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Fridays For Future: UHill Elementary School Students Strike for Good of Mother Nature

UNA Earth Day

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University Hill Elementary School students and some parents demonstrate in front of the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre at UBC during the climate strike on school day Friday, May 3.

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) hosted its Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27 – an annual event celebrated around the world to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Despite a very windy day, the event in Westbrook Community Centre was attended by over 300 residents. Booths and activities focused on the education and celebration of the natural world as well as information on reducing human impact and encouraging positive change. Residents were engaged in topics closely related to UBC campus communities, within the themes of transportation, biodiversity, food, waste, water and energy.



Katherine Hastie, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm, welcomes visitors.

The celebration was driven by an enthusiastic team of 25 youth volunteers, including several youth groups.

The UHill Environmental Alliance hosted a Clothing Drive Fundraiser, the UNA-UTown@UBC Youth Leadership Group hosted a book drive and sale fundraiser for Variety Children's Charity.

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Climate Strike: "You are Never Too Small to Make a Difference"

"Learning about environmental issues led the students to this strike, but in organizing the strike, they became hungrier to learn about climate change," said a University Hill Elementary School parent

John Tompkins
Editor

The determination of local youth to save Mother Nature from the perils of climate change went on display Friday May 3 in striking fashion.

A group of 17 students from University Hill Elementary School (UHill Elementary) – ages ranging from a kindergarten student to Grade 5 – set aside notebooks and picked up the placards they had prepared the days before.

Then, they began an exuberant march to the heart of UBC – Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. As they marched, they chanted: "You, Hey you! We deserve a future too!" The strike by UHill Elementary students took place at the same time as similar strikes – under the banner Climate Strike/Fridays

For Future – took place in downtown Vancouver and around the world.

This international Climate Strike movement was inspired by Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg, who in August 2018 – after heat waves and wildfires in Sweden – sat in front of the Swedish parliament every school day for three weeks to protest against the lack of action on the climate crisis. She continued striking every Friday in September, gaining worldwide attention.

The hashtags #FridaysForFuture and #ClimateStrike posted on Instagram and Twitter spread, and many students and adults began to protest outside their parliaments and local city halls all over the world, following Greta's call to students to walk out of their classes on Fridays to demand adults take climate action.

In a 15-minute pause in the Friday For Future march at UBC, UHill Elementary parent Angela Low introduced The Campus Resident to the two Grade 5 students: her daughter Sianna Doherty and Rosa Guilford who were inspired to organize a climate strike after learning about Greta Thunberg.

Rosa and Sianna spoke in common voice.

"We deserve a future too," they said.

"This march is a call for greater action on addressing climate change," said Ms. Low, a resident of Acadia Park and a doctoral student at UBC, one of the six parents who joined the students in the mile-long march to the plaza in front of the UBC Alumni Centre and back.

Ms. Low described their spirited march: "Lots of people gave the kids applause and thumbs up, honked their car horns which really encouraged them, but many ignored us too. The kids chanted all the way and never let up. We later marched up to Main Mall, to the Koerner Library, down to the Law building and back through the University Village to Acadia. UBC Campus Security approached us, but they were friendly and just asked for a heads-up the next time.

"The students want to raise awareness about climate change and show other children that they have a voice and the power to influence greater decisions that are affecting their world," said Ms. Low.

"I want to raise awareness around how adults and communities can empower our kids so that their voices can be heard."

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Vancouver Board?

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNA

The UNA Bylaw Review Process Moves to the Next Phase

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) Board of Directors is moving forward to a new phase in the bylaw review process. In the last few months, the UNA Bylaw Review Working Group completed the initial work of drafting the proposed bylaw changes, and the UNA Board then consulted with the community. The UNA Board is now continuing its work through discussions with the UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) about its role. The UNA Negotiating Team is working with UBC representatives to negotiate changes in the *Neighbours' Agreement, 2015* that relate to the proposed bylaw changes.

Committing to Community Consultations

In March, the UNA Board received feedback from the community on the proposed bylaw changes in a survey and a townhall meeting.

The majority of the proposed changes received support from the survey respondents and townhall participants, with the exception of the one that proposed to change the composition of the Board by removing the existing limit of three directors per neighbourhood. Community members were concerned that removing this limitation would impact representation and diversity of priorities of the Board. The rationale behind the Working Group's initial recommendation on this issue was that the neighbourhoods all share a common purpose, and the role of directors is to put the best interests of the entire community first.

The Board, taking into account the recommendations of the UNA Bylaw Review Working Group, reviewed this proposed change and, after consideration of the community feedback, decided to withdraw the proposal. The Working Group recommended adopting only those recommendations that had received substantial agreement. As a result, the three directors per neighbourhood limit will remain in the new proposed bylaws.

The survey collected 641 responses. Both the results of the survey and the summary from the townhall can be found on the UNA website at myuna.ca/bylawreview. The UNA Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who participated in the community consultation.

Strengthening the AMS Relationship

One of the changes proposed to the bylaws is that all UNA directors must be elected members of the UNA. This impacts the current Board composition which allows for two UBC-appointed directors and one AMS-appointed director. The proposed change will remove all appointed directors' positions, with the UBC directors moving to non-voting observer roles. The Board is currently discussing with the AMS how both organizations might work together. As well, the UNA is planning a multi-stakeholder membership drive that engages all residents and informs them of the many ways they can contribute to the UNA, including running as an elected member of the Board.

Updating the *Neighbours' Agreement*

The success of some of the proposed changes to the bylaws relies on renegotiating parts of the *Neighbours' Agreement, 2015*. The *Neighbours' Agreement, 2015* is a legal document between the UNA and UBC that defines the role of each party. Currently, the UNA Negotiating Team and representatives from UBC are in conversations about these changes, and, ultimately, these adjustments will need to go to the UNA Board and then to the UBC Board of Governors for approval. Once approved, the UNA Board can start the process of calling a Special General Meeting where the bylaws will be voted on by all UNA members.

The UNA will continue to update residents on the status of the bylaw review process. For more information, please visit myuna.ca/bylaws.

June 15 Metro Vancouver By-Election: Vote for Our Children's Future

Mike Feeley

Interim Director,

Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A

On June 15, we will vote in the Metro Vancouver by-election to choose a new Electoral Area A Director. I have been serving as the Interim Director since February, and I must admit that I didn't appreciate the importance of the position until I saw it firsthand.

Like many of you, I have a keen interest

in issues facing our community, and I have looked at the Metro Vancouver position through that lens: How does regional government impact us? There is transportation, of course: SkyTrain extensions and new B-lines are decided by the Mayor's Council, on which our Metro Vancouver Director sits. And there are other things like water, sewage, and garbage that, while important, we typically take for granted. But, looking at it this way, I now realize, I was missing something critically important.

It was at my first Metro Vancouver Board meeting, as I took my seat with mayors and councillors from across the region, that it hit

me. It is not just about how regional government impacts us, but also – and perhaps more importantly – how we can impact the region. Our Director sits side-by-side with the other municipal representatives when they together make crucial decisions about the future of this region. Through our Director, we – who have no municipality of our own – are a full-fledged part of Metro Vancouver.

Metro Vancouver is adding 35,000 people every year. That is one million new Vancouverites by the time my kids are in their 40's. What will that Vancouver be like? Will our children and grandchildren have

a first-class transportation system? Will they have clean air to breathe, natural outdoor places to inhabit, locally grown food to eat? Will they even be able to afford to live here at all? As a region, we have many important and difficult decisions to make if we are to ensure that we grow sensibly, and that we tackle with wisdom the substantial financial and environmental challenges that are in front of us.

We are the stewards of our children's future. On June 15, we have a chance to select the person who will sit with the leaders of our region's municipalities when they shape that future. While we are not a municipality ourselves, through our Metro Vancouver Director, we have the same voice in regional planning as if we were. Please vote.

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SCRAP (Student Computer Repurposing Aid Program) was also there to let community members know about the newly launched local computer repurposing program.

Community partners included UBC Botanical Garden, Pacific Spirit Park Society, Evo, Emotive, Encorp's Return-It, Adam's Apples, UBC Climate Hub and Campus and Community Planning. UBC Seeds Lending Library (a partnership between UBC Farm and UBC Library) hosted a seed exchange, as well as a variety of fun activities for kids, and UBC Farm was there with a pop-up farmer's market.

This event also saw the launch of the UNA's first Fix-It event with Framework Education Society. These are free events



Matthew Delumpa, Sales Manager at UBC Farm and UNA Resident Director.

where people can come to use provided supplies to mend garments and to learn how to mend first-hand, working together with sewing experts.

The event was made possible by AMS Sustainability, as a part of a student-led project – collaboration between the UNA and UBC Faculty of Science, a part of the SEEDS Sustainability Program. The next Fix-It event will be held at the end of September and will include a clothing swap event.

To learn more about sustainability initiatives within the UNA, and for volunteer opportunities, visit www.myuna.ca/sustainability.



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LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

UBC Roundtable Tackles Housing Affordability

A few weeks ago, experts and leaders from various non-profit organizations and local governments from the non-market housing sector, and UBC leadership gathered to discuss one of the Lower Mainland's most pressing challenges – housing affordability.

I had the privilege of co-hosting the roundtable on housing, along with Dr. Penny Gurstein, the founding director of UBC's Housing Research Collaborative, a community of housing researchers, providers and policymakers focused on housing affordability.

The roundtable was an opportunity to learn from those working on the front-line of the housing crisis and discuss how UBC could support non-market housing innovation in the region. It also allowed UBC leaders to gain a better understanding of the best way

to align our efforts in the short and long-term.

This was the third President's Roundtable. We have also hosted conversations on reducing stigma related to the opioid overdose epidemic and on climate change. More on those, and the roundtable series in general, in a moment.

While it's too early to share specific outcomes from this roundtable – we have a lot of legwork to do to follow-up on specific ideas – a couple of items from the conversation jumped out that I would like to share with you:

1. B.C. leads the country in non-market housing innovation. A number of participants noted that the local non-profit housing sector runs deep and strong, with a

long history stretching back to well before the current crisis. B.C. has always been a national leader in this area, and the current housing crisis is forcing it to innovate even more.

2. “Unusual suspects” are joining the sector. Participants noted that faith-based organizations, charities, non-profits and other mission-driven groups are putting their land into play not just to further their own missions but to help ease the crisis. And some investors are lowering expectations of a financial return for a higher social return, or what's called “impact investing.”

3. Metro Vancouver needs to scale up. As one participant said, while comparable cities devote 30 per cent of the housing market to non-market housing, Vancouver is hovering around five per cent. The entire sector needs to scale up to meet the demand.

This is just a small taste of a much broader conversation that in itself barely scratched the surface. If you're curious to learn more, keep an eye on the President's Roundtable webpage at <http://communityengagement.ubc.ca/presidents-community-roundtables/> for the full report.

What became clear to me is that UBC can play a role in helping address this crisis. We discussed how the university can help build the capacity of the sector, supply research and case studies to help make the case for the sector and develop a cohesive career path for students into sector, among other collaboration and research opportunities.

Understanding how UBC can play a role in pressing social issues is precisely what the roundtables are designed to do.

What are the President's Roundtables?

I started convening roundtables a year ago; they are a way to keep the university aligned with the pressing needs of the communities we belong to – one of the key commitments in UBC's strategic plan, UBC's *Next Century*.

As the plan says:
“We must continue to play a strong role in engagement, learning about the world around us and empowering people to be good stewards and change makers. This requires an outward orientation in our education, research and community development. It requires a willingness to collaborate and connect, with the passion for engagement that is a part of the fabric of UBC... And it requires the capacity to listen and adapt to the evolving needs and dynamics of the world beyond the university.”

In other words, in this fast-moving world,



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

we need to find ways for the wider community to inform our work. Smart, dedicated students, scholars, and faculty across the university are already doing this. This event is a chance to do the same at an institutional level.

The first roundtable addressed stigma related to substance use and addiction to help relieve the ongoing overdose crisis in our region. Among other outcomes, it prompted our Faculty of Medicine to work with health programs at UBC to begin to develop consistent pedagogies relating to mental health and addiction.

The second roundtable explored barriers to, and opportunities for, partnerships on climate action in the region. It prompted UBC to participate in the Global Climate Action Summit, forge stronger partnerships with regional partners, and helped to share climate research and support the student-led Climate Hub to increase climate literacy.

These roundtables are but one way UBC is responding to pressing social and economic challenges we face locally, and around the world. Every day I have the privilege of meeting faculty, students, and staff who are working on some of today's most complex issues. Their dedication, ingenuity, and connection to community inspires me and I don't think we acknowledge these colleagues enough. I hope that the roundtables add to this broader effort.

You can read more about how UBC is addressing housing issues on campus at <https://news.ubc.ca/2019/04/30/ubc-pursuing-housing-and-transit-solutions-to-push-the-sustainability-agenda/>.

Best wishes

Professor Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor



Left to right: Penny Gurstein, Santa, roundtable moderator Kathryn Gretzinger.
Photo credit Paul Joseph.

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Notice of Election

Electoral Area A 2019 By-Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of Electoral Area A, Metro Vancouver Regional District, that a by-election by voting is necessary to elect an Electoral Area A Director, for the remainder of the 2018-2022 general local election term, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are as follows:

Electoral Area A Director – One (1) to be elected		
Surname	Usual Names	Jurisdiction of Residence
DE WEERDT	Simon	Vancouver
GARVIE	Elizabeth Alison	Vancouver
MCCUTCHEON	Jen	Electoral Area A
MOORE	Madison	Port Coquitlam
WONG	Sung Yun	Vancouver

Electoral Area A refers to that part of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (known as Metro Vancouver) 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 (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 regional district not within a municipal corporation).

Voting Opportunities

General Voting will be on **Saturday, June 15, 2019** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC
- Tetoten Community Centre, Katzie First Nation IR No.3, Barnston Island, BC
- Wesbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane, Vancouver, BC

Advance Voting will be on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019** and **Saturday, June 8, 2019** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- Metro Vancouver Head Office (Main Floor Lobby), Metrotower III, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC
- Wesbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, June 8, 2019

- Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC
- Wesbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane, Vancouver, BC

Mail Ballot Voting

Qualified electors may vote by mail if they:

- live in one of the following remote areas: Bowyer Island, Passage Island, Boulder Island, Grebe Islets, Indian Arm North, Indian Arm South, Pitt Lake North, Pitt Lake South, Widgeon Creek, and Carraholly Point, or
- have a physical disability, illness or injury and cannot attend a voting place, or
- expect to be absent from Electoral Area A on general voting day and at the times of all voting opportunities

Mail ballot application forms are available at www.metrovancover.org (search "election") or call the Information Centre at 604.432.6200. Requests will be received up to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019. Completed Mail Ballot Voting Package must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 4pm on Friday, June 14, 2019.

Electoral Qualifications and Registration

Registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a solemn declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day (June 15, 2019);
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- a resident of, or a registered owner of real property in, Electoral Area A for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

If you are a **resident elector**, bring 2 pieces of identification that prove your identity and residence (1 must have your signature).

If you are a **non-resident property elector**, bring:

- 2 pieces of identification that prove your identity (1 must have your signature); and
- proof of property ownership (certificate of title, tax notice, assessment notice or a current title search); and,
- if there is more than one owner, written consent from the majority of the owners, including yourself, for you to register as the elector. Consent forms are available at www.metrovancover.org (search "elections") or call the Information Centre at 604.432.6200.

Student in Residence

If you are a student living in residence at an educational institution in Electoral Area A, such as UBC, and are otherwise qualified to vote, then you can choose to vote in the Electoral Area A election or vote in your usual area of residence, but not both.

Acceptable Pieces of Identification are:

- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification Card
- BC Services Card (photo or non-photo)
- Canadian Passport
- Citizenship Card
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- ICBC Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security
- Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8
- Real property tax notice
- Social Insurance Number Card
- Student ID Card
- Utility bill for electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services or coaxial cable services

Klara Kutakova, Chief Election Officer



SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION

THE CAMPUS RESIDENT BY-ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

Most of the Metro Vancouver EAA population of 16,130 lives at the University of British Columbia and in the University Endowment Lands – 15,890. However, for many residents, EAA has long been plagued with anonymity. Voters' turnout for the election of EAA Director has been extremely low, indicating indifference and/or lack of knowledge and information.

- **Why is it essential for UBC and UEL to have an EAA representative on Metro Vancouver Board?**

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

EAA occupies approximately 818 sq.km of land and includes – in addition to urban communities of UBC and UEL – other unincorporated areas, some of them rural and remote such as the Howe Sound communities (including Passage and Bowyer Islands), Barnston Island, Indian Arm/Pitt Lake communities.

The previous EAA representative (Justin LeBlanc) resigned in February this year after being elected by acclamation in September 2018 and starting his term of office in November. Mr. LeBlanc cited overwhelming workload for his resignation.

- **Have you had a chance to evaluate the workload of the Metro Vancouver EAA Director, and what has prepared you to meet the responsibilities of the position?**

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

Metro Vancouver EAA Director is also a Member of Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation – the representation that Maria Harris, a three-term EAA Director, successfully obtained.

- **What are your thoughts on the plan for SkyTrain (the Millennium Line extension) to the UBC Vancouver campus?**

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

The current UBC Land Use Plan calls for residential buildings on campus of 53 metres high that may be increased to 65 metres for certain sites.

- **Do you believe that UBC should respect the key elements of the current Land Use Plan with regards to density and building heights and not ask the Province to increase these limits?**

5. Province's policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

UBC residential community pays to the Province (with significant financial support from UBC) an annual one-million-dollar fee for Fire Protection services – in addition to the general Rural Property Tax paid by residents. The Province's decision to impose the Fire Tax has adversely impacted the UNA financial position, reducing the amount of money for providing community services.

- **What are your thoughts on this situation?**

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

The UBC residential neighbourhoods and University Endowment Lands are the most populated EAA communities without elected municipal government.

UBC residents receive municipal-like services from the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA), incorporated as a not-for-profit society. They pay a Services Levy to UBC and a Rural Tax to the Province.

The UEL also does not have a mayor or city council. It is administered by the Province, and UEL residents pay property taxes to the Province.

- **What are your thoughts on the future of governance at UBC and on University Endowment Lands?**
 - o Continue with the status quo
 - o Amalgamation with Vancouver
 - o Amalgamation of UBC residential neighbourhoods with the UEL
 - o Incorporation as municipalities?

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Candidates Respond to The Campus Resident Questionnaire

Simon de Weerd



Simon lives in Vancouver, working as a city bus driver by day and on projects as time permits. He was born in Ottawa, spent his early years in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, before moving to Vancouver.

The 1999 UBC BSc in Computer Science came after years of working in various jobs – roughneck, taxi driver, realtor, lumber piling, serving, painting, first aid, entrepreneur developing technology, UBC tutor – and it led to work as a software developer. When the software market dried up, Simon became a bus driver, driving the 99 and 95 B-Lines among others.

Simon has 4 children, now adults, one of which graduated from UBC. He coached soccer and basketball, participated on Parent’s Associations, School Planning Council, Vancouver Linux User’s Group and others. Simon is concerned about Climate Change and the Environment, believes in the Broadway subway to UBC, affordable housing, local solar energy and lifelong learning. For more information, visit Simon’s website: <https://simon.deweerd.ca>

1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

The Electoral Area A Director role is not that well known in the UBC area and practically unknown outside it. Nevertheless, the Director position allows representation on the Mayor’s Council on Regional Transportation, Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board and committees. It is our best way to make the case for community concerns at the regional level. Within the MVRD government structure, Electoral Area A is recognized and considered much more than it is perceived by the public at large.

UBC and the UEL have a much higher profile than Electoral Area A, which is a collection of small leftover communities. If it were possible to join UBC and the UEL, a vibrant, interesting community could be the result. Much of the work required has been considered in previous iterations of this idea. A starting step could be to identify a name for the larger community. Ben West, who lost to Maria Harris by 10 votes

in 2008, proposed the name *Pacific Spirit*, though most people identify both communities with the University. If the community became part of Vancouver, this would be the name of the neighbourhood, otherwise, it would become the name of the municipality. At this time, we are ‘UBC’ or ‘The University’.

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

The workload of the Director may be full time, and if elected, it certainly will be for me in the beginning – with learning much about the communities served. I am fortunate now to have 4 adult children and able to take early retirement which will allow a modest, but secure living arrangement in the UBC/UEL area.

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

We need reliable, safe, fast public transportation to get folks out of their cars and reduce the need for parking in public spaces. A subway from Vancouver to UBC provides that efficient reliability people will choose over driving and parking. More people will use it, but it invites the unexpected consequence of larger and denser development and does not replace the responsibility for student accommodation. If “Affordable Accommodation” in Metropolitan Vancouver must be protected and subsidized in cooperatives on leased public land, or in Rental Only zoning, then the region may request UBC provide more on campus options for its student population.

The Director does not make these decisions, but needs to advise, communicate and represent as a connection between government partners, the UBC Neighbourhoods Association, the University Endowment Lands Community Advisory Council and residents. As a resident in the region, I favour the Broadway line, along with more and better public transit options.

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

The Stadium Road Neighbourhood development is interesting, and I note that UBC is considering increasing the faculty and staff housing on site, which could be desirable to support UBC as a self-contained community. I do not know the issue well enough to comment on the height of the buildings, though this may be of concern to residents.

5. Province’s policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

The new million-dollar expense announced by the Province must have challenged the UNA Board. The issue is not just the expense but the short time to consider how it should be paid. The Province giveth and the Province taketh away. We receive a lot from the Province, but it is prudent to be prepared for occasional setbacks and challenges. UBC property taxes are set to be roughly on par with Vancouver taxes, but we are strongly tied onto the Province who may not be called to task as easily as a local council.

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

Past Director Maria Harris reports: “In December 2012 and the first half of 2013, the question of forming a municipality was raised with UEL residents in three well attended town hall meetings. The attendees overwhelmingly supported the proposal for the UEL to be incorporated as a municipality. Accordingly, in November 2013 the Chair of the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) wrote to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to request that the Ministry sponsor and fund an incorporation study for the UEL. To assist the Minister in deciding whether to agree to the request, the Min-

istry engaged Ken Cameron to prepare a background report. Mr. Cameron has a long history of involvement in local government matters. As of August 2014, there has been no response from the Minister to the CAC’s request.”

Perhaps, this needs to be reviewed again? Both UBC and the UEL are anticipating significant developments. Certainly, we can proceed as we have, and if elected, I will listen and represent on every issue, but a mayor and council would have a stronger pulpit and could relieve the Province of some of its responsibility, providing greater local accountability. If elected, I will bring you responsible representation.



Elizabeth Garvie



Elizabeth Garvie recently graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Community and Regional Planning. She has been a resident of Electoral Area A for four years and has been very involved in local elections and municipal advocacy.

Her work experience includes positions in municipal economic development, real estate and communications. Most recently, she worked for the UBC Alma Mater Society in its external department as Campaigns and Engagement Coordinator. Her role focused on creating campaigns to advocate for students on issues such as the UBC SkyTrain, 2018 BC Referendum on Electoral Reform, 2018 Municipal Elections and the BC Climate Plan. Before working at the AMS, she worked for the City of Surrey in their Economic Development department as an events assistant. In her time there, she was responsible for assisting the department in research, marketing and logistic management centered on progressing goals outlined in their economic strategic plan.

Her experience in government advocacy and municipal governance make her uniquely qualified for the role of Director.

1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL

unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

Our area has very specific transportation and community needs. Having EAA representation gives us the opportunity to help shape our region to ensure long-term success. It is crucial we have representation on this board as it gives our community the opportunity to directly express our views and have a vote on important issues that will directly impact us. Being able to consult and collaborate with the neighboring municipalities in our region is a necessary opportunity for our area. It is also a way to directly advocate for the issues we see facing our community.

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

Yes, I have had the opportunity to thoroughly consider the time requirements that come with this position. I am confident I can balance this workload as I have a great track record of balancing educational, work and philanthropic commitments.

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

I believe we absolutely need the SkyTrain to be extended to UBC. Having rapid transportation will provide immeasurable benefit to our community and environment. The SkyTrain is an incredible way to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also meeting the demand for increased transit to our area. There have been some great milestones achieved for this project in recent months, but there is still a great deal of work that needs to be done to ensure this project is completed. The EAA Director needs to be ensuring further progress and consulting with the community to see how we can deliver on this project with maximum benefit to our residents and community stakeholders.

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

There is a huge need for more affordable housing, and we should be open to any solutions that can help deliver that.

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We can meet our housing needs while also providing a fantastic community experience. Having a comprehensive Land Use Plan that we follow is important, and any necessary adaptations should be done with careful consultation and consideration to existing neighborhoods.

5. Province's policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

In order to better serve our residents, we need a stronger financial position with a budget that can focus more on providing community services. Negotiating with the Province for a better contract that allows us to do this should be a top priority.

We cannot compromise on our commitment to providing necessary services to our residents, but we can advocate for lower

rates to ensure we can make the best use of our budget.

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

We need to conduct a governance review to find areas for improvement in our current system. We can absolutely do a better job of providing consultation and engagement with our residents. Our current system is incredibly hard to engage with and does not allow residents to easily find a way to voice their concerns or get involved with the area. Having our own governance structure provides us with the opportunity to speak directly on behalf of our community and ensure closer representation, which I believe is incredibly valuable. However, to do this, we need to be critical of the systems we have in place and be actively looking for ways to improve. Maria Harris did a great job of finding ways to get the region better representation, and I would want to continue that work and focus heavily on increasing engagement with our residents.

in this position. I have a proven track record of being a highly engaged member of the community, and I look forward to representing its interests.

I have had many conversations with Maria Harris, the previous EAA Director, regarding the workload and the position's responsibilities. I understand and am comfortable with the demands of the position, especially given that my current consulting work is part-time. I plan to appoint the current acting EAA Director, Mike Feeley, as my Alternate and will utilize his knowledge in this role.

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

I fully support increased public transportation to UBC. This is necessary to address the significant overcrowding problem on buses to UBC (9 of the 10 most crowded bus routes in the region serve UBC). The Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation has already endorsed an extension of SkyTrain to UBC, yet a number of questions remain. Most significantly, how will the billions needed to fund this extension be raised? Other open questions include the route, tunnelling west of Blanca, and the location and configuration of stations. As a member of the Mayors' Council, I will ensure that the views and concerns of UBC and UEL residents are heard and fully considered, and that investment in significant transportation improvements to UBC remains a top regional priority in the face of pressures elsewhere in the region.

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

Since 2010, Metro Vancouver has not played a role in UBC's land use planning. Thus, this issue does not fall within the remit of the EAA Director. That said, I do not believe that further increases to density and height at UBC are in the long-term interests of building a sustainable and livable com-

munity, and I will support the efforts of others to ensure the current Land Use Plan is respected.

5. Province's policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

This is not an issue that has engaged Metro Vancouver to date. The fight for fair tax treatment has been carried on by a group of residents. It is evident that the combination of the Province's general rural property tax and the fire service charge imposes an unfair tax burden on UBC residents. My understanding is that the community receives no services for approximately \$2 million of the amount paid each year. As Director, I would ensure that this is clearly understood at Metro Vancouver, and I would look for opportunities to put pressure on the provincial government to rectify this situation.

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

The Electoral Area Director's role with respect to governance is to support any requests for a governance review, but not to take the initiative in seeking a change of governance. The UEL's Community Advisory Council (CAC) asked the provincial government in November 2013 to undertake an incorporation study for that community. As Director, I would assist the CAC in continuing to push for such a study. For the UBC/UNA area, interest in forming or becoming part of a municipality fluctuates with residents' opinions of how well aligned UBC's land use decisions are with their perspectives. The current differences in opinion about how the Stadium Road Neighbourhood will be developed are causing increased concern among residents, a trend that is likely to continue. In the medium-term, the population of UBC and the UEL will increase to the point that this urban area will have a population in the top quartile of all BC municipalities. It is unrealistic to expect it to continue without a local government.

Jen McCutcheon



Jen McCutcheon is a committed local resident with a proven track record of engagement in our community. She serves on the PAC executive at UHill Elementary and recently led efforts to rebuild the school playground. She is passionate about sustainability and the environment and leads a weekly nature club for students and seniors in Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Jen is a resident of Hawthorn Place at UBC, where she lives with her husband and two children. Jen has 20 years of experience working in clinical and public health settings and holds a doctorate degree in public health. She has degrees from four universities, including UBC and Harvard, and is skilled at providing management support to organizations ranging from small non-profits to multimillion-dollar health projects in low income countries. This experience has given her the leadership and communication skills to work effectively with a wide variety of people, including mayors and councilors from across Metro Vancouver.

Jen is an experienced facilitator, having

led courses in eight countries and guest-lectured at five universities. Prior to her 10 years working in global health systems, she worked as a physiotherapist in Vancouver.

For more information, visit Jen's website: www.AreaAJen.ca.

1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

As part of Metro Vancouver, it is important that UBC and the UEL are represented on the region's decision-making bodies. Unlike residents of Vancouver, UBC and UEL residents have no other elected local official, so in some ways, the Electoral Area A (EAA) Director carries more weight as the only locally elected representative. The EAA Director is both a member of the Metro Vancouver Board and is our local representative on the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation. Given the vital role of public transit for our community, I will be a vocal advocate for our residents' interests. In addition to local issues that directly impact our area, other key environmental decisions that impact our whole region are made at the regional level, such as waste diversion to recycling and compost, and treatment of wastewater before it returns to our rivers and ocean. It is crucial that UBC and UEL residents have a strong and credible voice in the future of the greater region.

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

With a decade of experience managing international health projects in roles of increasing responsibility, I am confident in my ability to learn quickly, prioritize tasks, and work efficiently. Stakeholder engagement, negotiation, and the finding of common ground have been central to my professional experience and will serve me well

Madison Moore



Madison Moore is a long time Metro Vancouver resident who has a passion for local government and creating positive change.

As a recent graduate from the University of British Columbia in History and First Na-

tions studies, she has a perfect grounding for public life in Metro Vancouver.

Madison has lived in Electoral Area A (EAA) at UBC for the past two years, and her family has owned a cabin on Pitt Lake (also EAA) for eleven years. Therefore, she has an excellent grasp of the issues and opportunities at UBC as well as the more rural areas of EAA.

On her days off, Madison is usually found hiking or walking in the beautiful parks of EAA, grabbing coffee with family and friends and learning more about the world around her.

Madison is committed to working with the wonderful residents of Electoral Area A and helping them in every way that she can.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MMooreMetroEA.

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METRO VANCOUVER ELECTORAL AREA A (EAA) 2019 BY-ELECTION

Candidates Respond to The Campus Resident Questionnaire

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1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

The Electoral Area A representative on Metro Vancouver Board provides an important service to residents. Metro Vancouver provides direct service to the area, including management of regional parks, air quality and utility services.

We need a strong voice on Metro Vancouver Board to ensure the right solution is implemented for the slope erosion issue in the University Endowment Lands area. Right now, Metro and the Ministry of Transportation are fighting over jurisdiction with the UEL residents awaiting answers.

Further, when the Province downloaded fire protection services tax to UBC residents, there was no one bringing up this issue at Metro to help fight against this tax. There are many issues that the Province has been neglecting in our community, and

I am ready to ensure our community is well represented at Metro and the provincial and federal governments.

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

The workload of the EEA Director needs to be taken seriously. I was considering running for the position of EAA Director in October 2018 election. Since then, I have been reading all the agendas and feel comfortable with the workload. I will be making this job my first priority. This is the only way to be successful, this can't be a secondary job.

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

If elected, I will be a strong voice on the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to bring SkyTrain from the end of the Broadway Line to UBC now, we can't wait any longer. It will cut travel time and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for those who work, attend or visit UBC and the UEL.

Connecting onto the backbone of the transit system is key to a sustainable future for UBC and Metro Vancouver. My work will

go beyond just fighting for the Broadway Line extension to UBC, we need to make sure the alignment is right for everyone. There are options, and we need a strong voice on Mayor's Council and at TransLink.

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

This should be a community decision – not a decision made in isolation at UBC or by the Province. This is the challenge with the current governance model: our residents don't have the same rights as every other British Columbian, and this needs to change.

If UBC or the Province wants to change the Land Use Plan or density, they should have to hold a public hearing and engage the community. I will bring these issues up at the Metro Vancouver Board, and in my first meeting with UBC and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson.

5. Province's policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

I am very concerned about the lack of en-

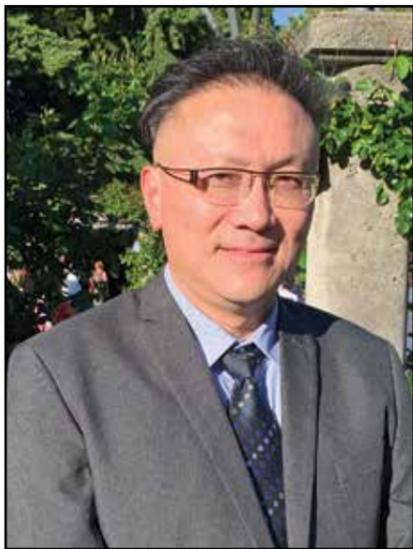
agement from the provincial government. There is a unique governance model at UBC, and because of this, we need a strong voice for our residents and businesses. For example, it is completely unfair that the provincial government downloaded the fire fighting cost on the UBC area. If we don't speak up now, the policing costs are going to follow. The UBC residents already give Victoria (the Province) over \$3 million in Rural Property Tax but do not get close to that amount of service in return. This must stop.

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

This is an important question, it is my understanding that the provincial government is looking at the options right now, but in isolation from our residents. What does Victoria know about our community? I disagree that the University and the Province make all decisions about our community for us. We need a better model.

I also firmly disagree that we should amalgamate with Vancouver. We would be lost and pay a substantial increase in property tax. We need to be in control of our future, and it should be up to us what this governance model looks like. This is what I will fight for.

Sung Wong



Sung Wong was born in Malaysia in 1965 and immigrated to Canada in 1972. He grew up in East Vancouver and graduated from UBC with a degree in Applied Science in Bio-Resource engineering. Sung possesses a strong entrepreneurial spirit and has a deep concern for the state of our city, our country and our planet.

While operating shared accommodation homes, Sung saw firsthand the crushing despair and damage caused by homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental health problems, and thus has made it his personal political mission to tackle these issues. Sung is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and conversational in Cantonese and French. He is active in the community.

A businessman, Canadian patriot, and an avid believer of sustainable free enterprise, Sung is also an ardent supporter of the principles of renewable resources and envi-

ronmental responsibility. He believes that political consensus and collaboration, not partisanship, is the way of the future. Having lived at UBC for six years, Sung and his wife and two children, currently still reside in Vancouver West Side.

1. Public profile of Electoral Area A and importance for UBC and UEL unincorporated communities to have a representative on Metro Vancouver Board

In a functioning democracy, it is essential that the needs and concerns of the citizens be heard. Electoral Area A is an integral riding within Metro Vancouver, with a huge landmass and one of the most important institutions within the city, namely the University of British Columbia. With many Metro Vancouverites not even aware of the boundaries of this electoral district, this area has largely existed in anonymity, and the voices of its residents have been severely under-represented within the greater context. This issue must be addressed. The thousands of residents within the EAA need and deserve greater representation and their voices heard.

If elected, I promise that I will be available at all reasonable times and be a spokesperson for the people. Most statistics suggests that EAA population is about 30% Chinese. With English as my primary language and fluency in Mandarin Chinese, I will be in a good position to represent the current demographic.

The representative of EAA will have an important function to play on the Metro Vancouver Board, and I pledge that I will be equal to the task to raise the profile of EAA and present a strong voice for the people when the time comes.

2. Workload of Electoral Area A Director

I have had a chance to evaluate the workload of the Metro Vancouver EAA Director. The Director sits on Metro Vancouver Board and Committee meetings – approximately 18 meetings per year. In addition, the Director may be appointed to chair the Electoral Area Sub-Committee of the Board's Intergovernmental and Administration Committee. I am fully committed to fulfilling all the necessary tasks for the position of EAA Director.

3. Rapid Transit to UBC

I am very much for the SkyTrain Millennium Line Extension to UBC. Residents, students, faculty and staff require fast, reliable and accessible transportation both into and out of the University area, and we need to find a way to deliver that without congesting our roads. I'm sure all residents of UEL and UBC have experienced traffic along Westbrook Mall during rush hour. By having this SkyTrain extension, we can decrease the number of buses and cars on the roads.

4. Stadium Road Neighbourhood development at UBC

I also believe strongly that the University is doing with their land and development what they believe is best for students, staff and the general population. As a former UBC resident and an alumnus of UBC, I can see that the population of UBC is ever-expanding and therefore requires buildings that are taller and able to accommodate more people, when the time comes. What UBC and UEL should be focused on is improving accessibility, decreasing congestion and finding strategies to minimize

disturbances and maximizing enjoyment to all its residents. In a changing general and student demographic, and in an evolving economy, I believe that UBC should have the right to negotiate with the Province to increase building as it sees fit.

5. Province's policy of charging UBC residents for Fire Protection services

Maintaining affordability is a key pillar to my campaign. I advocate for keeping taxes at a healthy level so that the UNA can provide services to our community, and if there is a tax that is adversely impacting the financial situation of the UNA, then an inquiry into the tax would have to take place. For the Fire Tax, I would need to review the current statistics on how often UEL residents are requiring fire protection services. If it is the case that the students and staff at UBC are using these services far more than UEL residents, then I would initiate negotiations with UBC to bear a greater portion of this tax burden.

6. Governance at UBC and UEL

I believe that this question would ultimately have to be left to referendum amongst the voters of the UEL and UBC. There are numerous benefits and consequences of an amalgamation with Vancouver, however, the UEL and UBC have always been distinct from the municipality of Vancouver, and I believe that residents enjoy that distinction. The UEL and UBC do not have the means, nor do they have the need, to incorporate as a municipality due to the extra taxes that will have to be levied on the residents to pay for municipal services. For now, at least until there is additional time to conduct further research and consultation, the status quo is an acceptable option for the residents of the UBC and UEL.

UTOWN@UBC YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Youths Raise Mental Health Awareness to Support Peers

Ella Shi

Grade 9 student, University Hill Secondary School

The study environment in local schools is incredibly competitive. Students are constantly bombarded with schoolwork, high expectations and extra-curricular activities and ultimately become fatigued and overwhelmed. Although summer is around the corner, we still need to get through finals, assignments and tests to cross the finish line and enter summer vacation. Many students are aware of high stress during the school year but far less aware of ways to combat this stress.

On March 1, we – a group of nine youth volunteers – gathered to discuss how we may support our peers during one of the busiest times in the school semester. We were determined to do something meaningful that would help to relieve stress and educate our peers on wellbeing. Together, with UNA staff support, we founded the first Youth Mental Health Symposium Committee.

The Committee is dedicated to raise awareness and spread mental health literacy to support school communities.

The lack of awareness surrounding mental health is a widespread issue. We believe

that by taking actions to raise the significance of this issue, we can create an educational environment and facilitate discussions on solutions.

As members of the high school student body, we are all affected by the competitive, demanding and stressful atmosphere in various ways. Most of these mental

health issues are provoked by schoolwork (projects, tests, etc.), social affiliation (acceptance, belonging) and peer or social pressure.

After hours of research, meetings and support from other organizations, we finally came up with a year-end idea for a free event *Pause to Paws: Mental Health*

Symposium. Pause to Paws will take place Saturday, June 8 in the early afternoon in the Wesbrook Community Centre. It will be open to the general public and free of charge. The event will feature two components:

- Educational opening, where participants will hear from experts in the field of mental health
- Relaxation and stress reduction component that will feature animal therapy, a student-led youth art gallery, refreshments and time for connection.

If you are interested in attending, volunteering or supporting this event – please reach out to the UNA Youth Program and Volunteer Coordinator Taylor Scott at taylor.scott@myuna.ca.

Registration for the conference is required and can be done by email as well. We hope to see you there!



Members of the Youth Mental Health Symposium Committee.
Top row, left to right: Ella Shi, Yifan Yang.
Bottom row, left to right: Anne Zhang, Tammy (Yingjie) Feng, Si-ah Choi.

Given that 70 per cent of mental health problems begin in childhood and adolescence, and that mental health promotion efforts are most effective when they begin early in life, schools are an ideal setting in which to promote good mental health in Canadians.

Canadian Mental Health Association

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