



November CAC Community Update

This is a quick update on current community news from the Community Advisory Council. Please forward this email to any neighbours who are not on the CAC mailing list. Neighbours can sign up for the mailing list by sending an email to council@uelcommunity.com.

The next meeting of the CAC will be on December 14th on Zoom. We will send out the Zoom link in the week before the meeting. This meeting is being held a week earlier than usual to avoid the holiday rush.

RCMP call-outs have declined, but Wreck Beach absorbs resources

Sargent Lan of the local detachment updated the community on crime and safety at our last meeting. Calls for service are down 20% y/y with call-outs for the UEL specifically down 35% y/y. The reduction in demand for RCMP resources is linked to the smaller UBC student population, with the current 5,500 students far below the normal 13,000 level. With COVID restrictions however, there has been an increase in use of Wreck Beach, which has led to increased demands on resources.

Sgt Lan also indicated that traffic concerns over areas with excessive speed (particularly at certain times of the day) can be reported to the detachment and may lead to speed traps. The detachment's direct line is 604-224-1322, M-F, 8-4.

Once the new Public Safety Minister is announced – likely later this week – the CAC will send a letter of support for the RCMP's request for more resources. There is broad support within the wider UBC community for more RCMP resources, including for traffic control near schools and daycares. While demands on the RCMP are down at the moment with changes brought by COVID, we know demands will increase once again in a post-COVID world. We want to have appropriate resources in place by then.

Response to Area D Plan (which includes a corner of Area A) to be sent to Ministry at the end of November

We participated in Area A Director Jen McCutcheon's "Complete Communities" Town Hall on November 24th with representatives of Metro Housing and SFU housing guru Andy Yan with views on best housing practices. Following the Town Hall, the CAC will synthesize UEL community feedback and recommendations on the Plan and submit this to the new Minister of Housing by the end of November.

The UEL Office has indicated that all community feedback on the Plan received before their Oct 23rd deadline will also be submitted to the Ministry and must be reviewed before and final bylaw is signed.

The CAC will continue to solicit community feedback on the Plan through the two surveys below. All feedback received by the CAC – before or after the UEL's Oct 23rd deadline – will also be submitted to the Ministry. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts on the Plan:

[Survey #1](#)

[Survey #2](#)

We also have posted a link to the updated Area D Plan on the CAC website ([here](#)). We highlight that the Plan includes the two lots on the corner of University and Wesbrook (the site of the old Lutheran Centre) which could be the site of a large multifamily development under the current Plan.

A lawyer's letter objecting to the inclusion of Area A within the Plan has been sent to the UEL Office/Victoria. For more information, please contact Area A rep Vanessa Young (vyoung.uelcac@gmail.com).

Governance study and survey

We will again invite Dan Huang of Urban Systems to our next meeting. The election and interregnum has held back Dan's communication with the CAC, but we hope to have a schedule for community engagement by our December meeting. Once we have it, we will make it available to all residents.

In anticipation of moving forward with the governance study, we have a very short survey ([here](#)) to gauge community opinion. Please take a moment to answer a few questions on this topic.

Area D representative for Council and the ADP and Area A representative for the ADP needed

The UEL Community Advisory Council continues to look for a representative for Area D for Council and for the Advisory Design Panel. Also, an opening has become available for an Area A resident on the ADP. If there is a resident who would like to volunteer to fill one of these roles, please send an email to council@uelcommunity.com. Any representative must live in the area of the UEL they would represent and will be asked to send a short bio and statement of interest to Council at least 10 days before the meeting. We are hoping to fill this seat soon!