

## My Upcoming Meetings

### Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Friday, April 20, 2018

### MVRD Board

Friday, April 27, 2018

### Council of Councils

Saturday, April 28, 2018

### Electoral Area Committee

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

### Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

### Regional Planning Committee

Friday, May 4, 2018



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## Community Works Fund Approval

At its March 23, 2018 meeting, the Metro Vancouver Board approved the allocation of the Community Works Fund for two projects within the UBC/UNA and UEL communities as recommended by the Electoral Area Committee. The two projects are:

- Pedestrian and cycling improvements to the Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard intersection – up to \$424,925
- UEL green infrastructure to mitigate storm water impacts from climate change – up to \$138,575

The Community Works Fund derives from the Federal Gas Tax Fund and is provided to local governments on the basis of population. Background on the Community Works Fund and details for the two projects are available in the [previous edition of the Director's Update](#).

<http://www.mariaharris.ca/assets/Reports/2018/EAA-Directors-Update-Mar-2018.pdf>

## Iona Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Work is now underway on the Project Definition Phase for the new Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current facility provides primary wastewater treatment to about 750,000 residents in Vancouver, UBC, and the University Endowment Lands, as well as portions of Burnaby and Richmond. To comply with new federal regulations, the facility will be upgraded to secondary treatment by 2030.



Local communities will be engaged throughout the design process.

Metro Vancouver staff are currently developing the community engagement plan for the Project Definition Phase of the project. Public engagement is tentatively scheduled to begin in June and will continue for about one year.

## Amendments to the Liquor License for the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre

UBC is applying to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) to amend its liquor license for the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre. The three applications seek approval to:

1. Allow site-wide liquor sale and consumption during concerts. Currently, UBC obtains approval for such site-wide liquor consumption by applying on a concert-by-concert basis. This is necessary because the licence contains a condition restricting the area in which liquor service may be provided during concerts.
2. Allow hawkers (i.e. liquor vendors) in all licenced areas. Previous provincial policy allowed hawkers only in licensed stadium stands.
3. Add the 'green rooms' (where the artists stay during the concerts) to the liquor license area. Currently, these have to be added for each concert though a temporary change application.

The RCMP and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services have submitted written support for UBC's application for a permanent site-wide licence for concerts.

An Operations and Security Committee – comprised of representatives from UBC (staff and students), the UNA, RCMP, and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services – reviews, endorses and assesses risk for each planned music event at the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre. The Terms of Reference for this committee were recently amended. Among other changes, the amendments eliminated the committee's authority to refuse to allow a concert to take place and they deleted from the committee's mandate the requirement to review events for the risk of disturbance – such as noise, property damage or traffic – to the UBC neighbourhoods or the University Endowment Lands.

In connection with the LCLB's consideration of the application to allow the site-wide sale and consumption of liquor during concerts, residents will have the opportunity to provide comments. The LCLB will consider public feedback when deciding whether to approve the requested change to the liquor license. In the near future, you should see a sign at the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre and also newspaper ads with information on how to submit comments. I will include this information in a future Update.

## Night Quest 2018



Nature at night was on display in Pacific Spirit Regional Park at the annual Night Quest event on Saturday, March 24th. About 2,500 visitors from across the region strolled the lantern-lit trails and enjoyed enchanting and educational performances about nocturnal animals and plants. Costumed park interpreters – each personifying a different nocturnal animal or native plant – were stationed along the trail, and performed short skits about each organism's role in the forest ecosystem. Highlights included the adventurous spirit of a Northern Flying Squirrel and a sing-a-long about a mushroom's connection to old growth trees.

Night Quest is delivered annually in partnership with the Pacific Spirit Park Society. Adding to the community spirit of Night Quest were the many exhibitors from organizations such as the Beaty Biodiversity Museum, Nature Vancouver, and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. These exhibitor booths along with storytelling, face painting, drumming, and campfire crafts and snacks made for a very festive evening. If your family has yet to experience Night Quest, I highly recommend attending next year's edition.

## Acadia Forest Ecological Restoration Project

Within the lush confines of the 875-hectare Pacific Spirit Regional Park is an area known locally as Acadia Forest, a site cleared twice in the early 1900s that has never quite recovered.

Fortunately, Pacific Spirit Regional Park has a passionate group of dedicated volunteers: the Pacific Spirit Park Society. Working together with Regional Parks staff, the society launched the Acadia Forest Ecological Restoration Project in 2017.



The project saw Regional Parks staff working collaboratively with volunteers to organize work parties and remove more than 8,000 kilograms of invasive plants, including English holly, English ivy and Himalayan blackberry. Volunteers then restored the area, planting almost 3,500 native trees and shrubs.

The project was funded by the George Ross Stewardship Legacy Fund managed by Pacific Parklands Foundation. Native trees and shrubs were donated by the City of Vancouver. Biodiversity in the area will be greatly improved by the efforts that have been made. An increased sense of community and connections to nature have also grown through this project.

## Transportation and Public Transit

All the funding for the Phase Two Plan of the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision for Transit and Transportation is now lined up. The Mayor's Council and the BC Government agreed in March on a plan to fund the regional share and on the amount to be funded by the province. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Federal and Provincial governments announced the signing of a bilateral agreement that will provide federal funding for the Phase Two Plan..

Among its many improvements, the Phase Two Plan includes the Millennium Line Broadway Extension (i.e., the Broadway subway to Arbutus) and an increase in bus service.

The regional share is to be funded by:

- additional fare revenues from higher ridership resulting from the service expansion,
- a 2% increase in transit fares, implemented in 2020 and 2021,
- an increase in the rate of tax applicable to parking lot charges, from 21% to 24%,

- a slight increase in property taxes (\$5.50 per average household),
- a small increase to the proposed Development Cost Charge on new residential developments, and
- revenue from a variety of transit-related commercial opportunities.

Before implementation of the Phase Two Plan can begin, it must be incorporated in a TransLink Investment Plan. Development of the 2018 Investment Plan is underway, with public consultations expected in early May. The goal is to have the 2018 Investment Plan approved by the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board of Directors by the end of June so that Phase Two procurement and service delivery can begin in July.

As you can imagine, it will take many years to construct the Broadway subway. It is tentatively scheduled to commence operation in 2025.

Information on the Phase Two Plan and the 10-Year Vision is available at [tenyearvision.translink.ca](http://tenyearvision.translink.ca).

## Upcoming Events

### Earth Day BBQ at U-Hill Elementary School

UHill Elementary School (5395 Chancellor Boulevard, University Endowment Lands) April 19, 2018

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

University Hill Elementary hosts its annual Earth Day BBQ in partnership with UBC Let's Talk Science, The UBC Michael Smith Laboratories, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, UBC Botanical Garden, UBC Farm, Kits Neighbourhood House, and many more. Kids' activities include seed pot making, crafts, card games, and educational displays. Metro Vancouver will also showcase a demo electric vehicle as part of Emotive, the Electric Vehicle Experience. The event is part of WAV – Wild About Vancouver – a free public outdoor education festival offering practical ways to get children and adults outdoors regularly.

<http://www.wildaboutvancouver.com/>

## Media

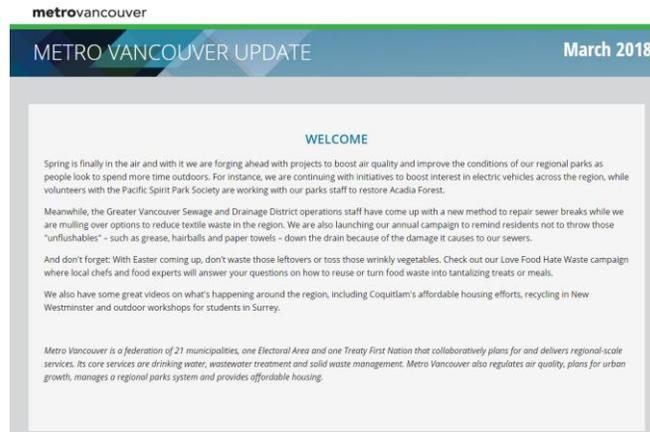
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[www.mariaharris.ca](http://www.mariaharris.ca)

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[www.twitter.com/EADirector](http://www.twitter.com/EADirector)

### Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

[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

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

### University Neighbourhoods Association

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

### University Endowment Lands Administration

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

### UEL Community Advisory Council

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

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