



Dear Electoral Area A Residents and Property Owners,

This bulletin is intended to better inform residents of Electoral Area A of what's happening at Metro Vancouver.

For UBC/UEL area residents, there are also regular reports to the UNA Board and the UEL Community Advisory Council. An archive of these reports and bulletins, are accessible at <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/electoralA/>

Unightly Premises Bylaw Update

The Metro Vancouver Board approved an updated Unightly Premises Bylaw. The rewritten bylaw includes a definitions section, clarification which part of the Electoral Area it applies to, more clearly defined prohibitions, an "order to comply" section, a revised "inspections" section, and is consistent with the Building and Zoning Bylaws. The new bylaw is also similar to several bylaws of our incorporated member municipalities who manage rural sections of the region.

If you are concerned about a unsightly premises or nuisance near you, don't hesitate to contact Metro Vancouver staff.

Building Bylaw Update

Last updated in 2006, the Building Bylaw is in need of major update to address a number of issues including the current fee structure, clarifying the required documents, and enacting the solar hot water regulation.

Staff are in the early stages of scoping changes and early drafting with legal counsel for a new Building Bylaw for Electoral Area A. Staff plan to host information meetings for residents in the fall to ask questions and provide comments on the draft bylaw. Staff will also develop a guide to the building permit process.

Street Addresses in the Electoral Area

Regional Districts are responsible for assigning street addresses in the electoral area. Many public services and businesses rely on accurate location of civic addresses. Particularly in rural areas, a point address can locate the precise location of a property, building or access point. Currently, no geographic database of building addresses exists for the Electoral area (excluding UBC, UEL and the First Nation reserves). The work involves identifying gaps in the BC Assessment Data, creating a geographic point database of buildings and sharing that information with residents and AddressBC (the point-based civic address registry for British Columbia). A standard for displaying a house or dock number will also be explored.

Staff are also working with E-Comm, the agency which manages and routes 9-11 calls, to provide better location information to dispatchers which reflects the new point-based civic address database.

Howe Sound Community Forum

Metro Vancouver staff attended the Howe Sound Community Forum on May 2, 2014 in West Vancouver, along with local elected officials and members of the public from around the Howe Sound area. A decision was made by Provincial government staff to carry out initial scoping on a "Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework" for Howe Sound area. Provincial government staff will also identify what further actions may be required by members of the Howe Sound Community Forum to show support for the "Cumulative Effect Assessment Framework." The next forum meeting is planned for September 12, 2014.

Fire Smart workshop for Howe Sound

A workshop will be scheduled for the week of September 7, 2014.

New Websites about Waste Management

The future of waste management in Metro Vancouver continues to be a topic of interest for the media, public and others. In response to the misinformation being perpetuated, Metro Vancouver launched two websites that present factual and straightforward information on Metro Vancouver's waste management objectives and initiatives.

• Waste To Energy -

Provides context for and factual information about the recovery of energy and useful materials from waste that would otherwise be buried in a landfill.

Features on the site include quick access to real time air quality information in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, videos of WTE proponents presenting on their proposed projects, scientific studies on issues related to WTE facilities and links to websites that describe modern facilities around the world.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/wte/>

• Bylaw 280 -

Details Metro Vancouver's response to the ongoing issue of waste haulers bypassing Metro Vancouver's regional recycling and disposal system to avoid materials bans and disposal fees. Adoption of Bylaw 280 is necessary for our region to meet aggressive waste diversion goals, while encouraging a flourishing and competitive waste management and recycling industry.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/Bylaw280/>

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