

**University Endowment Lands
Minutes from the
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 19, 2018**

Minutes from the meeting of the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Community Advisory Council (CAC), held at **6:00 pm on Monday, March, 19, 2018** in the Community Amenity Space at 300-5755 Dalhousie Road, Vancouver, BC.

CAC Members Present:

Dave Forsyth, Area A, President
Peter McConnell, Area C, Secretary-Treasurer
Lynne Pomfret, Area A
Mojan Nozari, Area D
Justin LeBlanc, Area D

UEL Staff Present:

Jonn Braman, Manager
Donna Corcoran, Deputy Manager

Regrets:

Jaymie Ho, Area B, Vice-President
Hong Chen, Area D

1. Call to Order at 6:01 pm

1.1. Open Public Session

2. Approval of Agenda

- Amendments to the March agenda
 - Under “7.0 – UEL Manager report to CAC” to add the following agenda items:
 - 7.4 – UEL Budget
 - 7.5 – UBC Urban Forestry Program
 - 7.6 – Cliff erosion study
 - Under “9.0 – New Business” to add the following agenda items:
 - 9.2 – UEL budget and CAC Budget
 - 9.3 – Connections Newspaper Upcoming Issue
- The approval of the amended agenda was moved by Dave, seconded and carried.

3. February 2018 Minutes Review/Acceptance

- Amendment was made to the February minutes:
 - Under “7.4 – Motion for ADP Appointments”, the motion was moved by Dave and seconded by Pete.
- The approval of the amended minutes for February was moved by Dave, seconded and carried.

4. Delegations

4.1. **Maria Harris, Director of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A**

- Community Works Fund Project Update
 - At its March 7 meeting, Metro Vancouver's Electoral Area Committee recommended endorsement of two projects in the UBC/UNA and UEL communities for funding through the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund. The Community Works Fund derives from the Federal Gas Tax Fund and is provided to local governments on the basis of population. The total amount of Community Works Fund money for Metro Vancouver's Electoral Area A for the five-year period 2014-2018 is approximately \$575,000. The MVRD Board passed a resolution to distribute the funds to Electoral Area communities based on population, which means that the UBC/UNA community has been allocated \$424,925 and the UEL community has been allocated \$138,575 for eligible projects. The remaining \$11,500 will be apportioned to Electoral Area A communities outside of UBC/UNA and the UEL through a separate consultation process.
 - Metro Vancouver and Maria Harris have met with representatives of the UEL Community Advisory Council, UNA and UBC five times to determine potential projects that would most benefit the UEL, UNA and UBC communities. After a the consultation process, a consensus was reached to support the following two projects from the short-listed 20 projects:
 - Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements to the Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard Intersection – UBC Project (including University Neighborhoods)
 - Green Infrastructure to Mitigate Stormwater Impacts from Climate Change – UEL Project
 - The Community Works Fund for the UEL community will focus on climate mitigation projects. A recently completed Stormwater Management Plan for the community has identified the need to address the impacts of run-off on local streams and riparian habitat. Rain gardens in public spaces were specifically identified as potential projects to improve drainage in the community.
 - Now that the Electoral Area Committee has recommended endorsing the projects, the MVRD Board will consider approving the funding for the projects at their March 23 meeting.
- Styrofoam Disposal Ban Coming July 1
 - Metro Vancouver will start levying a surcharge against customers who dump expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging, commonly known as Styrofoam, at regional disposal facilities, effective July 1.
 - Maria raises that the nearest facility is quite faraway and wonders if there are any arrangements/agreements for UEL regarding recycling.
 - Maria also shares that UEL and UNA residents can recycle a wide range of EPS products at Lord Byng Secondary School on the third Saturday of every month, from 9 am to noon. This is a mobile recycling depot run by Pacific Mobile Depots. The next recycling opportunity is on March 17. This

“extreme recycling” depot accepts many other products as well, for a small fee.

- Funding announcement for Transit
 - As part of the It’s Time project, the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission has launched the second phase of its public engagement program. You are invited to share your thoughts with the Commission. The online engagement is open until March 14: <https://www.itstimemv.ca/have-your-say.html>

5. **CAC Correspondence**

- **CAC Bank Statement**
 - The CAC bank statement for period ending March 12, 2018 is \$34,074.26.

6. **Next meeting – April 16, 2018**

The next meeting will be on April 16, 2018 at 6pm in the Community Amenity Space at #300 - 5755 Dalhousie Road.

7. **UEL Manager Report to the CAC**

7.1. **New Development Permits**

- One development permit was issued for 1416 Wesbrook Crescent for changes to entrance (no changes to size).

7.2. **Construction Update**

- Waterline work on University Boulevard and Western Parkway is underway.
- Block F updates – Lanes are being worked on in preparation for paving in the summer. As well, work is being done for the stormwater management system. The UEL administration has received its first development permit application for a tower in Block F.

7.3. **Area D Planning**

- Natalie has shortlisted the consultants that will be hired and brought onboard for the project. Update expected for the upcoming meetings regarding Area D Planning.

7.4. **UEL Budget**

- Manager Braman met with the CAC Budget Committee to review the UEL budget for the fiscal year (2018-2019)
- Expenditures

Expenditures	Budget
Salaries and benefits	\$1,598,540
Travel	\$6,000
Legal – internal, external and interest	\$35,500
Office and business expenses	\$282,000
GVWD (water purchase)	\$3,923,341

GVS&DD (sewerage)	\$506,796
Utilities, operational contracts, public works	\$743,700
Operating equipment and vehicles	\$417,000
Fire service	\$420,000
Community Advisory Council operating costs	\$15,000
Service providers	\$26,700
Capital Projects	\$1,598,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,581,577

- **Revenues and Taxes**

Revenues and Taxes	Budget
Planning, development and building fees	\$150,000
Water	\$4,382,019
Crown Land	\$37,600
Miscellaneous	\$210,000
Business Licence	\$32,000
Parking Meter Revenue	\$220,000
Capital reserve draw down	\$530,000
Property Tax Requisition	\$4,019,958
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,581,577

- The budget for 2018-2019 this year is about \$9.6 million; down from last year's budget (2017-2018) for \$9.9 million.
- Pete and Justin have met with Manager Braman to review the details of the budget. They are both fine with the proposed budget.

7.5. UBC Urban Forestry Program

- UBC's Bachelor of Urban Forestry program has a capstone projects component for its students. A student from the program is interested in doing some work around grass, which potentially could be focused around the Bridal Path as a case study or project focus (e.g. design concept for grass area on Bridal Path). Student is hoping to present something to the committee at April 16'th meeting.

7.6. Cliff Erosion Study

- In the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan last year, the slope stability in area B was identified as an action item around cliff erosion. A multi-agency group was put together to look into the issue, consisting of the UEL, Metro Vancouver Parks, UBC and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Although the issue identified is a slow-moving problem, the committee is taking it very seriously and working together to find a solution. When more information is collected, the group will be working on a communication strategy as well as a public consultation process.
- In addition to the inter-agency group, the UEL are also, specifically, looking into this issue and things that could be contributing to the degradation. The UEL has set aside some funds in their budget to do the work and better understand the

slopes in the area. Similarly, a consultation program will come when and after the UEL has gathered more information.

8. **Old Business**

8.1. **Block F Working Group Update**

- There is no new update.

8.2. **Community Works Project Update**

- This was discussed in Maria's reporting.

9. **New Business**

9.1. **UEL budget and CAC Budget**

- **MOTION**: Dave puts forth a motion to accept the budget presented by Manager Braman.
 - Motion moved by Dave, seconded by Pete and carried unanimously.
- **MOTION**: Dave puts forth a motion to ask Manager Braman for \$15,000 grant for the CAC in 2018-2019 to fund the operations and election for the upcoming year.
 - Motion moved by Dave, seconded by Pete and carried unanimously.

9.2. **Connections Newspaper Upcoming Issue**

- There will be no spring issue of the Connections Newspaper. Instead, there will probably be a summer issue.
- Kim, editor-in-chief of the Connection Newspaper, proposes to post the piece contributed by MLA David Eby (which was meant for the spring issue) onto the CAC website. She also reminds the public that the newspaper is always looking for and welcomes community input.

9.3. **Resignation of Nicole So (Administrative Assistant)**

- Nicole will be leaving the position after April's meeting to pursue her graduate studies abroad. Dave and the Council graciously thank her for her work and time for the CAC and the community.

9.4. **New Property Taxes and the Impact on residents of the UEL**

- The provincial government has announced changes to taxation property. Starting in 2019, there will be an additional school tax for high-valued properties. This change will affect all the residents of the UEL, as the average price of home here is around \$8.2 million.
- Pete has suggested for the concerned residents to perhaps push forth a campaign, similar to the Save the Oz Park (e.g. set up a website, door-to-door knocking, yard signs, change.org petition). While the CAC is not the appropriate forum to drive the campaign, the Council is willing to provide support where it can.

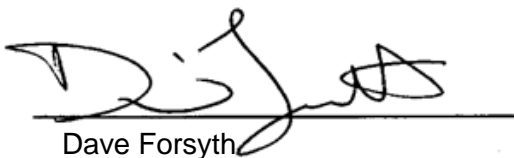
10. Questions from the Public to CAC

- Maria Harris raises an issue regarding portable potty blocking the pedestrian walk to Manager Braman, who has taken note and will look into it. Maria also raises her concerns regarding the fees covering UEL-related costs; specifically, that residents are not paying for the costs associated with development permitting and building permitting in general taxes. Manager Braman notes that this is something on his radar, and agrees that the bylaws need to be updated to reflect this.
- Concerns around restoration after development work was raised, specifically around Chancellor and the University Boulevard. Manager Braman has clarified and explained that developers are indeed responsible for doing the repairs after they have finished the work.
- Another concern was raised regarding the lamp post across from the UEL office. Manager Braman answers that the one lamp is not fixed because construction is still ongoing, and will be restored after the construction work is done.
- Regarding recycling collection, a resident was confused by how the sorted recycling items appeared to be dumped into the same bin in the van. Emtarra Environmental are contracted by Multi-Material BC (MMBC – rebranded as Recycle BC) and that specific complaints are best directed to them for a better response.
- A resident, Bruce, raises his concerns about constructions that are taking place on Sundays. Manager Braman has requested for the resident to send an e-mail to the UEL office with the house address, times of occurrence and photos, as constructions should not be taken place on Sundays or in the restricted hours on Saturdays.
- Questions regarding the future of the service yard was also raised. Maria response to the concerns that while the public works yard will not be relocated to Little Austria, the new government has yet to decide where to relocate the service yard, or why the yard has to be relocated. This is an ongoing conversation that will be followed-up with.
- Mojan raises her concerns on how dangerous it is that there is no stop sign by the turn on University Boulevard to Toronto Road.
- MLA David Eby was present at the meeting to share some words and reply to some comments. The discussion was mainly focused around the School Tax. Many residents have raised their concerns about how the School Tax will negatively impact the UEL residents and how it is misbranded. MLA David Eby helped clarified some questions around the tax, and was committed to passing the sentiment and the concerns of the residents to the government. If the CAC or residents are interested in writing a letter, he is happy to bring the letter to the Minister.

- MLA David Eby has also reassured that the cliff erosion issue is shared with the Minister responsible for the UEL. There will also be reforms in the budget about ownership and vacant properties. He will also follow up to get an updated regarding the public works site.
- Regarding the recent meeting CAC had with Minister Robinson, MLA David Eby reassures his support for the CAC and will follow-up regarding the FOI request on past government studies on governance.

11. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 7:29 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Forsyth", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Forsyth
President
Community Advisory Council