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## Due to Lose Treasured Basketball Court, UBC Neighbours Seek Replacement of Equal Value

*Empty patch of land has served as community basketball court for past decade; UBC has decided it should be transitioned to new role on campus*

**John Tompkins**  
Editor

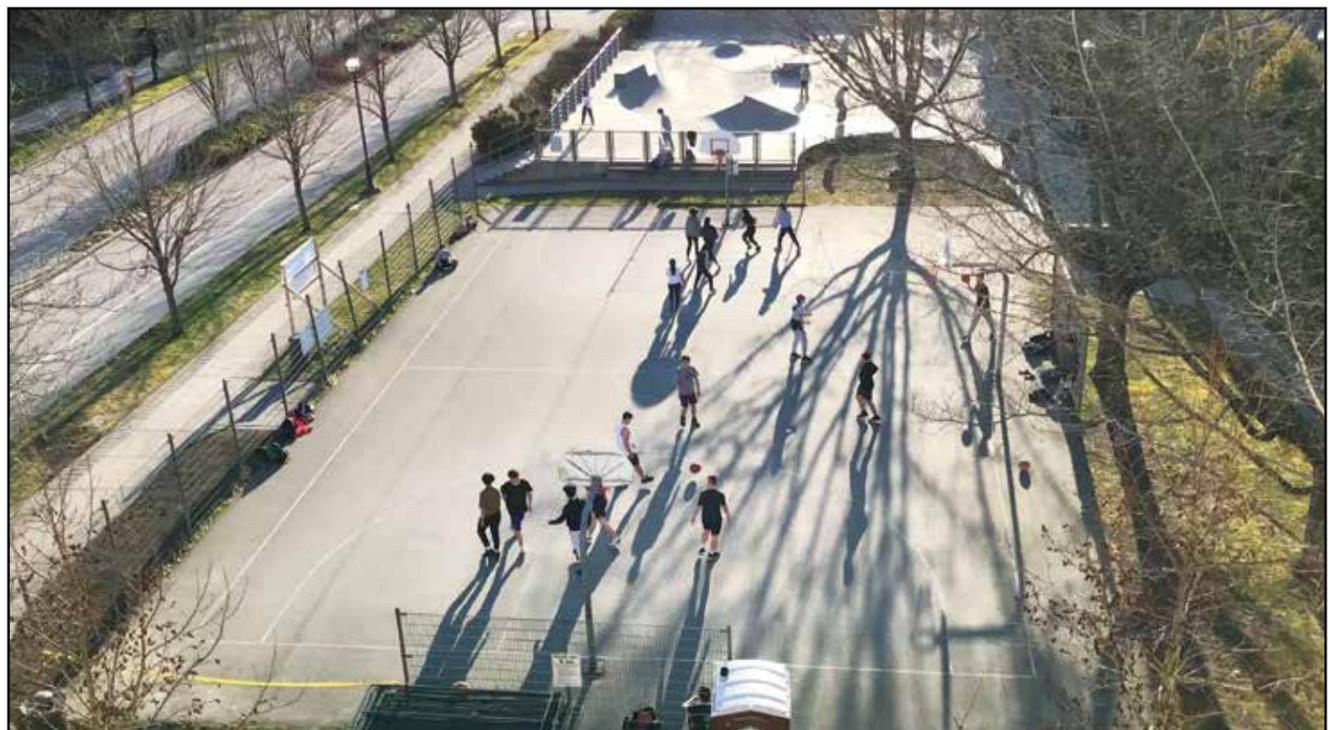
A search has started at UBC for a parcel of land on which young residents may play community basketball.

The patch on which they have done so for the last decade is needed for something else. UBC has plans for constructing a 'hydrogen highway refuelling' station at the site just west of Thunderbird Parkade on Thunderbird Boulevard.

The UNA has expressed concern about the removal of what has become a vital community amenity – an important outdoor gathering place that is used by residents from across campus.

UNA Board and staff members have been in discussions with UBC and have confirmed UBC's commitment to:

- Ensure that construction of the hydrogen station will not commence until a relocated court is in place and that there is no disruption to basketball court access;
- Ensure the replacement court provides a like-for-like outcome;



**Popular outdoor basketball court to be replaced by Hydrogen Fuelling Station.**

- Work with the UNA on this process including site selection;
- Ensure that the development permit for

the replacement court will include public engagement.

In response, the UNA has stated it will continue to actively engage UBC on this matter and will update the community with any further developments. Meanwhile, UBC is soliciting public comments regarding the project on their website.

UBC has also asked the public to please note that the construction activity currently taking place close to the Thunderbird Parkade is an expansion of infrastructure to support electrical vehicle charging and will not disrupt access to the basketball court.

The UBC proposal for which a Development Permit is sought is referred to as a hydrogen generating and refueling station, part of the UBC Clean Energy Research Centre: Clean, Connected and Safe Transportation

Testbed, on Thunderbird Boulevard west of the parkade and neighbouring skate park.

The public phase of the Hydrogen Highway project at UBC began February 1, 2021 when a development permit application was received from the UBC Clean Energy Research Centre group.

It continued February 11 when the application was reviewed by the UBC Development Review Committee.

A virtual public open house event was hosted on February 25. Registrants were invited to make a brief presentation by the project architect followed by a question and answer period with the applicant team and UBC Campus and Community Planning staff. The public was then given until March 4 to provide comments.

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## New Set of UNA Bylaws / Constitution, More Democracy in Boardroom

*There will be no appointed Directors from now on, only elected ones; the change has been years in the making*

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) has announced that its new set of Bylaws and Constitution have been filed with the Province and are now in effect.

A key highlight of the new Bylaws includes provisions for more democratic governance, with a fully elected Board of Directors and the transition of UBC-appointed Directors to non-voting observer-participants. A separate Agreement was created with the UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) that allows them to designate an AMS member to attend and participate in Board meetings.

Key highlights of the new Constitution include provisions that address the UNA's purpose of providing municipal-like ser-

vices to residents, representing the interests of residents, and fostering stronger partnerships with the UBC Board of Governors and the UBC academic community.

The new Bylaws and Constitution were approved by members at a Special General Meeting held on September 30, 2020. Unforeseen complications with insurance coverage delayed the filing and operationalization of the Bylaws. This issue has not been fully resolved. However, UBC has agreed to take a proactive role, alongside the UNA, in dealing with this challenging issue. In the meantime, UBC has agreed that the UNA could file the amended Bylaws while they work together to resolve the issue.

The UNA and UBC have also finalized the Neighbours Agreement 2020 to update the previous agreement from 2015. Changes to the Neighbours Agreement were made concurrently to align it with the new Bylaws and Constitution.

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**Hydrogen Fueling Station information signage outside basketball court fencing.**

## Prod and Eleanor Laquian of Hampton Place Celebrate 58 Years of Productive Partnership - Part 1

Professor Aprodicio “Prod” Laquian has an illustrious international career as academic, writer, and public servant. His wife Eleanor del Rio-Laquian has a colorful career as international civil servant, investigative journalist, editor, author, researcher, administrator, and activist community organizer.

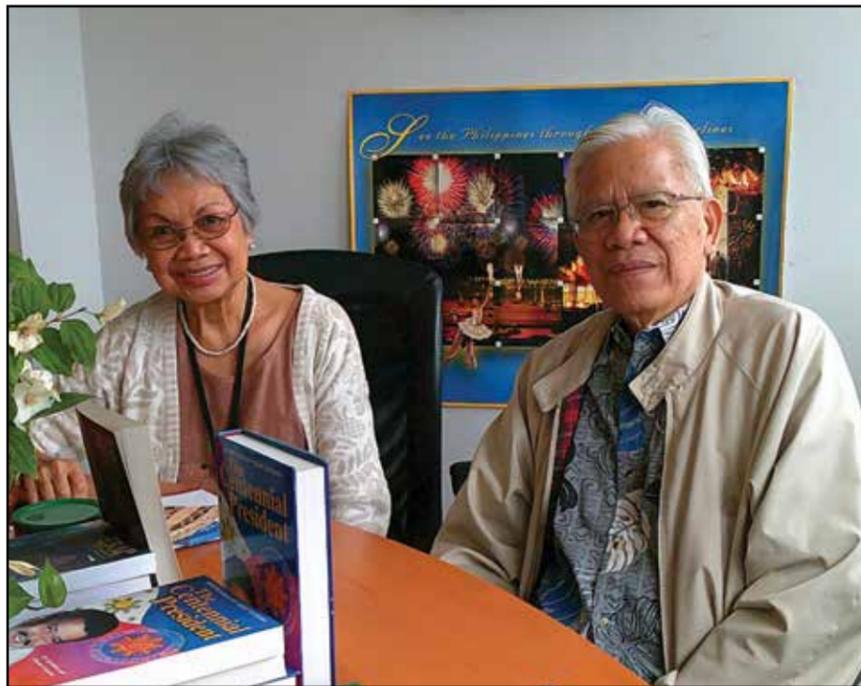
They have been married over 58 years and lived 28 of them (1993 to date) in Hampton Place where Prod was an elected director and chair of the UNA Board of Directors from 2008 to 2012. Eleanor was a critic of the UNA in its early years. In 2011 she organized the first protest group in Hampton Place, *Residents for Change*, to address residents concerns and priorities. In 2012 her group became OUR (Organization for U-Town Residents) when Richard Alexander, John Dickinson, Sheldon Nathanson, and Claire Robson from other housing areas joined her as co-founders (*The Campus Resident*, July 16, 2012). With its slogan “OUR town, OUR Voice” OUR campaigned for three candidates for the UNA board that year, who won to champion OUR goals at the UNA.

Prod and Eleanor have authored 20 books and published many journal articles on rural-urban migration, Filipino immigration, Philippine politics, slum upgrading, provision of housing and basic services to the urban poor, and the planning and governance of mega cities and Asia’s mega urban regions.

Prod has a BA in public administration, *cum laude*, from the University of the Philippines (1959) and a Ph.D. in political science, major in urban studies from MIT (1965) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Eleanor has a BA in journalism and literature from Maryknoll College, an MA degree in public administration from the University of the Philippines, and did postgraduate studies at the School of Public Communications, Boston University, Massachusetts.

Prod and Eleanor started their global careers in 1971 with the International Development Research Centre, a crown corporation established by Lester Pearson, Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Maurice Strong in Ottawa and headed by W. David Hopper. In 10 years, their IDRC jobs took them to more than 100 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Europe. During their foreign



Prod and Eleanor Laquian at a book signing in 2014.

postings, Eleanor learned the language of every country where they lived for more than two years. She spoke fluent Thai, Swahili, Fijian and Mandarin Chinese. They moved household 27 times in their marriage.

Prod’s first project in Canada was on rural-urban migration in eight cities (Bandung, Indonesia; Caracas, Venezuela; Ibadan, Nigeria; Istanbul, Turkey; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Lima, Peru; Manila, Philippines; and Seoul, Korea).

In 1977 he and Eleanor were sent by IDRC to Nairobi, Kenya as “circuit riders” to recruit graduate students to be trained in social science research. They covered nine countries (Ethiopia, Uganda, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland). Prod taught research methods to graduate students at the University of Nairobi.

Prod covered the most number of countries in a single posting as the UN Population Fund regional representative for the South Pacific based in Suva, Fiji. The region, stretching from Palau to American Samoa, included the Federated States of Micronesia (Yap, Ponape, Truk, Kosrae), New Caledonia, Vanuatu, The Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Tuvalu, Tonga, and Samoa. After two years in this Pacific paradise, UNPF moved Prod to the world’s most populous country—China—with its 1.3 billion population.

From 1984 to 1990 Prod was the Country Director of the UN Population Fund for China with concurrent responsibility for Outer Mongolia and North Korea. His \$14 million annual budget improved China’s contraceptive factories and family planning programs to minimize abortions under China’s one child policy. He taught research methods to graduate students as honorary professor at Peking University.

Prod and Eleanor witnessed China’s rapid modernization from 1984 when it was just emerging from the ravages of famine and the Cultural Revolution until the Tiananmen student revolt in 1989. The Battle of Beijing was memorable for Eleanor because she was with the New

York Times then and was at Tiananmen daily interviewing students day and night. Around midnight shortly before the tanks rolled onto Beijing on June 4, she and other Western journalists were taking pictures from the rooftop of a government hotel overlooking Tiananmen Square.

When it was time for Prod to return to New York as head of UNPF Evaluation Division, the Chinese farewell ceremonies in his honor were held at the Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square. (Not the usual place for a departing UN official, but the head of China’s Family Planning Commission said China was thankful because about 24 million births were averted in the six years that Prod managed the UNPF program).

Prod retired from UBC in 2000 as Professor Emeritus of community and regional planning after being a tenured professor for 10 years and Director of the UBC Centre for Human Settlements (1991-2000).

In January 2000 he became Philippine President Joseph Estrada’s Chief of Staff and Eleanor was Presidential Media Adviser. Soon they realized that doing their jobs was like swimming with crocodiles. According to local and international media, their early departure from public ser-

vice contributed to the impeachment and political demise of President Estrada.

In retirement Prod continued international consulting on metropolitan development planning for the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He has international recognition and reputation as one of the world’s top researcher-practitioners in the integrated fields of comprehensive city and regional planning, local government reforms, and effects of population policies and programs on people’s lives.

Eleanor became interested in immigration after hearing about racial discrimination from Filipino immigrants in Toronto. In 1969 she conducted the first nationwide survey of Filipino immigrants in Canada for her MA in Public Administration thesis, published in 1973 by the United Council of Filipinos in Canada as *A Study of Filipino Immigrants in Canada, 1962-1972*. In 1985 she wrote the entry “Filipinos in Canada” in *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (Hurtig Publishers, Alberta).

Barely 20 after college, Eleanor’s first job was as information writer for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bangkok, then at the UN Information Center (UNIC) in Manila and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Asia and the Far East.

While Prod was in China for the UNPF (1984-1990), Eleanor was researcher and bureau manager for the New York Times Beijing bureau working with Pulitzer awardees Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn and China hands John Burns and Edward Gargan.

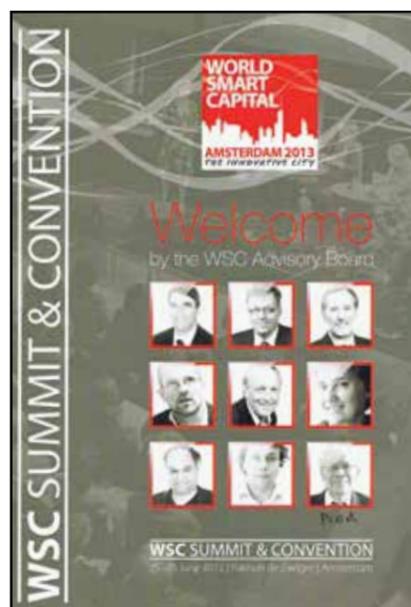
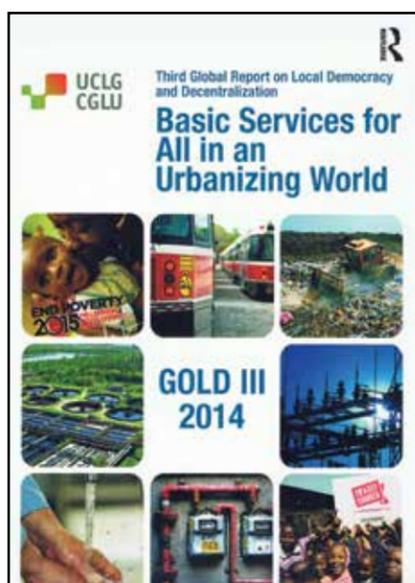
From 1991 to 2000, Eleanor was researcher and manager for administration and programs at UBC Institute of Asian Research. As primary researcher of the Institute’s Asian Immigration Project, she organized, secured funding, and managed the international conference on Asian Immigration and Racism in 1998. She wrote a chapter for the resulting book, *Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada*, which she edited with Prod and Professor Terry McGee.

Eleanor retired from UBC in 2000 but continued her volunteer work with the Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights as a passionate advocate for social justice. She wrote funding proposals and organized the “Singing Nannies” as a fundraiser, with herself as guitarist.

From 2016 to date, she is the editor of [CanadianFilipino.Net](http://CanadianFilipino.Net), where she advocates for marginalized Filipino immigrants. CFNet is the only nationwide twice-a-month online news magazine for, and about, Filipinos in Canada. It had over 4.5 million hits on its 4th year of publication last year.

The Laquians immigrated to Toronto in 1969 because they found midtown Manhattan not ideal for raising their children George, 5 and Helen, 3. Due to their foreign postings, they became Canadian citizens only in 1983.

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## Saving Mid-Campus Basketball Court at UBC

*Thunderbird Boulevard basketball court is one-of-a-kind community amenity on campus; it is under threat of demolition*

**Charles Menzies**

*UBC Professor of Anthropology  
and former UBC Governor*

There is an outdoor basketball court on Thunderbird Boulevard, just a bit east of East Mall. It's a well used court that brings members of the university community together in ways that few social amenities do. This future of the court is, however, up in the air. A private business/university partnership plans to build a hydrogen gas station on top of the community basketball court. They would have done this without much trouble except for a happy

coincidence of social media interventions, where students and residents called out the planners and reminded them of the history behind this special basketball court.

The basketball court goes back to before the UNA's Old Barn Community Centre was built. The original plan included a basketball court in front of the community centre. Right where that court would have been is a popular children's playground.

I was one of the community members on the planning committee along with folks from UBC Recreation, UBC Planning, and UBC Properties Trust (UBCPT).

The head of UBCPT, along with other senior development and community folks, took issue with "ghetto blasters and loitering youth." They strongly opposed there being any kind of ball court near the Old Barn Community Centre. For reference,

the original ballcourt was not as 'professional' as the one we eventually got on Thunderbird, it was to be an undersized child friendly installation. Consequently, no ballpark was included in the final Community Centre design that was built. But we did eventually get a ballcourt.

A group of community youth, including my sons (who were in elementary school at the time), organized a children's petition. They lobbied hard to have a ballpark established. They attended public meetings, lobbied, and at the end of the day an arrangement was made to create a ballpark across the street from the arena and Osborne where it is currently located. The use of the ballcourt was even included into the storied Neighbours' Agreement that regulates the relationship between UBC and the UNA.

The years pass and by accident we found out the ballcourt was to be torn down.

This all took place under cover of a pandemic. None of the planning documents made any significant reference to the hard work that went into establishing that ballcourt. Nor was there any recognition of how over the years that ballcourt has been a central gathering spot enhancing and contributing to community well being.

By accident, a confluence of UNA residents and students came together on social media to bring attention to the coming destruction of the ballcourt. Within a few days of the one and only public hearing on the issue, a group of people were able to gather and argue for the keeping of the ballcourt. Sadly, the current court will still be destroyed by the hydrogen gas station. But, we actually did get a public commitment that a UNA acceptable replacement space will be found and that the old court will not be destroyed until the replacement court is up and running.

### BASKETBALL continued from Page 1.

At its website, Campus and Community Planning states it will work closely with the project team and the UNA to find an appropriate location for this "valued community amenity". Siting options are "already being identified and technically assessed for viability." A development permit will be required for the new location and "community consultation will be an important part of selecting the new site."

Several residents have spoken openly about the controversial basketball issue, Bill Holmes, a UNA director among them.

Mr. Holmes cites Schedule F of the Neighbours' Agreement 2015 (the agreement between UBC and the UNA) which contains the following provision in Schedule F: Residents will have long-term enhanced access to the following existing university facilities ('basic facilities'):

- UBC Aquatic Centre Pool and Empire Pool (or replacement)
- Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Rink (or replacement)
- Thunderbird Fields (1 field dedicated for community usage)
- Tennis Centre Outdoor Tennis Courts (or replacement)
- Gymnasium space (Osborne Centre)
- Outdoor Basketball Court – Thunderbird Boulevard & Health Sciences Mall.

Mr. Holmes said, "Notwithstanding UBC's obligation under this provision, UBC has not consulted with the UNA. Nor was it apparent from the proposal documents what UBC's intention was with respect to replacing the basketball court, other than a brief statement buried in a lengthy document.

"Community members, including Charles

(Menzies), drew attention to this issue and the UNA raised it directly with Campus & Community Planning. As a result, the project website was altered to state that UBC is committed to working with the UNA on this matter. The website message is premised on being able to find another site that is acceptable to the UNA and the community."

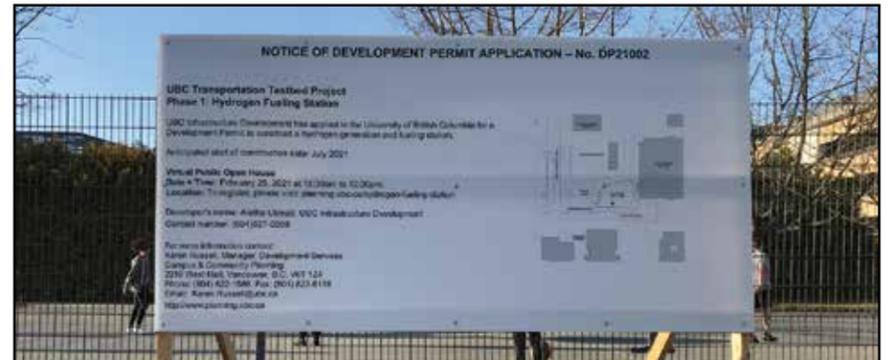
Mr. Holmes stated his position as follows: if a site acceptable to the UNA is not found, UBC cannot proceed with locating the hydrogen facility on the basketball court without the UNA's consent. Were UBC to do so, it would be in breach of the Neighbours' Agreement.

Eagle Glassheim, Acting President of the University Faculty and Staff Tenants Association (UFSTA) and a Professor of History at UBC, said, "I agree with Charles on the need for a clear plan to relocate the basketball court as part of the process for considering the hydrogen fueling station. The basketball court is an important and well-used community resource.

"The court draws local residents from the Hawthorn Place neighbourhood, high school students from several UBC neighbourhoods, staff from the hospital and health science facilities, and UBC students. Basketball is healthy, and the shared enjoyment by so many groups from our overlapping communities is invaluable.

"How about putting the court (or the fueling station) somewhere in the space occupied by the parking lot between East Mall and Health Sciences Mall, north of Thunderbird? Regardless, the plans and consultation process for the fueling station are incomplete without full details on the relocation of the basketball court."

A former UBC Governor, Mr. Menzies



Development Permit Application outside basketball court fencing.

said, "I am happy to learn that there will finally be a consideration of the basketball court.

"However, it would seem fair and considerate to community interests to pause the gas station development until there is clarity on the basketball court.

"Furthermore, destruction of the basketball court should not proceed until construction on the new one (or better relocation of the hydrogen project) commences.

"I totally appreciate the excitement of your team in getting up and running a showcase project to boast impact of ongoing research. That said, the failure to adequate account for community engagement and the historical process that put the basketball court where it is in the first place is not as understandable.

"I look forward to observing in practice the engagement principles that Michael (White) introduced at the start of his tenure as associate vice-president with this project."

In response, Karen Russell, manager, UBC development services, campus and com-

munity planning, said, "Thank you for raising this issue.

"You are correct that we need to clearly explain the intention to replace the basketball court as part of the project scope for the new Hydrogen Fueling Station, and will be updating the information on the website.

"Campus and Community Planning is committed to finding an alternate location for the court and will work closely with the UNA to find an appropriate location for this valued community amenity. Siting options are already being identified. A Development Permit will be required for the new location and community consultation will be an important part of selecting the new site.

"We will update the Hydrogen Fueling Station project website to reference the commitment to locating the court and that there will be a future process inviting the community to participate.

"Thank you again for emphasizing the importance of this basketball amenity to the community and apologize for not being clear in our communications about the intention to replace it."

# Gloom Gives Way to Hope As Vaccines Roll Out at UBC

*Happy news related to vaccines; end of pandemic hopefully in sight*

“Hope all is well with you” says David Eby, MLA for Vancouver Point Grey and Attorney General for British Columbia.

“Our family is home from Port McNeill (Vancouver Island) and happy to be back on familiar turf, even if we’re still restricted from seeing everyone we’d like to see.”

Addressing constituents in his monthly newsletter, Mr. Eby was especially upbeat. “We have some happy news related to vaccines in the province – the schedule for all adults to have their first vaccination has been moved up to July.

“If you’re like me, the beginning of the end of COVID is hopefully finally in sight and I couldn’t be happier about this news.

A recent decision to move to a four month interval between vaccination doses is supported by public health officers across Canada and the Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunization, and is part of the reason for the revised schedule.

“When you get a vaccine will depend on prioritization set on the basis of public health evidence about vulnerability and outbreak vectors (people in jobs or situations that may cause them to spread COVID or be particularly vulnerable to COVID) led by Dr. Henry and our outstanding public health team.

The province also recently received news of 70,000 additional doses of the AstraZenica



David Eby and family.

vaccine which is recommended for use for front-line worker vaccination and work on planning for distribution of these doses is well underway at the Ministry of Health in partnership with the Public Health Officer.

In other COVID-related news, Mr. Eby said his office has been overwhelmed by correspondence from concerned high school parents worried that their children are suffering ill effects from attending high school for as little as an hour and a half a day, while children at all other school boards in the province are receiving 75% of their typical instruction time while following safety protocols that have been proven effective.

“With my MLA colleagues from across Vancouver, we are hosting a zoom forum so that these parents can share their very sensitive stories with you, with us, and hopefully with Vancouver School Board trustees.”

In order to ensure the comfort of these families in sharing these very personal stories in what has become quite a polarized environ-

ment, this will not be a typical Zoom town hall with an active chat window.

Instead, participants will be encouraged to share their own stories and feedback via a monitored e-mail address throughout the event.

“My colleagues and I recognize both that a lot of dedicated teachers are working very hard to make this system work and have been doing so many long months, and that

there are families with health issues who do not want more face to face instruction; this is not to denigrate anyone or eliminate options for those with special circumstances.

“We are solely focused on getting more instruction time and a focus on youth connection and mental health for those who want and need it.”

**Please view B.C.’s COVID-19 Immunization Plan on Pages 6 and 7.**

## Jubilation in UNA Boardroom As New UNA Bylaws / Constitution Become Operative

*Documents were filed March 18 in the office of the Registrar of Companies; local history was therein made*

Directors of the University Neighbourhoods Association were in high spirits Thursday March 18, 2021.

They had learned that after years of effort on their part (and the part of others), the UNA was operating under a new constitution and set of bylaws. Directors past and present received the news by way of a letter from fellow Director Terry Mullen.

Mr. Mullen played a major role in the project to have the constitution amended. In his letter, he said, “To all the persons who gave of their time and wisdom to amending the bylaws and constitution, I am pleased to send you certified copies of these documents. They were filed today in the office of the Registrar of Companies. The bylaws and constitution are now official and operational.”

Perhaps the key way that new UNA Boards of Directors will vary from old ones is in the matter of Board composition. Old Boards offered seats to two appointees from UBC and one seat to the Alma Mater Society as well as elected representatives. New Boards will seat only elected representatives.

Despite this good news, Mr. Mullen said work needed to be done on the file.

In his letter, Mr. Mullen writes, “The matter which has held up filing the bylaws since the September 30th, 2020 Special General Meeting - obtaining insurance for the UNA - has not been resolved but UBC agreed to take a proactive role, alongside the UNA, in dealing with this challenging issue.

“Insurers have become cautious over the past year and are increasingly risk averse. We hope that the impact UBC will have in discussions with brokers and insurers will

be decisive. In the meantime, UBC agreed that the UNA could file the amended bylaws although its insurance coverage remains unsettled.”

Neighbours’ Agreement 2020 which spells out the relationship between UBC and the UNA, also came into effect March 18.

“Another often delayed objective attained. That said, before the ink on the Agreement had dried, the UNA and UBC agreed that NA2020 would be amended, this time to harmonise the insurance provisions in NA2020 with whatever insurance is ultimately put in place.

“I think we are all pleased that, what started as a walk around the park and ended as a marathon, has finally crossed the finish line.

“The bylaws and the constitution represent a significant improvement over where we began, particularly with respect to governance.

“I am confident that the Board, comprised of UNA members elected by UNA members, will be more effective in serving the needs of the residents and more responsive to the voice of the residents. I think it is noteworthy that we have achieved our governance goals without losing the valuable opinions and knowledge that the non-voting UBC Members bring to the Board.

“Perhaps I should not tell you, but I will anyway: a committee has been established to consider further amendments to the bylaws and an extensive rewrite of parts of the Neighbours’ Agreement 2020. Perhaps this process will never end.”

Mr. Mullen concludes his note in upbeat manner, “At this time there remains only one outstanding matter... the need for a pandemic-appropriate party to celebrate reaching this milestone. I would be delighted were one or more persons to volunteer to create such an event.

“Warm regards and whole-hearted thanks, to all of you.”

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The UNA Board would like to send their sincerest thanks to everyone who was involved in this process. The significant improvements to the Bylaws and Constitution have come about due to many years of careful consideration and consultation to ensure

that the best interests of UNA residents are kept in the forefront.

“It’s been a long journey and I’m thankful to finally have a clearer governance picture in place,” said UNA Chair Richard Watson. “It brings hope for the future.”

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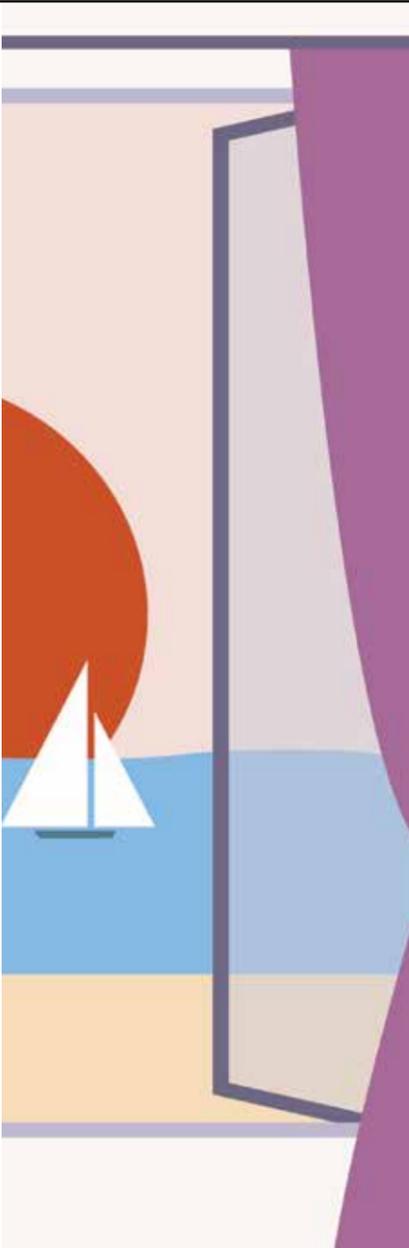
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LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

# Looking Towards A Post-Pandemic Future

Just over a year ago, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the COVID-19 a pandemic and B.C.'s provincial health officer declared a public health emergency.

In the past 12 months, COVID-19 has had a profound impact on all of us, on individuals, on cities, provinces and nations, and on institutions, including, of course, UBC.

Students, faculty and staff stayed home. Most classes became virtual. Milestone events such as graduation and homecoming also went virtual. Many of our public venues closed their doors. The Point Grey campus itself was much less busy than usual.

I am proud of how the UBC community adjusted to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic. Despite the challenges, classes were still taught, research was still undertaken, and graduates received their degrees. It wasn't easy, but we pulled through, and I thank everyone for their patience and their perseverance.

But now, with vaccinations well underway, we can start looking towards a post-pandemic future. However, it is important to stress that the health and wellbeing of our UBC community remain our first priority.

As such, we are embarking on further planning, in collaboration with public health

officers, to accommodate more on-campus activities. This includes transit planning; quarantine arrangements for international students (if required); options for on-site immunization; and the availability of study spaces.

For Summer Session, Term 1 (May – June 2021) and Term 2 (July – Aug 2021), for most courses, remote instruction will remain in place. However, additional opportunities to expand in-person instruction will be considered, where it is safe to do so.

Although the majority of courses in Summer Session will be taught through remote instruction, we anticipate that it may be possible to expand the number of in-person courses, in a measured way. Faculties and Schools will determine further opportunities for in-person instruction – taking into consideration factors such as academic rationale and public health requirements. Specific updates will be provided by Faculties and Schools, ahead of the student registration period for the 2021 Summer Session.

For Winter Session, which starts in the Fall, we are looking forward to resuming on-campus activity, based on the advice of Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry.



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



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Updates regarding the Fall course schedule and various orientation activities will be provided in the coming weeks. We will also provide specific information regarding student housing and course registration as we approach housing allocation and registration periods.

As we work towards more in-person activity, we will support our community in maintaining the preventive practices of daily health self-assessment; hand hygiene; wearing non-medical masks; early detection and testing; and isolation, when indicated — the public health and social measures that we have all become familiar with and responsible for over this past year.

We will keep you informed as planning progresses. In the meantime, you are encouraged to visit [covid19.ubc.ca](https://covid19.ubc.ca) for general updates as they become available. I look forward to seeing you on campus someday soon. In the meantime, stay safe.

Best wishes,

**Santa J. Ono**  
President and Vice-Chancellor

## Harassed Wesbrook Residents Report Big Drop in Noise Level

*High-pitched noise is heard day and night; investigation remains under way*

The UNA has received reports from residents in Hampton Place and Wesbrook Place that the irregular high-pitched noise which has been disturbing them during daytime and nighttime hours has subsided significantly over the past month.

One resident—a UNA Board member—reported hearing no noise at all in this period. “It’s stopped,” he said at the March 19 virtual Board meeting. However, the cause of the noise—which is being investigated—is still undetermined.

The UNA has taken several actions into

investigating the source of this noise and have worked closely with the UBC compliance office. The most recent details in this investigation are as follows:

- a building has submitted a request and expects to perform preventative maintenance in March to address the underground intake noise issue.
- a second building has repaired the boiler, and a mechanical technician will be on-site to perform preventative maintenance in March. In March also, UNA staff will follow up and review the most up to date maintenance records.
- In October 2021, UNA staff will follow up and review quarterly maintenance records prior to winter season as preventative measures.
- The UNA will continue to monitor the high pitch noise situation later in winter 2021.

## UNA BOARD BRIEFS

### Outdoor Tennis Court

The outdoor tennis court located adjacent to the UBC Tennis Centre off of East Mall is set to open for public use as of April 1st, 2021. The court is bookable 24 hours in advance and is free for UNA residents and surrounding community members to use. Bookings can be made at the following link [recreation.ubc.ca/tennis/court-booking](https://recreation.ubc.ca/tennis/court-booking). UNA residents need to have created a UBC Recreation profile prior to booking the court. If your UNA status has not been previously verified by UBC Athletics and Recreation then this will involve sending a photo of your UNA card to UBC Tennis Centre so that the client profiles can be linked.

### Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval

The UBC Athletics and Recreation program would like to remind community members that the UBC Track and Field Team has exclusive access of the track and field facility

- during the following times.
- Mondays & Thursdays: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
  - Tuesdays & Fridays: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
  - Saturdays: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Signage will be updated to include the hours above and remind all users about the necessary precautions needed to facilitate track and field activities safely.

### New Charging Station

The new Level 2 EV charging station in Wesbrook Place was developed in partnership with UBC Campus and Community Planning, UBC Properties Trust, and the UNA. Campus and Community Planning was successful in securing funding from the Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program to establish a Level 2 EV charging station in Wesbrook Place. The station will have room to support an electric Modo car share vehicle as well as room for charging privately owned vehicles.

# COVID-19 Immunization Plan



*B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan is designed to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19. This information is taken from [gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan](https://gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan) and is updated frequently. It is subject to change, based on vaccine availability and the latest COVID-19 data. Last updated March 18, 2021.*

## Front-line Priority Workers

Starting in April, front-line priority workers can receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD (AZ/SII) vaccine.

Front-line priority workers identified by the COVID-19 Workplace Task Group and public health include:

- First responders (police, firefighters, emergency transport)
- K to 12 educational staff
- Child care staff
- Grocery store workers
- Postal workers
- Bylaw and quarantine officers

- Manufacturing workers
- Wholesale/warehousing employees
- Staff living in congregate housing at places like ski hills
- Correctional facilities staff
- Cross-border transport staff
- Sectors or settings prioritized due to outbreak response (currently happening)

**If you are a front-line priority worker, do not call your local health authority.**

All AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD (AZ/SII) vaccine appointments will be organized by employers. Appointment information will be communicated clearly and directly to each sector and employer.

## Vaccines in Canada

The COVID-19 vaccine is saving lives. Vaccines do more than protect the people getting vaccinated, they also protect everyone around them. The more people in a community who are immunized and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

The best source of COVID-19 vaccine information is the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).

### Approved vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved by Health Canada are safe, effective and will save lives. To date, four vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.

Learn about the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna vaccine, the AstraZeneca vaccine, and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at [www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines.html)

### Safety

Health Canada has conducted a rigorous scientific review of the available medical evidence to assess the safety of the approved COVID-19 vaccines. Feeling worried or unsure is completely normal when something is new.

- No major safety concerns have been identified in the data Health Canada reviewed
- We can be reassured that Health Canada has a thorough approval process that makes sure the vaccines and medicines we take are safe

### Supply

Vaccine supply is distributed by the Government of Canada and B.C. receives an allocated number of doses of vaccine on a weekly basis. The allocated amount is expected to increase throughout 2021.

## Reminder:

Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders and guidelines remain in place for everyone, regardless if they have received the vaccine.

Visit [www.gov.bc.ca](https://www.gov.bc.ca) for up to date details.

## Immunization in B.C.

### Cost

The COVID-19 vaccine is free for everyone living in B.C. who is eligible to receive it.

### Ethical approach

B.C. is committed to an ethical approach to immunization phases. The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed equitably and

ethically to people in B.C. following national ethical frameworks and BCCDC's COVID-19 Ethical Decision-Making Framework.

### Progress to date

The BCCDC COVID-19 dashboard is updated regularly with B.C.'s progress on vaccine dosage.

## Immunization Phases



B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan happens in four phases.

**Eligibility for all phases is based on the age you are turning in 2021.**

The phased approach is based on expert advice and guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), B.C.'s Immunization Committee

and the public health leadership committee. NACI recommends certain populations receive prioritization for early COVID-19 vaccination.

### Vaccine choice

All COVID-19 vaccines in Canada are effective and are safe and the best vaccine is the one available to you first.

## Phase 1 and Phase 2: High-risk population immunization

**The focus of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is protecting those most vulnerable to severe illness first.**



## Phase 1

### Timeline: December 2020 to February 2021

- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Individuals assessed for and awaiting long-term care
- Residents and staff of assisted living residences
- Essential visitors to long-term care facilities

- Hospital health care workers who may provide care for COVID-19 patients in settings like Intensive Care Units, emergency departments, paramedics, medical units and surgical units
- Remote and isolated Indigenous communities



## Phase 2

(Current phase)

**Timeline: February to April 2021**

**Public health immunization clinics (call-in required starting March 8)**

- Seniors born in 1941 or earlier not immunized in Phase 1
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) peoples born in 1956 or earlier, Elders and additional Indigenous communities not immunized in Phase 1

**Priority groups (no call-in required)**

- Hospital staff, community general practitioners (GPs) and medical specialists not immunized in Phase 1
- Vulnerable populations living and working in select congregated settings
- Staff in community home support and nursing services

### Moving Between Phases

The timeline for B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan is dependent on vaccine supply and availability. The federal government is working to obtain as much vaccine as possible to distribute to provinces and territories.

It's important to understand the timeline for each phase may change due to vaccine availability. All people in B.C. recommended to receive the vaccine will have the

opportunity to get it in 2021.

You will not miss your chance to get the vaccine when a new phase starts. Once you become eligible, you are always eligible. For example:

If you are in Phase 2, you can get the vaccine in Phase 3 or Phase 4

If you are in Phase 3, you can get the vaccine in Phase 4



### Register to get Immunized

**Immunization clinics**

Immunization clinics are being organized in 172 communities in B.C. and will be overseen by your local health authority. Immunization clinic details will be available before Phase 3 of B.C.'s Immunization Plan.

The clinics will be held at large centres including:

- School gymnasiums
- Arenas
- Convention halls
- Community halls

Mobile clinics will be available for some rural communities and for people who are homebound due to mobility issues.

**How to get immunized in Phase 3 and Phase 4**

The process to get immunized will happen in three steps.

**Step 1: Registration**

British Columbians in Phase 3 and 4 will register through HealthConnect, a simple online registration system, or by phone.

Registration will help us book appointments quickly and easily. When it's time for you to register, you will select your

preferred method of communication. This is how we will contact you to book a vaccine appointment.

Registration opens in April. No action is required yet and no one will be able to book their appointment before the registration system is launched.

**Step 2: Book an appointment**

When you are contacted to book a vaccine appointment, you will be asked to:

- Complete a pre-screening
- Select a location, date and time

You will be able to make your appointment online or by phone.

**Step 3: Appointment day**

Come prepared to your appointment and arrive a few minutes before your scheduled time. At the immunization clinic you will:

- Complete a check-in process
- Get your vaccine dose
- Wait in an observation area for about 15 minutes

**Getting the second dose**

People who get their first vaccine dose will be notified by email, text or phone call when they are eligible to book an appointment for their second dose.

## Phase 3 and Phase 4: General Population Immunization

Vaccines in Phase 3 and Phase 4 will primarily be distributed in five year age increments. Monthly breakdowns for dose one (D1) are estimates and may change based on vaccine availability.

Second doses will be administered approximately 16 weeks after dose one.



## Phase 3

**Timeline: April to June 2021**

People aged 79 to 60, in five year increments:

- 79 to 75 (D1 April)
- 74 to 70 (D1 April)
- 69 to 65 (D1 April)

- 64 to 60 (D1 April/May)
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) peoples aged 64 to 18 (D1 April)
- People aged 69 to 16 who are clinically extremely vulnerable (D1 March/April)



## Phase 4

**Timeline: July to September 2021**

People aged 59 to 18, in five year increments:

- 59 to 55 (D1 July, D2 August)
- 54 to 50 (D1 July, D2 August)
- 49 to 45 (D1 July, D2 August)
- 44 to 40 (D1 July, D2 August)

- 39 to 35 (D1 July/August, D2 August/September)
- 34 to 30 (D1 August, D2 September)
- 29 to 25 (D1 August/September, D2 September)
- 24 to 18 (D1 and D2 September)

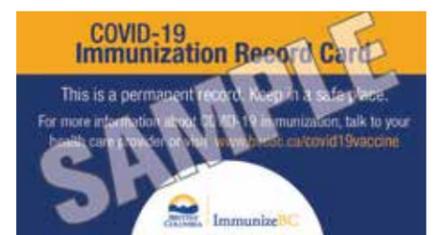
### Proof of Immunization

You will have the option to receive a paper and digital copy of your immunization record card. We recommend registering for Health Gateway, where your digital immunization record card will be available only after you receive the vaccine.

*Note: Health Gateway is not a source of vaccine or immunization information.*

Your immunization record will be also be stored in the online provincial database, accessible to you, public health and your doctor.

Example of a paper immunization record card:



### Community Immunity

Vaccines do more than protect you from COVID-19, they also protect everyone around you. The more people in a community who are immunized against COVID-19, the harder it is for the virus to spread.

Community (herd) immunity could be reached when a large majority of people in B.C. are immunized against COVID-19. When you choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19, you are helping save lives by protecting your household and your entire community from the virus.

**Lifting restrictions**

Lifting current restrictions will be based on many factors, including:

- Number of people immunized and level of community immunity
- Number of COVID-19 cases in the province
- Health care system capacity

**Layers of protection**

Going back to normal life will take time. Even if you have received the vaccine, you must follow provincial health orders and protect others by:

- Washing your hands
- Staying home when sick and getting tested
- Keeping a safe distance from others
- Wearing a mask in public indoor spaces

Together, we can keep each other safe.

## Prod and Eleanor Laquian of Hampton Place Celebrate 58 Years of Productive Partnership - Part 2

After Prod and Eleanor's political misadventure in the Philippines with President Joseph Estrada in 2000, they returned to their quiet home in Hampton Place but found no peace at home. People and media were phoning and emailing non-stop. They received death threats from Estrada's supporters.

To avoid the turmoil, they went on a cruise but were not left alone even in the middle of the ocean because most cruise ship crews were Filipinos. (About 700,000 of the world's mariners come from the Philippines, being the world's largest source of seafarers. In 2019, they sent home the equivalent of US\$6.14 billion in remittances alone).

After the cruise, Prod and Eleanor decided to visit their grandchildren in Boston for peace and quiet. Then one normal day in September they turned on the TV that fateful morning to watch the news and saw one of the twin towers being hit by a plane.

After the 9-11 horror had abated, Prod accepted a job as Acting Director of MIT's Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) and to teach a course on urban planning for graduate students. Eleanor had often wondered why Prod took his Ph.D. in political science in an engineering school when he had a Harvard acceptance. This time she found out. MIT is at the frontier of scientific and technical research. It has pioneered the application of mathematical and natural science methods to the social sciences. So while MIT is perhaps best known for its programs in engineering and the physical sciences, it has become strong in other areas—notably economics, political science, urban studies, linguistics, and philosophy.

In 2001 Prod received a grant as resident scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington DC. The generous award enabled them to live in a posh area between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, a short walk to Prod's WWC office, fantastic free museums and good restaurants where it was common to spy government officials dining not too far from one's table.

A sniper scare that summer sent nervous pedestrians walking in serpentine to avoid becoming easy targets. Then there were demos. Eleanor happily participated in peaceful antiwar demonstrations which

usually started outside their door. The demos began with "No blood for Oil" on placards but as the Iraq war issue heated up, posters with "Impeach Bush\*t!" appeared. The hyperpolitical DC residents did not want a war with Iraq.

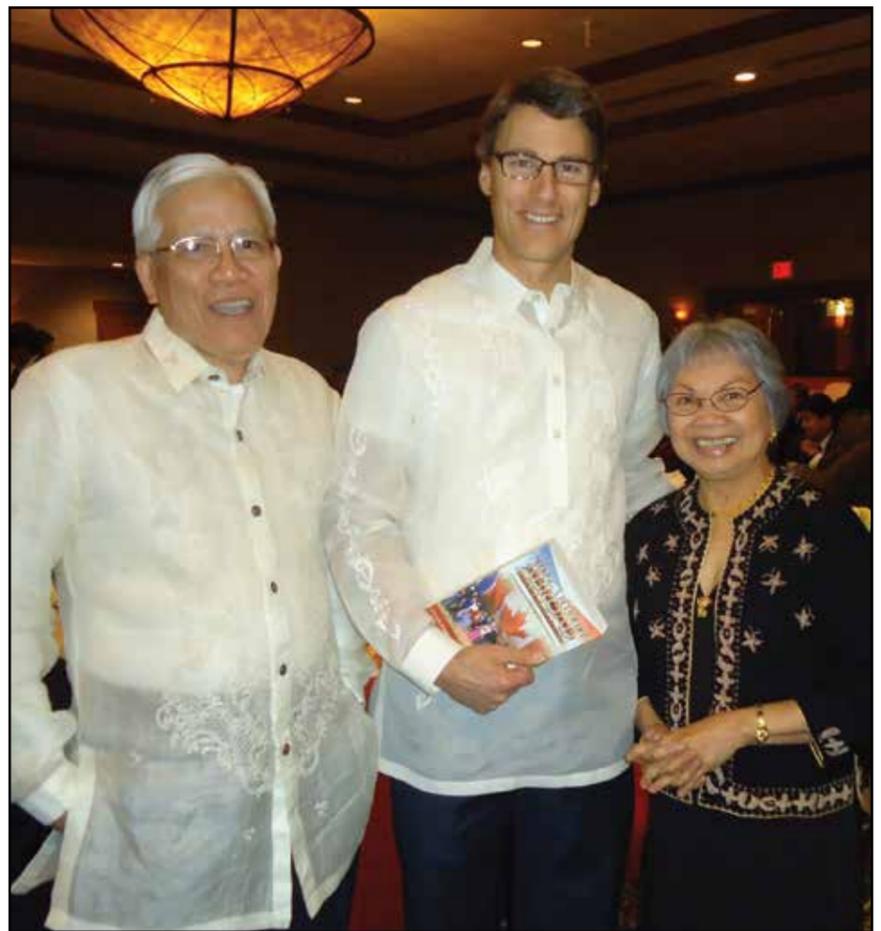
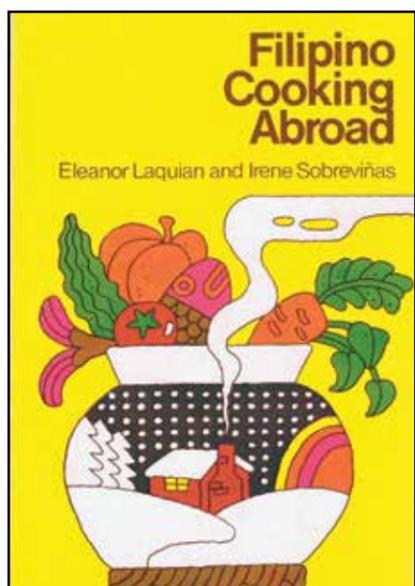
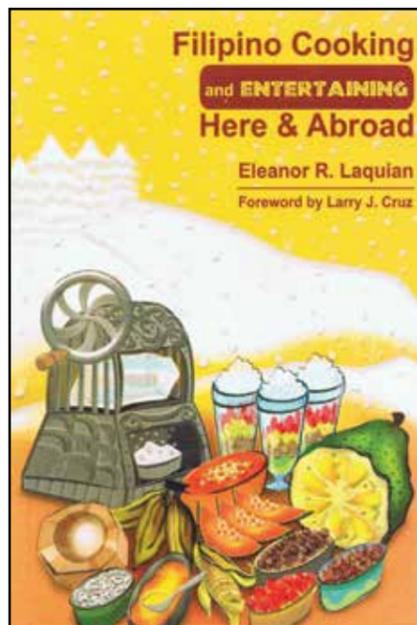
Then in winter, a blizzard paralyzed the city for days, prompting the mayor to appeal on radio and TV for volunteers to dig out snow-buried fire hydrants and clear impassable sidewalks.

Tension rose again the following summer, and a Code Orange terrorist alert caused a run on duct tape and plastic sheet. Living close to important government buildings, the Laquians stocked up on duct tape and plastic sheet too. For days, Black Hawk helicopters hovered overhead at all hours to enforce a no-fly zone over the White House and the Capitol. A brace of Humvee-mounted surface-to-air missile launchers were stationed just blocks from their condo.

Demos continued. Prod was writing a book so he joined them only on weekends but Eleanor marched with her new-found activist friends whenever there was one. The demos were well organized and supported by businesses. There were free sandwiches, cookies, fruits and bottled water at every corner for the marchers, and clean porta-toilets and first aid tents.

With much distraction, it was a wonder that Prod finished two books while they were there. These were: *Beyond Metropolis: the Planning and Governance of Asia's Mega-Urban Regions* (2005) on the planning and governance of Asia's 14 largest cities (Bangkok, Beijing, Delhi, Dhaka, Guangzhou, Jakarta, Karachi, Kolkata, Manila, Mumbai, Osaka, Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo) and *The Inclusive City: Infrastructure and Public Services for the Urban Poor in Asia* (2007). Both were published by Woodrow Wilson Center Press and The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Back in Vancouver in 2004, Eleanor decided to write another cookbook to supplement her first, *Filipino Cooking Abroad* (1977) written when she was learning to cook. It became a best seller so the publisher had been asking her to write another. It took a year to finish *Filipino Cooking and Entertaining Here and Abroad*, published in 2005 by National Book Store in Manila.



Prod and Eleanor Laquian with former Vancouver Mayor, Gregor Robertson.

In 2007, Prod was hired as a consultant by the Asian Development Bank to take 25 senior civil servants and government officials from India on a study tour to observe China's urban development planning and management. They visited Beijing, Suzhou and Shenzhen's Special Economic Zone; its population was less than 100,000 in 1985 and over 10 million by 2007. Beijing had changed too from a rundown city in 1980 to a prosperous mega city in 2007.

Suzhou revealed more dramatic changes. As one of China's most beautiful cities, it managed to stay that way by preserving ancient buildings and streets and putting industrial estates such as the Singapore-China industrial estate with its technologically advanced enterprises in the suburbs.

Prod's impressions of China's rapid development between 1980 and 2007 were published in two monographs by ADB: *Urban Development Experience and Visions – India and the People's Republic of China* followed by *City Cluster Development, Toward an Urban led Development Strategy for Asia* (2008).

In 2008 Eleanor and Prod co-authored *Seeking a Better Life Abroad (A Study of Filipinos in Canada 1957-2007)* based on Eleanor's updated nationwide survey of Filipinos in Canada. Published by Anvil Publishing Inc. Manila.

More trips. In 2010 Prod was Coordinator for a study of basic urban services in 700 cities and towns in 16 Asia Pacific countries, sponsored by UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) in Barcelona, Spain and UN Habitat in Nairobi.

More writing. In 2011, he wrote the chapter on governance, finance and urban management for *The State of Asian Cities*, 2010-2011, published by UN-

HABITAT. He authored the chapter on Asia and the Pacific for the *Third Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD III)* published by UCLG, Barcelona, July 2014.

From 2012 to 2013 Prod was one of the *World Smart City (WSC)* Advisory Board of nine international urban experts preparing for the WSC summit and convention in Amsterdam.

When not consulting, the Laquians went on Alaska, Caribbean and Mediterranean cruises, a Danube river cruise, and land tours of the Canadian Maritimes, U.S. National Parks, all of Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Portugal, Spain and Morocco, London, Paris, Rome, etc.

In 2014 Eleanor had a stroke. Determined to walk, she worked daily with physio and occupational therapists. The UBC Brain Behaviour Lab invited her to participate in its after-stroke studies using rehab machines for brain stimulation with magnets and direct current. Years of experimental treatments enabled her to walk again with only a slight limp.

In 2016 Prod had a fall which fractured his skull. With Eleanor limping and Prod using a walker, they knew their travelling days were over but they had no regrets. They considered themselves fortunate to live in Hampton Place where neighbours support and look after each other.

Occasionally, Eleanor laments that she can no longer play the guitar because her left hand is still somewhat paralyzed. But still they see themselves blessed, surrounded by loving family and friends. Their home is warm with photos of people fondly remembered, and souvenirs of interesting places, exciting times, and a great life. They have many wonderful and happy memories to sustain them in this pandemic and, by God's grace, for as long as they live.