees for the organization within the region and the priorities in moving towards a livable, prosperous and sustainable region.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/about/ABoutDocs/BoardStrategicPlan.pdf>

### **Caring for the Air 2014**

Metro Vancouver released a plain-language report summarizing information about the state of our air quality, as well as the activities carried out each year by Metro Vancouver and partners in the Lower Fraser Valley Airshed to continuously improve our air quality.

Key topics in the 2014 Caring for the Air report include:

- How air quality management programs can prevent health impacts
- Emissions trends and projections for smog-forming pollutants and greenhouse gases
- Air quality in near-roadway environments
- Transportation alternatives, including electric vehicles, active transportation and options for school children
- Next steps for addressing emissions from heavy-duty diesel vehicles
- More improvements in sulphur dioxide levels by updating the ambient air quality objective
- Improvements being made to the air quality monitoring network
- Actions being taken by local governments to address climate change
- The role commercial refrigerants play in climate change

[View the report](http://www.metrovancouver.org/mediaroom/Media%20Releases/MediaRelease-CaringfortheAirreport2014.pdf) <http://www.metrovancouver.org/mediaroom/Media%20Releases/MediaRelease-CaringfortheAirreport2014.pdf>

### **Metro Vancouver Close Up**

‘Metro Vancouver Close Up’ (MVCU) is a new web and television series that complements Metro Vancouver’s long running series ‘The Sustainable Region’ (TSR).

MVCU focuses on the myriad activities taking place at the municipal level that are making this a livable and sustainable region. The series profiles member municipalities and makes the connections between regional goals and aspirations and how these are implemented and enhanced at the local level.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/mediaroom/videos/Pages/MetroCloseUp.aspx>

### **Events**

#### **Community Breakfast – Caring for the Air**

June 4, 2014, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. BCIT (555 Seymour Street, Vancouver)

Metro Vancouver has just released its 2014 Caring for the Air report that highlights our work for clean, clear and healthy air for current and future generations. Join us to learn more about how Metro Vancouver is collaborating with municipal, industrial and commercial stakeholders to protect public health and the environment, improve visual air quality, and minimize the region’s contribution to global climate change.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/region/breakfasts/>

### **More Information**

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