



# UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT LANDS SERVICES, STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE STUDY

Community Advisory Council Meeting

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# INTRODUCTION

- UEL (population ~3,200) has a unique governance structure, as the only urban area in BC directly administered by the Province, under the authority of the *University Endowment Land Act*.
- There has been a long history and interest in UEL governance, and the community is facing a number of growing pressures including: future development, changing demographics, infrastructure needs, as well as a representation gap.
- Urban Systems was selected by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing to undertake UEL Service, Structure, and Governance study, which began in late January 2020.

# ABOUT URBAN SYSTEMS

- Founded in 1975 in Kamloops, employee owned firm with 14 offices across Western Canada.
- Specialize in community development for local government, First Nations, senior government agencies, and the private sector.
- Team of planning, engineering, finance and governance specialists from our Vancouver and Victoria offices are working on UEL Governance Study.
- Significant experience with recent governance studies – Salt Spring Island, Duncan/North Cowichan, Capital Region, Pemberton.

# STUDY OBJECTIVES

- Comprehensive study to inform the Province about the UEL's service needs, key interests, and governance considerations.
- The study has the following main objectives:
  - Clarifying the current state of the UEL
  - Projecting the future state of the UEL
  - Identifying service delivery gaps
  - Gathering perspectives of the community and other key interests through engagement
  - Assessing transition matters
  - Understanding the impacts of change



# STUDY PROCESS AND TIMELINE

- Project Initiation and Background Review (Spring 2020)
- Service Delivery – current and future (Spring / Summer 2020)
  - Community profile, future projections
  - Catalog of existing services
  - Information summaries (*‘Service Highlights’*)
- Phase 1 Engagement – public / key interested groups (Fall 2020)
- Assessing Provincial and Community Structures (Winter 2021)
- Phase 2 Engagement – public / key interested groups (Spring 2021)
- Summary reporting (Fall 2021)

# CATALOG OF LOCAL SERVICES

Including but not limited to:

- Water (UEL)
- Sewer (UEL/Metro Van)
- Stormwater (UEL/Province)
- Roads (UEL, MOTI)
- Walkways/Cycling (UEL, MOTI)
- Transit (TransLink)
- Police (Province/RCMP)
- Fire (City of Vancouver)
- Waste Management – garbage, recycling, organics (UEL/Contract)
- Land Use Planning (UEL/Province)
- Emergency Planning (Metro Van)
- Local Parks and Recreation (UEL)
- Regional Parks (Metro Van)
- Local Administration (UEL)
- Taxation/Finance (UEL/Province)
- Regulation/Enforcement (UEL/Province/Contract)

# ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY INTERESTS

- The study process will include opportunities for engagement and input from all key interests who may be impacted by a potential change in UEL governance, including:
  - Musqueam First Nation
  - UEL residents and the Community Advisory Committee
  - Metro Vancouver, the City of Vancouver, and UBC
  - Provincial interests (e.g. roads/transportation, lands, policing)

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UNDER COVID-19

- Information gathering and meetings/interviews have been virtual (phone, Zoom, Microsoft Teams).
- Engagement Platform (proposed) – “Bang the Table”
  - Website – main information portal
  - Newsletters
  - Community survey
  - Social Media – Twitter, Facebook (for notification only)
  - Open House (Fall 2020)



# PLANNED NEXT STEPS (SUMMER/FALL 2020)

- Complete background research and interviews (July 2020)
- Prepare Service Highlights (August 2020)
- Launch Website and Engagement Platform (August 2020)
- Prepare Newsletter #1 and Community Survey (August/Sept 2020)
- Follow up with Key Interested Groups (September/October 2020)
- Open House (October 2020)
- What We Heard Summary #1 (November 2020)

**THANK YOU!**

QUESTIONS?

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