

My Upcoming Meetings

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mayors' Council on Transportation

Thursday, May 23, 2019



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By-Election for Electoral Area A Director

A by-election will be held this year to fill the vacancy for the office of Director for Electoral Area A. General voting day is Saturday, June 15, 2019, with advance voting opportunities on Wednesday, June 5 and Saturday, June 8. Voting locations will be open between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as follows:

Wednesday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 8

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

Saturday, June 15

- Tetotum Community Centre, Barnston Island
- Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver
- Wesbrook Community Centre, 3335 Webber Lane, Vancouver

Please check Metro Vancouver's [election website](#) for information about requesting a Mail Ballot Package if you cannot vote in person.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/elections/voting>

Metro Vancouver 5-Year Outlook

The Metro Vancouver Board and staff have worked together to develop a 2019-2023 Financial Plan, a five-year plan that covers operations and infrastructure costs for the region's four legal entities: Metro Vancouver Regional District, Greater Vancouver Water District, Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District and Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation.

The Financial Plan is guided by the Board Strategic Plan and regional management plans, which set the direction of future annual budgets and provide key information to members on future capital projects, anticipated expenditures and funding projections.

This Five-Year Financial Plan, based on the priorities identified by member jurisdictions, residents and businesses in our region, aims to ensure the financial sustainability of the organization's assets and operations, in a way that strikes a balance of stability, responsibility and innovation. It is built on four central themes that guide the development of Metro Vancouver's long-term plans and budgets:

- Regional Growth
- System Stewardship
- Environmental Protection and Climate Change
- Regulatory and Legislative Environment

With a focus on ensuring financial sustainability for the region, the 2019-2023 Financial Plan highlights key steps toward financial sustainability that will allow the region to remain one of the most livable and prosperous in the world. View the [5-Year Outlook](#) on Metro Vancouver's homepage.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/financial-services/programs-budget/BudgetPublications/MV2019-2023-5-YearOutlook.pdf>

UHill Elementary School Earth Day BBQ – A Success for the Environment!



Each year, the UHill Elementary School organizes an Earth Day as part of the Wild About Vancouver event. The BBQ brings together a large group of community partners that all have an interest in and a passion for our environment. As in previous years, representatives from Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, the Emotive electric vehicle campaign, and Grow Green were on hand to help kids and adults learn what they could do to help the region's environment through displays and fun activities.

www.wildaboutvancouver.com www.growgreenguide.ca www.emotivebc.ca

Lawn Watering Regulations

Metro Vancouver's annual lawn watering regulations came into effect on May 1, and will remain in place until October 15, in a concerted effort to conserve treated drinking water during the hot and dry summer months.

The Stage 1 regulations are being activated as part of Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Conservation Plan. Residents can water their lawn two mornings per week while watering trees, shrubs and flowers is limited to mornings only when using a sprinkler. An hour of rain or watering per week is all your lawn needs to remain healthy.

Metro Vancouver's drinking water supply relies on snowpack, as well as cumulative precipitation to bolster the water levels in the three reservoirs that supply our drinking water.

STAGE 1 RESIDENTIAL LAWN WATERING ALLOWED:

- Even-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays 4:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Thursdays and Sundays 4:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Watering trees, shrubs and flowers is permitted any day, from 4:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. if using a sprinkler, or any time if hand watering or using drip irrigation. All hoses must have an automatic shut-off device.

STAGE 1 NON-RESIDENTIAL LAWN WATERING ALLOWED:

- Even-numbered addresses: Mondays 1:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. and Fridays, 4:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays 1:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. and Fridays, 4:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Watering trees, shrubs and flowers is permitted any day, from 1 am - 9 am if using a sprinkler, or any time if hand watering or using drip irrigation. All hoses must have an automatic shut-off device.

TransLink Mayors' Council Update

At its April meeting, the Mayor's Council received a presentation from TransLink staff responding to concerns raised by some about the Council's February decision to select Skytrain technology for rapid-transit service to UBC, should funding be secured. That decision anticipates extending the Millennium Line from its future Arbutus terminus with trains continuing from there to UBC. The benefits of this approach include passenger convenience and system efficiency, but it requires that the UBC extension use the same basic technology as the Millennium line – the so-called Skytrain technology.

The two distinguishing features of this technology are that trains are fully automated and thus driverless and that they are propelled using a linear-induction system. The staff explained that neither of these technologies are proprietary and that multiple companies will be in a position to bid on the expansion. Staff said that they anticipate competitive bids and thus costs that are not negatively impacted by the technology choice.

This year, both Metro Vancouver and TransLink are updating their 30-year strategic plans. The first phase of public consultation is planned for May to September of this year. A key component of these plans are models that show the impact of projected population growth on things like regional infrastructure, livability and the environment. TransLink staff described a new modelling approach they are developing that will allow them to examine multiple population-growth scenarios — from contraction to rapid growth — so that they can capture projection uncertainties explicitly in the plan.

Finally, we received an update on TransLink's Cure Congestion campaign that is targeted at securing a dependable, recurring stream of federal funding for regional transportation. A delegation from the Mayor's Council was in Ottawa on May 7 to meet with Ministers and MPs as part of "Metro Vancouver Transit Day in Ottawa."

Take the Transport 2050 Survey

TransLink is leading the development of a new Regional Transportation Strategy, called Transport 2050. At the same time, Metro Vancouver is developing Metro 2050, an updated regional growth strategy. Together, these strategies will shape our region over the next 30 years. The two agencies want to hear your bold and creative ideas for the future, and input will be used to develop a renewed vision that will inform the development of the two regional strategies. Take the Transport 2050 Survey [here](https://www.transport2050.ca/). <https://www.transport2050.ca/>

Unflushables

Two new Unflushables campaign mascots, Pee and Poo, showed up at Waterfront Station in April to remind Metro Vancouver residents that the only things meant to be flushed are pee, poo and toilet paper. The Unflushables campaign encourages residents not to flush items such as hair, floss and condoms down the drain as they can have an impact on our sewer system. www.unflushables.ca <https://vimeo.com/328761967>



Grow Green this Summer

Spring has officially arrived in Metro Vancouver, which means it's time to gather seeds, break out the gear, and get planting. Whether a novice in the nursery bed or a pro planter, [Grow Green](#) is here to help.

This season, we're excited to announce our Summer Blog Series, which features advice from the experts throughout the 2019 planting and gardening season, on a wide range of gardening topics. Subscribe to our blog to receive new articles, and check out the 'Green Thumb News' to see topics we covered in 2018. Some of our upcoming articles will include:

- Creating a pollinator-friendly garden
- Understanding soil health
- Meet the backyard birds
- Container gardening
- Water-wise gardening
- Shady gardening
- Chafer beetles and your lawn



Grow Green is your guide to eco-friendly lawns and gardens in Metro Vancouver, whether you're working in a yard or in containers on your apartment balcony. In collaboration with UBC Botanical Garden, Metro Vancouver has compiled an extensive selection of plants that thrive in our local climate, without needing lots of water or chemicals. Happy Growing. www.growgreenguide.ca

Events

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade: Metro Vancouver's 5-Year Outlook

May 22, 2019, Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, 791 W Georgia St, Vancouver

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Metro Vancouver's enviable quality of life attracts about 35,000 people every year to the region. This growth brings challenges – from affordability to transit provision and pressure on our industrial lands. As a coastal region, we're also facing the challenges of climate change as we strive to accommodate growth in population, housing and the economy.

Join Metro Vancouver Board Chair Sav Dhaliwal for his inaugural address to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade. In his remarks, Dhaliwal will outline Metro Vancouver's Five-Year Financial Outlook, including nearly \$5.5 billion worth of capital projects, and discuss key initiatives such as the Climate 2050 strategy and the Industrial Lands Task Force.

<https://www.boardoftrade.com/events/individual-events/1582-6418>

Parksfest

June 1, 2019, Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia St, New Westminister

Metro Vancouver will highlight the work being done to protect our region's natural diversity with a one-day Parksfest 2019 event at New Westminister's Anvil Centre.

The event, which embraces the International Year of the Salmon, features Nettie Wild, renowned Director of the cinematic spectacle Uninterrupted, who as keynote speaker, will share her story of bringing the heart of the river to the heart of the city. Uninterrupted transformed Vancouver's Cambie bridge into a wild river, bringing the Adams' River sockeye run to an urban audience.

This will be followed by a panel discussion, Salmon: Connecting Across Boundaries, that explores the vital role of salmon in our local waterways and beyond, with scientists and conservation advocates who will share their latest research. There will be many opportunities to engage with speakers and peers throughout the day.

Get inspired. Connect with your peers. Celebrate our natural beauty.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/parksfest/>

Zero Waste Conference Early Bird Registration Now Open

October 30 - 31, 2019, Vancouver Convention Centre East - 999 Canada Place, Vancouver

Early bird registration is now open for the 2019 Zero Waste Conference, with the theme: A Future Without Waste: Mobilizing for Success in the Circular Economy.

The conference, held for the past eight years, will continue to celebrate local innovations and success stories from global leaders and set the scene for 2020 when Canada hosts the World Circular Economy Forum.

Over the past decade, the conference has grown in size and in profile as the ultimate venue to discuss waste prevention and the opportunities for establishing circular economy systems in Canada. The conference program includes both local and global thought leaders, innovators and change-makers and creates important opportunities for knowledge exchange and networking. More than 500 people – from government, business, academic institutions and NGOs – participated in last year's event.

Check www.zwc.ca for more information and to take advantage of the Early Bird registration fee.

<http://www.zwc.ca/>

Media



Metro Vancouver Close Up shows how municipalities and community groups are promoting sustainability and shared regional goals. New videos are posted each month. To see sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, you can search “Metro Vancouver Close Up” at metrovancover.org or follow metrovancoverblog.org.

For More Metro Vancouver News and Updates

<http://www.metrovancover.org/metroudate/>



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www.metrovancouver.org

[Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation](#)

www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx

[Union of BC Municipalities](#)

www.ubcm.ca

[University Neighbourhoods Association](#)

www.myuna.ca

[University Endowment Lands Administration](#)

www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca

[UEL Community Advisory Council](#)

www.uelcommunity.com

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