



Summer CAC Community Update

This is a quick update on current community news from the Community Advisory Council. Please forward this email to neighbours not on the CAC mailing list. Neighbours can sign up for the mailing list by sending an email to council@uelcommunity.com.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on July 20th on Zoom. We will send out the Zoom link in the week before the meeting. There will be a break in August before meetings resume in September.

We hope you are enjoying a good start to the summer!

CAC Survey

As mentioned at the last CAC meeting, we are looking for your input on short-term rentals (like Airbnb) as well as your thoughts on unoccupied, unkempt and unsightly properties. We are also planning to expand our communication with social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc..) and add Town Hall-type events with invited speakers. We would like to hear your opinion. Your input will help us communicate your priorities to the UEL office and to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Thanks to new CAC member Moony Qi (Area A rep) for putting the survey together.

Please take a few moments to complete the CAC survey below and make your views known!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZKK5VW>

Thanks to all who have already filled out the survey. Please feel free to forward it to friends and neighbours. The more feedback we receive the better we can serve the community.

Block Watch needs Captains

Block Watch is about neighbours helping neighbours. Participants watch out for each other's homes and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. There is training available for block captains on how to properly recognize and report crimes. See blockwatch.com for more information.

There is a need for more Block Watch Captains after reports of several serious incidents linked to abandoned properties in our community.

Constable Kyle Smith of the local RCMP spoke at the last CAC public meeting about the value of Block Watch to the community and to the RCMP. The RCMP would like to have a Captain for Newton Wynd area in particular. The BW Captain role does not require a significant time commitment, and greatly benefits the community.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Captain, please contact the CAC at council@uelcommunity.com.

Recent Motions approved by Council

Council would like to highlight two recent motions:

- The CAC recommends that votes of community members carry double the weight of the professional members on the ADP panel.

The intent of this motion is to balance the weight community representation with professional member representation on the ADP.

- CAC recommends that Lots 5 and 6 corner of University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall be turned into an open Park ("U Hill Park") for the enjoyment of all residents of the UEL and UBC community in perpetuity.

The CAC will continue to work on this initiative. We will have further updates on this long-term project.

Planning for Community Gardens along Western Parkway in Area D

A group of volunteers are putting plans together for a potential Community Garden along the Bridle Path in Area D. It is hoped the Gardens would open in Spring 2021.

RCMP On-line Reporting

Sargent Chuck Lan of the local RCMP detachment spoke at the last CAC meeting. Stg Lan indicated it is now possible to file police reports on-line for certain categories of crime. The site can be found on the local detachment's website under "On-line Crime Reporting".

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/256>

If you have a crime that requires a police officer, call the non-emergency number at 604-224-1322.

You can use Online Crime Reporting if:

- You have lost something that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5000 to repair it
- The crime happened within the jurisdiction of the University RCMP
- You want to report a Driving Complaint that is not in progress

You cannot use Online Crime Reporting if:

- There is a witness or suspect (this restriction does not apply to Driving Complaints)
- There are lost or stolen items involving personal identity, firearms, license plates or decals

A typical report will take 15 minutes to complete.

Area D representative for Council and the ADP

The UEL Community Advisory Council is looking for a representative for Area D for Council and for the Advisory Design Panel. If there is a resident who would like to volunteer to fill either of these roles, please send an email to council@uelcommunity.com.