

## Holiday Greeting

2017 has been a positive and progressive year for Electoral Area A. Alternate Director Bill Holmes and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone at the UNA, the UEL Community Advisory Council and UBC toward building a strong and vibrant community.

Bill and I extend our appreciation for your continued enthusiasm and collaborative spirit, and thank you for your continued confidence in us as your representatives to the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

Our thoughts turn to you and yours as we extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

We look forward to continuing to work together in the coming year.

*Merry Christmas!*



## Metro Vancouver Updates

Metro Vancouver staff and directors have been busy with a multiplicity of projects this past month, including improving the solid waste regulatory framework, enhancing regional parks, and continuing utility system upgrades around the region. With most of this work occurring outside of the UBC/UEL area, I'm keeping this month's Electoral Area A Director's Update brief. Please read the [Metro Vancouver Update](#) to learn about the many ongoing regional initiatives and projects.

Standing Committee appointments for 2018 will be made by the Chair in late December or early January. The inaugural 2018 MVRD Board Meeting will take place at Metro Vancouver's new head office (located at Metrotown) on January 26, 2018, and will include appointments to External Agencies such as the Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) Board on which I serve. As you may know, in 2017 I served as the Chair of the Electoral Area Committee, and as a member of the Mayors Committee and the Climate Action Committee in addition to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and the FVRL Board. I will provide an update on my committee appointments in the next Director's Update, which will be in February 2018.

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

## Create Memories, Not Garbage

The holidays are fast approaching, and Metro Vancouver is once again encouraging residents to Create Memories, Not Garbage. The annual campaign, now in its 7th year, aims to raise awareness of the unnecessary waste produced during the holiday season and encourage people to do just one thing differently this year to reduce the amount of garbage they create.

At the heart of the campaign is the idea that many people say that their favourite Christmas memory was an experience with friends and family, or a gift that generated memories for years to come. "Best Gift Ever" stories support the message, and tips for celebrating with less waste – such as gift giving, wrapping, and decorating – can be found on the campaign website.



To give the gift of an experience, you can create a custom coupon on the site, which can be printed and folded into a 3D shape, or emailed in a PDF version.

The campaign supports the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan, which aims to reduce the quantity of waste generated per capita within the region to 90% or less of 2010 volumes by 2020.

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

## Transportation and Public Transit

### Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

The Mayors' Council and TransLink are continuing their discussion with the BC government to line up the remaining funding required to implement Phase Two of the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision. Phase Two includes the Broadway subway – formally called the Millennium Line Broadway Extension – which will run from the VCC-Clark station to Arbutus Street. In October, the Mayors' Council made a submission to the consultation process on BC Budget 2018, asking that a portion of the additional revenue raised by the proposed \$5 increase in the provincial carbon tax each year between 2018 and 2022 be used to fund Phase Two.

The Mayors' Council met on December 7. Mayors Derek Corrigan and Richard Walton were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for 2018. The agenda package for the public portion of the meeting, which includes an update on the Phase Two Plan, is available on [TransLink's website](#).

[www.translink.ca/-/media/Documents/about\\_translink/governance\\_and\\_board/council\\_minutes\\_and\\_reports/2017/december/2017\\_12\\_07\\_public\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.translink.ca/-/media/Documents/about_translink/governance_and_board/council_minutes_and_reports/2017/december/2017_12_07_public_agenda.pdf)

## Mobility Pricing Independent Commission

The Mobility Pricing independent Commission has completed its first phase of online public engagement. You can sign up on the Commission's website to receive notifications for upcoming Commission events and updates on the It's Time project.

If you would like to know more about the It's Time project, I encourage you to read the FAQs (frequently asked questions) page on the Commission's website.

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

[www.itstimemv.ca/faq.html](http://www.itstimemv.ca/faq.html)

## Media

### 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 sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, you 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

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

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

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

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