



Director's Report

Hello UNA/UBC/UEL neighbours,

With the continued lovely weather, I've enjoyed the chance to run into more neighbours around UBC and the UEL. This is also a highly anticipated time of the year for our family as the berries are starting to ripen in the forest. My favourites – thimble berries – aren't quite ripe yet, but we are definitely enjoying the salmon berries and huckle berries.



Jen seeking out salmon berries on a morning walk.

In this month's newsletter, a few examples of some of the issues that you can learn more about are UBC's Stadium liquor license application, air quality monitoring and mapping across the Metro Vancouver region, and our TransLink Mayor's Council's "Access for All" appeal to senior levels of government for increased funding for public transportation.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns that I may be able to assist with.

All the best,

Jen McCutcheon

Jen McCutcheon, Metro Vancouver Director for Electoral Area A (www.areaajen.ca or areaajen@gmail.com)

Resident Input Sought on Thunderbird Stadium's Liquor License Application

UBC Athletics has applied to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for an events-driven liquor primary licence at Thunderbird Stadium (6288 Stadium Road).

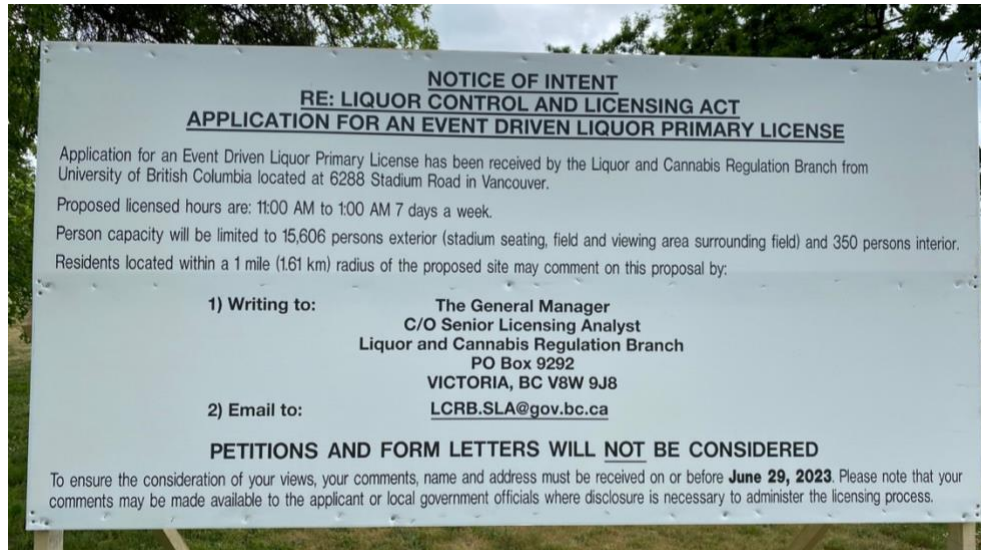
According to the application, the licence will provide liquor service as an added amenity to events such as sporting events, receptions, fundraisers, seasonal parties, corporate meetings, symposia, university receptions, functions, and award ceremonies.

If approved, the licence would allow liquor to be served in the exterior stadium seating area, the field and view area surrounding the field, and in certain interior areas. The total person capacity for all these areas is 15,956 (15,606 exterior and 350 interior). The proposed licence hours are 11am to 1am, 7 days a week.

The BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which decides whether or not to approve the licence, is seeking feedback from residents within a 1-mile radius of the site.



Comments can be e-mailed to LCRB.SLA@gov.bc.ca and should include your name and address. Comments must be received on or before June 29, 2023. Note that petitions and form letters will not be considered.



The current arrangement for alcohol at the stadium means UBC has to apply for a temporary license for each event. This also included developing safety and security plans and sharing those with key stakeholders. These plan include aspects such as access and egress, staffing, a command control centre, medical support, traffic planning, and policing. These plans were reviewed by a Safety and Security Committee that included the RCMP, the Vancouver Fire Department, UBC Campus and Community Planning, the UNA, and UBC Athletics and Recreation. Under

Signs (such as the one shown above) have been posted near UBC's Football Stadium just south of the Hawthorne neighbourhood alerting residents about UBC's application for a more permanent event liquor license

the proposed event driven liquor primary license, a similar safety and security plan would be still be required for each event.

I had a number of questions about the potential impacts of this application on area residents. Carole Jolly from Campus and Community Planning was very helpful in coordinating responses to my questions from a variety of people within UBC, including from the applicant, UBC Athletics and Recreation. You can read my questions and UBC's responses below.

Question 1: My understanding is that there used to be a Safety and Security Committee that reviewed event applications. Do you know if this committee a) is still active now, and b) if it would still operate under the permanent license? Also, if the committee is not still operational as per the Terms of Reference, is there a neighbourhood representative part of the group that reviews plans for large events?

This committee has recently restarted back from COVID and has a mandate to ensure safe operations of licensed concerts at Doug Mitchell Sports Arena, which is a licensed facility. This committee has also reviewed events at the Stadium, such as Homecoming, however given the Stadium does not hold outdoor concerts, the committee's primary focus remains on Doug Mitchell Sports Arena.



In addition, any high impact events at the Stadium (which are infrequent in occurrence) are reviewed by Campus and Community Planning's Outdoor Events Committee. The Outdoor Events Committee includes UNA staff representation.

Question 2: Under a permanent license, would the community have advance notice about large events with alcohol sales at the Stadium?

Under a permanent license, there will be no change to the type of events that take place in the stadium, which is predominantly used for UBC Athletics and Recreation sport events. Therefore, the impact to residents will remain the same since the move to a permanent license is purely an administrative change and will not affect the types of events that are hosted at the stadium.

For high impact events that take place across campus, we provide the campus community with a minimum of two weeks' notice. High impact events are those that result in road closures or take place across multiple areas around campus. Some examples of these events are the BMO Marathon, the AMS block party or UBC Homecoming (which is held at the stadium). For these events, there is a comprehensive distribution list which includes the UNA, student groups and building operations and management. These notices are also posted on both the UNA and C+CP events calendars and shared on the C+CP social channels and in the UNA newsletter.

Question 3: Is there a feedback mechanism in place or planned for UBC to hear back on whether large events cause traffic or noise (or other) concerns for residents?

The campus community is welcome to send any questions or concerns to info.planning@ubc.ca. This mailbox is monitored regularly and emails are triaged to the appropriate department/unit across campus.

Question 4: My understanding is that UBC plans to replace the stadium as part of the development of Stadium Road neighbourhood. Would this permanent license carry forward to the new stadium (housed within a residential area)?

The new stadium development would also require a liquor license for liquor sales at events, and UBC would go through the required provincial process to obtain this.

Question 5: Given that the stadium is outdoors, I can imagine that the impact of large events involving alcohol could be significantly greater than the impact of indoor events (such as those in the ice rink). How does UBC plan to address this?

There are no plans to change the type of events run at the stadium, which are predominantly UBC Athletics and Recreation sport events. Residents will see no change in impact to the current operations of the stadium. The permanent license is purely to create operational efficiencies for stadium-related event management but will not result in any changes to what currently happens at events. All events with liquor service are subject to compliance with the regulations and policies of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. Athletics and Recreation works closely with the RCMP, the fire department, UBC Safety and Risk Services and other key stakeholders such as UBC Parking,



Campus Security and Campus and Community Planning on the delivery and planning of all large events on campus.

For residents within a one mile radius with questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Board (LCRB.SLA@gov.bc.ca)

New Rectifier proposed for the NW Corner of University Blvd and Western Parkway in the UEL



You may have noticed a new sign at the corner of University Blvd. and Western Parkway, advising that TransLink is planning to place a new rectifier, a type of electrical infrastructure to convert AC to DC power for trolley bus operations, in this location (on the Bridal pathway on the NW corner of Western Parkway at University Blvd).

The UBC area has three rectifiers that power TransLink's Trolley Overhead (TOH) system. These are located presently at Parkway, Cleveland, and Blanca and have been operational since 1990. Other rectifiers are located in various parts of Metro Vancouver where trolley buses run. Due to the age of the rectifiers, components are

becoming difficult or impossible to replace due to lack of replacement parts. The failure of these components has the potential to cause lengthy outages of the bus services in the UBC area.

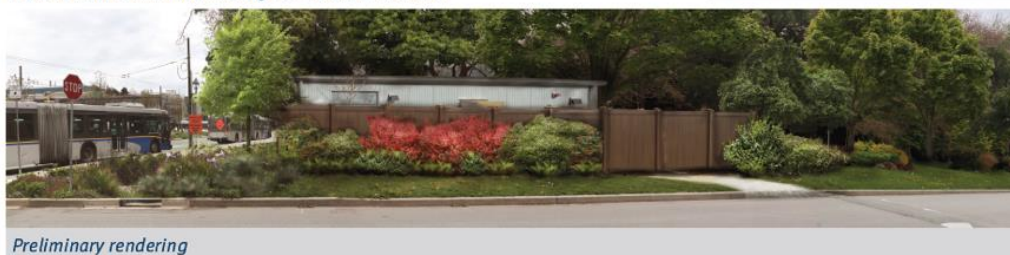
I have heard some concerns from constituents about the proposed location as it is on land designated as park space in the Area D Plan, and will be right in front of the proposed new development on the same (NW) corner of the intersection. If you would like to learn more about this project, or provide feedback, a representative from TransLink will be attending the next UEL Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on Monday June 19th.

Rectifier Project Notification

Western Parkway at University Blvd
Adjacent To Lot 6 Block 83 District Lot 140 Group
1 Plan 5449
Completion Date: 2025

Details:

The application is to construct a rectifier substation building to supply power to TransLink's trolley bus network in the UBC area.
This building will replace the existing rectifier station south of University Boulevard on Western Parkway.
The site will include landscaping and outdoor furniture.



Preliminary rendering

Have questions or comments on this project?
Visit translink.ca/feedback or call 604.953.3333





ELECTORAL AREA A Director's Update

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Consultation on UBC's Neighbourhood Climate Action Plan

The Neighborhood Climate Action Plan (NCAP) will put us on an accelerated pathway to net zero emissions while increasing our resilience to the effects of climate change in the university neighborhoods on the Vancouver campus.

This works builds on the **Community Energy and Emissions Plan** (CEEP), which was developed in 2013 and has guided climate action initiatives in residential neighborhoods.

NCAP will provide policy directions, targets and actions in key climate action areas including buildings, transportation, waste and materials, neighbourhood infrastructure, ecology, and climate emergency preparedness, with specific



Come to a Community Workshop

Do you live in the UBC neighbourhoods and are you passionate about taking climate action?
Join the Neighbourhood Climate Action Plan Community Workshop!

When: Monday June 26th, 5:30-7:30PM (Includes dinner and childcare)

Where: Wesbrook Community Centre

Register online by June 19th. Space is limited.

considerations to meet the unique conditions and needs of the university neighbourhoods. This means new construction, operations and where possible existing buildings, will need to comply with new guidelines and rules that will lead to less emissions, energy consumption and waste.

UBC will be hosting a community workshop on their NCAP on Monday June 26th. See the box on the left of this page for more details and to register.

TransLink Updates

Access for Everyone: The new plan for expanding public transit across Metro Vancouver and improving infrastructure for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

At its June 1st meeting, the TransLink Mayors' Council discussed a report that showed surging transit ridership over the past year of 20 per cent or more in every part of Metro Vancouver, with overcrowding beginning to approach pre-pandemic levels in many areas. These pressures are most acute in the fast-growing South of the Fraser region where ridership is now 15 per cent above pre-pandemic levels, outstripping recent increases in bus service of 12 per cent.





The new data demonstrates the urgency for TransLink's Access for Everyone plan. Access for Everyone – also known as Transport 2050: Ten-Year Priorities – is the new ten-year plan for expanding public transit and investing in infrastructure to reduce congestion and keep riders, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians moving across Metro Vancouver.

Seeking federal support for the plan, a delegation from the Mayors' Council made a trip to Ottawa in May. The main request of the Mayors' Council is to expedite the delivery of the federal Permanent Transit Fund to 2024 to relieve growing pressures on transit. The delegation met with 22 MPs including the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, Dominic LeBlanc, CPC Leader Pierre Poilievre and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh.

You can learn more about the plan by visiting accessforeveryone.ca.

A large delegation of Metro Vancouver mayors traveled to Ottawa in May to seek federal support for increased funding for public transportation. *Photo from TransLink's Mayors' Council*

TransLink launches new podcast

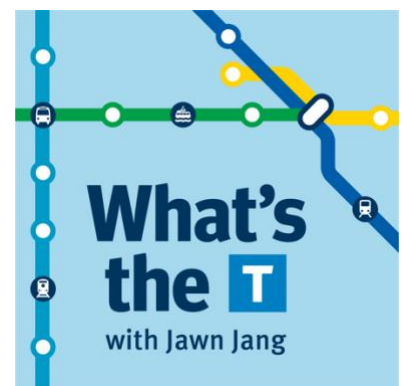
TransLink has launched its first-ever official podcast covering popular transit and transportation topics in the Metro Vancouver region.

Join host Jawn Jang, a former local radio personality, as he brings listeners behind the scenes to uncover the voices and stories of Metro Vancouver's transit system.

The first season consists of ten episodes. The first ones are available now and the rest will be available weekly on Tuesdays until July 18. A new season with fresh topics will follow in the fall.

Subscribe and listen to What's the T on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Pocket Casts](#), [Amazon Music](#), and across other major podcast platforms.

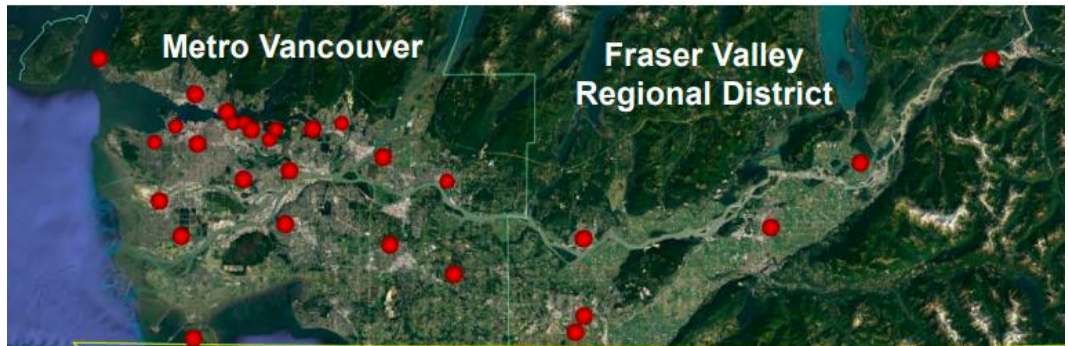
To learn more, please visit translink.ca/podcast.





Metro Vancouver's Air Quality Advisory Program

Metro Vancouver issues air quality advisories to help protect public health during periods of degraded air quality. The air quality advisory program covers the entire Lower Fraser Valley airshed, including Metro Vancouver and parts of the Fraser Valley



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Regional District, when air quality is degraded or is expected to become degraded. Metro Vancouver works closely with health authorities, and other partners each year to update messaging and public outreach materials with actions people can take to reduce their exposure to air contaminants. New this year, ongoing air quality status updates will be posted on Metro Vancouver's website to increase awareness of the potential for an air quality advisory or as conditions change during an advisory. Wildfire smoke advisories in six of the last eight summers and elevated ground-level ozone due to extreme heat waves emphasize how climate change is presenting new challenges for air quality management. On May 15, 2023, the region experienced its earliest ground-level ozone advisory since the program began 30 years ago.

Metro Vancouver operates a comprehensive network of air quality monitoring stations in the region. Station readings are available in real time on Metro Vancouver's [website](http://airmap.ca) (airmap.ca) and inform the air quality advisory program.

The contaminants of primary concern for Metro Vancouver's air quality advisory program are:

- **Ground-level ozone (O₃):** produced when nitrogen oxides (NO_x; emitted when fuels are burned) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs; emitted from solvents, plants, and other sources) react in sunlight on hot summer days.
- **Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}):** particles that are less than 2.5 microns in diameter (less than 1/30th the thickness of a human hair), allowing them to penetrate deep into the lungs and into the bloodstream.

These particles can be emitted directly (primarily from fuel combustion and wildfires) or formed indirectly, such as when nitrogen oxides or sulphur oxides react with ammonia. These contaminants have the greatest potential to reach levels in the region that may be harmful to human health. Metro Vancouver has established ambient air quality objectives for these contaminants, which indicate acceptable levels for different periods of exposure such as one-hour, eight-hour, 24-hour, and annual.

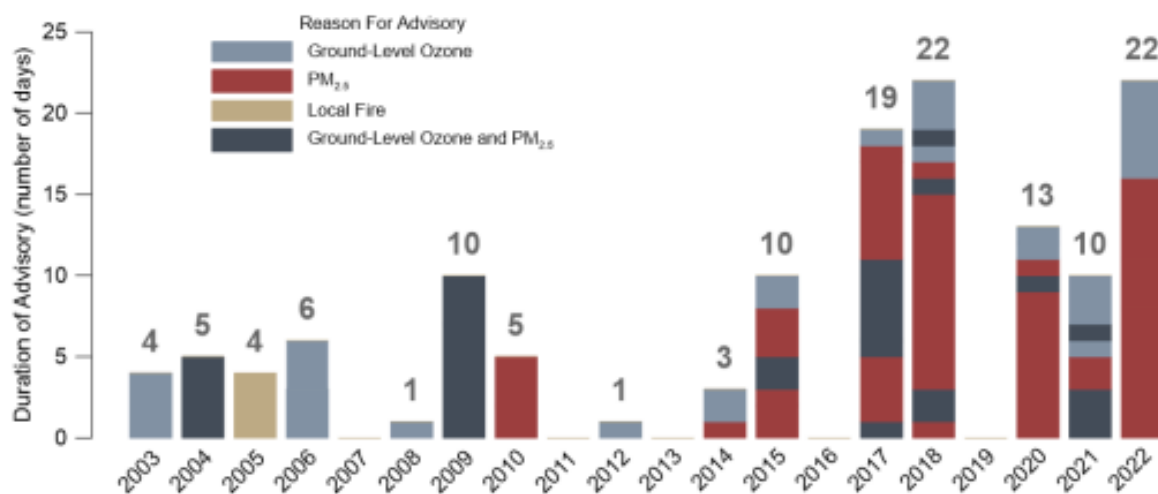
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Air Quality Advisory Trends

In the last twenty years, the number of days on which air quality advisories were in place has ranged from zero to twenty-two days annually. Shown in Figure 1 is the historical trend of the number of days the Lower Fraser Valley was under an advisory. The legend indicates the reason for the advisory being issued.



Notes:

- Trigger levels for advisories have changed over the years; care must be taken when interpreting advisory trends.
- The advisory in 2005 was the result of a large fire in Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area.

<http://www.metrovancover.org/services/air-quality/current-air-quality/airmap/>

Superhabits – Single Use Item Reduction Campaign



<http://www.metrovancover.org/services/solid-waste/reduction-reuse/single-use-items-reduction/>

Metro Vancouverites dispose of over one billion single-use items per year. Everyday actions, like using reusable shopping bags and mugs, are Superhabits that help prevent waste.



Climate Literacy Modules Available (free online)

I'm excited to let you know that Metro Vancouver staff have developed an interesting and informative toolkit to increase climate literacy. Through a series of free, online modules individuals or groups (I could imagine a school science class, for example) can work through the content to their understanding of key concepts in climate action.

The modules explore questions such as:

- How do we consider and combine Indigenous knowledge and western science in climate solutions?
- What do words like 'mitigation', 'adaptation', 'net zero', 'zero-emissions', and other climate action terminology really mean?
- How does protecting nature in turn protect us?
- What are the biggest things we can start to do today?
- What do decisions about land use have to do with climate outcomes?



Content will be revised regularly, and the toolkit is designed to accommodate new action modules in future. I encourage you to check the modules out [here](http://www.metrovanancouver.org/services/air-quality/climate-action/climate2050/learn/climate-literacy/): <http://www.metrovanancouver.org/services/air-quality/climate-action/climate2050/learn/climate-literacy/>

Pacific Spirit Regional Park events:

June 15: The Secret Life of Trees

Are trees able to smell? Do trees talk to each other? Come on this guided walk to uncover some of the mysteries and surprising facts about these forest giants. You can find out more, and also register [HERE](#).

June 24: Forest Bathing

Step into nature, take a deep breath of fresh forest air and let your body relax. Awaken your senses and experience the Japanese practice of forest bathing in this urban park oasis. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).



Both events are open to those age 19+. Registration required and sessions cost \$11 per adult, \$5.50 per adult 65+.



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UBC RCMP 2022 Statistics

UBC RCMP Staff Sergeant Lan provided the following 2022 statistics for crime within the Electoral Area (UBC/UEL).

Stats	2022	2021	Change
Total files:	3166	3473	-9%
- Criminal code files	1289	1195	-7%
- Person Violent Crime	198	190	+4%
- Property Crime	725	768	- 6%
- Other cc offences	272	331	-18%

Persons Crimes:

- Extortion: highest increase	+ 46%
- Assaults	- 9%

Property Crimes:

- TheftUnder\$5000	+51%	
- Mischief to property	+17%	
- Break and Enter Bike theft	Residential: -17%	Business: - 57%
	-15%	
- Theft from Vehicle	-8%	

Other Criminal Code:

- Cause Disturbance	
- Sex Offence	-22%
Mental Health	+13%
	- 7%



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Seasonal Climate Outlook for Summer 2023

Weather predictions suggest our region could experience hot temperatures this summer. Metro Vancouver collects essential data to actively monitor environmental conditions in our water supply areas. This allows us to deliver high-quality drinking water all year long and ensure our system is resilient to climate change impacts. Residents can also do their part by using treated drinking water wisely this summer so we have it for where it's needed most: cooking, cleaning, and drinking.

Additionally, Metro Vancouver's annual seasonal prohibition on the use of indoor wood burning appliances, such as wood stoves and fireplaces, is in effect until September 15. The seasonal prohibition is meant to reduce public exposure to fine particulate matter during the summer.

Jen's Board and Committee Appointments for 2023

This past month, I was asked to co-Chair the TransLink Indigenous Relations (IR) Working Group. I am honoured to take on this role within the IR Working Group, and look forward to continuing to help TransLink pursue Reconciliation through actions such as increased transit service to reservations and increased partnership with the various First Nations on whose land we have settled.

This past month, I was also re-elected for another year as the Third Vice President of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association

Below are the boards and committees that I serve on. Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to learn more.

- Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors
- TransLink Mayors' Council for Regional Transportation
- Chair of the Electoral Area Committee, MVRD
- Climate Action Committee, MVRD
- Mayors' Committee, MVRD
- Flood Resiliency Taskforce, MVRD
- Caucus of Committee Chairs, MVRD
- TransLink Planning & Priorities Committee
- Co-chair of TransLink's Indigenous Relations Working Group
- TransLink Small Communities Committee
- Board Member for Metro Vancouver Zero Emission Innovation Centre (ZEIC)
- ZEIC Governance Committee
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board of Directors
- Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Third-Vice President
- Municipal Finance Authority of BC Alternate Director

Links & Connections

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