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UNA is as Much a Municipality as the UEL, Says its Board in Letter to Government

UNA looks forward to further engagement with the Provincial Government as it seeks fair tax treatment of the UBC neighbourhoods relative to the UEL; UNA goes public with letter (below) by UNA chair Richard Watson after meeting with tax official Duncan Jillings, Director, Property Tax

Dear Mr. Jillings:

As agreed at the end of our meeting on September 1, I am writing to provide information on the UBC neighbourhoods in order to demonstrate that the neighbourhoods are as municipal-like as the University Endowment Lands (UEL).

You said in the meeting that UEL residents do not pay the tax imposed by the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* (“rural property tax”) because the province considers the UEL to be analogous to a municipality. We responded that the UBC neighbourhoods are also analogous to a municipality and so should also be excluded from the rural property tax. You replied that you are not familiar with the UBC neighbourhoods and so could not agree with us. That is why we offered to provide you with information regarding the neighbourhoods.

I will start with a description of the UBC neighbourhoods.

The UBC neighbourhoods are located on the UBC campus, which is land owned by UBC. There are currently five neighbourhoods: Chancellor Place, East Cam-

pus, Hawthorn Place, Hampton Place, and Wesbrook Place. These neighbourhoods have an estimated population of about 14,000 (approximately four times the population of the UEL). UBC plans to develop two more neighbourhoods. Depending on various factors, the ultimate population of the neighbourhoods will be anywhere from 25,000 to 35,000 residents. The neighbourhoods, and hence the population figures, do not include student residences.

The neighbourhoods are dense. The buildings range from townhouses to 22-story buildings, with many four- to six-story buildings. Residents live either in stratas pursuant to long-term leases or in rental buildings owned by UBC and leased to UBC Properties Trust, which rents to tenants.

The Wesbrook Place neighbourhood includes a commercial centre, with a large Save-On Foods store, a BC Liquor store, restaurants, and various other businesses.

Through a combination of its ownership of the land and the powers given to the UBC Board of Governors by the *University Act*, UBC has jurisdiction over, and respon-

sibility for, the neighbourhoods, similar to the provincial government’s role with respect to the UEL. UBC has delegated some of its powers and responsibilities to the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) by an agreement between the two parties called the Neighbours’ Agreement. The UNA, a society run by a Board of Directors elected by residents, can be considered to perform some of the functions of a municipal council. (By contrast, the UEL’s Community Advisory Council performs an advisory role to the UEL Administration but does not provide services to the UEL community.)

Both the UBC neighbourhoods and the UEL are in Electoral Area A of the Metro Vancouver Regional District. However, Metro Vancouver does not have the jurisdiction over these communities that other regional districts have over their electoral areas. In UBC’s case, Metro Vancouver’s powers with respect to the UBC campus were severely curtailed by Part 10 – 2010 of the *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act* (No. 3). In particular, Metro Vancouver has no powers with respect to development services on the UBC campus (land use planning, zoning, building bylaws, permits, etc.). In the UEL’s case, Metro Vancouver’s limited role is a necessary implication of the *University Endowment Land Act*.

Turning now to the municipal-like services that are provided for the UBC

neighbourhoods and the UEL, I refer you to the attached table (please view table on Page 7). As it shows, a comprehensive range of services is provided for each community. The range of services is similar to the range of services provided in a medium-sized municipality. It is clear from the table, and from the other information in this letter, that the UBC neighbourhoods are as municipal-like as the UEL, if not more so.

Municipal-like services provided by UBC and the UNA for the UBC neighbourhoods are funded primarily by a services levy payable by all leaseholders to UBC pursuant to their leases. The services levy is computed like a municipal tax, in that it is based on mill rates for different classes of property and BC Assessment’s assessed values of the properties. The services levy is analogous to the UEL tax imposed by the *University Endowment Land Act*. A difference is that the mill rates for the services levy are determined by formula whereas the mill rates for the UEL tax are determined from the UEL’s budgeted revenue requirements. The formula for the services levy is designed so that the aggregate amount of services levy and all property taxes is equal to the aggregate amount of taxes that would be payable if the properties were in Vancouver.

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Celebrated Hall at UBC Will Again Hold Vast Array of Live Music



For full Chan Centre article, please see Page 8.
Photo credit: Don Erhardt, UBC.

July Article in Campus Resident Attracts Close Public Attention

Information is provided at meeting of Directors of UNA; Directors are shocked at news of child being bitten on face by dog

In its July issue, The Campus Resident published a story about claims by a UBC couple that the dog owned by a neighbour had months before bitten their child, then only 11 months old, in the face.

Details of this event became public at the July meeting of the Board of Directors of the University Neighbourhood Association (UNA),

Upon hearing them over Zoom, the

Board—acting in open session—voted in favour of having its staff investigate the claims.

There was no Board meeting in August, and so the earliest that the public would learn all the facts about this case was the September 21 Board meeting.

In response to publication of the July story, a Reader wrote to The Campus Resident to say,

“I read the Campus Resident from cover-to-cover and usually learn something new and interesting about our neighbourhood in every edition and the articles are balanced and well researched.

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Annual Neighbours' Day Event Enriches UNA Community

UNA staff welcomed opportunity to connect with residents; UBC Thunderbird Marching Band was fantastic addition

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the annual Neighbours Day celebration (previously Barn Raising) enlivened Wesbrook Place on September 11, 2021. The festivities were scaled down compared to previous years' events, but it was a symbolic step toward a return to normalcy.

Despite the rainy weather, Neighbours Day offered a fun event for the community to gather and reconnect. More than 200 people filtered through the three-hour event. Youth volunteers were kept busy making popcorn and despite the fall-like weather, people enjoyed popsicles and children played in the Game Zone and the sprinklers of the Splash Pad as a nod to the last few days of summer.

The UBC Thunderbird Marching Band was a fantastic addition, providing live music both at the community centre and while marching through the neighbourhood. Residents commented on the joyfulness of the music and people emerged from their homes to enjoy the performance.

The Community Art Project - where individuals decorated pieces of fabric to contribute to bunting for future UNA events - was a great hit with young and old alike.

The Men's Community Network was on hand to share information about their programs. Residents played a sorting game to learn about what they can recycle at the Green Depot, which was open for the event. The 529 Garage bike theft prevention program was also on site registering residents' bikes.



UNA Staff welcomed the opportunity to connect with residents by answering questions and asking for input on future programs and ideas to enrich our community.

If you have any questions or want further information on any of the items mentioned here, please contact us at support@myuna.ca

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sad Reality of Noisy Soccer Games Ruins Dinner at Home

I am loath to protest the exuberances of youth on a soccer pitch, but I fear that I must. I can handle the late night games where a fair amount of “man on!” etc is shouted. I can somewhat handle the profanity of upset players at a “bad call” of some poor ref (but really, must they?). And I have personally gone out to the pitch and berated teams for using the gully between the pitch and the beach volleyball court as a private latrine (again...really? Are they not supposed to be gentlemen?)

What I can’t handle is the new phenomena of a mini speaker system set up for what appear to be young people in green shirts running around in some mad testing event ala The Hunger Games. I get the “hey let’s have fun” but it is a sad reality that UBC Properties Trust has built what is — in essence — a giant sound board of

buildings around the pitch. That thump thump thump of a heavy bass pings off the buildings when I am finally at home after a long day at the UBC office, trying to have a normal dinner with my family. Too much.

The limit was this evening (by the way it is 7:29pm right now and still wumping away) when there was some sort of “time trial” event whereby a BEEP BEEP BEEP was going off and a monotone voice saying “LINE B, MOVE FORWARD”. It was as if I was trapped in an episode of Lost (ABC 2004-2010) having to remember to push a button every 90 minutes.

Sorry footballers...I am all for you playing. But that speaker thing...that’s gotta stop.

Gerald-John Vanderwoude



Gully between the UNA Field (left) and beach volleyball courts (right), with homes in the distance.

ATHENEUM v. BURB: Cannabis Companies Continue Fight for UEL Marketing Rights

Two companies are in competition for marketing rights to cannabis on the University Endowment Lands steps from UBC; considerable bureaucratic hurdles lie ahead for winner

At its website, the UEL has posted important new information regarding the side-by-side applications of two companies competing for the license to sell cannabis on the University Endowment Lands only steps from UBC.

The competition between a company called Atheneum and a company called BURB began a few months ago and has brought intense interest of many residents in the local community—consisting of the University of British Columbia and the University Endowment Lands.

Both applications envision the profitable sale of cannabis at a site only steps from UBC. Critics of the rezoning applications say UBC and the UEL can do better than this in planning the future of their communities.

The successful application would also be to the detriment of the University for it may distract 50,000 students from their academic work there.

Here are some important new rules for the rezoning application underway as posted at the UEL website and republished here.

There are two processes for public commenting regarding Cannabis Retail Stores (comment to the UEL and comment to Metro Vancouver).

For Burb Cannabis, the two processes happened at the same time; however, for the second cannabis retail application, Atheneum Cannabis, the two processes do not overlap. This means that if you have already submitted comments to the UEL regarding Atheneum Cannabis, then it will be forwarded to Metro Vancouver.

If you did not submit comments but would like to, this means that you have a second chance by submitting your comment to Metro Vancouver. Details regarding who to submit the comments to will be released later.

Further administrative and governance issues must be followed before either

Atheneum or BURB can hope to sell cannabis from a properly licensed store on the UEL.

The process is best described in the following letter issued to the residents of UEL in the summer of 2021:

Atheneum Cannabis Corporation has applied to the University Endowment Lands (UEL) on behalf of Abacus Building Corp., Inc for an amendment to the UEL Land Use, Building and Community Administration Bylaw for a Change of Land Use District (rezoning) to allow for the conditional use of a non-medical cannabis retail store with a proposed floor area of 1971 square feet (183.1 square metres) in the C District at 5728 University Boulevard. (The BURB application reads much the same as the Atheneum application.)

The proposal is to convert the space that is currently vacant at Unit 102/202 5728 University Boulevard for the purpose of retail sales of cannabis, cannabis accessories and other cannabis related goods such as apparel. Should a rezoning be granted by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, additional UEL approvals would still be required, including a Develop-

ment Permit, a Building Permit and a UEL Business Licence. The applicant must also obtain a cannabis retail licence from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

The applicant has proposed the following hours of operation for the cannabis retail store:

- 10:00am to 10:00pm, 7 days a week. Holiday hours to be determined.

Written comments about this application will be accepted by the UEL Manager up to and no later than 4:00pm on July 19th, 2021. Email submissions are acceptable.

Please note that for non-medical cannabis retail licence applications in the UEL, Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) must gather residents’ views to make comments and recommendations on the licensee’s application to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB); this will happen as a separate process.

For further information regarding this rezoning application, please contact planUEL@gov.bc.ca.

How to Make the Transition Back to the Office Easier on Your Pandemic Pet

After more than a year of working and schooling from home, many offices and schools are re-opening as the COVID-19 vaccine uptake rises.

But for those who saw the lockdowns as the perfect opportunity to get a pandemic puppy, concerns may be setting in over how your pet will transition to less time with you at home.

Dr. Alexandra Protopopova, an assistant professor at the animal welfare program at UBC's faculty of land and food systems, and a BC SPCA industrial research chair, shares similar concerns over her own pups.

We spoke with her about how to ease this

transition and what animal welfare concerns she has as people shift away from working from home.

What are some concerns pet owners might have around re-opening and returning to the office?

The main concern is how your animal will be able to cope. Many of us stayed at home for so long and have constantly been in very close proximity to our companion animals – and they have also adjusted to this. For some who got pandemic puppies, this continuous proximity might be all that they know.

How can people prepare for this transition or make it easier if they are already

in the transition back to in-person work or school?

If you haven't yet returned to work, or if you have the flexibility to work from home on some days, I would suggest planning ahead. You want to imagine your 'back to normal' life and then work backwards from that.

This could mean leaving your dog at home when you go shopping or on errands with the ultimate goal of gradually increasing the periods of separation. As you're leaving, you could have your dog occupy themselves using something like a puzzle feeder, a slow automatic feeder, or a food-stuffed toy. This could also mean gradually adjusting the number of walks your dog takes in a day to match the schedule you will have when you've fully returned to the office.

If you have already fully returned to the office and unable to plan ahead, you may consider looking to see if you have a neighbour who is still working from home or hire a dog walker to support you. For both cases, for extra support, you can consider talking to an animal behaviour professional.

What can be the most challenging part of this transition?

Unfortunately, this change is tough for many dogs, and especially for the pandemic puppies, since they have not yet had to learn how to be away from you. Also, although

most people worry about their dog having separation anxiety, don't be surprised if you also have feelings of separation anxiety. It's valid, take it seriously, and be open to discussing the effect it might be taking on your mental health with a professional or someone you trust.

Are there more people surrendering their dogs because of this transition?

We saw high demand for companion animals during the pandemic, and lower numbers of people surrendering their pets to shelters. We are seeing higher numbers of surrenders now but there's no evidence that new owners are surrendering their pandemic puppies.

Research continuously shows that people surrender their companion animals for financial and other human-related reasons, and this is often a hugely emotional ordeal since no one takes up an animal with the plan to give it up. If you are in this position, I'd encourage reaching out to a local animal shelter about what support they can give you, since some offer low-cost resources, food donations, financial assistance, and behavioural help, depending on your circumstance.

For more information, contact Collins Maina collins.maina@ubc.ca

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NOTICE OF UNA ELECTION 2021

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) members will elect seven members to its Board of Directors at the 2021 UNA Elections that will run from November 8 to November 30, 2021. All UNA members can vote in this election.

The UNA is seeking nominations from members to let their name stand for election to the Board of Directors. The deadline for nominations is November 8, 2021.

For information on the elections and nominations, please visit myuna.ca/elections.

For more information on how to become a member, please visit myuna.ca/society.

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Given that the UBC neighbourhoods are at least as municipal-like as the UEL, there is no rational basis for the rural property tax being imposed on residents of the UBC neighbourhoods whereas UEL residents are exempted from the tax. Equalization of the treatment of the two communities could be achieved either by excluding the UBC neighbourhoods from rural property tax or by imposing the tax at the same reduced rate on both communities. Alternatively, the inequity could be eliminated by continuing to apply the rural property tax to the UBC neighbourhoods and remitting the tax collected to UBC, to be used for the benefit of the UBC neighbourhoods.

I would like to repeat an important point

made in our meeting. The elimination of the rural property tax for the UBC neighbourhoods, or a reduction in the amount payable, would not put more money in the pockets of residents but rather would result in a corresponding increase in the amount of services levy available to fund local services.

We look forward to further engagement with you as we seek fair tax treatment of the UBC neighbourhoods relative to the UEL.

Sincerely,

Richard Watson
Chair, University Neighbourhoods Association

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LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

Start to School Brings New Initiatives

Earlier this month, UBC’s Fall semester began, with tens of thousands of new and returning students, along with faculty and staff coming to campus. The return to campus was successful and safe, with the overwhelming majority of UBC community members coming to campus fully vaccinated and adhering to the public health guidelines.

I love this time of year, when the UBC campus comes back to life. But whatever time of year, I enjoy living on campus and

being part of such an interesting and vibrant community. The university is always looking for ways to work with our partners in the neighbourhoods and across campus to support programs, like the two below, that make UBC a great place to live.

This past year has brought many challenges, but I’ve been inspired by the compassion, connection, and creativity that the UBC community has shown, and the ways in which they’ve supported one another. As how we meet and gather continues to



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



Fall on UBC Campus.
Photo credit UBC Brand and Marketing.

evolve, the Inspiring Community Grants offer funds to support your projects that spark new relationships between community members, create opportunities for social connection, and inspire community resilience. Apply today at utown.ubc.ca/community-grants, and you could receive up to \$500 towards your project.

As many of us head back to the office or classroom, it’s great to see lots of people choosing to cycle to get around. Bike theft can be an issue in the Lower Mainland, so to help keep your ride stress-free, Campus + Community Planning has partnered with Project 529, a bike registration initiative,

to help support bike registration and recovery. Project 529 (Project529.com/ubc) acts as a community “garage” by keeping bike information in a database that can be referenced in the event of theft. Stop by the Project 529 booth at the UBC Farmers’ Market Saturday October 9 & 30 to register your bike and pick up a tamper-proof seal.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighbourhood.

Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of British Columbia

Apples Abound in UNA Children’s Garden

Apples in the Old Barn Children’s Garden ripened early this year. As you can see looking at the attached photos, local children had much fun gathering them at this one-of-kind facility in the University Neighbourhoods Association.

The Old Barn Children’s Garden is the only communal (cooperative) garden of its kind in the UNA—with its vision to create a multi-cultural community of all ages by learning together about organic gardening, sharing in the garden work, and sharing in the harvest.

Because we are a communal garden, everyone who volunteers looks out for the whole garden. Of course, we need to focus

on one bed or specific area too, but we are all welcome anywhere in the garden. We do appreciate volunteers taking initiative because of our loose-knit organizational structure, and we are happy to help you get started. We look forward to seeing you in the Children’s Garden!

2021 Volunteer Garden Committee: Veronica Ignas, Andrea McCaughan, and Olivia Fermi.

COVID-SAFE: Please respect physical distancing in the garden. If the garden is crowded please come back another time. You can find hand sanitizing supplies in the shed.



UBC Neighbours Need Climate Warming Action Plan

Vancouver and UBC already have plans; as focus of interest falls away from the pandemic, more and more it will fall on global warming

John Tompkins,
Editor

While the days of COVID-19 seem limited, those of the climate warming emergency appear ready only to start.

In this brief article, we look at possible events from three perspectives: City of Vancouver; UBC, and the UNA—along with the residents it serves.

Given that both the City of Vancouver and UBC have declared climate emergencies, how can we of the UNA respond since we appear to be running late? Here are a few

ideas. To be sure, there must be more. We start, then, with the not too distant past.

On November 17, 2020, Council in Vancouver approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan. This puts Vancouver on track to reduce its carbon pollution by 50% by 2030, in alignment with the findings of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

At its website, the City states, “Our plan builds on our previous climate plans and focuses on cutting carbon pollution from our biggest local sources - burning fossil fuels in our vehicles (39%) and in our buildings (54%).”

“This plan means change. It means residents, businesses and the City doing our part to transition off fossil fuels. It is designed to make it easier for you to live a carbon-free life. We’ll continue to gather

public input on the actions as we move forward to make this an effective and equitable climate plan.”

Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2030 at UBC is building on earlier climate action plans, the climate emergency engagement process, and successes in climate change mitigation and action, which have resulted in significant emissions reductions from core operations. Also, CAP 2030 is enabling UBC to accelerate the pathway to becoming net zero through clean energy solutions and energy-efficient technologies, as well as identifying new ways to reduce emissions in areas that every university community member has influence over including commuting, food, waste, and business air travel.

Emerging directions and draft targets for CAP 2030 were presented to the Board of Governors in February 2021. The final CAP 2030 will be presented to the Board of Governors in November 2021 and will incorporate direction from the Board of Governors, refinement of targets and actions through on-going studies, as well as input received through public engagement.

From March 29 – April 16, 2021, the Campus and Community Planning team led an engagement process for the entire university community. This was an opportunity for staff, students, and faculty to learn about the emerging CAP 2030, ask questions, and share perspectives.

Through an online survey and virtual events, they heard from 764 participants about the emerging CAP 2030, and the barriers and opportunities for climate action on campus.

Feedback received focused on indirect emissions, which are emissions that are related to individual behaviors such as commuting, food choices and waste disposal.

Olivia Fermi, a UNA resident, co-developer of the UNA Children’s Garden on campus (page 5), and whose grandfather Enrico Fermi is one of the most famous scientists in history, asks us to study possible strategies for adapting UNA neighbourhood buildings for higher summer temperatures: to lower costs and increase energy efficiencies across the UNA. (Ms. Fermi presented a set of suggestions to the UNA Board recently.) In other words, try to engineer solutions that are the most ecologically friendly, not just short-term band-aids. For example, Ms. Fermi suggests that the UNA could research:

- Window coverings that capture heat in winter, reflect heat off the windows in summer.
- Mini-split Air Conditioner is most efficient and can also be used for heating. Since installation requires drilling a 3” hole in an exterior wall, one would need to look into insurance and protection of building envelope integrity. Note: There are condo units in the UNA with lots of cover (window set far back under balcony) where this might be quite feasible.

Strategies should also include review of standard strata by-laws across the UNA. Examples:

- Encourage hanging clothes to dry on decks and balconies instead of discouraging. Offer new bylaw wording to UNA members for their stratas to replace the standard by-law that says you shouldn’t hang your washing out to dry on your balcony. Dryers especially in the summer are creating more heat and wasting energy. This would be a small symbolic change to help shift our culture of waste and throw away.
- Review standard by-law for window coverings—could change that one to encourage window coverings that capture heat in winter and reflect it in summer, along with recommendations for same.
- Create a no-idling by-law similar to what CoV instituted a number of years ago.



Climate Change Rally signs



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NOTICE OF AGM 2020 and AGM 2021

Please be advised that the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting 2020 and Annual General Meeting 2021 on September 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. through video conference (Zoom).

Members can vote online during the meeting or by proxy. The meeting agendas and process for voting are outlined in the notices.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a UNA Society Member, please visit myuna.ca/society.

For more information, visit myuna.ca/agm.

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“This article made me pause. It was one-sided and used inflammatory language. It made statements that were not verified, starting with the headline, Residents Relate How Rogue Dog Bit Baby.

“How was it known that the dog was ‘rogue’? The definition of rogue is of having savage or destructive tendencies. The owner of the dog was not contacted according to the article. How does the journalist know the dog had these tendencies? In fact, according to the Cambridge Dictionary, rogue means behaving in ways that are not expected or not normal.

“I recommend the journalist contact the dog owner and hear the other side of the story. As a dog owner myself, I have had to ask parents to restrain their children from coming into my dog’s space, particularly when they have sticky, food covered fingers and faces.

“What responsibility do the parents have in this situation? Did they allow the child to walk up to the dog when the owner’s attention was elsewhere? Was the dog on a leash in an area where dogs are allowed and expected to be? Naturally the parents would be inclined to say that the child was approached by the

dog, not the other way around.

“I also recommend investigating how many dog-child interactions there are that result in injury in the area. I have been living here for five years and never heard of one. Resorting to creating a bylaw is likely ineffective, as even according to the article, enforcement is an issue. Educating parents, children, and dog owners might result in better outcomes.

“Thank you for a very useful and interesting newspaper.”

Meanwhile, the UNA is gathering information on the number of dogs in the community to inform the preliminary work that is being done on investigating dog control regulations.

At its website, the UNA states, “We are looking for information specifically on how many people in the community own dogs, what is the distribution of ownership across the UNA neighbourhoods and if any of the dogs are registered in other jurisdictions. The survey can be taken at surveymonkey.com/r/838P6MF

“If you are looking to submit any further feedback, please email operations@myuna.ca. This survey closes on October 11, 2021.”

High School Struggles to Return to Normality

First day of new term was September 8; lunch hours in corridors are awkward

Nicole Duane
Grade 11 student,
Lord Byng Secondary School

The first day of classes for us high school students was on Wednesday, September 8th. Although our schedules are once again similar to pre-covid times, it is clear to us that things have not gone back to normal. Yes, we have in person classes full time, but from the very first day, things just felt... messier.

During the first week, students in my school were a confused jumble of missing classes and messed up timetables. I heard countless complaints that entire courses were completely full, and a few people were missing core subjects like math and social studies. Things had never been this bad before; in previous years, yes, there had been the occasional schedule change; but now, dozens of students lined up each day for hours, hoping to get

to see a school counsellor and be enrolled in their classes.

There is another issue that, in retrospect, I should have anticipated: where do students go during lunchtime? With all classrooms closed, and the cafeteria limited at half capacity, groups of students have to cluster along the hallways or outside on the grass. Sitting closely in a circle, and maskless to enjoy their food—not the most reassuring scene during this covid spike. This is especially concerning as we approach the rainy cold season: no one wants to sit outside in that weather, so the school would need to accommodate hundreds of students indoors. Social distancing is virtually impossible for staff to mandate during lunch break, and combined with the lack of masks while eating, the whole situation is a chaotic mess waiting to implode.

Okay, “chaotic mess” may be a bit of an exaggeration. Lunchtimes are basically the same as before covid. But after almost two years of peace and quiet, suddenly being shoved into a crowd of rowdy teenagers rushing to their next class can be a bit overwhelming. This sudden transition, from barely seeing anyone outside your bubble to spending over 6 hours a

day in a building with hundreds of other people, can be quite jarring to many students. A lot of us aren’t even used to the whole 6-hour part yet; we had spent over a year either not going to school or having only one class per day. So, despite the fact that we’ve spend the majority of our lives going to school from approximately 8:45am to 3:06pm, I feel like it could take a few weeks before we fully readjust to that schedule.

I sometimes question if completely re-opening schools is the right decision. It

sometimes feel as if us students are living in a separate world as we step inside; full classrooms with no hopes of maintaining social distancing, hallways flooded with students walking shoulder-to-shoulder, and zero precautions during lunchtime. Meanwhile, we need a BC vaccine card to even dine in at some restaurants. This disparity is confusing to many of us, and diminishes the seriousness of the situation in our eyes—and letting our guard down is something that we definitely do not want!



Busy school hallways

Municipal-Like Services for UBC Neighbourhoods and UEL

These tables show the municipal-like services provided for the UBC neighbourhoods and the UEL, and the entity or entities that provide each service. References to the UEL as service provider are to the UEL – Administration branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. For purposes of this table, Pacific Spirit Regional Park has been omitted.

Service	UBC Neighbourhoods	UEL
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Protective Services		
Police	RCMP, pursuant to a federal-provincial agreement.	Same as UBC neighbourhoods.
Fire	Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, under an agreement between Vancouver and the Province.	Same as UBC neighbourhoods.
Emergency Planning and Response	Metro Vancouver has overall responsibility. UBC has developed its own emergency plan.	Metro Vancouver has overall responsibility. The UEL does not have its own plan.

Regulatory and Development		
Land Use Plan / Official Community Plan	UBC develops amendments to its Land Use Plan. The amendments must be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for adoption.	UEL staff develop amendments to the UEL’s Official Community Plan. These are enacted as bylaws (see below).
Neighbourhood Plans	UBC	UEL staff develop the plans and amendments to the plans. These are enacted as bylaws (see below).
Development Controls (Zoning)	UBC	UEL staff develop zoning rules and amendments to rules. These are enacted as bylaws (see below).
Development, Building, and Similar Permits	UBC	UEL
UBC Recreational and Cultural Facilities	Residents have free or preferred rate access to several UBC facilities.	UEL residents have access to UBC facilities during public times and at public rates.
Bylaw Enactment	The UBC Board of Governors (BOG) has authority under the University Act to make various rules applicable to the UBC campus. The UNA’s role is to develop rules for the neighbourhoods for recommendation to the BOG.	Minister of Municipal Affairs
Bylaw Enforcement	UNA	UEL. Enforcement of bylaws is limited by a lack of municipal-like tools for the imposition or collection of fines.
Business Licences	UBC	UEL
Liquor Licences	Metro Vancouver may provide input to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch with respect to applications for certain categories of liquor licences and amendments to licences.	Same as UBC neighbourhoods.

Service	UBC Neighbourhoods	UEL
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Community Services		
Community Centres	Two community centres, operated by the UNA.	No community centres. One under construction in Lelem (Block F).
UBC Recreational and Cultural Facilities	Residents have free or preferred rate access to several UBC facilities.	UEL residents have access to UBC facilities during public times and at public rates.
Education (K-12)	Vancouver School Board	Vancouver School Board
Libraries	Vancouver Public Library under an arrangement with the UNA. Also, UBC Library.	Vancouver Public Library under an arrangement with the UEL.
Parks	Several parks, maintained by the UNA.	One UEL park.

Physical Services		
Water	UBC	UEL
Sanitary Sewer	UBC	UEL
Storm Sewer	UBC	UEL
Solid Waste	Private contractors hired by stratas.	UEL for Areas A, B, and C. Private contractors hired by commercial and multi-family buildings in Area D.
Recycling	Private contractors hired by stratas.	Recycle BC for single-detached homes. Private contractors hired by commercial and multi-family buildings in Area D.
Organics	Arrangement made by each strata with UBC or a private contractor.	UEL for Areas A, B, and C.
Roads, Sidewalks and Street Lighting	UNA for infrastructure within the neighbourhoods. UBC or the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for main roads adjacent to the neighbourhoods.	UEL for infrastructure within the residential areas. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for main roads through the UEL.
Landscaping of Public Spaces	UNA	UEL

Celebrated Hall at UBC Will Again Hold Vast Array of Live Music

Exciting lineup of fall concerts; local, Indigenous, and emerging artists celebrated

“Live music is back!” says Pat Carrabré, Director of the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts and UBC Music.

“We are thrilled to announce a vast array of performances for audiences to choose from this fall as they return to the seats of the Chan Shun Concert Hall.”

“From emerging talents who demand our attention with their powerful voices, to local bands playing energetic Latin rhythms, to stellar student performances led by some of North America’s most renowned music faculty—there is something for everyone.

“We are also excited to announce the first performance in our Chan Centre Curated series led by visionary mezzo-soprano Marion Newman. Her series, focusing on Indigenous artists, will continue in spring 2022—lots to look forward to. As we emerge from a period of time that challenged us all in many ways, I invite you to gather together once again and enjoy the incredible experience of watching a live performance with others. There is still nothing quite like it.”

The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts and UBC School of Music at the University of British Columbia reveal a collection of fall 2021 performances with live audiences in the Chan Shun Concert Hall. The Chan

Centre Presents and Wednesday Noon Hours series return with programming that features a diverse range of Canadian performing artists across genres including UBC School of Music faculty members, and music students share a series of ensemble concerts celebrating a variety of repertoire highlighting their incredible talents.

Tickets and more information including the Chan Centre’s health and safety protocols is now available at chancentre.com.

The UBC School of Music returns with a season of live student ensemble concerts! Beginning in October, beloved large ensembles UBC Symphony Orchestra, Bands, Choirs, and UBC Opera will be back in the spotlight at the Chan Shun Concert Hall and Old Auditorium.

Since 1997, the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts has earned an international reputation for its striking design, stellar acoustics, and exceptional programming. Artists, critics, and patrons alike are unanimous in their praise of the facility, winning it a place among North America’s top-rated performing arts spaces.

Featuring multiple unique venues—including the Chan Shun Concert Hall, the Telus Studio Theatre, the Royal Bank Cinema, the Old Auditorium, and the Roy Barnett Recital Hall—the Chan Centre is a vital part of UBC campus and community life.

The Chan Centre is also a home for the UBC School of Music, where exceptional students rehearse and perform in a variety of ensemble concerts throughout the year.



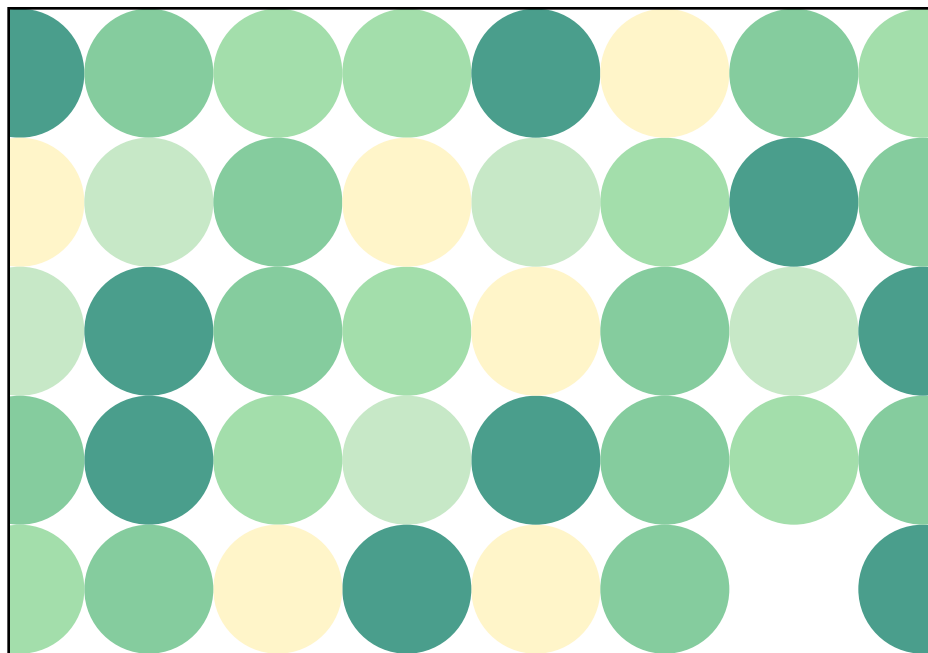
Hasalala Danxalax: Marion Newman & Friends.
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BECOME A UNA SOCIETY MEMBER TODAY
Participate in Elections and General Meetings

A UNA Society Membership* entitles eligible residents to participate at UNA general meetings and to vote and run in UNA Board of Director Elections.

You can verify and manage your membership online through your UNA Account or in-person at the Wesbrook Community Centre or the Old Barn Community Centre.

Visit myuna.ca/society for more information.

* Membership is not automatic when you sign up for a UNA Account or UNA Card – residents must opt-in and proof of address is required.



GREEN DEPOT

myuna.ca/depot

The **Green Depot**, operated by the **UNA**, offers socially, economically, and environmentally responsible waste repurposing and disposal options to UNA and UBC community members.

Visit our website for hours of operation, and to learn more about the waste items that are accepted at the Green Depot.

