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Celebrating UNA Community Volunteers

Every Spring, during the National Volunteer Week, the University Neighbourhoods Association celebrates and recognizes the impact of the volunteers on the residential community at UBC



UNA Board Chair Ying Zhou (first row, third from left) with the long-standing UNA volunteers at the UNA Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 10. Photo credit Sammy Tong. Please see stories and photos on Pages 6-7.

New UNA Board Chair

Ying Zhou has taken over as Chair of the UNA Board from Terry Mullen, who resigned from the position.

Mr. Mullen remains Chair of both the UNA Bylaw Working Group and the UNA Negotiating Committee.

Ms. Zhou has served on the UNA Board for five years, including three years as Treasurer and one year (2017-2018) as Chair. This year will complete her three two-year terms on the UNA Board of Directors.

There are eight directors on the UNA Board: five directors elected by residents who are members of the UNA, two directors appointed by UBC, and one appointed by the AMS.

The UNA operates as a not-for-profit society incorporated under the British Columbia Societies Act. All University Neighbourhoods residents – who are at least eighteen years old – are eligible to become members of the UNA.

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Volunteer Opportunities for UBC Residents

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Playground: Government Grant Supports Parents Fundraising Efforts

University Hill Elementary School playground was deemed unsafe to use and torn down in 2018

John Tompkins
Editor

David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, said that University Hill Elementary School (UHill Elementary) has been ap-

proved for \$105,000 in provincial funding to support building a new universally accessible playground.

Funding for the new accessible playground – announced by the Ministry of Education on March 15 – comes after the new Playground Equipment Program was announced last May by Premier John Horgan and Minister of Education Rob Fleming.

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David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, with parents and children from the University Hill Elementary School. Photo credit Kellan Higgins.

Negotiations to Start with UBC on Changes to Neighbours Agreement

“The amendments to the Neighbours Agreement relate primarily to the issue of replacing UBC appointed board members with persons without a vote but who have the status of observers,” said Terry Mullen, Chair of the UNA Negotiating Committee

John Tompkins
Editor

The UNA Board has passed a series of motions to implement the negotiation phase of its Bylaws project.

At the April 2 UNA Board meeting, Directors adopted draft Terms of Reference for a UNA Negotiating Committee and unanimously approved the changes – proposed by Director Terry Mullen – related to the composition, mandate and scope of this committee.

Under the Terms of Reference, the mandate of the Negotiating Committee is to:

- Negotiate with UBC changes to the Neighbours Agreement 2015 to bring the agreement into conformity with the proposed amendments to the UNA bylaws.
- Address any concerns of UBC arising out of the removal of directors appointed by UBC to the UNA Board.

The UNA Negotiating Committee is comprised of:

- Ying Zhou, UNA Elected Resident Director and Board Chair
- Terry Mullen, UNA Elected Resident Director
- Bill Holmes, UNA member
- Mike Feeley, UNA member
- Johanne Blenkin, UNA Executive Director (Staff support).

Terry Mullen, UNA Resident Elected Director, will chair the Negotiating Committee and lead negotiations with UBC.

Responsible to the UNA Board of Directors, the Negotiating Committee will take advice from the UNA Bylaw Working Group and will take into consideration opinions expressed in the UNA Bylaw public consultation, public forum and consultation with the AMS.



MESSAGE FROM THE UNA CHAIR

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen community engagement, the UNA Board of Directors sought feedback on bylaw change recommendations put forward by the Bylaw Review Working Group through an online survey.

The survey was open to all residents of the UNA from February 4 to March 14, 2019. The bylaws affected by the changes will be voted on by UNA members at a Special General Meeting to be held in the summer or fall of 2019. The survey was sent to all UNA residents (not just UNA members) since the results of this survey, ultimately, will guide bylaw changes that affect everyone living in the UNA neighbourhoods regardless of membership. Respondents were made aware that while the UNA board is soliciting feedback from all UNA residents, only UNA members are eligible to vote at UNA general meetings.

A bylaw review open forum was also held on March 12 where the Working Group took questions and provided context behind the proposed bylaw changes.

On behalf of the board, I'd like to thank everyone for their comments and participation in the survey and open forum. The number of survey respondents and the quality of comments were very helpful. The Working Group has reviewed the survey summary and the report of the open forum, and will be making recommendations to the board to adopt the aspects that received strong support. The board would also like to thank the UNA staff for facilitating and delivering the survey on time given the quick turnaround that was required.

As a next phase to the bylaw review process, the UNA will initiate a UNA membership drive to encourage residents to participate in the society and exercise their right as residents to vote. We'd like to encourage everyone to be pro-active in checking their membership status in the lead-up to the Special General Meeting by calling either the Wesbrook Community Centre (604-822-4227) or The Old Barn Community Centre (604-827-4469).

Some of the bylaw changes that are being proposed will require revisions to the current *Neighbours' Agreement 2015*. To do this, the board is assembling the UNA Negotiating Committee whose Terms of Reference

was approved at the last board meeting. The mandate of the committee is to negotiate changes to the *Neighbours' Agreement 2015* to bring them into conformity with the proposed new bylaws and address any concerns UBC may have.

The Negotiating Committee is comprised of Terry Mullen (Negotiating Committee Chair), Bill Holmes, Mike Feeley, myself (as the UNA Board Chair), and Johanne Blenkin (staff resource). The members were selected for their knowledge of the UNA bylaws, mandate, and the *Neighbours' Agreement 2015*. We will have more to share with residents as negotiations progress.



Ying Zhou

The UNA board has also approved the Terms of Reference of the new Community Engagement Advisory Committee. This committee's mandate is to assist the board in identifying and implementing initiatives that will improve the levels and effectiveness of resident participation in both community life and governance. Elected Resident Director, Nataliya Jatskevic, was appointed Chair of the committee, and UNA Communications Manager, Glenda Ollero, will serve as staff resource. Recruitment for members of this committee will begin in the coming weeks, and we encourage residents to put their names forward if they have experience or are interested in community development, engagement and consultation.

The next UNA Board of Directors meeting will be on May 21 at the Wesbrook Community Centre. As always, these meetings are open to the public, and I'd like to invite you to drop-in and get updated on what's happening in your community. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Ying Zhou
UNA Elected Resident Director and Board Chair



主席致函

为了进一步加强社区居民的参与度，听取他们对于社区章程部分可能变更条款的反馈，UNA董事会接受章程审查工作小组的提议，开展了一次线上调研。

调研对象面对UNA社区所有居民，调研时间为2019年2月4日到3月14日。提请变更的章程条款将由UNA成员在2019年夏季或秋季召开的特别成员会上进行投票决定通过与否。此次调研对象之所以不仅仅UNA成员而是涵盖了所有居民，是因为社区章程的任何改变将会影响到社区内的每位居民的生活。调研表也明确说明所有居民享有反馈建议权，但仅有会员可以在UNA成员大会上对章程予以投票。

2019年3月12日举行了有关章程审阅的开放讨论会。会上，章程审查工作小组回答了相关问题，以及提请变更章程的一些缘由。

我代表UNA董事会谢谢大家积极参与线上调研和开放讨论会。调研的反馈数量以及所提问题的深度都对我们极有帮助。工作小组审阅了调研总结以及开放讨论会总结，小组将针对意见相对集中的内容提交建议给董事会。董事会在次也感谢UNA工作人员，让这项急迫的调研工作能顺利开展和及时获取反馈。

作为章程审查的下一步环节，UNA董事会呼吁UNA成员积极参与投票。希望每位居民在特别成员大会召开前确保其UNA成员身份的有效性，身份查询可致电Wesbrook社区中心（604-822-4227）或Old Barn社区中心（604-827-4469）

部分章程变更需要同期变更2015邻里协议的相应条款。为此，董事会将成立UNA协商委员会，委员会职权范围在上届董事会已通过。委员会旨

在统一和2015邻里协议相关的社区章程变更，并协调UBC就此可能产生的任何疑问。

协商委员会成员包括Terry Mullen(协商委员会主席)、Bill Holmes、Mike Feeley、我(UNA董事会主席)以及Johanne Blenkin(人力资源)。成员的选取是鉴于他们对UNA章程、法规和2015邻里协议相关知识的了解。在协商过程中，委员会成员将和居民们分享更多即时信息。

UNA董事会批准了新成立的社区参与顾问委员会的职权范围。该顾问委员会旨在协助董事会知微见著，能更高效更有深度的进行社区管理和加强居民参与度，并及时采取相应举措。现任居民董事Nataliya Jatskevic将担任顾问委员会主席。UNA公关经理Glenda Ollero负责人力资源。接下来几周将进行顾问委员会成员的招聘工作。我们鼓励对于社区发展、参与和咨询有经验或感兴趣的居民参与申请。

下次UNA董事会定于5月21日在Wesbrook社区中心召开。亦如惯例，董事会议均对外开放。谨此邀请您拨冗莅临，及时掌握社区发展的最新情况。我们届时再见！

UNA民选董事会代表及董事会主席 Ying Zhou
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Building New UHill Elementary Playground: “It Really Has Taken a Village...”

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The program provides up to \$5 million each year to school districts to purchase new or replacement playgrounds, and this year it is funding 50 new playgrounds in 34 school districts around B.C. – including 30 universally accessible playgrounds.

In late May 2018, a safety assessment determined that UHill Elementary playground did not meet safety standards, and the playground was demolished. Carrie Froese, school principal, said at the time: “This news came as a shock to our community and a huge disappointment to students. As such, UHill Elementary parents began the uphill battle of raising funds to build a new playground.”

In March 2019, following the provincial funding announcement, the UHill Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) informed parents: “We have enough money raised to put in our order for a new playground.”

“Less than a year after our playground was deemed unsafe and subsequently removed, we have the funds secured and design finalized for a brand new one,” wrote Jen Capell McCutcheon, UHill Elementary PAC executive and Chair of the Committee for Playground Replacement, in the March 18 letter to parents.



Jen Capell McCutcheon



While waiting for their new playground to be built, University Hill Elementary School children and parents visit General Gordon Elementary School playground in Kitsilano. Pictured: David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, Silvia Mazabel (PAC Co-Chair), Angela Low (PAC Co-Chair), Laura Castrejon-Violante (parent), Maria Campos-Castrejon, Ines Campos Castrejon, Sianna Doherty, Rhysa Doherty, Laurel Chapman. Photo credit Kellan Higgins.

“It really has taken a village to get to this exciting day! Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the playground design and fundraising; Andrea McEwen (UHill Elementary teacher) who very actively led the teacher and staff involvement in the planning; principal Carrie Froese and all the UHill Elementary staff; Geoff Pearmain at the Vancouver School Board for his ongoing guidance; and our provincial MLA, Hon. David Eby and his office (especially Dulcy Anderson) for their support; and our vendor, SwingTime who has acted more like a partner than a vendor.

“Over the past months, we have been working hard to design a playground that is accessible to all children, in keeping with our beautiful natural surroundings, and that includes key features that our children want in a playground.

“Under the fundraising leadership of parent Leah Chapman, we have been busy fundraising and applying for grants. These combined efforts have resulted in us designing and ordering the following:

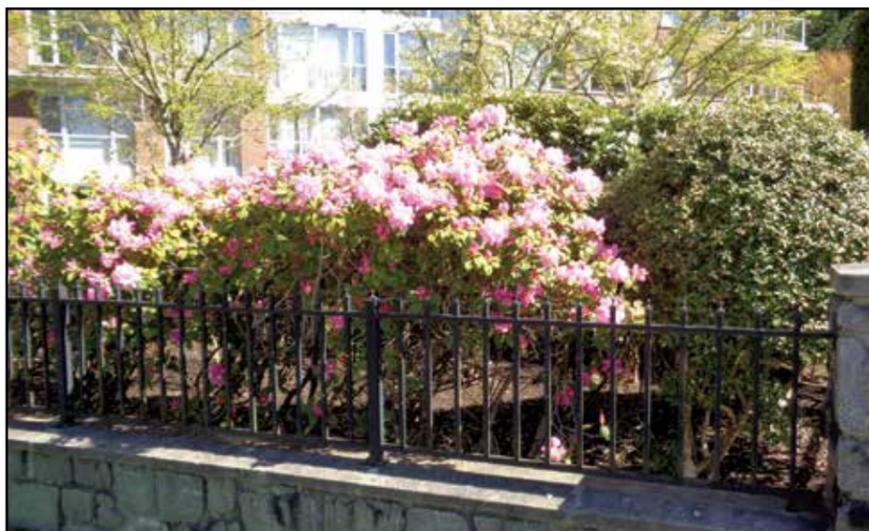
1. an accessible swing (thanks to generous donations/funding from the Hamber Foundation, UHill Elementary parents Mona Hassaneen and Ossama Abdel-Hamid with matching from Apple Inc., and Allocadia, this swing has already been installed in our school yard).
2. a large, wheelchair accessible circuit playground structure by SwingTime (on order for a community build in June).
3. a rope climbing structure from SwingTime (on order for a community build in June).

“In addition to the funding for the accessible swing, we are incredibly thankful to the

B.C. Provincial Government for their major funding of the accessible playground, and the parents and children of UHill Elementary for their generous donations and fundraising efforts.”

“When UHill Elementary playground was condemned and torn down, parents and kids were heartbroken while teachers and administration made the best of a difficult situation,” said Mr. Eby. “This funding for a replacement playground is very exciting news. It’s a great example of our government working with local communities to make life better for British Columbians of all ages.”

UHill Elementary has the celebration and community build scheduled for the weekend of June 14-16.



UTown@UBC Spring Grants

Sixteen new projects supported by funding from the UTown@UBC Community Grants program

Art Festival at University Hill Elementary School is one of 16 new projects awarded UTown@UBC Community Grant this spring.

The project – called *Art Festival at UHill: Expression & Authorship* – creates opportunities for children, parents and community members to share their expression of mu-

sic, dance, drama and other kinds of art to strengthen a sense of belonging and inclusion in a positive environment.

The grant program awards up to \$1,000 for projects that foster community building and connectedness on campus or in the Musqueam community.

All UBC residents, students, faculty and staff as well as Musqueam residents are eligible to apply for the UTown@UBC Community Grants. To discuss the application process, a community project idea or eligibility, please email mustafa.akhtar@ubc.ca.

UBC–Hosted Congress 2019 is Recruiting 1,000 volunteers

Congress will bring approximately 10,000 attendees and more than 70 academic associations to campus; volunteers will enjoy numerous benefits

Canada's largest interdisciplinary conference, Congress 2019, organized by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, is being hosted by the University of British Columbia from June 1 to June 7, and UBC needs the help of 1,000 volunteers to stage it.

Leading the drive to enlist volunteers is Cobie Damsel, a 5th-year student at the UBC Sauder School of Business, who has been appointed by UBC to the post of Volunteer Coordinator for Congress 2019.

Cobie, 22, has previously led volunteer drives. In his largest assignment to date – the orientation of 600 first-year students at UBC in September 2017 – he managed the recruitment of 115 volunteers.

Speaking about the size of the volunteer drive for Congress 2019, Cobie said in an interview: "I'm excited by it. I don't look at the numbers. I look at what to do." He can't help reflecting on the fact that 1,000 volunteers (for 10,000 attendees) is a big deal, however. "I thought volunteering for the drive in 2017 was big, but this is so much bigger."

His profile on LinkedIn says: "Bold. Charismatic. Driven. These are the three words I strive to embody every day. As a dancer, student and leader in my community, I

take every opportunity to challenge the status quo and be bold in the face of any challenge. I have a unique perspective on business and care deeply about developing culture and creating spaces for individuals to establish opportunities for themselves."

Cobie encourages community members to register at www.congress2019.ca/opportunities/volunteer for volunteer positions available in the following units:

- **Accessibility Support Team** – help provide concierge support for people with accessibility needs. Additional training will be provided.
- **Event Team** – help with all Congress events, including ushering attendees, filling seats, coat check, distributing programmes and event set-up.
- **Info Kiosk Team** – provide directions and information to attendees on sessions, campus facilities and Vancouver tourism information.
- **Mobile Team** – support and jump in on any role or task needed during peak times. This role is excellent for those who learn quickly and are eager to help out.
- **Session and Signage Support** – help with daily room set up and signage installation around campus.
- **AV Support** – this role is perfect for those wanting to gain entry-level experience in audio/visual support.
- **Wayfinding Guides** – help attendees navigate their way around campus and venues by providing directions.
- **Welcome Ambassadors** – help welcome attendees to the city and campus, answer basic questions about transportation and provide directions.
- **Social Media Gurus** – help showcase Congress 2019 in a unique way by using



Cobie Damsel

the hashtag #congress and tweeting snapping all-things Congress.

Congress 2019 volunteers will:

- Gain experience working on a large-scale event
- Develop skills in customer service, social media, marketing, technology set-up, time management, etc.
- Receive an official Congress 2019 t-shirt
- Receive a reference letter – upon request
- Have the opportunity to network with over 10,000+ academics from across Canada

- Gain free access to UBC, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and associations' open events
- Receive prizes for participation and achievements.

Deadline for registration to volunteer at Congress 2019 is May 27.

Cobie says: "Looking back a year from now, I would like to say I'm happy that I did it, that I did my best and all volunteers enjoyed the best of experiences."

Welcome to Congress 2019 at UBC

Laura Moss

Academic Convenor Congress 2019; Professor, Department of English Languages and Literature, UBC

I remember my first Congress so clearly: it took place at the University of Calgary in 1994. I was a new PhD student and I was terrified to be presenting my first conference paper. I remember the flight of butterflies I had in my stomach before giving my paper on magic realism in *The Moor's Last Sigh*. If I close my eyes, I can still see



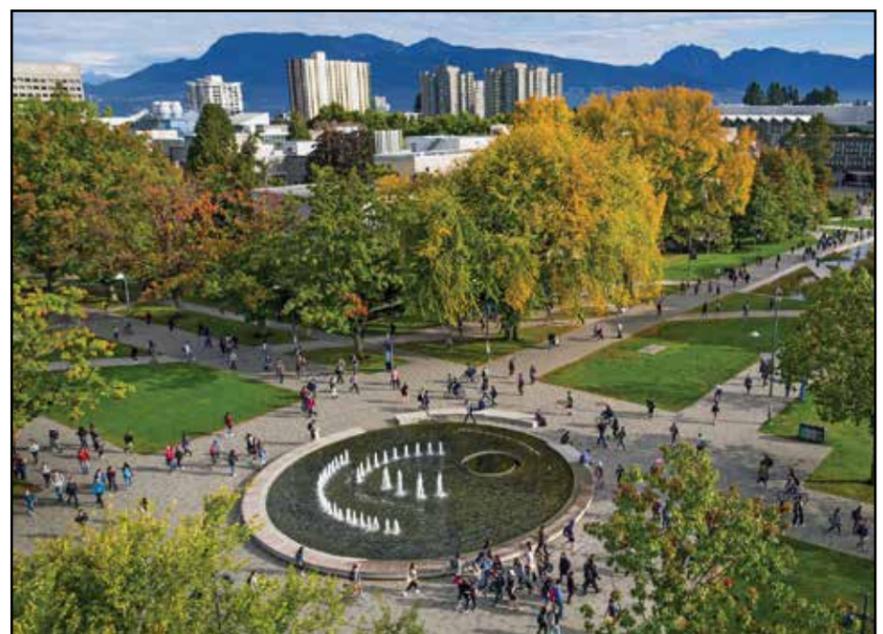
Laura Moss

the room I presented in. What I remember most clearly, however, are the encouraging smiles from my fellow students and senior faculty alike. It was the first time I really felt like I could actually belong in academia.

When I was asked to be the Academic Convenor for Congress 2019, it seemed like a good way for me to give back to the scholarly communities I value so highly. I didn't quite realize what a big job I was taking on. Congress is a giant jigsaw puzzle that works well because of all the combined pieces I'd never seen as a delegate.

The job of the Academic Convenor is multifaceted: creating host-institution programming, leading the cultural and social programming that sits beyond association events, collaborating with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences on *Career Corner* and *Big Thinking* events, and working with the logistics teams both here at UBC (led by the extraordinary Carolina Cerna, my co-convenor) and the Federation.

For Congress 2019, we wanted to highlight multidisciplinary approaches to the intersections of art and politics. This Congress will emphasize the arts and creative conversations around contemporary issues in the humanities and social sciences. This means that we will have an overflowing menu of art exhibitions, films, plays, poetry readings, archival exhibitions, and musical performances on campus all week.



Aerial photograph of the UBC Vancouver campus. Photo credit Hover Collective.

It's been a busy few months, and Congress 2019 is fast approaching. While I realized how important Congress is when I first accepted the role of Academic Convenor, I didn't realize how gratifying organizing an event like this would be, especially when working with the amazing team of professionals from the Federation and from UBC.

There are many women and men who put a lot of labour and time into making Congress a success, and I am grateful to them all. We are all working our hardest to make

Congress 2019 at UBC accessible, fun, and full of thought-provoking moments. We hope that it will be a space for people to engage the difficult questions that we tackle in our research and professional lives, productively, safely, and comfortably.

For everyone coming to Vancouver in June, I hope that Congress 2019 is memorable for all the right reasons.

See you soon!

<https://www.congress2019.ca/blog>

LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

Times Higher Education Recognizes UBC Sustainability Policy

I'm proud to announce that UBC has been ranked first in the world in university climate action and first in Canada (third in the world) for sustainable cities and communities in the first ever *Times Higher Education* World University Impact Rankings. UBC was singled out for its "research on climate change, use of energy and preparations for dealing with consequences of climate change." UBC also placed 8th in the world in partnership for goals, 13th for industry, innovation and infrastructure, 39th for good health and well-being and 71st for quality education. (You can find the article online at <https://bit.ly/ubc-sustain2019>).

UBC's recognition in these rankings is a clear reflection of the great work of our students, faculty, staff and campus residents

who combine their expertise to ensure UBC is a leader in creating vibrant, sustainable and connected communities and campuses.

UBC was the first university in Canada to have a sustainability policy. We have since launched a number of projects on campus to improve energy conservation, climate change mitigation efforts, greenhouse gas reduction, and more.

As renowned social theorist Jeremy Rifkin mentioned at a *UBC Connects* talk last year, UBC has the opportunity to serve as a beacon towards positive change when it comes to smart cities, clean energy and sustainability.

UBC has been seizing that opportunity. We

have been using the Vancouver campus as a "living lab" for exploring and testing out new environmental, social, economic and technological advances, some of which could be scaled up to move the needle on global sustainability.

We established some of North America's most aggressive greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets in 2010 and have, despite a significant increase in student population and building growth, achieved a 34 percent reduction since 2007. UBC is on-track to reduce GHG emissions by 67 percent as of 2021, and targeting 100 percent by 2050.

The university has also reduced campus water consumption by 50 percent since 1999, and reduced natural gas consumption by 30 percent in the past five years.

Last month, I had the pleasure of talking about some of UBC's sustainability initiatives with mechanical engineering professor Dr. Walter Merida in my podcast series (www.blueandgoldcast.ca).

Professor Merida predicted that UBC may be the first place where hydrogen refueling infrastructure, solar energy, and other sustainable structures are gathered in one city block.

He mentioned that one plan is to transform the parking garage across from the UBC Skatepark on Thunderbird Boulevard into an eco-friendly structure.

"We are going to take this parking building, and we are going to add an array of solar panels on the roof, not necessarily because solar energy makes a lot of economic sense in BC at 4-6 cents per kilowatt hour, but because we are working on the high-voltage conversion hardware to take renewable electricity and connect it to smart grids," he told me in the podcast.

Another project in the works is the production of synthetic fuels from carbon capture.

"It is very difficult at the moment to generate chemical fuels cleanly," Professor Merida said. "We can generate clean electricity from a number of sources – solar, wind, hydro – but energy is more than just electricity."

This project will not only advance research in clean energy, but will also involve the municipal government, the provincial government, the federal government, and the Squamish First Nation.

construction market.

After many years of being unable to expand the transit system, TransLink is now in the midst of the region's biggest expansion in its history. They want to let the public know they are doing their best to roll out new services as quickly as possible to meet demand.



Professor Santa J. Ono.
Photo credit Paul Joseph, UBC.

Our research will not only benefit UBC and its neighbourhoods, but people everywhere.

As Professor Merida noted: "The fact that we can explore solutions at the city scale makes our research transferrable. Projects we are working on at UBC could potentially be cloned, if you like, in many cities around the world."

But time is running out. The clock on the need to get sustainability initiatives off the ground is ticking.

"We moved from coal to oil to gas, but it's taken about 100 years to make each of those transitions," Professor Merida told me. "The challenge we face is that we don't have 100 years. The latest reports tell us that we need to make things happen in 30 years. This is why universities can play such a critical role."

He outlined three goals for UBC: minimize environmental impact, ensure economic diversification, and promote geopolitical stability.

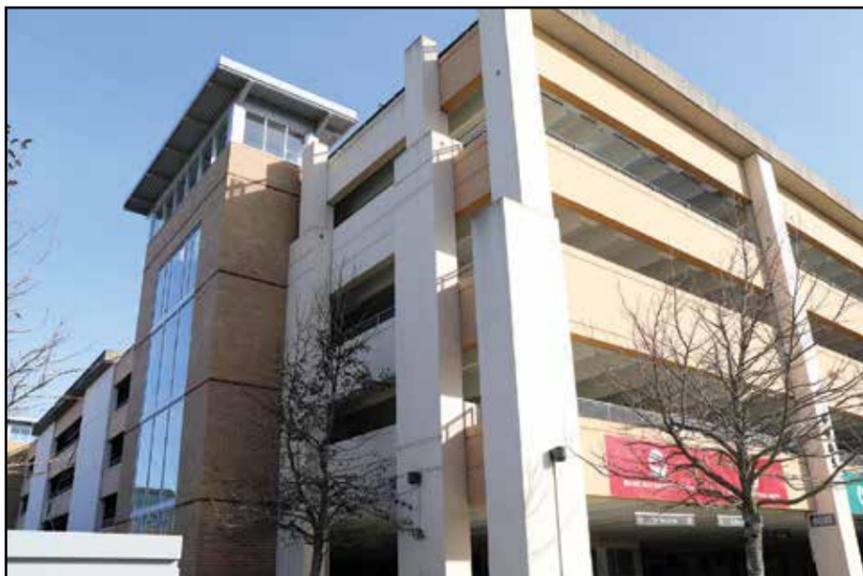
"We have places like the Clean Energy Centre. We have the sustainability initiative. We have a lot of ingredients to provide expert advice in some of these challenges. We have a very good opportunity to lead the way into the new low-carbon economy."

Best wishes

Professor Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor



UBC Professor Walter Merida. Photo credit Paul Joseph, UBC.



The multi-floor parking garage will be transformed into an eco-friendly structure.
Photo credit Alicia Margono, UBC.

41st Avenue B-Line to UBC: Launch Date is Uncertain

As previously announced, TransLink has been targeting fall 2019 for the launch of the region's three new B-Lines – including the 41st Avenue B-Line from Joyce-Collingwood Station to UBC.

At this time, TransLink has updated this timeline: some or all the new

B-Line routes may launch in mid-November 2019. However, it's possible one or more may launch in early January 2020 or other dates in early 2020.

TransLink explains that the uncertainty in the launch schedule for the new B-Line routes are due to estimated construction timelines, combined with a tight

However, as they move forward with projects, unforeseen circumstances sometimes influence their timelines.

TransLink will inform the UBC community when a date for the launch of the 41st Avenue B-Line from Joyce-Collingwood Station to UBC is confirmed.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2019

UNA Volunteer Appreciation Night: Joy, Celebration and Connection

Qiuning Wang

*UNA Assistant Recreation
Manager*

On April 10, sixty adult volunteers gathered at the annual UNA Volunteer Appreciation Night at The Old Barn Community Centre to share their volunteering experience and celebrate their contributions to the community. It was a night of joy, celebration and connection.

Highlights of 2018–2019 include work done by UNA Committee volunteers who advised on various policy developments and bylaw review for the UNA.

Highlights also include the work of two cultural groups – the Diwali Festival Committee and the Lunar New Year Working Group – who planned and delivered two successful events. The two event committees proved not only their ability to organize the events, but also their enthusiasm and ability to engage the wider community.

Senior volunteers helped significantly with the implementation of the *Your Passport to Wellbeing* project – whether it was offering a workshop, leading a walking group, helping at social gatherings, or taking photos at community events. Forty-five free programs were delivered in 12 weeks with 881 registrations among 200 seniors. Without seniors volunteering, we wouldn't have done so much. Hampton Walk & Talk Club – led by Heather Friesen – contin-



UNA Volunteers at the Appreciation Night in The Old Barn Community Centre.

ues in 2019; the group meets at St. James House at 9:30 am every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

Strata 101 project has evolved from a simple idea to develop a Strata Living package. So far, four Strata 101 workshops have been organized. In collaboration with BC Tenancy Resource and Advisory Centre, Tenant 101 was delivered. Home Insurance workshop is planned for June with

Wesbrook Insurance, and a Landlord 101 is aimed to take place in the Fall. Strata 101 project aims to improve new residents' capacity in strata involvement. Special thanks to Chris Finch and John Lin.

The Mason Bee Nest Making project brought in great excitement to the UNA members. Over 100 mason bee cocoons were hatched last spring, and they will be placed in Children's Garden in April for

another year of propagation.

At the UNA Volunteer Appreciation Night, there were also our hardcore program volunteers who volunteer on a weekly or monthly basis in classrooms, Green Depot or on the path of walking kids to school. Their work has benefited the lives of many residents. A big Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers!



2019 Lunar New Year Korean Volunteers



Nils Bradley and Wendy Shen – Mahjong



John Maunsell and Bonnie Hua – Bridge



Jim Burge and Cherie Zhang – Song Circle



UNA Staff at the Volunteer Appreciation Night. From left to right: Josie Chow, Program Coordinator; Qiuning Wang, Assistant Recreation Manager; Taylor Scott, Youth Program and Volunteer Coordinator; Emily Lomax, Sustainability Coordinator; Eustina Na, WCC Front Desk Lead; Linda Quamme, Volunteer Coordinator.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2019

UNA Youth Volunteers Connect, Share and Grow

Taylor Scott

UNA Youth Program and Volunteer Coordinator

It is no secret that the UNA Youth Volunteer Program is a special one, especially if you ask one of our many volunteers.



Sonia Mann, one of our Camp Volunteers, who supported the delivery of a wheelchair basketball program at our Wesbrook Spring Break Camp.

Through this program, youth are able to connect, learn, share and grow while contributing positive things to the UNA community.

The capacity that exists within youth volunteers is astounding, and amazing things happen when a little opportunity is added. This year there was plenty of opportunity, and our volunteer system continued to grow by hitting over 4,200 total hours contributed by more than 310 unique volunteers.

On April 15, fifty youth volunteers gathered at the annual UNA Youth Volunteer Appreciation and Award Ceremony at the Wesbrook Community Centre to celebrate this amazing accomplishment. A representative from every youth program, initiative, and volunteer category was in attendance. Volunteers shared experiences, stories, laughs and a good meal. At the end of the event, the official announcement was made presenting Youth Volunteer Awards – to acknowledge and thank the winners who go above and beyond with their contributions.

The 2018–2019 Youth Volunteer Award

winners are:

- **Excellence in Community Service** – Unwoo Ho, Ryan Tsen, Matthew Liu
- **Excellence in Sustainability** – Julie Ou, Sarah Jayamana, Tali Barksy,

Sofia Salibian

- **Excellence in Program Development/Delivery** – Sean Choi
- **Excellence in Leadership** – Gordon Cheung.



The Community UTown@UBC Youth Leadership Program members following the setup of the Holiday Winter Craft Fair.



The 2018–2019 UNA Youth Volunteer Award winners (from left to right): Gordon Cheung, Sean Choi, Ryan Tsen, Julie Ou, Unwoo Ho, Tali Barksy, Sofia Salibian. Photo credit Sehaj Hundal.



A group of high school students who volunteered as ambassadors in the setup and delivery of an accessible wheelchair basketball session in the Wesbrook Community Centre.



Volunteers who led an anti-bike theft registration at the Acadia Park BBQ and Taylor Scott, UNA Youth Program and Volunteer Coordinator.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Join the UNA Youth Volunteer Newsletter

The UNA is always looking for new youth volunteers! Start your journey with Youth Volunteer Orientation. Leave with new experiences, an improved resume, new friends and a deeper connection to the UNA community.

UNA Children's Garden

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help our Children's Garden grow. Bring your family to join the working party. Meet at the picnic table in the Garden at 10 am every Saturday morning.

Green Depot

Be a Waste Warrior and help day to day operations of the Green Depot. Answer questions, share information on recycling, and help sort out the acceptable items. Regular shifts are available.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please email volunteer@myuna.ca for more information.

MBA House Lounge Loses Out to New Commercial Space

Print centre with parcel delivery and pick up services will take over MBA House Commons Lounge in Wesbrook Village

UBC Properties Trust (UBCPT) has begun the process of converting the Commons Lounge in MBA House at 3385 Wesbrook Mall into new commercial space.

“The Development Permit for this work has been issued,” confirmed Karen Russell, Manager, Development Services, UBC Campus and Community Planning.

The Commons Lounge in MBA House is

currently seen by UBCPT as under-utilized space as MBA students have their own library and study space in the Robert H. Lee Graduate School at UBC Sauder School of Business located on Main Mall.

The new commercial tenant will be Copiesmart, a well-established print company which is relocating to Wesbrook Village from University Marketplace in the University Endowment Lands (on University Boulevard). It’s been providing copying, printing, and large format printing services to UBC community for the last 15 years.

In Wesbrook, Copiesmart will also be providing parcel/package delivery and pick up services from UPS, Amazon, Purolator and potentially Canada Post. This is a much-

needed service within Wesbrook Village, as residents currently need to go to University Boulevard or West 10th Avenue.

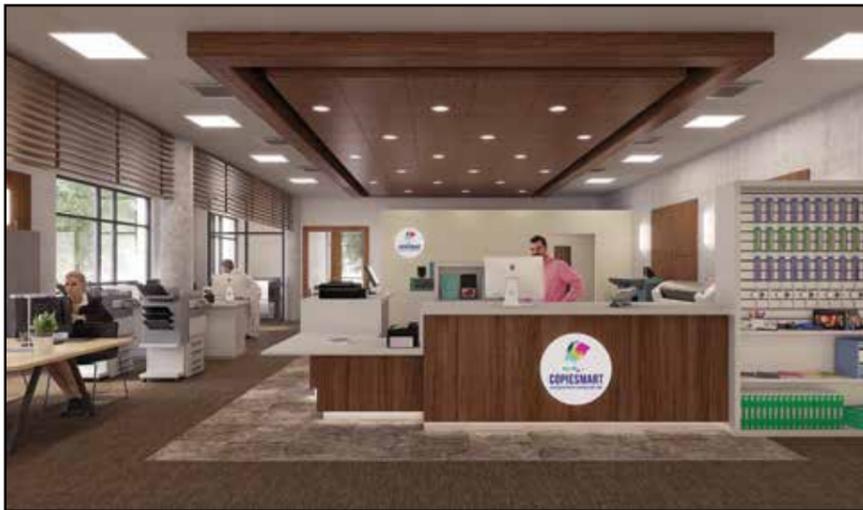
The new tenant will be taking over the Commons Lounge, Servery and Library. The total square footage is 2,232 square feet.

In a letter posted on a MBA House door, residents and commercial tenants are advised that the construction period started March

25 and will last approximately 8-12 weeks.

“During this time, we do not anticipate any considerable noise disruption to our valued residents and commercial tenants,” the letter from Wesbrook Properties says.

MBA House is a world class 81-unit student residence that has been designed exclusively for the Robert H. Lee Graduate School at UBC Sauder School of Business.



Artist’s concept of the new Copiesmart space at Wesbrook Village. Credit UBC Campus and Community Planning.



Copiesmart on University Boulevard is relocating to MBA House on Wesbrook Mall in Wesbrook Village.

Closure of Commons Lounge in MBA House: What Transformation of Common Space Means for Community

Judy Hyojoo Rhee
Student at University Hill Secondary

On March 20, 2019, the MBA House Commons Lounge officially closed to the public, marking the start of a renovation process that is expected to completely change the function of the space.

According to the website of the UBC Campus and Community Planning, the Commons Lounge will soon become a “commercial retail unit (CRU)”, or a “copy centre with parcel delivery and pick up services for Wesbrook Place”.

Our community’s initial reaction to this notice may be positive – Wesbrook residents would certainly benefit from having such a copy centre near home. However, the change the Commons Lounge is anticipated to undergo also comes with a loss: the UNA community will lose access to a high-demand space frequented by many residents seeking to work or study outside of their homes.

While the Commons Lounge was founded to provide a study space primarily for the use of UBC MBA students, the lounge was widely visited by members of the general community – until closure was announced.

On a typical day, one could find students and adults working on their laptops, discussing group projects, reading, or holding meetings. Aspects of the lounge that attracted residents were the quietness and spaciousness of the area, the ample amount of lighting, as well as the large number of chairs and desks that were capable accommodate large groups of people.

To be clear, the closure of the Commons Lounge does not mean that there is no alternative common space for residents. The Wesbrook Community Centre (WCC) already offers a lounge that is currently being used by community members. Perhaps, however, the WCC could take steps to better accommodate for a greater number of people. For instance, additional chairs and desks could be provided. The lounge could also be designated as a space solely for working and studying, so as to ensure the maintaining of a quiet environment.

The transformation of the MBA Commons Lounge involves both benefits and drawbacks. Yet, at the moment, it is difficult to assess whether the benefits will outweigh the harms, or vice versa; on the one hand, the drawbacks seem to be not insignificant, but on the other, they can be mitigated through the maximization of existing workspace in Wesbrook Village.



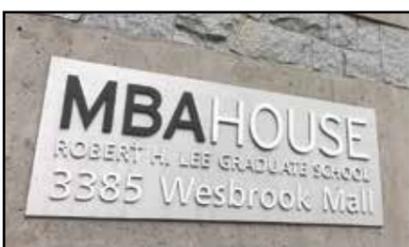
Change underway at MBA House Commons Lounge. Photo credit Judy Rhee.



Lounge in Wesbrook Community Centre. Photo credit Judy Rhee.

At the end of the day, residents of the UNA community will be able to determine such

for themselves – that is, when the renovation process is complete.



Flower Power at UBC Botanical Garden

Douglas Justice
Associate Director,
Horticulture and Collections,
UBC Botanical Garden

May is around the corner and brings a huge variety of plants into flower in the Botanical Garden.

The Garry Oak Meadow and Woodland Garden is usually at its peak in May, the ephemeral riot of colour (get it while it's hot!) primarily attributed to a mash-up of *Plectritis* (sea blush), *Camassia* (camas), *Fragaria chiloensis* (beach strawberry) and *Lomatium* (spring gold).

Not to be outdone, the E.H. Lohbrunner Al-

pine Garden features even more saturated colours in the masses of *Ceanothus* (California lilac), *Cistus* (rock rose) and geraniums that punctuate the bouldery slopes.

The recently renovated Contemporary Garden has much in store for lovers of floral display. Starting in May, watch for the pastel shades of Pacific Coast irises (primarily selections of *Iris douglasiana* and *I. innominata*) and the sumptuous *Iris spuria* (blue iris), as well as a number of early classic shrubs roses, all of which are noted for fragrance.

The Carolinian Forest Garden, which is usually celebrated more for its tree collection rather than for flowers, is worth venturing into in May (or at any time, really). Here, we feature rhododendrons from the Appalachian region of Eastern North

America. These are "late flowering," compared with most of our Asian species, and this means flowers in May and June.

May also brings an early morning bird tour to the Garden at 8 am on May 15 in celebration of Vancouver Bird Week. UNA residents are eligible for discounted concession rates on this pre-registered tour.

A Courtyard Sale featuring peonies, pelargoniums and prized perennials takes place on May 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Learn more about both events at www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/events.

The Shop in the Garden's Garden Centre is full to the brim with plants waiting for a spot in your garden.



Sanicle, strawberry and sea blush invite a closer inspection.
Photo credit Douglas Justice.



Great camas in the Garry Oak Garden. Photo credit Douglas Justice.

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Notice of Nomination

Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A By-Election

Public Notice is given to the electors of **Electoral Area A** that nominations for the office of Director of Electoral Area A, Metro Vancouver Regional District, will be received at the office of the Chief Election Officer, Metro Vancouver, 27th Floor, Metrotower III, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 0C6, from April 30 to May 10, 2019 during regular working hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, excluding weekends and holidays.

Electoral Area A refers to that part of the Metro Vancouver Regional District not within the boundaries of a City, District, Island, Town, or Village municipality, or any land, foreshore, or land covered by water that may be hereafter incorporated within the boundaries of a municipality. This includes the University Endowment Lands, University of British Columbia lands, Bowyer Island, Grebe Islets, Passage Island, Barnston Island, and those areas of Howe Sound, Indian Arm and West Pitt Lake in the Metro Vancouver Regional District not within a municipal corporation.

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of a local government if the person meets the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day, June 15, 2019
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law

In accordance with the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, for the 2019 By-Election, the following limits apply:

- an expense limit of \$7817.24 for candidates in this By-Election during the campaign period
- a third party advertising limit of \$750

Nomination packages, including information on the requirements and procedures for making a nomination, are available:

- from www.metrovancover.org (search "elections & voting")
- for pickup at Metro Vancouver at the address noted above
- by calling Metro Vancouver's Information Centre at 604.432.6200

For further information on the nomination process, please contact Klara Kutakova, Chief Election Officer, at 604.451.6530 or at Klara.Kutakova@metrovancover.org.

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Math Challengers: Norma Rose Point School Grade 8 Team Wins Provincials Four Years in Row

Students and parents hope Norma Rose Point School administration can continue to support the Math Challenge Club

Lisa Young

Founder of the Norma Rose Point Math Club

The B.C. Provincial Math Challengers competition ended on April 6 with an amazing accomplishment for two local schools in University Neighbourhoods: Norma Rose Point School (NRP) Grade 8 team and University Hill Secondary School (UHill) Grade 10 team were crowned provincial champions. UHill Grade 9 team won third place while NRP Grade 9 team won fourth place in the province.

The winning teams had to beat both private and public schools from the Lower Mainland (including Vancouver), Fraser Valley, Okanagan and Vancouver Island.

The success is especially significant for the NRP school: their Grade 8 team is the provincial champion for the fourth year in a row. This is all thanks to the time, passion and dedication of parent and student volunteer coaches who run the NRP Math Challenge Club. Especially, I want to acknowledge parent volunteers Sun Wan and Rachel Ren.

NRP Math Challenge Club had to overcome many challenges this year. While in the last three years the club season usually ended in June, this year it ended in the beginning of April due to the fact that there is no a sponsor teacher, and things are not looking good for finding a sponsor teacher for the next year.

I guess the success of the Math Challenge



Norma Rose Point School Provincial Math Challengers competition team with their main coach Sun Wan and student coaches Leo Zhou (Grade 11, Lord Byng), student Michael Hahn (Grade 10, UHill), Karen Situ (Grade 10, UHill), Justin Wan (Grade 9, UHill), and Elan Li (Grade 9, UHill). Photo credit Lily Zhang.

Club is a double-edged sword. It caused some parents to be upset at the fact that their children were not able to get in the club because they didn't pass the orientation test. They claim that it's a free club at school, everyone should be allowed to join. Some parents complain that the success of the students in math competition makes other students feel "stupid and sad", that's why the club should be cancelled altogether.

I want to clarify. The Math Challenge Club at NRP was never about elitism. It is about providing an environment and opportunity for students who find school math too easy and want to do more challenging math. It is also about instilling the attitude of hard work and not to be afraid of challenge.

Congratulations to NRP and UHill schools! The result of the competition is a testimo-

ny of students' passion for math and hard work.

Editor's Note: In an interview with The Campus Resident, Rachel Ren, a parent volunteer at the NRP Math Challenge Club, said that a record 121 students grades 5 to 8 participated in the October 2018 orientation test to join NRP Math Club for 2018-2019. "Of that number, we were able to accept only 41 students – due to the limits of our hard-working volunteer coaches. Finally, only two teams of total 10 students were eligible for the Math Challengers competition."

Rachel said: "The NRP teams and this club – with no money, just time, dedication and passion from both the coaches and the students – have now gone undefeated for four years in a row. This is testimony that all students need is an opportunity to shine for every individual to work super hard and achieve what they deserve."

Mr. F Wong, a parent volunteer at the NRP Math Club, wrote to the Vancouver School Board trustees to share news of the local schools' success at the Math Challengers competition and expressed hope that "Norma Rose Point School administrators can continue to support the Math Club."

In a letter to Mr. F Wong, Janet Fraser, Chair of the Vancouver School Board, wrote:

"School administrators and staff appreciate the value of extracurricular activities for students and work to provide appropriate support from within the school community. Trustees appreciate all those who volunteer for our students and appreciate the time dedicated by Math Club volunteer coaches to these students."



Students attend Norma Rose Point Math Club orientation session in October 2018 for the Math Club 2018-2019. Photo credit Lily Zhang.

Math Challengers: University Hill Secondary School Grade 10 Takes First Place in Provincials

Linda Li
Parent Volunteer at UHill
Secondary School

The annual Math Challengers competition, a province-wide math contest for Grade 8-10 students, was held on Saturday, April 6 at UBC.

This year, University Hill Secondary School (UHill) Grade 10 team won first place in the Grade 10 competition.

At the same time, UHill Grade 9 team won third place in the Grade 9 competition. This is an outstanding result for UHill, considering that the teams had to beat all schools selected from regional tournaments around the province.

Math Challengers competition is organized by the Canadian Math Challengers Society and promotes students' interest in mathematics and problem-solving. The competition consists of four stages.

Stages 1 and 2 are individual competitions. Stage 3 is a team competition, and Stage 4 is a face-off competition among top 10 individuals from Stages 1 and 2, where competitors would compete to accurately answer questions as quickly as possible.

Below are the results of the UHill students in individual and face-off competitions.

Individual results

UHill Grade 10:
Michael Hahn – 1st place
Karen Situ – 3rd place
UHill Grade 9:
Jiangxu (Justin) Wan – 2nd place
Elan Li – 7th place

Face-off Results

UHill Grade 10:
Michael Hahn – 1st place
Karen Situ – 2nd place
UHill Grade 9:
Jiang Xu (Justin) Wan – 3rd place

Competition winners Grade 10 students Michael Hahn and Karen Situ along with UHill teams' coach, Jason Hong, are the

co-presidents of UHill Math Club.

Competition winners Grade 9 students Justin Wan and Elan Li are also members of UHill Math Club.

Special thanks to Mr. Greg Beaton, UHill Math teacher, for sponsoring UHill Math Club and providing a space for club members to hold their weekly meetings.



University Hill Secondary School Math Challengers Grade 10 team members (from left to right) Kai Shang, Michelle Lu, Michael Hahn and Karen Situ receive winner's trophy presented by Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano. Photo credit Lili Zhang.

Vancouver Quadra Awards: Who is Your Hidden Hero?

Nomination deadline for Hidden Hero Awards is May 18

Joyce Murray, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra, invites you and/or your organization to nominate a Hidden Hero from your community.

“Who in your organization or neighbourhood has not received the recognition that you think they deserve for their volunteer contributions to our community or country?”

“Is it someone who cleans our beaches and parks or restore salmon to a stream? Someone who lends their time to help youth or coaches a sports team? Someone who visits the elderly or drives individuals to medical

appointments? Someone actively engaged with the pressing issues facing our community or the less fortunate in other places? No matter what the cause, we want to hear their story!”

Deadline for submissions is May 18.

Award recipients will be recognized at the annual Point Grey Fiesta Day celebration on Saturday, June 22, 2019 when Joyce Murray will present the Hidden Hero Awards. Awardees will receive a volunteer certificate and a special pin made from the Canadian Parliament's original copper roof.

The nominations are welcomed in the following categories:

Volunteer Service

Recognizes individuals who carry out formal or informal volunteer work in our communities by giving their time, talents and dedication to the benefit of individuals and/or community groups.

Emerging Leader

Recognizes contributions from volunteers 25 years or younger who not only complete the number of volunteer hours required to graduate but go above and beyond.

Community Spirit

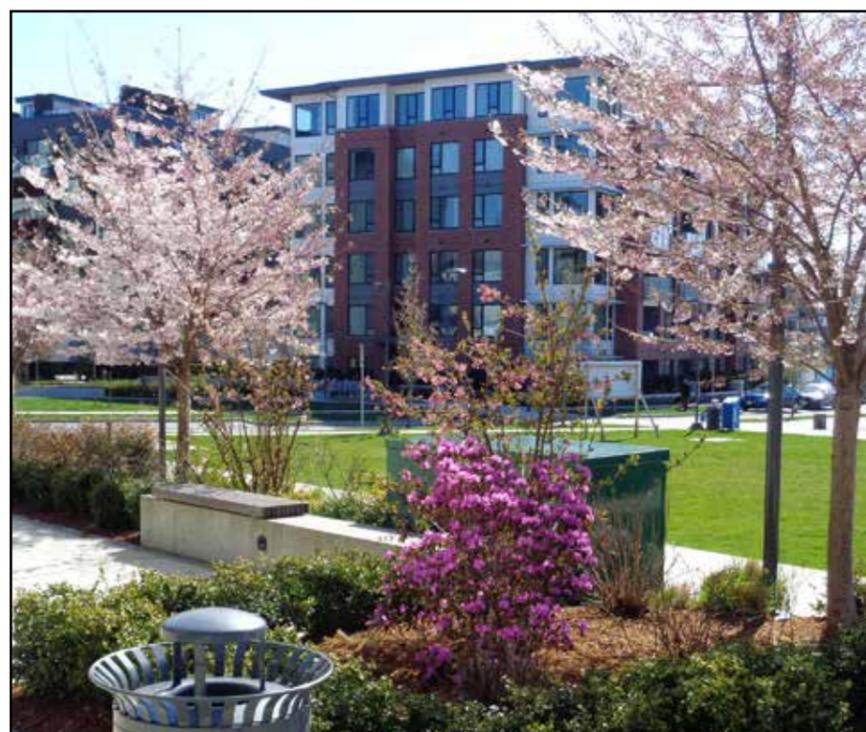
Recognizes individuals and/or business leaders who are contributing to the life and spirit of a neighbourhood or community (geographical or other) by giving their time, expertise and resources.

Lifelong achievement

In recognition of individuals who have contributed 20+ years of volunteer work throughout their lifetime.

To find out more about the Hidden Heroes 2019 nomination criteria process, visit Joyce Murray website <https://jmurray.liberal.ca/page/hiddenheroes2019/>.

Spring Time at University Neighbourhoods



Spring/Summer Activities for All Ages at West Point Grey Community Centre

Sarah Ripplinger

*Community Engagement
Coordinator, West Point Grey
Community Centre Association*

Just a quick drive, bus or bike ride towards Jericho Beach you'll find West Point Grey Community Centre. Throughout the year, many special events, workshops and programs take place in this unique and historic space nestled beside Pacific Spirit Park.

The Community Centre was established in 1974 and includes Aberthau mansion among its four core buildings. Aberthau is where many music, dance, art and fitness programs for all ages and abilities take place. It is also the site of special events like the Spring Flea Market on April 27, Spring Pottery Sale on May 4 and Pottery and Wine Night on May 31.

"When we talk about West Point Grey CC, people often think of Aberthau mansion because it is a beautiful heritage house," says West Point Grey Community Centre Association president, David Dolphin. "Community members have been coming here for years to celebrate, learn and engage with each other, the arts and recreation activities. Our programs reflect their needs, and the shifting needs and interests of the community as it changes and grows."



Join pianists and educators Róisín Adams and Emily Best at one of their upcoming Music off the Page workshops.



Nestled between the trees, and next to ample free parking, you'll find the Aberthau mansion heritage house, one of West Point Grey Community Centre core buildings.

Pottery, a community garden and more

Next door to Aberthau is a dedicated Pottery Studio, which offers pottery classes for beginner and experienced potters alike. Behind Aberthau is a Community and Eco Art Garden – complete with a Collaborative Demonstration Permaculture Garden – as well as the West Point Grey Preschool Garden.

The Community Centre offers a wide variety of garden-related programs for adults and families here year-round. You can also find on display garden/ art projects by our resident artists. Upcoming garden workshops and events include: Balcony, Container and Small Space Gardening on May 15; Veggie Gardening for Beginners on May 22; and a Garden Open House on May 25.

An immersive place for the arts

West Point Grey CC offers free space on the third floor of Aberthau mansion for art-

ists through the Park Board's Artist-in-Residence program. In exchange, artists present free or low-cost workshops and events for community members.

"Our artist residencies create a space for artists and community members to connect, while supporting the artists in their endeavours," says Park Board arts programmer Danita Noyes. "These residencies give community members access to professional artists in our communities for little to no cost."

This spring/summer, pianists and educators Róisín Adams and Emily Best are presenting their Music off the Page (www.musicoffthepageblog.weebly.com) events and workshops. Róisín welcomes members of the public to join her for an open rehearsal on May 8 when she will be playing pieces from Monk, Ellington, Debussy, Brubeck and more. Then, on May 11, everyone is

invited to attend an Adult Piano Recital at Aberthau that will feature the talents of music students 18 years of age and up.

Family activities for spring and summer

The Community Centre presents several off-site events during the warmer months. From June 21-23, the Point Grey Fiesta (www.pointgreyfiesta.org) will fill Trimble Park with fairgrounds, local artisans and performances. West Point Grey CC also runs games and crafts out of Trimble Park – there's a wading pool too – from July 2 to August 21. Special Family Fun Nights at Trimble Park take place on Wednesdays and have the added bonus of a BBQ.

Interested in learning more? Check them out online at westpointgrey.org, call 604.257.8140 or visit 4397 West 2nd Ave. They are also on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter @WestPointGreyCC



The Community and Eco Art Garden at West Point Grey CC offers many free and low-cost workshops and events to community members throughout the year.



Outdoor activities for kids, including wading pool fun at Trimble Park, are available through West Point Grey CC all summer.

Learn more at westpointgrey.org/programs