

Electoral Area A Metro Vancouver Update to the UNA Board and the UEL Community Advisory Council, June 2014

Upcoming Meetings

Metro Vancouver Board Meetings

Friday, June 27, 2014

Mayors Committee Meeting

Friday, July 4, 2014

Transportation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Utilities Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Metro Vancouver Board Meetings

Friday, July 11, 2014



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Issues & Initiatives

Organics Disposal Ban Implementation

The upcoming Organics Disposal ban will be implemented in phases between 2015 and 2017, and will include residents in single-family homes and multi-family complexes as well as businesses and institutions. While food and yard waste from single-family homes is already being collected throughout most of Metro Vancouver, many people who live in multi-family complexes and smaller businesses are not aware that they will also have to comply with the ban.

We welcome and appreciate feedback so please complete our on-line survey, and your input will be incorporated into our consultation reports.

Take the survey:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/Engagement/Pages/ODBSurvey2.aspx>

TapMap App Even More Accessible

Anyone with a mobile device can now access Metro Vancouver TapMap app to find the closest public drinking fountain. The free app maps public drinking fountains throughout the region, eliminating the need to buy bottled water. Metro Vancouver has some of the best drinking water in the world and residents and visitors can enjoy it at home, on trips throughout the region, and in parks and outdoor destinations. In collaboration with the region's municipalities, Metro Vancouver's app shows the locations of 700 drinking fountains in parks and public buildings.

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Our Water Wagon and Tap Water Team is now in its fourth summer of outreach and activities, and there are still some available dates to attend events and high-traffic public areas across the region until the end of September. Please contact tapwaterteam@metrovancover.org with your event ideas.



TapMap Mobile site: <http://www.tapmap.ca>

TapMap iOS app: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/tap-map/id391108983>

Lawn Sprinkling Regulations in Effect June 1

Metro Vancouver's lawn sprinkling regulations are in effect from June 1st to September 30th.

In the summer months, water use almost doubles on the hottest days due to outdoor use like sprinkling. Sprinkling in the morning reduces afternoon and early evening spikes in water consumption and lessens peak demand on the water system. If businesses and residents continue to conserve water, we can defer building higher dams, bigger pump stations and larger water mains. Morning-only lawn sprinkling helps minimize additional costs to taxpayers and the environment.

In addition to advertising the regulations region wide, Metro Vancouver has outreach tools including magnets, hose tags and postcard-type handouts available via the Information Centre - 604 432 6200.

Water Supply Forecast and Water Consumption/Conservation Update for Summer 2014

The Metro Vancouver Board received a report that provided an annual update on the current water supply, water consumption and water conservation situation in consideration of the approaching summer peak demand period.

Highlights:

Due to municipal and Metro Vancouver water conservation actions, per-capita water use in the region has declined by 26 percent since 1993.

Changes to the lawn sprinkling regulations made in 2011 are reducing peak demands on the GVWD and municipal water transmission systems.

Although the existing snow pack levels are below average, it is expected that source lake storage will be sufficient to ensure adequate water supply for the 2014 summer season.

New Waste to Energy



Metro Vancouver recently launched a dedicated section of its website that provides context for and factual information about the recovery of energy and useful materials from waste that would otherwise be buried in a landfill.



Features on the site include quick access to real time air quality information in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, videos of WTE proponents presenting on their proposed projects, scientific studies on issues related to WTE facilities and links to websites that describe modern facilities around the world.

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

Liquor Licence at Thunderbird Sports Centre

As reported in the March 2014 Electoral Area newsletter, UBC Athletics has applied to the Liquor Control and Licensing Board to permanently amend its liquor licence to allow Thunderbird Sports Centre to sell alcoholic beverage at concerts, including DJ events, held at the Centre. At the March 5, 2014 Intergovernmental and Administration Electoral Area Sub-Committee meeting, the decision to comment on the application was deferred, pending the outcome of further discussions between UBC, the UNA, and the RCMP. Since that time, UBC and the RCMP agreed to revised terms of reference for an Operations and Security Committee for the UBC Thunderbird sports Centre that limits the number of licensed concerts to eight per year, of which a maximum of four concerts will be “DJ music events.” The Operations and Security Committee is now comprised of various stakeholders, including the UNA and operates to ensure events do not unduly impact the neighbouring community.

At its June 4th meeting, the Intergovernmental and Administration – Electoral Area Sub-Committee decided to recommend that the Metro Vancouver Board support the amendment to the liquor licence, provided that the amendment limits the area in which liquor can be sold. The Metro Vancouver Board will make its decision whether to support the amendment at its next meeting on June 27th.

Catching the Spirit Youth Society

Metro Vancouver has in the past provided an annual grant to Catching the Spirit Youth Society, which arranges stewardship projects, volunteer opportunities, environmental citizenship programs and leadership initiatives for youth in Metro Vancouver, including events at Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

The Board recently approved entering into a three-year contribution agreement with the Catching the Spirit Youth Society for an annual amount of \$75,000. This three-year agreement provides a greater measure of stability to allow for smooth planning, program development and delivery.



Events

Celebrating a Century of Liquid Waste Services in Metro Vancouver

June 19, 7:30 - 9:00 am

Inn at the Quay, 900 Quayside Drive New Westminster

We've come a long way since the 1911 typhoid outbreaks and beach closures blamed on sewage pollution. Thanks to visionary decisions made by community leaders, engineers and city planners during the last century, today we have a comprehensive and cost-effective regional sewerage system throughout Metro Vancouver. Join us for an historical journey of the past 100 years and learn about technological innovations and improvements that will unfold in the next 100 years.

Speakers: Simon So, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver; Fred Nenner, Manager, Policy Planning Analysis & Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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

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