



Dear Electoral Area A Residents and Property Owners,
Welcome New Members of Electoral Area A Email Distribution

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members on the email distribution list. This distribution list was first setup by Metro Vancouver staff in 2011 in an effort to better inform you of what's happening at Metro Vancouver. For UBC/UEL area residents, I also submit regular reports to the UNA Board and the UEL Community Advisory Council. An archive of these reports and bulletins, are accessible on the reports page of my website (www.mariaharris.ca).

Electoral Area Committee Activities

The Metro Vancouver Electoral Area Committee is a committee of the Metro Vancouver Board which meets on a quarterly basis and makes recommendations to the Metro Vancouver Board on issues brought forward by staff or requested by the committee.

Recent Electoral Area A decisions are now available on the Electoral Area A website at:

www.metrovancouver.org/SERVICES/ELECTORALA

On the right hand side under 'Resources'. For archived decisions dating back to 2006 please visit:

www.metrovancouver.org/boards/Pages/BoardsCommittees.aspx



Barnston Island Diking District Proposed Transfer - Update

In February 2012, Emergency Management BC (EMBC) committed to the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to provide funds in fiscal year 2012 and beyond to assist with diking district assessments and the Drainage Ditch and Dike Act transfers.

In December 2012, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations initiated a study on the condition of the Barnston Island Dike. Metro

Vancouver contributed to the study with the Ministry leading the assessment. Metro Vancouver is also on a steering committee with Barnston Island Diking District, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and the Katzie First Nation. The study has been completed. The study will be reviewed with the Electoral Area A committee for their questions and input in September. Metro Vancouver's participation is as an interested party with no commitment whatsoever to accept responsibility for the dike.

Montizambert Wynd Petition for Water Service and Boundary Extension

In April 2012, staff assisted in the preparation of a Montizambert Wynd residents' petition for water service and/or boundary extension to the District of West Vancouver. The petition was submitted to the District of West Vancouver Council in May 2012. In October, staff were informed that West Vancouver was not interested in pursuing this matter. Further, West Van District now recognizes that they have been providing raw water to the residents from their "Montizambert Connector" since at least the mid seventies. West Van Council has passed a resolution to cease providing raw water as of August 18 2013. West Van Staff have also met with Metro Staff to try and see if creative options of providing potable water to the residents can be achieved. If these talks break down, the residents will have no option but to build a water intake system as per their original water licenses, many of which date to the early 1940's. A couple of town hall meetings have been held with the residents where all options available were presented.

Delivery of drinking water to a small community such as this has proven to be quite a challenging project requiring the support of not only the residents, but the health officers, the Metro Vancouver Board, the West Vancouver Council, the Ministry of the Environment and several others. Ultimately the decision of which option to pursue, will rest with the residents to determine.

Revised UEL Water Rates

A *report* was taken forward to the June 14, 2013 meeting of the Metro Vancouver Board with regards to water rates for Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) non-members. The Board reaffirms the policy which maintains the current 20% surcharge for the supply of water to GVWD non-members who do not have a separate water supply agreement.

Bylaw Changes

Greater Vancouver Regional District Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 583 that was developed in the 1980's is under review. Staff is recommending a report back on recommended changes for updating the bylaw.

Examples of updates could include adding definitions such as for discarded materials and rubbish; clarifying the areas where the bylaw applies; and, updating the enforcement procedure

Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program.

In April the Electoral Area A committee and the Metro Vancouver Board approved the implementation of the Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption

Program (NAPTEP). This program can provide a tax exemption of up to 65% of the assessed land value for the Howe Sound two islands within the Electoral Area (Passage and Bowyer) If you live or own property on one of these islands and are interested in learning more about this program, please visit:

www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/initiatives/privateconservation/naptep

And instructions on how to apply can be found here:

www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/how-do-i/covenant

Building Bylaw Amendments

A suggestion was made that the Advisory Planning Commission be invited to provide its comments on proposed bylaw changes as a way to provide community input. The Electoral Area Committee will consider the revision and will make recommendation to the Metro Vancouver Board for final approval and adoption. We hope to call a meeting of the APC to consider the revised Bylaw this fall.

Waste Disposal in the Electoral Area

University Endowment Lands

The University Endowment Lands (UEL) owns and maintains two collection vehicles, one for garbage and one for garden waste. They take all the material to the Vancouver transfer station immediately following collection days. UEL provides this service to all single family dwelling within the UEL except the Little Australia neighbourhood which is contracted to the City of Vancouver. Recyclable materials can be taken by home owners to UEL's recycling depot at 5495 Chancellor Drive. These services are administered and paid for by the University Endowment Lands administration through their local taxation.

Garbage and recycling services for multi-family dwellings within the UEL are managed by the property management company retained by the building. The property management company decides what recycling options will be made available to the tenants by way of a private contract with individual haulers.

For more information Visit:

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca/residentialservices/garbagecollection.htm

University British-Columbia

UBC Waste Management provides both waste management services and waste reduction education to the UBC campus community through the coordination of recycling, composting and litter reduction initiatives. UBC has a full complement of waste management and recycling information and services including: Waste Pick-Up, Recycling Programs, Composting, Electronic Waste, Litter Reduction and Other Waste Services.

For more information Visit:

www.buildingoperations.ubc.ca/municipal/waste-management/

www.sustain.ubc.ca/campus-initiatives/recycling-waste/waste-action-plan

University Neighbourhoods Association

Garbage and recycling services are provided to UNA residents through their individual strata corporation or property management company. All UNA buildings are eligible to become part of UBC's Organics Collection Program by joining the UNA / UBC Composting Project. The food scraps and soiled paper collected through this program go to UBC's In-Vessel Composting Facility on South Campus and, within several weeks, becomes compost.

For more information Visit:

www.myuna.ca/services/recycling/

Remaining Areas of the Electoral Area

The remaining areas of the Electoral Area have very low populations dispersed over a very large geographic area. Each area has its own procedure for handling garbage and recycling.

On Barnston Island, for example, most residents take their garbage and recycling directly to the regional Surrey Transfer Station located in Port Kells. There are, however, a number of privately contracted bins, one on the Katzie Reserve and one at Apollo Cranberries.

Residents of Strachan Point and Ocean Point have contracts with private garbage haulers for regular pickups paid for through their association dues and through their strata corporation respectively.

In the community of Montizambert Wynd, most residents pay the nearby Sunset Marina \$250 per year for garbage disposal and recycling disposal. The municipal North Shore Recycling Depot is also used by some residents. Seasonal residents of Bowyer Island also make use of the Sunset Marina waste disposal facilities as well as the facilities located at the marina in Horseshoe Bay.

Similarly, Passage Island owners make use of the waste disposal facilities at Fisherman's Cove marina in West

Vancouver or transport it home to their permanent residences for municipal pickup.

Indian Arm cabin owners access the area by boat from a number of locations including Cates Park and Deep Cove in North Vancouver, as well as from Rocky Point Park, IOCO and Reed Point in Port Moody. Typically, owners transport their garbage and recyclables back to their "home" marina or permanent residence. Paper waste and cardboard is typically burned by cabin owners in their fireplace. Some cabin owners also make use of worm bins for compostable material. In addition, there have been a number of community environmental cleanup drives in the past where people bring larger items such as old stoves, BBQs, plastics, and scrap metal onto their docks. Volunteers with a commercial vessel collected the discarded items and hauled them to the transfer station.

Similarly in September 2010 Metro Vancouver conducted a one day clean up event stationed at Cates Park in North Vancouver. Indian Arm cabin owners had the opportunity to drop off garbage, metal, appliances, recyclables, and hazardous materials. Owners were also reminded about the closest disposal and recycling facilities that are available to them on a year-round basis.

The west side of Pitt Lake is also within Electoral Area A. The east side of the lake and the Upper Pitt River is within the Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area F. Some cabin owners make use of the garbage and recycling facilities at the marina at the DeBouville Slough in Coquitlam as part of the Pitt River Boat Club. Metro Vancouver staff are working with the Fraser Valley Regional District to determine if a Local Service Area could be put in place for Garbage and Recycling for both the West and East sides of Pitt Lake. If this is a technically possible, we will engage with the residents of Pitt Lake to determine if they are interested in petitioning for a Garbage and Recycling Service Area.

If you or your neighbours wish to receive these bulletins in future, please visit

www.metrovancouver.org/SERVICES/ELECTORALA

Anyone can add themselves to the email distribution list on the bottom left hand corner of the webpage.

As before, I hope that you will find these bulletins useful and I welcome your comments and feedback.

With best wishes,

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