

My Upcoming Meetings

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

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Friday, December 8, 2017



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Community Works Fund

On October 19, Metro Vancouver staff and I met with representatives of the UNA, UBC and the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) to decide on a shortlist of projects to be recommended to the Metro Vancouver Board for funding from the Community Works Fund. Given the different project priorities for the UBC/UNA and the UEL communities, the group reached consensus on dividing the Community Works Fund among the two communities. This approach is in line with Metro Vancouver policy on the allocation of the Community Works Fund based on each area's share of the Electoral Area A population.

UBC's proposal is to use its share of the Community Works Fund for specific pedestrian and cycling improvements to the Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard intersection, which would be part of a larger phased project to redesign and upgrade Wesbrook Mall. Potential improvements include enhanced lighting, more durable pedestrian crossings and bike lane marking, pedestrian countdown timers, and additional landscaping to help with stormwater management. The UNA Board may provide additional input on the UBC project when it is discussed at their November meeting.

The UEL CAC discussed potential projects at its July meeting. The projects considered fell into three broad themes: climate mitigation, community disaster preparation, and transportation improvements. UEL CAC members indicated there was overwhelming support to use their share of the Community Works Fund for climate mitigation projects. This was in part because of a recently completed Stormwater Management Plan which 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.

It is expected that the UNA Board and UEL CAC will confirm their support for their respective projects at their November meetings. The next step will be for Metro Vancouver staff to work with UBC and UEL to gather details of the projects to present to the Electoral Area Committee in early 2018. If the Electoral Area Committee supports the proposed projects, they will be forwarded to the Metro Vancouver Board for consideration.

Pacific Spirit Regional Park Service Yard

Metro Vancouver continues to study potential locations for the replacement Pacific Spirit Regional Park service yard. The existing service yard, located adjacent to the UEL administration building, consists of several repurposed trailers and outbuildings that are at the end of their operational life and no longer meet the needs of the park.

Pacific Spirit Regional Park receives over two million visitors every year. A regional park service yard acts as a base of operations for park staff to protect ecological resources, patrol the park, maintain park facilities, and support stewardship and interpretive programs. Approximately one acre of land is required for a service yard, which includes basic workspace and storage for tools and equipment.

In looking at potential sites, consideration is being given to park ecology, park visitors and neighbours, servicing and access, and cost, as well as the values identified by participants in the public engagement process. Regional Parks staff will share updated analysis and seek further public input in 2018.

Hey, Food Isn't Garbage - Multi-Family Food Scraps Campaign

Although 90% of multi-family buildings in Metro Vancouver have a collection system in place for food scraps, many residents aren't using it.

Diversion rates for multi-family buildings are low, with only 20% of compostable organics and paper being recycled. In contrast, single family homes report a 56% recycling rate for organic materials.

With increased development, and more multi-family dwellings across the region, Metro Vancouver hopes to make composting easier. New research conducted by Metro Vancouver shows that the main reasons for not composting food waste tend to be the 'ick factor,' as well as convenience and lack of information.

Recycling food scraps can be confusing, inconvenient or downright stinky, especially when you live in an apartment or condo. Metro Vancouver has resources to make composting easier for those living in multi-family buildings.

The campaign will reach multi-family residents through targeted advertising in elevators, direct mail postcards, billboards, transit shelter ads and social media. A dedicated website also provides tips to residents on how to make composting less messy, as well as turn it into part of their daily routine.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/food-scraps-recycling/apartments-condos/multi-family-composting/>



Reducing Barriers to EV Ownership

Metro Vancouver hopes the B.C. government will support proposals that would facilitate the ownership of electric vehicles.

Delegates at the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention last month endorsed two resolutions – initiated by Metro Vancouver – aimed at addressing the challenges faced by electric vehicles (EV) owners, particularly in multi-family buildings where there's often a lack of access to charging.

With almost half of the region's households living in strata buildings, lack of access poses a significant barrier.

The first resolution focuses on the resale of electricity for electric vehicle charging and requests amendments to the B.C. Utilities Commission Act, which currently makes it burdensome to resell electricity for EV charging. The proposed changes would facilitate private sector investment in EV charging, and allow strata corporations to resell electricity to residents for the purposes of EV charging.

The second resolution aims to address issues around electric vehicle charging in strata buildings. At the moment, strata corporations are not obliged to allow access to EV charging infrastructure at the request of an owner. The proposal in the resolution would ensure that strata councils give fair consideration to requests for EV charging, and that strata residents are not unreasonably denied access to charging.

Last quarter, four percent of new vehicle sales in B.C. were electric or plug-in hybrid. The numbers are growing quickly and with these changes, our region would be better prepared for this transition.

Zero Waste Conference

Metro Vancouver's annual Zero Waste Conference, held November 1, was themed 'A Circular Economy within Reach' and covered everything from ocean plastics to clothing to food waste, with keynote speakers including retired NASA astronaut Cady Coleman — who has flown twice on the Space Shuttle — and food waste pioneer Tristram Stuart, founder of Toast Ale, a beer launched in the UK in 2016 that is made using fresh, surplus bread.



The conference focused on five key themes – Plastics, Food, Textiles, Business Innovation, and the Circular City. For each session, key players from around the world shared their experiences and advice for advancing the circular economy, in which manufacturers consciously design products and packaging with sustainable materials that can be disassembled, repaired, reused and recycled. All keynote presentations and videos will be available on the conference website over the next few weeks.

<http://www.zwc.ca/>

Residential Wood Smoke Regulation Consultation

Metro Vancouver is seeking input to inform the development of a potential bylaw to reduce wood smoke emitted from indoor residential burning. A phased approach to regulating wood smoke emissions is proposed:

- A seasonal restriction on the use of indoor residential wood burning appliances between May 15 and September 15, from May 2020.
- Registration requirements for indoor residential wood burning appliances based on the amount of particulate matter released, from September 2022.
- Prohibition on residential wood smoke emissions from unregistered appliances, unless other conditions apply, from September 2025.



Indoor residential wood burning is responsible for nearly one third of the fine particle emissions in the region – more than any other source. Since heating generally occurs in the fall and winter, wood smoke can make an even larger contribution to the fine particles in the air we breathe during those times of the year. In addition to health impacts associated with particulate exposure, wood smoke also has a distinctive odour and can negatively affect residents' use and enjoyment of their environment, particularly in densely populated neighbourhoods. To help reduce wood smoke, Metro Vancouver currently offers a wood stove exchange program, educational workshops, and other initiatives.

See the link below for information on how to participate in the consultation process.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/consultation/reducing-residential-woodsmoke/>

Transportation and Public Transit

Mobility Pricing Independent Commission

On October 25, the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission released its first report, *Moving Around Metro Vancouver: Exploring New Approaches to Reducing Congestion*. This report examines:

- the current state of traffic in the region;
- factors influencing congestion today and into the future; and
- key considerations for the Commission as it looks at how decongestion charging could help to reduce congestion, improve fairness, and support investment in the transportation system.

The report and a summary report are available from the Commission's home page.

In another development, the Commission's first phase of online public engagement runs from November 6 to 26. Please provide your input. It will only take 10 minutes. You can also sign up for Commission updates.

www.itstimemv.ca

www.itstimemv.ca/have-your-say.html

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

On October 16, the Mayors' Council made a submission to the consultation process on BC Budget 2018. The submission asks that a portion of the additional revenue raised by the proposed \$5 increase each year between 2018 and 2022 in the provincial carbon tax be used to fund transit and transportation investments in the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision. This would close the remaining funding gap in the Phase Two Plan.

www.translink.ca/

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New Metro Vancouver Head Office

As of November 14, 2017, Metro Vancouver will be located at its new Head Office at 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC. All email addresses and phone numbers remain the same. Please note that if you are coming to Head Office for meetings the building entrance is best accessed from Central Boulevard.

The new mailing address is:

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the information centre at 604-432-6200 or email icentre@metrovancouver.org.

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 metrovancouver.org or follow metrovancouverblog.org.

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

www.ubcm.ca

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

www.myuna.ca

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

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

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

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