

## My Upcoming Meetings

### Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

### Climate Action Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

### Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, October 21, 2016

### Council of Councils

Saturday, October 22, 2016

### Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, October 28, 2016

### Intergovernment & Finance – Electoral Area Sub-Committee

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

### Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, November 2, 2016



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## Sixth Annual Zero Waste Conference is November 3, 2016

The 2016 Zero Waste Conference takes place November 3, 2016, in Vancouver. A national conference with satellite events taking place in other cities across Canada, Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Conference is an annual event attracting an audience of 700. This is the sixth annual conference that has involved speakers of global importance from the government, business, academic and non-governmental sectors who are working at the frontier of waste prevention, circular economy, material reuse and recovery as well as behaviour change.



This year's conference will focus on innovation - Innovation in Policy and Innovation in Practice. Key themes include waste prevention as applied to food and the built environment, product and material innovation design, and the circular economy. The conference is intended to demonstrate how innovation and waste prevention together can drive a regenerative, circular economy with benefits for communities, businesses and the environment. It will showcase some of the best ideas and thought leadership from across the globe and Canada.

This event is open to all members of the public. For more information or to register, visit [www.zwc.ca](http://www.zwc.ca).

## Purpose-Built Rental Housing – What Works

With rental vacancy rates at historically low levels in the region, purpose-built rental housing, which is multi-family housing constructed for long-term rental tenure, is in short supply. Privately owned rental condominiums are an important part of the supply of rental housing as well, but are sometimes less favoured by renters as the owner can reclaim the suite with short notice. This is particularly important for those who would find moving difficult (such as families with children) or those with mobility limitations such as the elderly and the disabled. Metro Vancouver has prepared “What Works: Sustaining and Expanding the Supply of Purpose-Built Rental Housing” a Metro 2040 Implementation Guideline report focused on measures to improve purpose-built rental housing availability, diversity and affordability. This report transmits evidence about municipal and other measures that can work both to retain existing purpose-built rental housing and to facilitate the development of new purpose built-rental housing. The “What Works” report is available on the Metro Vancouver website [here](#).

This report is one of the first implementation actions of the recently adopted Metro Vancouver [Regional Affordable Housing Strategy](#) (‘RAHS’ - May 2016). Staff worked with local municipalities through the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), which included staff representation from Electoral Area A, and its Housing Subcommittee, as well as housing industry and non-profit housing stakeholders to produce the Regional Affordable Housing Strategy.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/PlanningPublications/RegionalAffordableHousingStrategy2016.pdf>  
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/PlanningPublications/RAHS-WhatWorksReport.PDF>

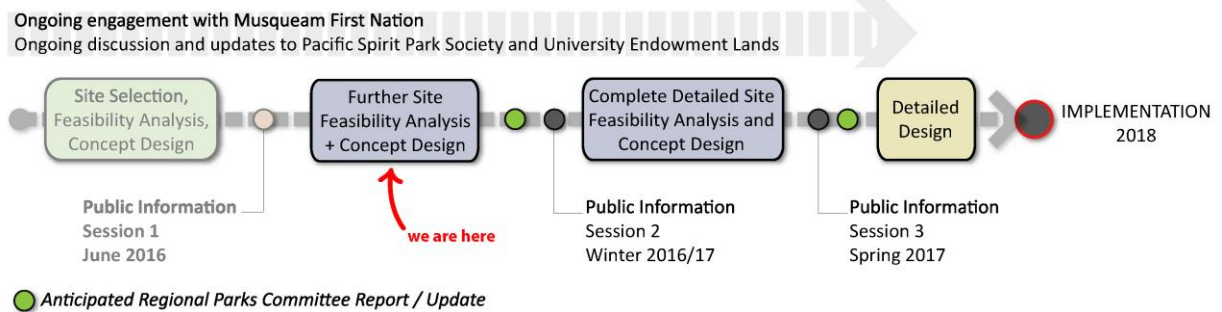
## Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Service Yard Update

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks continues the planning process to identify a suitable replacement for the Pacific Spirit Regional Park service yard. The existing service yard is located adjacent to the University Endowment Lands administration and operations buildings. It is in poor condition and at the end of its operational life. Metro Vancouver has no tenure on the current site, and to date the Province has not responded to a renewed request which was made this summer to secure tenure and remain in the current location.

Regional Parks staff are continuing their review of potential locations within the park for suitability. Three sites that were identified last spring (two along Imperial Road and one adjacent to Little Australia) remain the focus of study, taking into account feedback that was received over the past months.

Regional Parks staff gave a presentation on the service yard issues and the planning process to find a new suitable location at a very well attended UEL Community Advisory Council meeting on July 18, 2016. [Click here](#) to review the meeting minutes. The planning process is illustrated below:

## Pacific Spirit Regional Park - Service Yard Replacement Process - **UPDATED**



As shown in the process timeline above, Regional Parks staff will hold additional public information sessions to present information and obtain resident feedback, one this winter and another in 2017. They will get the word out about the meetings when they are set so that residents are notified in advance and can provide input.

Anyone who has questions or would like more information about this project may contact Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks West Area office at 604.224.5739 or visit the project [website](#).

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/learn/projects-and-initiatives/pacific-spirit-service-yard-replacement/Pages/default.aspx>

## EVCondo.ca Website Launched



Given that about 80% of electric vehicle (EV) charging takes place at home, access to home-based charging is key for most EV drivers. For Metro Vancouver residents of multi-family buildings, access to home charging can be especially challenging. About 50% of Metro Vancouver residents live in multi-family dwellings, but only 20% of current EV owners surveyed in BC live in multi-family homes. This tells us that EV uptake among condo and apartment dwellers is underrepresented, and lack of access to charging may be a key barrier. Shared building and parking access, limited electrical infrastructure, unclear or absent policies and regulations, and lack of awareness are barriers faced by EV owners in multi-family buildings.

To address the information barrier, Metro Vancouver recently launched [EVCondo.ca](#). This website walks through typical steps in the process of getting EV charging installed in strata buildings. The primary audiences for this

website are current or future EV owners who live in multi-family residential buildings, strata councils and property managers.

It also contains information such as:

- Basic facts about EV and EV charging;
- EV charging cost information;
- Case studies of strata buildings that have successfully installed EV charging; and
- Links to resources, such as lists of certified electrical contractors, strata lawyers and incentive programs.

[EVCondo.ca](http://EVCondo.ca) also contains an online map which displays buildings in Metro Vancouver that have EV charging or EV charging rules and bylaws. This map is crowd-sourced, allowing anyone to showcase their “EV-friendly” multi-family building.

## Transportation and Public Transit

TransLink is about to begin public consultation on its Phase One investment plan to improve transit and transportation throughout Metro Vancouver. Consultation will run from October 11 to 31. With this plan, TransLink will take the initial steps to implement the Mayors’ Council 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation released in June 2014.

The Phase One plan provides for improvements in bus service throughout the region, including several routes serving the UBC/UEL area: Routes 25, 43, 49, and 84 and the 99 B-Line. It also includes the introduction of a new B-Line express service on 41st Avenue that would be consolidated with Route 43 and the commencement of planning and design work for the Broadway subway.

The Phase One plan is the result of extensive collaboration between the Mayors’ Council and TransLink. The plan was announced by the Mayors’ Council on September 16.

Information on the Phase One improvements, the 10-Year Vision, and the consultation process is available at [tenyearvision.translink.ca](http://tenyearvision.translink.ca).

Phase One constitutes a small but important portion of the full 10-Year Vision. Discussions are ongoing to secure the necessary federal and provincial funding to implement the next phases of the Vision. While the federal government offered in the March 2016 budget to fund up to 50% of transit projects, the amount available for our region’s major projects remains to be determined. The provincial government has not yet made a specific commitment to funding these next, capital intensive phases of the Vision.

## Community Works Fund

As noted in my [May 2016 Update](#) to the community, the GVRD Board endorsed the distribution of funds from its Community Works Fund to areas within Electoral Area A based on population. Consequently, \$563,500 from the

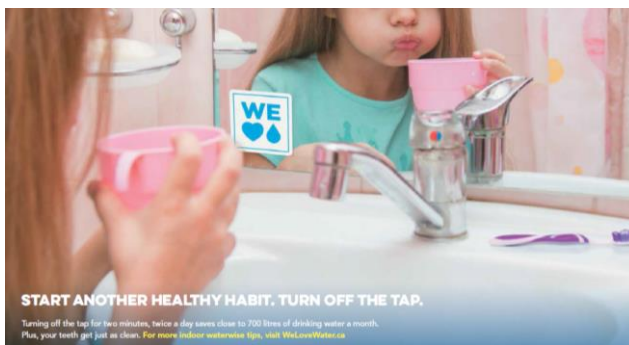


Community Works Fund will be allocated between now and 2018 to the Point Grey peninsula of Electoral Area A (i.e., UBC/UEL).

Metro Vancouver staff and I met with representatives of the University Neighbourhoods Association, the University Endowment Lands Community Advisory Council and Administration, and the University of British Columbia for a second time in July 2016 to discuss and begin to shortlist projects. The next meeting will take place in October 2016 to discuss short-listed projects in detail. We hope to have a decision on which project(s) to recommend to the GVRD Board later this year.

<http://www.mariaharris.ca/assets/Reports/2016/EAA-Directors-Update-May-2016.pdf#zoom=100>

### Indoor Water Conservation Campaign



Launching on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Metro Vancouver's *We Love Water* campaign will shift its focus from outdoor water uses to indoor. The objective of this campaign is to enhance water conservation year round as water conservation is a major component of Metro Vancouver's plan for ensuring there's sufficient world-class treated drinking water for generations to come.

The fall campaign will remind residents that small conservation efforts really do add up, and it's easy to underestimate how much water is wasted through daily bad habits. For instance, turning off the tap when brushing your teeth can save close to 700 litres of drinking water a month. And shortening your shower by 2 minutes can save nearly 460 litres in one month.

Even though the region's population is growing by more than 35,000 people every year, aggregate water demand has remained relatively steady over the past several years. However, overall consumption is forecast to increase gradually in the coming years as the rate of population growth exceeds the per capita water use reductions. Climate change may also affect consumption as a result of warmer temperatures, wetter winters and reduced snow packs, drier summers and more frequent extreme weather events.

In addition to undertaking conservation initiatives, Metro Vancouver is investing about \$1.5 billion in growth-driven projects as part of its long-range water capital plan.

On [welovewater.ca](http://welovewater.ca), you can find shareable *waterwise* tips for conservation both inside and outside the home. Users can contribute to an online gallery showcasing their love for water conservation via the Twitter or Instagram hashtags #welovewaterMV and #waterwise.

<http://www.welovewater.ca>

## Events & Media Updates

I would like to draw the following to your attention:

### Pacific Spirit Regional Park – EcoBlitz

EcoBlitz is a week-long regional parks stewardship extravaganza where work parties meet up to pull out weeds, plant trees and shrubs, take care of local ecosystems and hang out with other people who also love regional parks.

Running from Saturday, October 15 to Sunday, October 23, over 20 work parties will meet in 13 different regional parks and get to work. EcoBlitz week is capped off with a celebratory planting and barbeque at Surrey Bend Regional Park on Sunday, October 23.



As a volunteer, you can give new native plants in Pacific Spirit Regional Park the best chance of success by helping to remove invasive species and preparing the area for planting. Three work parties are planned for Pacific Spirit Park (at merge of Salish Trail and SW Marine Trail):

- Saturday, October 15, 10am-1pm
- Tuesday, October 18, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Thursday, October 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

Visit the [Metro Vancouver Ecological Restoration Team's Meetup site](#) for more details.

EcoBlitz provides opportunities for people to be active in and learn about the environment, a major goal of the Regional Parks Plan. The 2015 EcoBlitz had nearly 1000 participants and I ask that UBC/UEL residents to volunteer this year so we can see that number grow. Come out and take part in this inspiring experience.

### The Sustainable Region



The current episode of The Sustainable Region shows how 1 billion litres of water is used daily in Metro Vancouver, and can increase to 1.5 billion litres daily in summer. Hear how Metro Vancouver and member municipalities are setting conservation targets and working with residents and businesses to help conserve and ensure an adequate supply of our high-quality treated drinking water.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/media-room/video-gallery/the-sustainable-region/5035692605001>

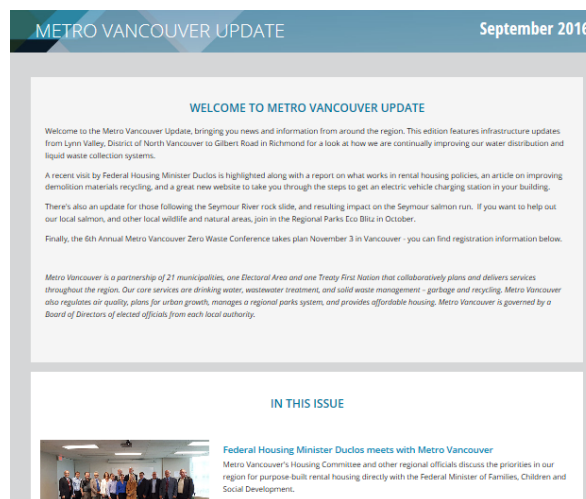
## Metro Vancouver Close Up



*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](http://metrovancover.org) or follow [metrovancoverblog.org](http://metrovancoverblog.org).

## For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

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



## Links & Connections

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[www.metrovancover.org](http://www.metrovancover.org)

[Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director](http://www.mariaharris.ca)

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[Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation](http://www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx)

[www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx](http://www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx)

[Union of BC Municipalities](http://www.ubcm.ca)

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

[University Neighbourhoods Association](http://www.myuna.ca)

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

[University Endowment Lands Administration](http://www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca)

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

[UEL Community Advisory Council](http://www.uelcommunity.com)

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

[Metro Vancouver Media Releases](http://www.metrovancover.org/media-room)

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