

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Electoral Area Committee held at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Director Jen McCutcheon*, Electoral Area A
Vice Chair, Councillor David Hocking*, Bowen Island
Councillor Carolina Clark*, Belcarra
Councillor Melissa De Genova*, Vancouver
Councillor Bob Long*, Langley Township
Councillor Gayle Martin*, Langley City
Mayor Ron McLaughlin*, Lions Bay
Councillor Allison Patton*, Surrey
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr*, New Westminster
Councillor James Wang*, Burnaby

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Sean Galloway, Director, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Amelia White, Legislative Services Supervisor, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee

- a) amend the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 9, 2022 by adding:
 - i) Item 3.8 Late Delegation – Claire Huxtable;
 - ii) Item 3.9 Late Delegation – Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants; and
- b) adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the *Procedure Bylaw*

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 7, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Steve Dowsley, Co-Founder and President, Burb Cannabis Corporation

Steve Dowsley, Co-Founder and President, Burb Cannabis Corporation, spoke to members regarding the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL highlighting an overview of the company burb, the proposed location, community support and community safety.

Presentation material titled “Burb” is retained with the June 9, 2022 Electoral Area Committee agenda.

3.2 Minister David Eby, MLA, Vancouver Point Grey

Minister David Eby, MLA, Vancouver Point Grey, spoke to members in opposition of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL highlighting the local governments involvement in private cannabis stores and the negative feedback from his constituents regarding this proposal.

3.3 Guangrui (Maggie) Xia, Associate Professor, UBC

Guangrui (Maggie) Xia, Associate Professor, UBC, spoke to members in opposition of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL citing excerpts from Health Canada and the Canadian Cannabis Survey and addressing how she believes that the proposed neighbourhood is designed for families and does not need a cannabis store.

Presentation material titled “Objection to the 5478 University Blvd. Cannabis Store License Application at UEL” is retained with the June 9, 2022 Electoral Area Committee agenda.

3.4 Ming Sally Geng

Ming Sally Geng spoke to members in opposition of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL highlighting how she moved to the neighbourhood for the environment and she believes that a cannabis store would negatively affect the neighbourhood.

Members were shown a video presentation, which is not retained with the agenda.

3.5 Randy Lines, RBL Innovations

Randy Lines, RBL Innovations, spoke to members in favour of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL noting that as a former police officer his view of cannabis have changed over time as cannabis establishments are highly regulated and need to adhere to strict protocols so he believes the business will benefit the community.

3.6 Rishavraj Das, AMS Student Society of UBC Vancouver

Rishavraj Das, AMS Student Society of UBC Vancouver, spoke to members in favour of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL highlighting his belief that it is important to have reliable sources to procure cannabis to reduce the illegal market, and how the proponents have already supported many community initiatives.

3.7 Connie Chen

Connie Chan spoke to members in opposition of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL noting how she believes that there is no community support for this application and how she feels that the proposed site is too close in proximity to schools.

Presentation material titled “Stop Cannabis Store in UBC” is retained with the June 9, 2022 Electoral Area Committee agenda.

3.8 Claire Huxtable

Claire Huxtable spoke to members in opposition of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporation store in the UEL highlighting the UEL Advisory Design Panel recommendations, her belief that there was not enough engagement with the community and how there are no bylaw officers in the area to enforce the matter.

Presentation material titled “UEL Advisory Design Panel Recommendations” is retained with the June 9, 2022 Electoral Area Committee agenda.

3.9 Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants

Bert Hicks, Rising Tide Consultants, spoke to members in favour of the proposed Burb Cannabis Corporate store in the UEL highlighting how he believes that approving this application will reduce the black market and will not have any negative impact on the community.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application in the UEL (Burb Cannabis Corporation)

Report dated May 18, 2022, from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with the opportunity to consider and make a recommendation to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch regarding a non-medical cannabis retail store licence application in the UEL.

Members were provided a presentation on the proposed Cannabis Retail Store, Burb Cannabis Corporation, highlighting the jurisdictional roles, public input, required considerations of the Local Government and options for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the safe supply of marihuana, the potential impacts on the surrounding community and the lack of bylaw officers for enforcement.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order raised by a member, the Chair advised that the Standing Committees provide advice and recommendations to the Board.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) recommend to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the licence for a non-medical cannabis retail store submitted by Burb Cannabis Corporation and proposed to be located at 5784 University Boulevard in the University Endowment Lands not be issued for the following reason: based on an evaluation of nearby residents' views gathered, the proposed store is not supported; and
- b) direct staff to forward the report dated May 18, 2022, titled "Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application in the UEL (Burb Cannabis Corporation)" to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch as supporting documentation.

DEFEATED

Discussion ensued regarding access to marihuana and the regulations and safety precautions required for private cannabis establishments.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) recommend to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the licence for a non-medical cannabis retail store submitted by Burb Cannabis Corporation and proposed to be located at 5784 University Boulevard in the University Endowment Lands be issued for the following reason: to align with the University Endowment Lands approved rezoning; and

- b) direct staff to forward the report dated May 18, 2022, titled “Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application in the UEL (Burb Cannabis Corporation)” to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch as supporting documentation.

CARRIED

5.2 UBCM Emergency Preparedness Grant Application for Electoral Area A (UBC)

Report dated May 18, 2022, from Brant Arnold-Smith, Program Manager, Security and Emergency Management, Corporate Services and Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking a MVRD Board resolution in support of a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grant application to enhance emergency preparedness capacity in the Point Grey communities of Electoral Area A.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board endorse the grant application totaling \$25,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities to enhance emergency preparedness capacity in Electoral Area A (UBC).

CARRIED

5.3 Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – 2022 Projects (UNA/UBC)

Report dated May 18, 2022, from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Electoral Area Committee and the MVRD Board with the opportunity to consider funding projects through the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board approve funding from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund as described in the report dated May 18, 2022, titled “Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – 2022 Projects (UNA/UBC)” for:

- a) Electric vehicle charging stations up to \$195,824;
- b) Solid waste (recycling) receptacle replacement up to \$139,277; and
- c) Acadia neighbourhood active transportation improvements up to \$100,000.

CARRIED

5.4 Manager’s Report – Electoral Area

Report dated May 17, 2022, from Sean Galloway, Director, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing an update on the Committee’s 2022 Work Plan and the Howe Sound Community Forum.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the report dated May 17, 2022, titled “Manager’s Report – Electoral Area”.

CARRIED

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
No items presented.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
No items presented.
8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**
No items presented.
9. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**
No items presented.
10. **ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee conclude its regular meeting of June 9, 2022.

CARRIED

(Time: 11:11 a.m.)

Amelia White,
Legislative Services Supervisor

Jen McCutcheon, Chair

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