



Director's Report

Hello Electoral Area neighbours,

This month felt like a quieter month in regional government, with many interesting discussions but few final decisions being made. As a result, this newsletter is a little shorter than some, and has a more local focus.

If you have questions or comments about these or any other local government concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would be happy to connect with you.

All the best,

Jen McCutcheon

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Local Snowpack Increasing, But Still Only 39% of Average



As anticipated, more snow has accumulated on the North Shore mountains due to the recent winter weather conditions. As of the March 1, 2024 snow survey, our watersheds are at 39 per cent of the average historical snow water equivalent, which is the amount of water that would be produced if the snow melted. This figure helps us with summer water use planning.

While this is an improvement from last month, and there could be further snowpack gains in the coming weeks, it's likely we'll continue to see below average snow levels. Metro Vancouver is taking proactive steps to manage the drinking water supply, including beginning summer water storage operations earlier than usual.

It remains too early to tell what impact the low snowpack will have on the water supply and outdoor water use restrictions in the coming months. Therefore, drinking water conservation efforts are vitally important.

I encourage us all to continue emphasizing responsible drinking water use, and remind you that Stage 1 summer water use restrictions will come into effect on May 1, 2024. If you are interested in finding out more about Metro Vancouver's long range water planning, you can read the 100 year Water Supply Report published in 2020): <https://metrovanancouver.org/services/water/Documents/water-supply-outlook-2120.pdf>



RCMP (UBC Detachment) Statistics for 2023

The UBC Detachment of the RCMP have released their annual statistics for calls within the Electoral Area (UBC and UEL areas, including Pacific Spirit Regional Park. Despite the continuing increase in population within the area, policing levels remain unchanged.

Crime Type	2022	2023	Change %
Robbery	6	2	-67%
Assault	81	102	23%
Sexual Assault	18	15	-17%
Domestic Violence	21	22	5%
Wellness check	186	299	61%
Mental health	232	215	-7%
Cause disturbance	219	267	22%
Demonstrations/Protests	7	39	457%
Break and Enter	79	70	-11%
Property theft	202	306	51%
Bike theft	154	145	-6%
Theft from auto	71	38	-46%
Fraud	103	139	35%
Traffic offence	297	443	49%
Impaired driving	31	37	19%
Excessive speed	7	68	871%
Motor vehicle collision	88	107	22%
Charges laid	121	204	69%
Total calls for service	3214	3935	22%

ELECTORAL AREA A Director's Update

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Change of Land Use District Application at Ielam

CHANGE OF LAND USE DISTRICT APPLICATION

Change of Land Use District Application #1/23

Address: Block F Parcels E, F, G, H, I
Owner: Musqueam Block F Land Ltd.
Applicant name: Ross Moore, Townline Developments Inc.
1212-450 SW Marine Drive Vancouver BC V5X 0C3 email: ross.moore@townline.com

Musqueam Block F Land Ltd. has applied for a CHANGE OF LAND USE DISTRICT APPLICATION to amend the existing CD 2 zoning Block F District Lot 140 Group 1 Block F Parcels E, F, G, H, and I. The proposed amendments would permit a multi-family residential development to a maximum height of 107 metres (34 storeys) and a maximum combined FSR of 4.0.

The deadline for written comments addressed to the UEL Manager is March 18, 2024. Your name and address must be included in your comments and will form part of the public record.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: UEL Administration Office
5495 Chancellor Boulevard, Vancouver, BC V6T 1E2
Phone No. 604 660 1808 Email: PlanUEL@gov.bc.ca




Townline Developments Inc. on behalf of the Musqueam Block F Land Ltd. has applied for a CHANGE OF LAND USE DISTRICT APPLICATION to amend the existing CD-2 zoning for Ielam Lots E, F, G, H and I, District Lot 140 Group 1.

The proposed amendments would permit additional density allotment to the parcels of 31,149.18 square metres (335,287 square feet) in the form of market rental housing. The form of development would include

five residential towers ranging from 22 to 34 storeys to a maximum height of 107 metres as well as townhomes at grade and a maximum combined Floor Space Ratio (FSR) of 4.0.

Please note that if you submitted comments for the initial Ielam development, these comments will not be considered in this process. The deadline for public comment for this new process is March 18, 2024 and should be submitted to the UEL Office

More information is available [here](#).



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Road Closures on UBC Campus Saturday March 9th

UBC Triathlon Duathlon 2024 hosted by UBC Recreation will be happening on **Saturday, March 9th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Please note that there will be **full road and lane closures between 4:00 am - 4:00 pm** on March 9th around campus. Event set up will begin on March 8th and take down will end March 9th. Follow the link for more details and recommended traffic routes: <https://planning.ubc.ca/event/ubc-rec-triathlon-duathlon-1>

ROAD CLOSURES

- East Mall will be CLOSED from University Blvd to Thunderbird Blvd
- East Mall southbound lanes will be CLOSED from Thunderbird Blvd to W 16th Ave
- W 16th Ave westbound lanes will be CLOSED from East Mall to SW Marine Dr
- SW Marine Dr northbound lanes will be CLOSED from W16th Ave to Stadium Rd
- SW Marine Dr southbound lanes will be CLOSED from W16th Ave to Kullahun Dr





TransLink Updates

Thank you to those who participated in our request to the provincial and federal governments for additional and permanent funding for public transportation in the region. (<https://accessforeveryone.ca/>).

The Mayors' Council is working with the Province of BC to finalize an agreement to increase transit service starting this September – the first increase since before the pandemic – focused on those routes facing the most serious overcrowding, as well as to pre-order the first round of new buses that we need to begin delivering the Access for Everyone Plan in 2025. Although this agreement – that must be finalized by the end of the month – and these service increases will be modest and temporary, it will act as a bridge to a much more significant service expansion in mid-2025 when both the province and the Mayors' Council should be a position to confirm a new transit funding model and begin delivering the first phase of the Access for Everyone Plan.

The region desperately needs more transit service given unprecedented levels of overcrowding, record-setting population growth and the role that transit plays in meeting affordable housing and GHG reductions targets. The Mayors' Council and the province hopes to be a position to announce the details of this new agreement in the coming weeks.

[Apply for the chance to test TransLink's new shared mobility app, RideLink](#)

TransLink is partnering with Evo, Modo, and Mobi by Rogers to introduce and test the RideLink mobile app as part of a 12-month pilot project.

This new app brings together transit, carshare, and bikeshare services in Metro Vancouver, creating a one-stop-shop for trip planning and booking an Evo or Modo carshare vehicle or a Mobi by Rogers bike. Your Compass Card will provide access to the vehicles, bikes, as well as the bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus.

Metro Vancouver residents are invited for the chance to be one of 1,300 people to test the RideLink app. Take the registration survey at translink.ca/ridelink to see if you're eligible to participate.

To meet the criteria, you must be at least 19 years old, have a valid driver's licence and credit card, as well as a smartphone. You'll also need to be interested in using multiple services for travel as one of the app's key features is allowing you to combine transit with Evo, Modo, or Mobi by Rogers. This ensures thorough testing of the app.





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Those selected can expect to begin testing the app starting in March 2024. Feedback from the pilot will be collected and assessed to determine the next steps.

March 18 is Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day!

On Monday, March 18, TransLink and other transit agencies across Canada will celebrate Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day (TOWAD). Translink is proud to celebrate the 8,000+ dedicated transit workers who make up the TransLink enterprise and keep our region moving, each and every day. On March 18, be sure to thank your bus operator, SkyTrain attendant, SeaBus pilot or other transit worker and tell them how much you appreciate their hard work!

Cannabis Store that was Opposed by the UEL Community Now Open

I was asked by residents to share the that the cannabis store that the UEL community strongly opposed is now open on University Boulevard.

Although their website states that this is “the world’s first cannabis store on a university campus”, the store is on UEL land, not on UBC campus. UBC does not permit cannabis stores on campus.



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Keep Coffee Cups Out of the Green Bin

Paper cups can be recycled with your containers at home.

Cups labelled 'compostable' or 'biodegradable' are not accepted in food scraps or the blue bin in Metro Vancouver. Put these in the garbage.

The best option is to bring a reusable mug.



metrovanancouver.org/foodscraps

Recycle Your Coffee Cups... Please Don't Compost Them!

Coffee cups don't belong in the green bin. The easiest solution is to bring your own mug! Learn more about what can go in at <https://ow.ly/7Bsb50Qv3gi>
[#FoodScrapsArentGarbage](https://ow.ly/7Bsb50Qv3gi)



Jen's Board and Committee Appointments for 2024

Here is a list of the boards and committees that I serve on in my role as Electoral Area A Director. 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
- Board Member for Metro Vancouver Zero Emission Innovation Centre (ZEIC)
- ZEIC Governance Committee
- ZEIC Human Resources Committee Co-chair
- 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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