

# Electoral Area A

June 2016

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Bi-annual publication sharing Metro Vancouver information with Electoral Area A residents.

## Electoral Area A Official Community Plan – You’re Invited to Participate!

Metro Vancouver staff, with assistance from planning consultants from Stantec Consulting Ltd., are starting work on the development of an Official Community Plan (OCP) for portions of Electoral Area A. An OCP contains land use map designations and policies that together set out the long term vision for communities. Once the OCP is adopted by the Metro Vancouver Board, it will provide guidance to the public, developers, Metro Vancouver staff, other orders of government, and elected representatives when considering land use changes, such as proposals for new development. A key part of the development of an OCP is meeting with residents to understand issues that are important to them and their communities.

The Electoral Area A OCP will apply to all areas other than UBC (the UBC Board of Governors is responsible for planning on UBC lands), the University Endowment Lands (the provincial government is responsible for planning in the UEL), Bowyer Island, and Passage Island (the Islands Trust is responsible for the OCP on these two islands). The OCP will not apply to First Nations Reserves. Because Electoral Area A is comprised of diverse communities, the discussions and policies will be tailored to ensure that the OCP addresses issues that are important to each local community. That is why we will have three meetings in June 2016, each focused on different areas of the Electoral Area (see meeting info below). After the June meetings, there will be two additional rounds of public consultation in summer and fall 2016, as well as a public hearing once the OCP bylaw has been given readings by the Metro Vancouver Board.

### First Round of Community Meetings

For **Howe Sound** Residents (Montizambert Wynd, Ocean Point, Strachan Point, and other properties along Howe Sound)

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Gleneagles Community Centre – Seaview room  
6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver BC V7W 2S5

For **Barnston Island** Residents

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Tetoten Trailer, Katzie First Nation Reserve (IR3)  
on Barnston Island

For **Indian Arm** and **Pitt Lake** Residents

Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Port Moody Recreation Centre –  
Multipurpose Room 2  
300 Ioco Road, Port Moody BC V3H 2V7

### What if I can’t attend the meeting?

If you cannot attend the June meeting for your community, you are invited to arrange a time between **June 20-24, 2016** for a phone discussion with the consultant team. Please email [AreaA@Stantec.com](mailto:AreaA@Stantec.com) to arrange a time and be sure to include your name, phone number and community in which you live.

At any time during the process, you can share thoughts with the consultant team by emailing [AreaA@Stantec.com](mailto:AreaA@Stantec.com). Please let us know the community in which you live.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, directly at 604.451.6562 or [marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org](mailto:marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org).

### Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw – Proposed Minor Amendments

On April 29, 2016, the GVRD Board of Directors gave first and second reading to minor amendments to Metro Vancouver’s Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw and referred the Bylaw to a public hearing.

The proposed minor amendments (Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2016) are intended to address issues identified by staff through application of the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw (largely clean up amendments), and also include specific amendments to the Strachan Point Residential Zone - RS-3 resulting from consultation with Strachan Point residents.

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To view the staff report that includes the proposed amendments, see page 342 of the **April 29, 2016 GVRD Board Meeting Agenda** (<http://goo.gl/U278me>). Please note the agenda is large and could take a while to download.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Metro Vancouver  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom  
4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8

All persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaw will be given an opportunity to speak at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to speak at the Public Hearing will be asked to register their name on the speakers list available at the Public Hearing, and will be called upon to speak in numerical order. Speakers will be limited to a maximum time of five minutes unless otherwise determined by the Chair.

Written submissions are encouraged and may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing. Written submissions must be received no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 or can be submitted in person at the Public Hearing.

Please send submissions to the attention of Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer:

By mail: Metro Vancouver,  
4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8 or

By fax: 604-451-6686 or

By Email: [PublicHearing@metrovancover.org](mailto:PublicHearing@metrovancover.org)

Please note all submissions received will become part of the public record which includes the submissions being made available for public inspection at Metro Vancouver Head Office and on our website, [www.metrovancover.org](http://www.metrovancover.org).

More information about the Public Hearing will be available at [www.metrovancover.org](http://www.metrovancover.org) closer to the date. If you have any questions, please contact Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, directly at 604.451.6562 or [marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org](mailto:marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org).



### New Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Plan

In February the GVRD Board adopted the 2016 update of the **Regional Parks Plan** (<http://goo.gl/eIK2Y8>) after a year of planning efforts. This plan, which is typically updated every five years, is a key policy tool providing guidance to the delivery of the Regional Parks service.

The Regional Parks Plan is particularly important in leading the development of regional park management plans, policies, land acquisition strategies and programs. The updated plan formally translates the direction contained in the GVRD Board-adopted 2014 **Regional Parks Service Review** (<http://goo.gl/ikVfD7>) into Metro Vancouver policy.

During the public feedback portion of the planning process, respondents indicated strong support for the goals and strategies in the updated document. The strong public buy-in to the plan's vision to protect important natural areas and connect people to nature confirms the findings of the 2014 Regional Parks Service Review.

Moving forward, the Regional Parks Plan will guide the continued implementation of the 2014 Regional Parks Service Review recommendations as well as the ongoing delivery of Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks Service.

To find a regional park near you, please visit [www.metrovancover.org](http://www.metrovancover.org) and search 'explore our parks and green spaces'.

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### Caring for the Air in Metro Vancouver

Caring for the Air 2016 is Metro Vancouver’s annual, easy-to-read report providing updates and information about air quality and climate change issues in our region. Caring for the Air introduces air quality and climate action initiatives underway to enhance the liveability of our region, including new projects supported by Metro Vancouver’s Sustainability Innovation Fund.

This year’s report features stories describing how energy used in our daily lives can impact climate and air quality, and the detrimental health effects of air quality degradation and climate change for both people and the environment. There are updates about a range of activities undertaken by Metro Vancouver and our partners, from interpreting data from our air quality monitoring network, to sharing community-based initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of homes, to actions being taken to reduce emissions at the Port of Vancouver. The report also provides insights and advice about reducing the impacts of everyday activities responsible for emissions of greenhouse gases and air contaminants.

The 2016 report and reports from previous years can be found at <http://goo.gl/VyE7ho>.

A recent posting on **Metro Vancouver’s blog** (<https://goo.gl/nNHMOC>) gives a global perspective on our air, and also highlights local actions that are making a difference.

### Grow Green: A Guide to Eco-Friendly Lawns and Gardens in Metro Vancouver

Want to grow a lawn or garden but not sure where to start? Metro Vancouver’s new website helps you grow eco-friendly lawns and gardens, regardless of your gardening skill or space constraints.

**GrowGreenGuide.ca**, created in partnership between Metro Vancouver and the UBC Botanical Garden, provides a user-friendly guide for starting and maintaining beautiful and sustainable lawns and gardens, specifically designed for the climate and ecology of this region.

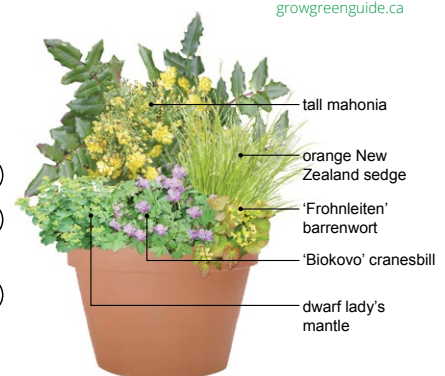
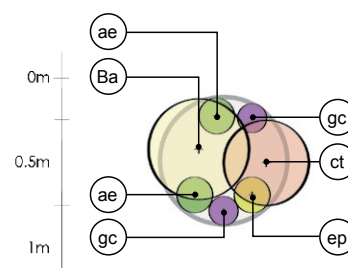
Enter basic information about your space, and Grow Green provides customizable template designs suited for balconies, patios, yards or lawns. The website suggests native and non-invasive plant species, pollinator friendly choices and options for all soil moisture conditions. Its plant database, developed in collaboration with the UBC Botanical Garden, contains only regionally appropriate and locally available plants.

Grow Green supports several Metro Vancouver sustainability goals by providing information on water conservation, rainwater absorption, wildlife habitats, invasive species, soil health, and composting. It is the first and only gardening guide created specifically for this region.

Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced green thumb, Grow Green can help you create a beautiful, sustainable outdoor space with a positive impact on our local environment.

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### Howe Sound Community Forum

The spring 2016 Howe Sound Community Forum took place on Friday, April 29 on Gambier Island. The Forum brings together representatives from government, First Nations and various stakeholder groups to discuss issues and projects of interest to Howe Sound communities.

The spring 2016 Forum included updates from each of the communities, and presentations by stakeholder groups on a variety of topics.

#### Highlights included:

- Discussion on the transportation implications of increased populations and popularity of the Sea to Sky corridor.
- A **recent Provincial announcement** (<https://goo.gl/bzNQMh>) of proposed legislation to add a 136-hectare marine foreshore area to Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park to protect a recently discovered rare glass sponge reef southeast of Gambier Island.
- The Squamish Nation's planning process and progress of Howe Sound Marine Use Planning.
- An overview of the **Coastal Ocean Health Report** (<http://goo.gl/PUXciS>) for Howe Sound, produced by the Vancouver Aquarium's **Coastal Ocean Research Institute** (<https://goo.gl/2E5mfq>).
- An update on the **Howe Sound Cumulative Effects Project** (<http://goo.gl/EEiv3k>) from the BC Ministry of Forest, Lands and Resource Operations.

For more information on the Howe Sound Forum and current issues facing Howe Sound communities, please visit the Future of Howe Sound Society website: [www.futureofhowesound.org](http://www.futureofhowesound.org).

### Building Inspection Services

Metro Vancouver provides Building Inspection Services to all areas of Electoral Area A, with the exception of UBC, UEL and First Nations reserves. Metro Vancouver staff encourage you to please get in touch with our office well in advance of any land clearing, building, renovating, or demolition. Metro Vancouver staff can assist you in the building permit process, in obtaining and understanding the required documentation, and with any questions you may have.

### Wood Stove Exchange Program – \$250 Rebates Available

Metro Vancouver residents are eligible to receive a \$250 rebate for trading in their old uncertified wood burning appliance for a new low-emission appliance. Exchanging old wood stoves for low-emission replacements can make a difference in air quality within neighbourhoods.

For details on how to take advantage of this program, search “wood stove exchange” on [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org).

### Buying/Selling Property in the Electoral Area?

If you or someone you know is buying or selling property in Electoral Area A (except for UBC/UEL), we encourage you to get in touch with Metro Vancouver staff to request any records on file before purchasing or listing a property. The types of records commonly available are building plans, occupancy permit records and geotechnical reports. In addition, we often have copies of water tests, septic approvals, gas inspections and electrical inspections on file.

Please contact Tom Pearce, Regional Planner, at 604.432.6383. For legal plans and documents registered on title, please contact the BC Land Title Office by visiting [www.ltsa.ca](http://www.ltsa.ca) or calling 604.630.9630.

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### Subscribe To Electoral Area Email List

Email is one of the fastest ways Metro Vancouver can send information related to events and issues of interest to you and your community.

To subscribe, visit: <http://goo.gl/gR3Amn>. For an archive of past bulletins, please visit: <http://goo.gl/aabPtU>

For UBC/UEL residents, Maria Harris, the Metro Vancouver Director for Electoral Area A, also submits regular reports to the UNA Board and the UEL Community Advisory Council.