The Board of Directors of the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sundance Topham as the organization’s next Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) effective June 1, 2020.

Sundance brings to the position a wealth of experience in local government management with demonstrated success in helping organizations, elected officials and communities realize their potential.

Most recently, he held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Cumberland, B.C., where he led major negotiations, partnerships and initiatives. Prior to working in Cumberland, Sundance was the Chief Administrative Officer for the District of Wells, B.C., and was Senior Communications Advisor for the BC Pension Corporation.

Sundance has a Diploma in Local Government Management from the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria and a Diploma in Communications from Camosun College in Victoria.

Sundance feels this is a tremendous opportunity to contribute to the UNA goal of creating a thriving university community through engagement, service and recreation. He says: “The UNA is such a unique community – recognizing that and all the factors that come into play is the key to ensuring that we can continue to build on the successes of the organization. I feel honoured to be selected to lead this organization.”

Sundance recognizes the challenge of stepping into a leadership role during the current pandemic and is ready to lead the organization in navigating this unprecedented time.

Richard Watson, Chair of UNA Board of Directors, says he and the rest of the Board are delighted to have Sundance join the UNA as its next CAO. “Sundance’s experience in leading townships and municipalities, coupled with his progressive mindset and communications background, will ensure that the UNA continues its path towards expanding its services and creating a flourishing university neighbourhood.”

“The UNA Board of Directors,ors, would like to express our sincerest thanks to Interim Co-Executive Directors Andrew Clements and Wegland Sit who took over the Executive Director role from Johanne Blenkins while the search for the new CAO took place,” says Watson.

The Executive Director title was changed to Chief Administrative Officer in order to align the role with comparable administrative positions.

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On March 18, the B.C. government declared a provincial state of emergency and called on the public to keep physical distance and stay home as much as possible to slow the spread of coronavirus. The UNA community centers were closed and public activities were cancelled. With schools closed and working at home, residents started the new stay-at-home lifestyle.

The changes are obvious. The outdoor sports grounds with grassy areas were closed. The UBC Botanical Garden and Nitobe Memorial Garden were also closed. A 6-feet distance warning sign was set beside the forest. People greet each other with the same enthusiasm but no longer shake hands or hug. Trying to keep the distance, two ladies lean in to hear each other’s words — this scene is the first sign of the outbreak. Toilet paper and canned food were sold out — however, with brief tension, supply was quickly resumed. Save-On-Food arranged special shopping hours for seniors and limited the number of customers shopping at the same time. Our daily necessities are fully guaranteed for all.

Our hygienic habits have also changed: we must wash hands frequently and avoid touching faces with unwashed hands. When people were discussing whether to wear face masks, some residents did not want to draw on medical resources, and so a Mask Donation campaign was born — launched by Hawthorn resident Florence Luo. She organized and advanced imports, transportation and customs duties. The other six volunteers were responsible for finance, fundraising and distribution. With donations made online only, $7,734.35 was raised by April 15 and 10,700 face masks and some goggles were purchased. Thank you to all 52 generous UNA residents who donated money.

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Sundance Topham Honoured to Lead Local Government in University Neighbourhoods

Feed Me!

What’s open on campus right now?

MERCANTE

corner store

Tim Hortons

UBC Forestry

UBC Bookstore

Harvest

The Point

Have a medium drip coffee on us Mondays in June after 10 am.

Participating locations are Mercante, Harvest, UBC Corner Store, Tim Hortons Forestry, and Starbucks Bookstore.

Please mention this ad to redeem Free Coffee.

For latest openings & hours of operation, please visit food.ubc.ca/feed-me

Wegland Sit, UNA Operations Manager, accepts from a UNA resident donation of masks for staff use. The UNA Main Office remains closed to the public.
Subject to Member Approval at Meeting, New UNA Constitution to Come into Effect

Existing Constitution has not been reviewed since UNA was founded

The UNA Constitution requires an update to provide continuity with the Neighbours’ Agreement between UBC and the UNA, Director Terry Mullen informed the UNA Board in April 2020 meeting.

The Constitution sets out the purposes of the UNA as a society. To recommend amendments to the Constitution and clarify its language, the Board established the UNA Constitution Working Group. The three members of the Working Group are UNA Resident Directors Terry Mullen (Chair), Murray McCutcheon and Bill Holmes.

At its May 2020 meeting, the Board approved for consultation the proposals of the Constitution Working Group. The parties to be consulted were identified as UNA members and UBC.

In an email to The Campus Resident, Director Mullen stated the impetus for this project included:
1. The recognition that the purposes set out in the Constitution do not incorporate some of the purposes referred to in section 3.1 of the Neighbours’ Agreement 2015.
2. The need to add purposes to the Constitution to encompass several activities presently being performed by the UNA.
3. The desire to improve the syntax of some of the existing purposes, and to rationalize the structure of the Constitution.

Director Mullen sent to UBC a report and background information provided to the UNA Board by the Working Group with a request that “at a minimum” UBC review the two-page report and the proposed UNA Constitution attached to the report.

The report to UBC went with the specific request to compare the purposes described in section 3.1 of the Neighbours’ Agreement 2015 and the purposes in the proposed Constitution and confirm that the purposes in the Agreement and the corresponding purposes in the Constitution are consistent.

In the cover note to UBC Campus and Community Planning, Director Mullen also noted:
“Additionally, the Neighbours’ Agreement requires that the purposes of the UNA “not be inconsistent with” any of the purposes set out in section 3.1. We presume you will comment on both issues…consistency and the absence of inconsistency.

“We are not seeking a comment on the proposed purposes that are not relevant to the consistency/inconsistency issue. Those matters are within the executive jurisdiction of the UNA.”

Since the UNA Constitution is a document that “belongs to” all UNA members, the residents (UNA members only) were invited in a special email newsletter to send comments on the proposed Constitution to the UNA – not later than June 5, 2020.

The Working Group recommended that the final version of the proposed Constitution be submitted for a vote of members at the Special General Meeting to be held later this year.

UNA Constitution Proposed by Working Group

1. The name of the Society is the UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOODS ASSOCIATION (“the Association”)
2. The purposes of the Association are:
   (a) To promote a university-town community that supports and enhances the academic mission of The University of British Columbia (“UBC”);
   (b) To undertake community-building measures to develop a healthy and vibrant community;
   (c) To provide services for the Local Areas and Designated Buildings (as defined in the Neighbours’ Agreement) to the services provided by a municipality;
   (d) To provide services, amenities and facilities that assist in the development of good neighbour- hoods within the Local Areas and Designated Buildings, and that promote health, safety, sustainability, communication, interaction, culture, recreation, comfort, and convenience;
   (e) To operate and maintain property which is designated, leased, licensed or otherwise conveyed to the Association for the well-being of residents with regard to health, safety, sustainability, communication, culture, recreation, comfort, and convenience;
   (f) To represent the interests of residents generally, including, for greater certainty, with respect to UBC, the BC Government, Metro Vancouver, Vancouver, and any other public or private entity or any individual;
   (g) To take positions on matters relating to land use and development on the UBC campus that the UNA considers to be in the best interests of residents of the Local Areas and Designated Buildings and to present those positions to UBC and other entities;
   (h) At the request of the UBC Board of Governors, to act as an advisory board pursuant to section 34 of the University Act;
   (i) To foster interaction between residents and the UBC academic community, to assist in enabling such interaction, and to facilitate access by residents to UBC academic programs;
   (j) To receive funds from UBC, the residents and others, and to use the funds for the Association’s purposes; and
   (k) To promote, in the conduct of business and work of the Association, qualities of good neighbours, including civility, fairness, good faith, respect and understanding, all in the context of being a unique part of the UBC community.

New Purposes Proposed to Add to UNA Constitution Include:
- The provision of municipal-like services.
- The representation of the interests of residents generally.
- Taking positions on matters relating to land use and development on the UBC campus and presenting those positions to UBC and other entities.

Virtual Town Hall Meetings Connect Residents

This virtual meeting is a chance for UBC and UEL residents to connect, ask and get answers to questions about local and regional COVID–19 responses and to discuss how we can best support each other

John Tompkins
Editor

This week is the first online meeting, Jen McCutcheon, Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director, hosted Town Hall meetings for UBC and UEL residents in April and June.

Both meetings got underway after the 7 pm pot-banging cheer for frontline workers. Residents joined the meeting via Zoom. Thanks to the modern technology, they could ask questions of senior officials in the comfort of their homes. Jen said that she organized these community events to provide an opportunity for residents to come together to discuss concerns, suggestions and solutions during the COVID–19 crisis.

Referring to 150 UBC and UEL residents who attended the first online meeting, Jen said: “The feedback was excellent, and we were fortunate to be joined by a number of community leaders.”

The local officials who provided updates and listened to the concerns of residents included:
- Joyce Murray, Federal Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra and Minister of Digital Government
- David Eby, Provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly for Vancouver–Point Grey and Attorney General
- Professor Santa J. Ono, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor
- Dr. Patricia Daly, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority’s Chief Medical Officer
- Chuck Lan, RCPM Staff Sergeant
- Richard Watson, UNA Board Chair
- Claire Huxtable, UEL Community Advisory Committee President.

In the May Newsletter to UBC and UEL residents, Jen wrote: “What unique times these continue to be for all of us. I hope that you are all coping as best you can and are able to spend some time outdoors as the weather warms. I feel fortunate to live in a place where it’s so easy to soak in the beautiful – and healing – spring atmosphere of the forest while maintaining a safe physical distance from others.”
Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community Project
Supports Seniors Digital Learning

Qiuning Wang
Assistant Recreation Manager
University Neighbourhoods
Association

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UNA has redirected funds to a new seniors programming initiative called Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community with the aim of addressing the present needs of seniors, as well as forthcoming programs to benefit their health and wellbeing in our community.

A survey was launched on April 21 to collect feedback from seniors on what type of support they need during the pandemic. Responses showed the need to prioritize digital training and virtual recreation programs.

In May, the UNA offered three digital learning sessions and provided one-on-one computer support sessions to help individual seniors. Please email programs@myuna.ca if you have a topic you’d like to offer.

The funding for Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community project comes from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The UNA received funding from ESDC to support a program for seniors called Your Passport to Wellbeing (Phase II) – a continuation of (Phase I) – to promote seniors’ physical strength, mental health and social wellbeing. This funding was redirected in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The UNA would like to thank our volunteers Alice, Eileen, Nan, Peter and Victoria who worked on the front line. The seniors were very grateful as they were anxious about going out shopping without masks. The masks were given to seniors living in the west community centres and are now getting ready to run a virtual English Learning Cafe in mid-June.

Five seniors – volunteers who have previously led English Conversation clubs at the Westwood Community Centre – had a series of video conferencing learning sessions with UNA staff and are now planning to run programs or host meetings on virtual platforms.

With those needs in mind, the UNA – using funding from the Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community project – is looking to hire a computer support specialist to support seniors learning computer skills. The computer specialist will provide ongoing support for seniors who want to learn how to do online shopping, manage email, attend or lead virtual programs, access trustworthy information and stay connected in a safe and secure way. The specialist will also host a monthly computer cafe so that seniors can share their experiences and foster connections within the community.

If you are interested in this role, please visit the UNA website for more details at myuna.ca/employment.

Five seniors – volunteers Alice, Eileen, Nan, Peter and Victoria joined three other seniors to talk via Zoom about how they cope during the pandemic. The project of collecting stories from residents was started by UNA and UTown@UBC. Please see story on Page 4.

How the world has changed.

Not so long ago, retirees were zooming across the globe on planes and cruise ships and getting up to any number of adventures. Now “silver surfers” all, we cruise the web, zoom from home, and hope that we don’t pick up “the virus” or stumble on the stairs. Now “silver surfers” all, we cruise the web, zoom from home, and hope that we don’t pick up “the virus” or stumble on the stairs.

How do you think that we need fresh tales to illuminate the past or tell us how it has changed? Do you think that there is anything that we can learn from our past or that we can apply to our present? Do you have any ideas about how we can learn from the past or that we can apply to our present?

Jane Kang

In these times, technology has an ever more profound impact on our lives. The UNA is happy to support seniors as they move towards using digital tools so we can all live a connected and empowered life.
Pandemic Poem

Helen Wilkes
Elected Member of the UBC Emeritus College

What if this is some kind of mad wake-up call
Forcing us to re-think issues large and small?

What might the universe be trying to tell
Those of us who are mercifully safe and well?

With distractions and gatherings all placed on hold
What’s bubbling within us that we ought to behold?

Why is it so awful to spend time alone?
What gnaws at our subconscious, like a dog with a bone?

If, in Wuhan, flame-filled skies have become clear,
And birdsong can once again reach the human ear

Is the universe saying that it needs a rest
And that for now, we must stop doing our best.

So much of “our best” means that the planet we strip bare
May be we must do more than re-cycle with care.

“Give us jobs!” people cry.
“We want to earn our daily bread.”
Yet how much is spent of the Joneses keeping afloat?

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As our campus community continues to navigate the COVID-19 situation, I would like to share an update with you on UBC’s response to support the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and residents.

In response to COVID-19 and the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, the university transitioned to online instruction in mid-March and for the summer terms. Since then we’ve been working hard to plan for how we might teach later this year.

In collaboration with Faculties, UBC is now planning for a phased resumption of on-campus research beginning this month. This will be a gradual approach over the summer and applies to those researchers who require on-campus resources and cannot conduct their work remotely.

Planning for the resumption of research is being undertaken with the guidance and direction of the provincial government and public health agencies to ensure we are following health and safety guidelines. The health and safety of our community remains UBC’s top priority.

During fall 2020, UBC will offer a blend of face-to-face and online courses, adhering to physical distancing and other public health requirements. We will maintain a clear focus on ensuring high-quality face-to-face instruction, where possible, and high-quality remote instruction.

The university is developing an operational safety plan and approval process that Faculties and administrative units will be required to complete before any changes can be made to the remote work arrangements currently in place.

Since mid-March, UBC’s Emergency Operations Centre with the Crisis Management Team has played a key role in coordinating our response. They have worked in close consultation with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and with other post-secondary institutions within B.C. to ensure we are aligned with health and safety guidelines and WorkSafe.BC.

**Neighbourhood health and safety**

To ensure the health and safety of residents, UBC staff are supporting the UNA on compliance and enforcement of physical distancing in campus neighbourhoods. While UBC cannot issue fines or penalties related to public health orders, our staff is assisting provincial health officers by:

- a. monitoring facilities and areas closed to the public by a public health order;
- b. providing warnings, information and advice, including warnings to businesses and members of the public who may be acting in contravention of a public health order; and
- c. providing information on potential contra-

**COVID-19 resources**

We are in regular contact with the provin-

cial government and public health agencies and will follow their directives to maintain health and safety on campus. I encourage you to visit the dedicated website covid19. ubc.ca or @UBC social channels for re-

**Climate emergency virtual community dialogues**

Before I close, I would also like to talk about UBC’s climate emergency response. In December 2019, UBC declared a climate emergency. The declaration included a commitment to establish a task force for climate emergency community engagement process and recommendations to the Board of Governors.

We established the UBC Climate Emer-

gency Task Force — which includes UBC students, faculty and staff — to advise on the gathering of ideas from UBC’s diverse and insightful community on addressing the cli-

I am pleased to announce we have extend-

**Plunging Online in the Pandemic**

It’s amazing how quickly things can change in a few days. On March 11, one of my stu-

dents asked if I thought the university was shutting down. I’d just been at an event where top university officials were still shak-

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one else will follow in September. (UBC has announced that the fall is online, and it may well be the case the winter term will be as well.)

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Thanks for taking care of each other

✓ Staying home
✓ Practicing physical distancing
✓ Creating care packages
✓ Picking up groceries for an elder
✓ Sharing skills & talents online

While the world has changed over the last few months, our neighbourly spirit has not. Thank you for doing your part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our communities connected during this challenging time.

Have an idea for fostering social connection during this time? UBC residents, students, faculty and staff, as well as Musqueam can apply for a Community of Caring grant of up to $500 to help foster friendship and resiliency from a distance.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until July 1, 2020.

utown.ubc.ca/caringcommunity
Campus Restaurants Reopen by Popular Demand

At date of publication, six UBC-operated restaurants and markets have reopened for takeout: The Point, Mercante, Harvest, Tim Hortons in the Forest Sciences Centre, Starbucks at the UBC Bookstore, and Corner Store.

After nearly two months of closure due to COVID-19, UBC-operated restaurants and markets have begun to reopen in line with provincial guidelines. It’s a welcome change for students, staff, faculty and community members still living, working, and studying on campus during the pandemic.

In mid-March, UBC Food Services made the difficult decision to close all but its essential locations. Campus dining hotspots like The Point and Mercante shut down virtually overnight as the university responded to information from the Provincial Medical Health Office, BC Centre for Disease Control, BC Ministry of Health and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Harvest Market and the three first year residence dining rooms – Feast, Gather and Open Kitchen – were the only locations to remain open as an essential service to campus residents.

Rey Arandia is one of the many hundreds of dedicated Food Services employees who have shown great courage, adaptability and kindness as we navigate the challenges of COVID-19 together. A familiar personality in the residence dining rooms, Rey chose to remain working on campus to show his ongoing support and commitment to the UBC community.

“I’ve been at UBC for 21 years,” said Rey. “I look forward to work as I get to meet interesting people every day. It’s a really fun job but March and April were challenging months. We were interacting with people daily, and even though there were less guests, it felt like the amount of work we were doing increased.”

From the start of the shut down, Food Services staff were eager to find ways to support the community. When the Haro Park Seniors Centre in Vancouver’s West End needed to adapt their food and beverage service to improve health and safety for their residents due to the pandemic, they contacted Colin Moore, Director of UBC Food Services, for assistance. The Food Services team was quick to respond by lending them 150 serving trays and four rolling racks for the next several months.

As restrictions begin to loosen up and we approach the summer season, Food Services employees are excited to welcome customers back to the businesses that are open.

To celebrate reopening, Mercante, Harvest, Tim Hortons in the Forest Sciences Centre, Starbucks in the UBC Bookstore and Corner Store are offering free coffee Mondays after 10 am for the month of June.

If a picnic is more your jam, swing by Mercante on the way to Wreck Beach to pick up an authentic Italian margherita or prosciutto e rucola pizza, and use the handy pizza box perforations to make four cardboard plates or a smaller storage box for leftovers – but let’s be honest, leftovers are not likely! Mercante is open 12 pm–10 pm daily.

Skip the usual wait for tables at The Point by ordering from their new takeout menu. The team is serving up their famous burgers, bowls, cauliflower wings and mouth-watering “epic” brownies 11 am–7 pm Monday through Saturday. And for the month of June, they’re offering a free non-alcoholic beverage with every entrée purchase!

Or, stop by Harvest to stock up on basic groceries, local veggies, and a great selection of house-made salads, sandwiches, and prepared meals. Oh, and did we mention they sell the original UBC Cinnamon Bun hot from the oven? Visit them 8 am to 7 pm weekdays or 9 am to 5 pm weekends.

Next time you are walking through campus, stop by to say hi! Your friendly faces are a welcome sight in these unusual times.

For the latest information on openings, hours of operation and special offers please visit food.ubc.ca or follow UBC Food Services on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter at @ubcfoodie.
Letters Point to Issues Facing UEL Residents

One letter to the Province focuses on shortage of police patrolling the University Endowment Lands; the other – on the loss of rental accommodation in the area.

John Tompkins
Editor

The long-standing problem on University Endowment Lands (UEL) of having too few RCMP members policing its community came forth recently in a letter to Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, sent by Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Minister Robinson wrote: “The Community Advisory Council (CAC), in its role of providing advice to the UEL Manager, has noted various concerns that it sees as stemming from or exacerbated by insufficient policing resources on the Peninsula – including the challenge of noisy, disruptive student parties that may get out of control, and vacant properties of absentee owners being a potential target of trespassers and vandalism.

“While the first priority for police resources is clearly matters that put public safety at imminent risk, matters as noted by the CAC may also benefit in getting verified data around complaints and attempted and actual illegal activities, as well as population and resource comparisons, to help further inform understanding of the current policing situation.”

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“We cannot understand why this work has continued in the middle of the pandemic, when the Province has declared a state of emergency and every British Columbian has been asked to stay at home,” Claire Huxtable, CAC President, wrote in the letter to Premier John Horgan.

“In particular, Development Permit application #818 is underway and envisages converting two rental buildings to condos that are unaffordable to the existing tenants, exacerbating the already critical rental shortage in our area.”

Claire says that the UEL community – 3,000 people living adjacent to UBC – is uniformly opposed to this loss of rental accommodation. “We have previously asked the UEL office to halt work on the project, but the office has refused on the basis of safety protocols that it has put in place.”

The CAC says this ignores that many of the community members are elderly and are advised to avoid all public places, and that going door to door to collect signatures in opposition to the project is dangerous during the pandemic.

“Your government has made protecting renters and protecting the health of British Columbians a priority,” the letter to the Province says. “Allowing development work to continue on new permit approvals runs counter to both of these priorities.”

Wesbrook Mall: Rehabilitation Phase 2 Continues

Guiding Principles During Construction

• Two-way traffic will always be maintained along Wesbrook Mall.

• Access to driveways will be maintained with only short, planned disruptions.

• Left turn movements along Wesbrook Mall will be limited during construction.

• Impacts to pedestrians and cyclists crossing Wesbrook Mall will be minimized and accommodated for as long as it is safe to do so.

• Bus stops within the project will be closed for safety as required but reopened as soon as possible.

Construction Schedule and Potential Impacts

May 4 – June 8: Outside Southbound Lane of Wesbrook Mall

Work in Stage 1 of construction is in the outside southbound lane along Wesbrook Mall, i.e. the far east lane on Wesbrook Mall.

June 8 – July 13: Outside Southbound Lane of Wesbrook Mall

Work in Stage 2 of construction is in the outside southbound lane along Wesbrook Mall, i.e. the far west lane on Wesbrook Mall.

July 13 – August 17: Inside Northbound Lane of Wesbrook Mall

Work in stage 3 of construction is in the inside northbound travel lane and centre median along Wesbrook Mall.

August 17 – September 21: Inside Southbound Lane of Wesbrook Mall

Work in stage 4 of construction is in the inside southbound travel lane and centre median along Wesbrook Mall.

Construction Notice

Construction and detour updates will be posted for each stage of construction. See Construction and Transit Updates for more information (planning.ubc.ca/transportation/construction-and-transit-updates).