**UNA Defers Bylaw Changes until Spring**

Directors approve recommendations of the Bylaw Committee to consider more substantive changes to the bylaws and, if necessary, to amend constitution

John Tompkins
Editor

Directors of the University Neighbourhoods Association at their September 11 meeting voted to defer any changes to the UNA bylaws and constitution at this time.

Instead, the UNA Board will consider bringing the contentious bylaws issue forward at a Special General Meeting of UNA members to be set in the spring.

The first phase of a Bylaws review has been underway since March, when creation of the new Bylaw Committee was approved.

**UNA Board of Directors All-Candidates Forums**

Saturday, September 29, 2:00–3:30 pm

Old Barn Community Centre, Meeting Room 2.

Thursday, October 11, 7:00–8:30 pm

Westbrook Community Centre, Multipurpose Room.

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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION:**

**Bosque Design Vision and U Boulevard Area Updates**

This consultation is an opportunity to provide input on shaping the design vision of the Bosque. We are also sharing a planning update on the U Boulevard area.

**Provide your input online or in person**

**On-line: SEPTEMBER 17 TO OCTOBER 5**

Online Survey:

[planning.ubc.ca/uboulevard](http://planning.ubc.ca/uboulevard)

**Public Open Houses:**

- September 26, 4pm to 6pm
  - I.K. Barber Learning Centre, 2nd floor lobby
  - 1961 East Mall

- September 27, 10am to 12pm
  - UBC Life Building, concourse
  - 6333 Student Union Blvd

**Questions?**

Contact Aivisa Savelius, Senior Manager, Public Engagement at aivisa.savelius@ubc.ca or 604 822 0073

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**UBC Resident Runs for Vancouver School Board**

Ying Zhou, Chair of the University Neighbourhoods Association, is one of 33 candidates vying for position of school trustee in the upcoming Vancouver municipal election October 20. She represents the Vancouver Coalition Party.

Voters will elect nine school trustees as well as a Vancouver mayor, city councilors and commissioners for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Positions are held for a four-year term.

Ms. Zhou’s profile as a candidate for the Vancouver School Board can be viewed at https://coalitionvancouver.ca/ying-zhou/

The Vancouver School Board (School District No. 39) is independent of City Council. The School Board provides elementary, secondary, community, and specialized education services in the city, the UBC residential neighbourhoods, and University Endowment Lands.

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**RCMP University Detachment Open House**

2990 Wesbrook Mall

All students, employees and residents are welcome! October 13, 10 am – 2 pm

In attendance: RCMP support sections and UBC community partners

Vancouver Fire Dept Hall #10, 5-29 Garage for Bike Thiefs, RCMP E-Div Community Policing, RCMP E-Div IPDS (Police dog section), RCMP E-Div Recruiting, UBC Campus Security, UBC AMS SASC (Sexual Assault Support Centre), UBC Media Relations, Wesbrook Village Properties.

University RCMP: “We want to showcase what our police agency does here and bring more awareness that we have a police agency in this jurisdiction.”
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We Want to Hear from You

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The planning process for UBC’s next neighbourhood has been guided by a series of Board adopted principles and planning parameters, which were shaped through consultation with community members and stakeholders, and has included two public consultations with a third starting October 1. The feedback we received through the open houses, workshops, small group meetings, and online surveys has been very helpful and shaped the emerging options. As is the case with all robust community planning programs, we heard a broad range of interests and concerns. Some of the prominent interests that emerged through the planning process include support for new affordable housing for the UBC community, a neighbourhood connected to nature and the Botanical Garden, careful consideration for integrating a new stadium, and a local-oriented community designed for social interaction.

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Metro Vancouver: New Electoral Area A Director

University Endowment Lands resident Justin LeBlanc will be acclaimed as the next Metro Vancouver Director for Electoral Area A and as the next member representing Electoral Area A on the Mayors’ Council for Regional Transportation. Mr. LeBlanc, a member of the UEL Community Advisory Council, graduated recently from UBC with a Ph.D. in environmental microbiology.

Maria Harris – who served three terms as Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A Director and Member of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation – decided not to put her name forward for re-election at the upcoming Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A General Local Election on October 20.

Metro Vancouver is the local government for Electoral Area A which includes the UBC and UEL areas and other communities.

Metro Vancouver has 23 members: 21 municipalities, one Treaty First Nation and one Electoral Area A – the unincorporated area of the regional district.

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If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Campus and Community Planning at info.planning@ubc.ca or at 604 822-8228. In addition to the on-line and in-person events that are planned, we are always willing to come and speak with small groups, so please let us know the best ways to engage.
UBC Students Support Taller Towers in Stadium Road Neighbourhood Plan

Student position is radically opposed to position of campus residents who are expressing concerns with the proposed density and building heights for the planned neighbourhood

John Tompkins
Editor

The 50,000-member Alma Mater Society (AMS) has come out in favor of taller towers and more density in plans for development be expanded to 1.8 million square feet.

In a letter to the UBC Board of Governors, the AMS states: “We respect the opinions held by all stakeholders but the AMS believes it would be short-sighted to adopt any plan that lowers the proposed 1.5 million square feet of residential development. “We also believe that any plan that doesn’t seek an increase of the tower height from 22 stories to 36 stories would be to the detriment of the local ecological system by increasing the development footprint.”

In contrast to what the students propose, a group of more than 400 campus residents sent the UBC Board of Governors a letter and petition in May expressing concerns about proposed plans that, they say, far exceed original plans for a gross building area of 993,000 sqft. and housing for 2,000–2,500 people in the Stadium Road Neighbourhood.

Please see article by UBC Residents on Page 4.
Towers Up to 36-storeys Planned for Stadium Road Neighbourhood?

“We believe that UBC should respect the key elements of the current Land Use Plan with regard to density and building heights, and not ask the provincial government to increase these limits.”

Murray McCutcheon, Alex Volkoff, Joyce Ternes, Susan Eadie, and Akira Furuzawa

UBC Residents

The final planning options for the Stadium Road Neighbourhood (SRN) were released by Campus and Community Planning (C&CP) for presentation to the Board of Governors on September 27. In addition to a 50% increase in density compared to the initial guidelines, the short-listed options all include plans to construct buildings taller than 30 storeys, well beyond that permitted by UBC’s current Land Use Plan. As put forth, the plans fail to address a number of critical issues connected to the long-term mission of the university and the sustainability of its surrounding community.

We believe current plans that call for tower up to 36 storeys and a projected population of 3,700 violate UBC’s guiding principles of development. The current Land Use Plan governing new residential areas states that the desired physical qualities are: “human-scaled, medium density and compact, with an emphasis on public space and green areas…as part of a livable community that reflects the University character.” The Board has approved a guiding principle for the Stadium Road Neighbourhood that calls on Community and Campus Planning to: “create a community for and of UBC…that supports local needs first and attracts and retains university talent.”

As permanent residents on campus with long associations with UBC – as students, past or current faculty, volunteers, and/or donors – we care about our community and the people in it, and for the reputation of UBC. We have been working constructively with C&CP for two years and applauded their efforts to engage the community. That said, this spring we came to the conclusion that C&CP were constrained by parameters established by the Board of Governors that would not allow them to consider certain options. In May, we distributed to the Board a petition signed by 400 residents in the community expressing our concerns and asking for a pause in the planning process. Since then we have met with President Ono, but feel that our concerns have not been addressed.

The proposed density and building heights for SRN are problematic from many perspectives. Permanent residents living on campus already account for close to 12,000 people, and that number is expected to double. This means that permanent residents are major stakeholders in the UBC community, and yet are rarely heard and taken into account. Amongst our key concerns are to promote faculty and staff affordability, prioritize an engaged community rather than an investment windfall, and to properly consider the impact on the strained infrastructure from schools to roads to police – that is woefully inadequate for the SRN development.

The proposed “living lab” does not offer mechanisms to increase affordability for faculty and staff. Why is planning for the SRN seemingly based primarily on paying for a reconstructed stadium, increasing the endowment, funding rental housing, and possibly contributing to a windfall, and it strains the imagination to believe that a new rapid transit line will be built to campus before the current permanent population doubles. Parking and road capacities are insufficient for residents and events (lectures, concerts, sports, etc.) attended by members in the larger metro community. What faculty member, especially one with children, would accept 0.4 of a parking space as part of a rental housing package? Schools are already reaching capacity. Despite the land set aside for a new school, there is no plan for its construction, nor how teachers will be found to staff it (or where they will be able to afford to live), nor whether it will meet projected densities, especially given the new Musqueam Development coming on stream nearby. Amenities such as shops, policing and fire-fighting services are already at a premium.

Green space is critical, and is one of the hallmarks of UBC. In addition to conserving the environment, they lend themselves to community-building. Constructing taller buildings in an attempt to “maximize” green space loses sight of the fact that taller buildings shade and dwarf themselves to community-building. Considering the financial assumptions governing can be found at https://bog3.sites.olt.ubc.ca/page/2018/09/23_20180923_stadium-road-npr.pdf

Editor’s Note: Report “Stadium Road Neighbourhood Plan Options and Phase 3 Consultations” forwarded by the Campus and Community Planning to the UBC Board of Governors September 27 meeting can be found at https://bog3.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/20180923_20180923_stadium-road-npr.pdf

The Stadium Road Neighbourhood Plan Area (indicated by red dotted line) in the southern part of UBC campus bounded by East Mall, Stadium Road and 16th Avenue. Photo credit: UBC Campus and Community Planning.

Stadium Neighbourhood Greenway. Photo credit UBC Campus and Community Planning.
Much as I enjoy summer, I always look forward to September, and the start of the academic year, with thousands of students arriving on campus.

It’s an exciting time for these students. Many of them are away from home for the first time in their lives, starting on a new stage in life’s journey. Yes, it’s exciting, but it can also be scary, and lonely.

In trying to cope with this new environment, some students turn to drugs or alcohol. Others withdraw into themselves and suffer depression. Most students, of course, adjust, but we need to ensure all students get the support they need to thrive at university.

I can speak from my own personal experience. I struggled with mental health issues throughout my youth and young adult life. But I kept those struggles to myself. There was a stigma around mental illness that made me reluctant to seek help.

Looking back, I feel very fortunate to have received the medical and psychological support I needed to recover.

For the last 25 years, I’ve been symptom-free. A big part of the balance in my life is that I have a loving family, and they’re always there for me.

The lesson in my story is if you have the proper counseling and support, it’s really possible for you to move past that and move back into functioning life.

While physical health is easy to measure and talk about openly, mental health is under the surface and often not talked about at all.

This prevents people from asking for the help they desperately need.

The Canadian Mental Health Association’s 64stage4 campaign asks a thought-provoking question – what if we waited until stage 4 to treat cancer? Of course, we would never allow our medical system to wait that long to treat cancer. We fully expect to have preventative education, screening, and early treatment.

Now, imagine if the standard of treatment was equal between mental and physical health conditions. Not only would it significantly improve the lives of those living with a mental illness, it would save lives.

We need to stop the stigma that prevents individuals from asking for help, because the sooner a condition is identified, the sooner it can be healed.

Here at UBC, the diversity of campus communities – including students of all ages, Indigenous students, youth formerly in care, families, single parents, LGBTQ+ – brings unique challenges and requirements for support.

We need to provide resources to help students connect, build coping skills, learn to recognize early when they may need assistance, and get help when they need it.

That’s why we established UBC Wellbeing. UBC Wellbeing is a collaborative effort to make the university a better place to live, work, and learn through a systems-wide approach to wellbeing across our campuses.

The top five factors essential to wellbeing are – sleep, nutrition, friends, purpose, and exercise. Financial literacy and financial planning are also important to wellbeing.

Students need to learn how to maintain good health and wellbeing habits across the course of their life.

This year at UBC, we have made wellbeing a key priority in our new strategic plan. We have also begun to develop a Wellbeing Strategic Plan, which will channel university-wide efforts and ensure continued focus.

As a university president, I witness plenty of evidence that today’s students – given the proper support – can and do, indeed, thrive.

Today, young people are much more aware of their mental health than when I was in university, and that’s a good thing. Students can be a real inspiration, and they are empathetic to one another. When young people realize they are not alone in experiencing mental health issues, it motivates them to do something about it; and they are motivated to demand their leaders do something about it, too.

But we can’t leave it up to them.

We must encourage and enable our institutions to cultivate resilience, and to provide students the freedom to try, to fail, to learn from failure, and to try again.

And we must put special emphasis on traditionally less well-served groups, such as Indigenous students, marginalized groups, and first-generation students.

We must ensure we have institutional supports in place and we need to constantly evaluate those supports and ensure that they are working.

We must create environments that lend themselves to balanced healthy lifestyles. For example, we need to think about the ways in which academic programs are designed, the ways that students are encouraged to engage on campus, and how cancer-building experiences are prioritized.

I’m pleased with UBC’s efforts to date and the supports we have available. When I was younger, there were few supports. But I did have some significant help, for which I am grateful.

I recognize that not everybody has those supports, and that’s why it’s important that we give students of all ages the support they need, when they need it.

Together, we can give the next generation the support they need to thrive.

Best Wishes
Santa J. Ono
The UNA Board is the focal point for the decisions and actions that affect residents in the five university neighbourhoods. The primary role of the Board is to provide strategic guidance for the organization and represent the interests of residents. This includes providing strategic direction to the Executu-
James O Ellis III

A seven-year Wesbrook resident, James has worked in national security for 20 years. As Research Director for a US non-profit institute, he managed a national $85M research program with over 40 projects. He has advised multiple boards, including the UNA Bylaw Review Committee. James holds a staff position at UBC, and he believes his background in campus policing, security, parking, and emergency management will help improve the UNA’s Emergency Planning and Response. He also focuses on mental health and indigenous issues.

James believes the UNA can:

• Improve safety and the quality of life for residents – The UNA can make neighbourhoods cleaner, quieter, safer, and more accessible for our diverse populations through better coordination with area businesses and schools. Better communication around local events and a review of traffic and parking practices will increase safety and reduce headaches.

• Develop a greater sense of community – More can be done to deepen ties to our neighbours. As we build more residences, we should create more meaningful public spaces that bring people together, such as a dog park or a community built playground. We can incorporate Musqueam place names to pay homage to our unique home, and we can revitalize jewels like the Old Barn Community Centre to ensure they are well-used.

• Expand University engagement for sustainable growth – The UNA has an excellent opportunity to recast its relationship with UBC and foster greater collaboration. Shifting away from adversarial stances and emphasizing practical problem-solving will help address resident priorities, including the Stadium Road Neighbourhood and improved transit.

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Natalie Jatskevich

I am a proactive UNA community member of 16 years and have been a volunteer for UBC Child Care Services, UBC Hospital, Norma Rose Point School Parent Advisory Committee (NRP PAC), UBC Campus and Community Planning and the UNA.

As an NRP PAC member, I organized a petition to the Ministry of Transportation concerning the lack of safe street crossing options for residents. It resulted in the installation of an additional crosswalk with pedestrian-controlled traffic lights and reduction of speed limits. In 2014, as NRP PAC Safety Committee Chair, in cooperation with UBC and the UNA, we implemented a popular Walking School Bus program that received a UNA Volunteer Award in 2016.

As a President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress BC, I’ve been involved in advocating for ethnic communities since 2016. My background in pedagogy and social/political psychology, has taught me to be culturally-sensitive and enabled me with community planning/management skills, ability to foster relationships with provincial/municipal governments, community stakeholders, media and online audiences.

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Golf is in rare company in its inaccessibility. The notion that participation in the game requires not only expensive equipment but also paying increasing green fees has nowadays almost become cliché. However, we sought to break this stereotype by founding Next Generation Golf (NGG), an organization aiming to repaint the landscape of golf accessibility and inspire future generations of golfers.

This past January, we selected the UBC community as the base for NGG. Not only do we have fond feelings about living in the University Neighbourhoods, the area is equipped with world-class facilities: two community centres, an 18-hole golf course and two elementary schools. Preparation began without hint of hesitation. We consulted Rosa Fazio, Principal of Norma Rose Point School (NRP), to assess the school’s interest. Fueled with Ms. Fazio’s enthusiasm for this new project, we drew up lesson plans and designed a website (www.nextgenerationgolf.ca). Each hour-long session was packed with activities such as warm-up, games, lessons, practice time, competition and prizes.

The first session began on the first Friday of March. On a rainy day, 15 Grade 4 students gathered cozily in the NRP school gym. To start, the participants, or better yet – “young players” – lined up against the wall, ready to start the warm-up. I led them through a series of acrobatic movements and stretches, both essential in preventing injuries in the sport, while Victoria explained the safety rules of the session. The players were then divided into two groups: putting and chipping. After the correct techniques were taught, each player was given time practicing the skills. A skills competition with prizes for all wrapped up the session.

One month later, we applied for a UTown@UBC Community Grant and were awarded $1,000 to fund Next Generations Golf operations and promote junior golf. This generosity allowed our team to purchase more equipment to enhance player experience for the upcoming sessions. We would like to thank the University Neighbourhoods Association for its continuous support of local initiatives!

In the coming months, we will continue to tackle golf accessibility by inspiring a wider range of audience in the campus community. This includes expanding into more elementary schools, community centres, and senior homes. Ultimately, we believe that giving back is about making a difference in our communities.

Editor’s Note: UBC residents Kevin Li and Victoria Liu – founders of the Next Generation Golf and authors of this article – have impressive golfing backgrounds. Kevin was introduced to golf at the age of 7 and has been passionate about the game ever since. He competes in Canadian Junior Golf Association, Maple Leaf Junior Tour and provincial tournaments and performs consistently at a high level. Kevin is a member of his school’s varsity golf team. He especially enjoys working with kids, helping them develop their spark in golf.

Victoria is a member of Golf Canada, Canadian Junior Golf Association, American Junior Golf Association, US Golf Association. She has been playing golf for 12 years. At age 10, Victoria won her 1st Golf World Championship in American Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Los Angeles. At age 13, she won National Title in CPGA Mirano Golf Championship in Ontario. From 2013 to 2017, Victoria has continuously had strong performance in Junior World Championship in San Diego, representing Canada.

In 2017, as a Grade 8 student, Victoria was awarded Most Valuable Player in high school golf team. In 2018, Victoria won BC High School AAA Individual Co-Ed Champion, and was in the top 33 players in 70th US Girls Junior Championship. Her dream is to be a professional player and become #1 in the world.

Kevin Lu

Victoria Liu

Next Generation Golf Inspires Young Players
Barn Raising Remains Popular

Righteous belligerence
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Bob Hoye
Hawthorn Place Resident

Much has changed since I was a student at UBC in 1960. We read that students have been getting bigger and we know that cars have been getting bigger. It is the weight difference between the two that presents a problem. Back in the day, having been brought up with stern instructions to “Stop, Look and Listen”, pedestrians naturally gave the right-of-way to cars. For drivers, too much belligerence and they suffered property damage and rising insurance premiums, or in extreme cases sentenced to time in the “crowbar hotel”. Pedestrians just plain avoided belligerence, unless giving the finger to some offensive driver.

Two years ago I returned to UBC, not as a student but as a resident, enjoying the place, the view and old memories. But in getting around the risk is no longer the responsibility of the pedestrian—instead risk is imposed upon the driver. For whatever reason, civic regulators have granted pedestrians an implied right-of-way over cars. But the laws of physics maintain, which insist that people can stop in an instant but cars can’t. Despite this, too many pedestrians are willfully defying the laws of gravity.

Last year, I still had an old sports car and one lovely morning I was driving west on 16th into the round-about at Wesbrook when a lady, somewhat younger than myself, stepped off the curb, forcing the old car to come to shuddering halt. Miraculously not hitting her. There were no cars behind me so why did she aggressively step right in front of a moving car? Because she pushed the button. With the car’s top-down communication was direct and I asked about common courtesy and if she recalled “Stop, Look and Listen”?

The suddenly angry glare could have disabled a huge truck. Then some ten minutes later, having picked up at home the item I forgotten and in going through the round-about at East Mall, it was the same thing. Couldn’t believe it.

And then there are the students exercising their ignorance or defiance of the laws of physics. Some are earnestly texting and not paying any attention. Too many are imposing their rights and privileges upon motorists who dare not participate in such dangerous challenges. One car coming—push the crossing button and step into traffic right now! Which is the exercise of raw political power.

Unfortunately, disregard for risk extends to bicyclists who enjoy political favour as well as flouting laws, both civic and of physics. Last fall, in the dark and in a light rain, I stopped at a red light going west on King Edward at Arbutus. When in the right-turn lane, the bike-lane is to the left and as I stopped there was a cyclist dressed in dark Lycra, with no lights and no reflectors. Unwinding the window I politely pointed out the risk, to him and to me. He immediately turned the handle bars and banged his tire against my door. Righteous belligerence trashed courtesy and commonsense.

But there is hope. In the busy streets of Manhattan and London pedestrians have to look to their own risk in order to avoid harm. As Vancouver grows, pedestrians as well as cyclists could develop the character and courtesies needed to survive in a big city. In the meantime, I’ve doubled my liability insurance.

Barn Raising Remains Popular

Up to 1,000 people attended the outdoor event in Jim Taylor Park beside the Old Barn Community Centre. Andrew Clements, UNA Recreation Manager and Host of the Barn Raising, explains the rules of the watermelon eating contest to participants.

Seniors Set off on Three Months of Free Activities

Goal of UNA program is to improve physical strength, mental health and social wellbeing of seniors in community

Your Passport to Wellbeing, the first seniors’ wellbeing program organized by the University Neighbourhoods Association and funded by the federal government, got underway September 15 with a well-attended kick-off BBQ at the Wesbrook Community Centre.

Up to a hundred seniors attended the event. UNA Assistant Recreation Manager Qing Wang provided some impressive numbers for the Your Passport to Wellbeing project. Ms. Wang said: “We have planned 53 activities free for seniors (55+) for the duration of 12 weeks starting from September 17 and lasting until December 8.”

At press time, almost 200 seniors had received their Wellbeing Passports and registered for 747 activities they liked – accounting for 75% of the program capacity.

Ms. Wang said there is still space available for participation in some programs. However, “half of the programs have a waitlist.”

At the kick-off BBQ, Ms. Wang acknowledged – in English and Chinese – the work of dedicated Passport Project volunteers: Alice and Nils Bradley, Suresh Prasad, Laurie and Darryl Drummond, Cecile Poon, Sunnie Lyu, Angela Chen, Michelle Li and Jason Ho.

The program activities – in education, social and fitness categories – will be led by a mix of paid instructors and Senior Ambassadors. Volunteers and will take place across campus: in Wesbrook and The Old Barn community centres, UBC Aquatic Centre, Osborne Centre, UBC Botanical Garden, Roy Barnett Recital Hall, TRIUMF, etc.

Organizers believe that through trying out these different activities first hand, seniors will discover their own paths to wellbeing. The programs in the Your Passport to Wellbeing project are designed to improve the physical strength, mental health and social wellbeing of seniors in the community.

Before and After School Care Program Is Planned to Start October 1

UNA and YMCA are partners in this program

The UNA anticipates that – working with the YMCA – it will be able to launch a licensed before and after school care program in place starting October 1 at the Old Barn Community Centre.

The program should begin at the Wesbrook Community Centre in January.

Johanne Blenkin, UNA Executive Director, told the UNA Board at its September 11 meeting: “We are pleased to be working with the YMCA to launch this program. The need for child care has been well documented as part of the child care needs assessment undertaken by UBC. The UNA role in child care provision, either directly or through third parties, is set out in the Neighbours Agreement.”

UNA staff has reviewed schedules at the Old Barn in light of a 7 am start for this program and will be revising schedules to accommodate it in a cost neutral manner.

In a written report to the Board, Ms. Blenkin said: “At this stage of the review, we are confident that we can accommodate the fitness centre opening at 7 am. To achieve cost neutrality, we will have to adjust closing hours from 10 pm to 9:30 pm. The Wesbrook fitness centre will continue its regular hours and can accommodate those who wish to use fitness facilities until 10 pm.”

Registration priority will be given to residents with no affiliation to UBC, followed by UNA staff and residents with affiliation to UBC and then to the off-campus community.

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Restrictive Covenant on Land Title Reveals Dark History of Prejudice

Covenant on land title was used to exclude people of some races from owning or occupying property in part of University Endowment Lands

John Tompkins  
Editor

A significant piece of local history was discovered by real estate lawyer and history buff Peter Scarrow when – some years ago – he and his wife decided to buy a house in the Little Australia, part of the University Endowment Lands.

Mr. Scarrow, Counsel, Macdonald Real Estate Group Inc., tells this story in an e-mail to The Campus Resident:

“Around 1996, my ex-wife (who is Chinese) and I bought a house for lot value on Col- lege-Highroad in Little Australia (part of the University Endowment Lands).

The seller was an elderly lady who had purchased the home – by then a ‘ tear-down’ bungalow – from the developer who likely acquired all the land in Little Austra- lia shortly after World War II.

A title search revealed a restrictive covenant on the title – registered in the 1950’s as I recall – that provided (roughly) as fol- lows: “This property may not be owned or occupied by Chinese, Japanese, East Indi- ans, Jews or persons of the Negro race.”

My inference is that the entire property was sold to a developer who built the origi- nal bungalows, 60-70 in all, in the 1950’s, with the delightful restrictive covenant registered and “running with the land” over all the lots upon subdivision.

Now, of course, such covenants can be discharged easily as being void against public policy. I wanted to keep ours on title, but my Chi- nese wife disagreed, so it was discharged when we bought the property.

I assume this covenant was registered on all the properties in Little Australia, the aim presumably being to maintain value by ensuring racial purity.

Developers, after all, put profit before ideals. There is a nice irony here considering how these days most properties like this are owned and oc- cupied by Chinese.”

As Mr. Scarrow noted, the restrictive cove- nant he discovered on the property title was no longer legal – even if it continued to exist on the document. The British Co- lumbia government amended the BC Land Title Act in 1978 and made the discrimi- nating covenants void. Section 222 of the Act specifies: “A covenant that, directly or indirectly, restricts the sale, ownership, oc- cupation or use of land on account of the sex, race, creed, colour, nationality, ances- try or place of origin of a person, however created, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, is void and of no effect”.

According to the BC Land Title Division August 15, 2015 Practice Note 01-15 Land Title Act section 222 - Cancellations of Discriminating Covenants, “section 222 has legal declaratory effect: it operates against any registered covenant that direct- ly or indirectly has a discriminating effect, whenever registered and in whatever form created. The registrar is authorized to take action to reflect the operation of section 222, on request from an owner or on the registrar’s own initiative.”

In 2014, the British Columbia government apologized to Chinese Canadians for “more than a hundred laws, regula- tions, and policies that were imposed by past provincial governments that discrimi- nated against people of Chinese descent since 1871, when British Columbia joined Confederation, to 1947. These laws and policies denied British Columbia’s Chinese communities’ basic human rights, includ- ing but not limited to, the right to vote, hold public office, or own property; imposed la- bour, educational and employment restric- tions; subjected them to health and hous- ing segregation, and prevented them from fully participating in society.”

In the formal Apology for “the discrimina- tory legislation and racist policies enacted by past provincial governments”, the Brit- ish Columbia government said: “We will ensure that this never happens again.”

To learn more about Chinese immigration and settlement in Canada, visit The Wal- lace B. Chung and Madeline H. Chung Collection housed in UBC Library’s Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

The Chung Collection was donated to UBC Library by the Chung family “so as many people as possible can have the oppor- tunity to understand and appreciate the struggles and joys of those who have come before them.”

It contains more than 25,000 rare and unique items: documents, books, maps, posters, paintings, photographs, silver, glass, ceramic ware and other artifacts.

Selected pieces are on display in the Chung Room, including the model of the Cana- dian Pacific Royal Mail Ship Empress of Asia – the ocean liner that transported cargo and passengers from Asia to British Columbia. One of the travelers aboard was Dr. Wallace B. Chung’s mother who emi- grated from China to Canada in 1919.

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“With new information on a number of possible substantive changes, it was de- cided that a more comprehensive review to encompass this more substantive element of the bylaws and constitution would be preferable. “This approach can address a number of issues in one process in a timely fashion, but cannot be accommodated in time for the November 1 AGM.”

After discussion, the Board approved the Bylaw Committee recommendations:

1. That the UNA defer any changes to the bylaws and constitution to a Special Gen- eral meeting to be set in the spring.
2. That the UNA Board consider more sub- stantive changes to the bylaws including but not restricted to: timing of the AGM and Elections, form of voting, expanding the definition of membership to make ev- ery resident a member of the society, and various issues related to the composition of the board including term lengths, divers- ity of neighbourhood representation, and non-elected members.
3. That the constitution be amended to re- flect the proposed changes if necessary.
4. That the Board consider these issues in an open process informed by broad – based consultation with residents.
UBC Community Celebrates Legacy of Dr. Michael Smith, Nobel Prize Winner

Largest park in Wesbrook Place

UBC Professor Dr. Smith, who was one of the world’s greatest scientists, a humble man known for his humanity

Among the ways UBC has found to honor the late Dr. Michael Smith – British Columbia’s first Nobel Laureate who won the 1993 Nobel Prize for Chemistry while working at UBC – is to name the largest park in Wesbrook Place after him.

Beautiful Smith Park – with playground for children, benches for sitting and water features – is located on Birney Avenue, and it has become a focal point for community gatherings and special events organized by the University Neighbourhoods Association.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dr. Smith winning Nobel Prize, Michael Smith Laboratories at UBC are hosting a scientific symposium on October 1, 2018, at the Great Hall at the Nest, UBC. Admission is free, and registration information is available at www.msl.ubc.ca/25.

Dr. Michael Smith was awarded Nobel Prize for his work “on site-directed mutagenesis, a revolutionary technique that allows scientists to make a generic mutation precisely at any spot in a DNA molecule, helping us understand more about how genes work, and what happens when they go wrong,” says the Michael Smith Laboratories at UBC in a news release.

“This technique has led to new tests and treatments for diseases such as cancer, with made-in-BC treatments and practices putting the province near the top of world rankings for cancer outcomes. It has also contributed to better understanding of conditions such as Alzheimer’s, cystic fibrosis and immunodeficiency disorders like HIV/AIDS.”

A man of humble origins, Dr. Smith donated his entire Nobel Prize award. Half of the $500,000 prize went to research on schizophrenia, at the time a notoriously under-funded area. The other half went to Science World British Columbia and to the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology.

In research you really have to love and be committed to your work because things have more of a chance of going wrong than right. But when things go right, there is nothing more exciting.

Dr. Michael Smith

RESEARCH SUBJECTS NEEDED FOR BALANCE PERFORMANCE STUDIES

Neural Control of Posture and Movement Lab at UBC – Dr. Mark Carpenter

We are looking for healthy young adults (age 19–40 years) and healthy older adults (age 60–85 years) to participate in research studies investigating how the nervous system controls upright standing and walking. Studies involve simple balance tasks and walking at your own pace and will be performed in a single session in our laboratory at UBC.

Please contact Dr. Carpenter (mark.carpenter@ubc.ca or 604-822-8614) if you are interested in participating in research and would like more information about the studies that are currently ongoing in our research lab at UBC.

STRATA 101 TRAINING

Saturday, September 29
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wesbrook Community Centre, Social Room

This is a free information session on Strata corporations and building management.

Hosts Chris Finch and John Lin

Key terms and concepts include bylaws, AGM, strata fees, CFR, neighbors’ disputes, the roles and responsibilities of a strata council, and your rights and obligations as a strata owner or a renter.

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Dr. Michael Smith

The entrance to Smith Park at Wesbrook Place.

Dr. Michael Smith receives 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. Photo credit Tobbe Gustavsson.

Dr. Michael Smith in laboratory. Photo courtesy BC Cancer.

The news release states: “The Nobel Prize and Dr. Smith’s dedication to using his position to advance BC research as a whole, was a game changer for the province, vaulting the expertise of local scientists onto the world stage and putting BC on the map as a place for world-class research.”

“Among the organizations he created and inspired are Genome British Columbia (Genome BC), the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), the Michael Smith Laboratories at the University of British Columbia, and the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre at BC Cancer.”

Remembering Dr. Smith, Dr. B. Brett Finlay, professor of microbiology, Michael Smith Laboratories, said: “Working in science in BC, you realize how many amazing things are associated with Mike, his fingerprints are everywhere. He never set out to develop site-directed mutagenesis, he was studying a protein in yeast and wanted to change part of the DNA. Once he figured out how to do it, the technique became fundamental and used universally. Mike really put Canada on the map in terms of scientific research but from working with him as a young faculty member, I remember him as very humble, and very honest. He was a true scientist – he just loved science.”

Dr. Peter Zandstra, Director, Michael Smith Laboratories, said: “Michael inspired leadership and influenced a generation of scientists. He gave generously to BC's scientific communities and strongly promoted science education and public outreach. It is a great honour for UBC's Michael Smith Laboratories to host a symposium celebrating Michael’s Nobel Prize. Michael was an extraordinary leader who had a vision to build BC’s biotechnology community. 25 years later, his impact is still felt throughout BC, leaving a legacy we continue to build upon.”

Dr. Michael Smith in laboratory.

Photo courtesy BC Cancer.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, November 1, 2018
Westbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane
6:30 p.m. Refreshments
7:00 p.m. AGM

CAST YOUR VOTE!

THREE BOARD POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) members will elect three new members to the Board at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 1, 2018. UNA members in good standing are able to vote in this election, and will receive their ballots in the mail soon. The UNA provides a number of ways to submit accomplished ballots.

ELECTION DEADLINES
- Ballots must be received by mail or dropped off at the UNA main office by 6:30 p.m. on November 1, 2018, or
- Ballots must be placed in the ballot box at the AGM by 7 p.m. on November 1, 2018.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES
Residents will have an opportunity to hear the director candidates’ views on a number of issues and ask questions at one of two UNA Board of Directors All-Candidates Forums:
- Saturday, September 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Old Barn Community Centre, Meeting Room 2
- Thursday, October 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Westbrook Community Centre, Multipurpose Room

President’s Concert Series
A free special performance featuring pianist Tony Yike Yang

Monday, October 15, 2018
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Old Auditorium, 6394 Memorial Road, Vancouver Campus

19-year-old Chinese-Canadian pianist Tony Yike Yang is emerging as one of the foremost pianists of the younger generation.

Free Tickets: Old Auditorium Box Office, ubcoperatickets.com
Information: ceremonies.ubc.ca/presidents-concert-series-tony-yike-yang

UBC OPERA 2018/19 SEASON

Public Consultation
PHASE THREE: OCTOBER 1 TO 21
We need your feedback on the Plan Options for the Neighbourhood.
Share your ideas online or in person.

To register or learn more:
stadiumneighbourhood.ubc.ca

Online Survey
Available from October 1 to 21

Questions?
Contact Avis Savvion, Senior Manager, Public Engagement at avissavvion@ubc.ca or 604-822-0273.

Public Open Houses
Wednesday, October 3
10am to 12pm
Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, 6363 University Blvd

Wednesday, October 10
4pm to 7pm
Westbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane

Public Talk
Thursday, October 4
5:30pm - 8:00pm
Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, 6363 University Blvd

Workshop
Saturday, October 13
12pm - 4pm
BC Hydro Theatre, 2260 West Mall