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

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NEWS & ISSUES

Greeting from Director Jen McCutcheon

Dear Residents,

It is an honour and a privilege to represent you on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors and the Mayors' Council for Regional Transportation. As you may know, I was elected to this position on June 15, 2019, and was sworn into office on June 27. I am very grateful to my amazing campaign team, as well as to everyone who took the time to learn about the candidates and got out to vote. In particular, thank you to Maria Harris who very competently served in this position from 2008-2018, her Alternate Bill Holmes, and Mike Feeley, who was been Acting Director for four months, and who will remain involved as my Alternate. Maria left big shoes to fill but with her continued support, input from Bill and Mike, as well as my experience and dedication, I am confident that I can effectively fit the bill.



I made the decision to run in order to contribute positively to our communities and to the future of our region. My work as Director began almost immediately following the election, and in my short tenure to date, I have found it fulfilling and enjoyable. We are fortunate to live in a region where elected officials from the various municipalities choose to work together to make progressive decisions for the greater good of the whole region. This manifests in more coordinated planning, economies of scale in the provision of

services such as clean water and waste management and sharing of best practices across municipal boundaries. Specifically, I wanted a voice at the regional table on issues related to sustainability, environmental protection and climate action.

In addition to using this position to help drive sustainable regional development, I hope to build on the momentum of the recent election to increase communication with residents. As I learn more about Metro Vancouver's work, I look forward to sharing updates with you. Please reach out to me if you

have ideas or suggestions, either on a specific issue or on better ways to connect. For example, I would love to meet with residents in smaller groups, so please consider including me in any neighbourhood events you are holding so that I can get to know residents better.

More information can be found on my website at AreaAJen.ca.

I look forward to meeting you in person or hearing from you via email at AreaAJen@gmail.com.

All the best,

Jen McCutcheon

Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw Review: First Round Of Community Meetings

Metro Vancouver invites residents and property owners from the Electoral Area A communities of Barnston Island, Howe Sound mainland (including Montizambert Wynd, Strachan Point and Ocean Point), Indian Arm (including Boulder Island and Carraholly Point) and the west side of Pitt Lake to attend the first round of meetings for the review of the **Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw**.

The **Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw** regulates the use, density, and siting of buildings and structures on land within the Electoral Area, excluding the UBC Lands, the University Endowment Lands, Bowyer Island, and Passage Island. The bylaw review will look at amendments stemming from the **Official Community Plan** adopted in 2018, including short-term rental regulations, as well as definitions and regulations related to specific aspects of the zoning bylaw, such as accessory buildings and structures.

Information on the bylaw may be found on Metro Vancouver's website:

<http://www.metrovancover.org/services/electoral-area-a/resources/building-zoning>

Residents and property owners are encouraged to participate in the **Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw** review by attending the first round of community-specific meetings, as follows.

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Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw Review Meetings:

For residents and property owners on Barnston Island

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Robert Point Park Site on Barnston Island

For residents and property owners in Indian Arm and on Pitt Lake

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Port Moody Arts Centre (Appleyard Parlour Room), 2425 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

For residents and property owners on the Howe Sound Mainland (Montizambert Wynd, Ocean Point and Strachan Point)

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lions Bay Village Hall, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay

If you have any questions, please contact Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, at marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org or at 604.451.6562.

Indian Arm Barge Clean-Up Event September 7 & 8

Metro Vancouver is organizing a one-time barge clean-up event for Indian Arm communities of Electoral Area A on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, 2019.

All Indian Arm properties within Electoral Area A are eligible to participate, including the communities of Bergs Landing, Buntzen Bay, Clementine Bay, Helga Bay, Iron Bay, Johnson Bay, Wigwam Inn, Boulder Island, and Carraholly Point. For clarity, this clean-up event does not include properties within Anmore, Belcarra, the District of North Vancouver, or Port Moody.

The clean up event will help ensure items including large appliances, mattresses and box springs, furniture, tires, styrofoam, propane tanks, paints, batteries, and other items are recycled and disposed of properly.

In preparation for the event, which will rely on barging and disposal services provided by Mercury Transport, emails and letters have been sent to Indian Arm residents asking for the types and number of items we can expect to pick up.

Additional information regarding the logistics of the clean-up will be communicated to Indian Arm residents prior to the event.

A barge clean-up for Electoral Area A communities along Pitt Lake is being planned for summer 2020. If you're an Indian Arm resident and did not receive an email or letter regarding the clean-up, or if you have any questions, please contact Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, at marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org or at 604.451.6562.

Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw Review

Metro Vancouver is reviewing the **GVRD Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw**, which has not been amended since its adoption in 2006.

This bylaw regulates the construction of buildings in rural parts of the Electoral Area, including Barnston Island, Howe Sound (including Montizambert Wynd, Ocean Point, Strachan Point, Bowyer Island and Passage Island), Indian Arm and Pitt Lake.

Three main areas for review have been identified: bylaw language and regulations, permit fees, and service area boundaries. In July 2019, the Electoral Area Committee and MVRD Board received a report regarding proposed increases to permit fees for new building permit applications. To view the report: http://www.metrovancover.org/boards/ElectoralArea/EA_2019-Jul-3_AGE.pdf#page=11.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment, at marcin.pachcinski@metrovancover.org or at 604.451.6562.

TransLink Development Cost Charges in Effect Starting January 15, 2020

TransLink has introduced Regional Transportation Development Cost Charges (DCCs) that will apply to new development in the region, including Electoral Area A, starting January 15, 2020.

These DCCs will help fund the construction or expansion of regional transportation projects by TransLink. For a new single-family dwelling, the 2020 DCC rate is \$2,100/unit and will go up to \$2,975/unit, starting January 25, 2021. DCCs will be collected at the time of subdivision or building permit.

For more information, visit: <https://www.translink.ca/About-Us/Taxes/Development-Cost-Charges.aspx>

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Metro Vancouver 5-Year Outlook

Metro Vancouver published the inaugural **5-Year Outlook** as a resource for the public, stakeholders and elected officials to understand the upcoming critical infrastructure investments and associated costs for Metro Vancouver services.

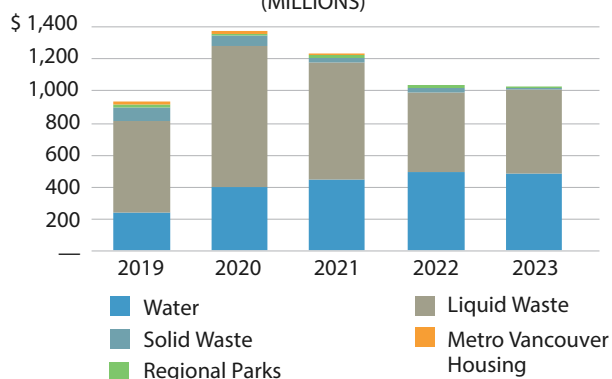
Between 2019 and 2023, Metro Vancouver is investing approximately \$5.5 billion into regional infrastructure. These investments are non-discretionary and largely driven by increased demand from a growing population, necessary upgrades to ensure we continue to meet regulatory standards, and projects to make our infrastructure more resilient to earthquakes and climate change impacts.

The plan outlines significant investments for each service area through the lenses of four budget drivers: Regional Growth, System Stewardship, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, and Regulatory and Legislative Environment.

Over the past decade, Metro Vancouver’s household impact has risen an average of only \$12 per year. In 2019, the average household will pay \$534 for all regional services, up \$28 from the previous year. Over the next five years, the household impact is anticipated to increase by about \$43 per year.

Please review the 5-Year Outlook, available on Metro Vancouver’s website: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/financial-services/programs-budget/BudgetPublications/MV2019-2023-5-YearOutlook.pdf>

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Zero Waste Conference 2019

Metro Vancouver’s **Zero Waste Conference** is back for its ninth year, connecting global thought leaders and celebrating the successes, innovations and fresh perspectives that are driving the transition to a Circular Economy.

Canada’s unique circular solutions are already making a global impact – but how can we better integrate into the global circular economy? What does circular success look like for our economies and communities? How do we keep the momentum going?

These questions and more will be explored at the **2019 Zero Waste Conference, October 30 - 31, 2019.**

Now recognized as one of North America’s leading forums on waste prevention and the Circular Economy, the conference brings together change makers and innovators from Canada and around the globe, highlighting innovations in waste prevention as well as local and global perspectives.

Keynote speakers for the event include **Tom Szaky**, founder & CEO of **TerraCycle**, a global leader in the collection and repurposing of complex waste systems, and **Arthur Huang**, CEO & founder of **Miniwiz**, which turns post-consumer waste into innovative products.

Whether you’re totally new to the concept of a Circular Economy or an industry veteran, the Zero Waste Conference, in collaboration with the **National Zero Waste Council**, strikes a balance between theory and practicality. The conference is your guide to the people, ideas and actions that are having the biggest impact.

Register: www.zwc.ca

Learn more: www.zwcblog.org

Grow Green Guide

Grow Green is your guide to creating and maintaining a sustainable garden or lawn space, using non-invasive plants that are readily available in Metro Vancouver. In collaboration with UBC Botanical Garden, Metro Vancouver has compiled an extensive selection of plants that thrive in our local climate, without needing lots of water or chemicals. Whether you’re working in a yard, or have containers on your balcony, our practical approach to sustainable gardening offers great ideas and practical solutions for attractive, healthy lawns and gardens.

Join the Green Thumb News mailing list for practical, expert advice on the most popular and contemporary gardening topics, along with interesting gardening news and events from around the region. For example, a recent guide shows you how to make your green space into a healthy avian habitat.

<http://www.growgreenguide.ca>

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Building Inspection Services

Metro Vancouver provides Building Inspection Services to all parts of Electoral Area A, with the exception of UBC, UEL and First Nations reserves. Metro Vancouver staff encourages 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.

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 at www.ltsa.ca or 604.630.9630.

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

Gas and Electrical Permits

Permits are required for all gas and electrical work being undertaken by homeowners. These permits are handled directly through a provincial body called Technical Safety BC.

<https://www.technicalsaftybc.ca>

Provincial Well Database

If you have a well, there may be information on it in the provincial well database. If a well record does not exist for your well, the province recommends that you register it. This will create a record of your water use, which helps to ensure that your use is considered in decisions for new provincial authorizations and during times of water scarcity. More information can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/groundwater-wells/information-for-property-owners/well-records-registration>

Sewage Disposal System Information

Onsite sewage disposal in Electoral Area A is regulated by either Fraser Health Authority or Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, depending on where your property is located. The Fraser Health Authority has a number of resources that are applicable to all residents with onsite sewage disposal systems. These resources provide maintenance tips and answers to frequently asked questions:

<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-info/health-topics/onsite-sewage/onsite-sewage-resources>

To find a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner, visit: <http://owrp.astbc.org/rowp-finder> or <http://www.wcowma-bc.com/locate-a-pro/>

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



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