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Summer in the UNA Children's Garden

New volunteers of all ages and skill levels welcome



Young UNA volunteer Hugh waters the rosemary in the Old Barn Children's Garden. Please see story on Page 7.

UNA GOVERNANCE

UBC Board of Governors Approves New UBC-UNA Neighbours' Agreement

The Neighbours' Agreement 2020 would be executed by UBC and the UNA upon approval of the proposed UNA Bylaws by UNA members at the Special General Meeting scheduled for September 30, 2020

The biggest event in recent years happened at the UNA on July 27 when the UBC Board of Governors approved the UBC-UNA Neighbours' Agreement 2020.

The new agreement includes amendments

to the Neighbours' Agreement 2015 that are required by the UNA proposed bylaw changes related to the governance on University Neighbourhoods – specifically, composition of the UNA Board.

The most substantive change being proposed to UNA Board composition is transition to a fully elected Board of Directors and the elimination of the two UBC-appointed and one AMS-appointed (Student) Board director positions. This is a change to the relationship that UBC and the AMS currently have with the UNA and represents an important evolution in Board governance.

Please see highlights of the new UBC-UNA Neighbours' Agreement on Page 2.

UNA STATEMENT

Taking A Stand Against Racism

Like millions of people across Canada and the world, I have witnessed the devastating impacts of anti-Black racism come to a head with the brutal killing by police of George Floyd, and I acknowledge the countless others who were victimized before him. I have also witnessed the continued injustices directed at Indigenous communities and, in the past months, seen the rise of anti-Asian racism fuelled by misinformation about the pandemic.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I condemn and denounce these acts of racism and commit to further cultivating safe, healthy and inclusive communities that value equity, respect, diversity,

inclusion and safety.

I will also commit to recommending to the UNA Board of Directors that we hold racial bias training for all Directors and Staff, and to identify tangible ways we can use our strengths to reduce racism in our community.

I invite UNA residents to send in your ideas on how to foster diversity and inclusivity in our neighbourhoods.

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UNA Board Plans Racial Bias Training for Directors and Staff

John Tompkins
Editor

UNA Chair Richard Watson has received backing from the Board of Directors for his proposal to hold racial bias training for all Directors and Staff and to identify tangible ways to reduce racism in the UNA community – home to over 12,000 residents.

Support for the Chair Watson proposal came at the June Board meeting after introductory remarks by UBC Appointed Director Carole Jolly, and a motion was carried with the UNA Board committing to investigate ways in which to train UNA Staff and Board Directors in dealing with issues of racial bias.

The Board confirmed the support for the Chair Watson proposal at a subsequent meeting July 21 when the following motion was passed: *that the Board provide direction to Staff in regard to next steps in relation to Racial Bias Training and Respect in the Workplace Training for UNA Directors and Staff.*

Directors discussed the racial bias training as an opportunity to signal to the UNA community the inclusive values the UNA Board strives to uphold.

Discussion among the Directors before the meeting in July closely followed the report *Racial Bias and Respect in the Workplace Training Options* provided by Sundance Topham, the UNA Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who wrote:

“Creating a healthy workplace environ-



Richard Watson

ment includes ensuring that the organization has proper Human Resources training available to support all members of the organization, from the Board to management to front-line staff.

“The recent Black Lives Matter protests, and the resulting statement from Chair Watson in regard to racism, led to a conversation at the Board table about racial bias, and potential organizational training that could take place.

“When the topic was brought up at the Board table, staff noted that the organization was already looking at having Respect in the Workplace Training, and that it may be possible to combine the training in order to save money and time.”

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Brunch Guest Speaks about Anti-Black Racism

Dr. June Francis was a special guest at the Vancouver Quadra event, speaking on how Canadians can uproot Anti-Black Racism and systemic discrimination

John Tompkins
Editor

Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra Joyce Murray invited noted educator June Francis to address a virtual brunch meeting of constituents in June.

Dr. Francis, a professor at Simon Fraser University (SFU), spoke on how Canadians can uproot Anti-Black Racism and systemic discrimination.

She wondered: “How can we translate the momentum of the Black Lives Matter movement seen across North America today into lasting, positive change for Black Canadians.”

While discussing Anti-Black Racism in Vancouver, Dr. Francis referred to Hogan’s Alley as the first and last neighbourhood in the City with a substantial concentrated black population.

Honoring the legacy of Black Strathcona residents, members of a Vancouver group – co-led by Dr. Francis – envision a space within the City that highlights the contributions of the former inhabitants of Hogan’s Alley and adds to the vibrant multicultural milieu of Vancouver.

Addressing the brunch audience, Dr. Francis said reparations and apologies to African Canadians are needed in response to the mistreatment that Black people have suffered in Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada for over two centuries.

Speaking over Zoom, she reminded brunch participants how in 2017, a three-member United Nations expert panel recommended the Government of Canada “issue an apology and consider providing reparations to African Canadians for enslavement and historical injustices.” The panel had spent the previous year discussing Canada’s history of racism.

Dr. Francis said: “We need an apology, an official apology, for Anti-Black Racism.”

The website of Hogan’s Alley Society states:

Slavery was legal in Canada until 1834, when Britain abolished slavery in all its territories. Canada did not have a slave-based plantation economy, but many people owned slaves. These people included government and military officials, Loyalists, bishops, priests and nuns and tradesmen such as hotel keepers.

Even so, some argue that Canada should not pay reparations to all African Canadians. They might argue that most African Canadians are not descended from people enslaved in Canada.

Some African Canadians descended from people who escaped slavery in the United States by coming to Canada. Many are, or are descended from, immigrants to Canada

from the Caribbean, Africa and elsewhere. And most of these Canadian residents arrived after 1962, when Canada removed its racist restrictions on immigration.

But even if they are not descended from people enslaved in Canada, most African Canadians have suffered — and many still do suffer — from the historical injustices the expert panel addressed in 2017. Canada’s Prime Minister should apologize for both slavery and historic and contemporary injustices endured by African Canadians.

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, the Vancouver neighbourhood called Hogan’s Alley was home to multiple immigrant communities but was known largely for its African Canadian population. The name ‘Hogan’s Alley’ was not official but the popular term for a T-shaped intersection, including Park Lane, and the nearby residences and businesses at the southwestern edge of Strathcona. Beginning in 1967, the City of Vancouver began leveling the western half of Hogan’s Alley in order to construct a freeway, spelling the end to the neighbourhood.

Dr. Francis has won awards for both service and teaching excellence, winning the Beedie School of Business Canada Trust Teaching Award as well as the inaugural Beedie School of Business Service award in 2019. She is an advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion for racialized groups as well as the advancement of non-traditional intellectual property law related to community wellbeing and cultural and human rights through her research, consulting, the media and volunteer work.



June Francis

Dr. Francis is currently Co-Chair of Hogan’s Alley Society which is dedicated to delivering the policy goals identified in the Northeast False Creek Area Plan for the Black Community and has as its mission to advance the social, political, economic and cultural wellbeing of people of African Descent through the delivery of housing, built spaces and programming. She served on the SFU’s Board of Governors from 2012–2018 and previously served for several years on the Board of Directors of MOSAIC, a key immigrant and refugee settlement society.

The Parliamentary Secretary MP Greg Fergus, Chair of the Canadian Caucus of Black Parliamentarians, also joined the brunch guests of Minister Murray over Zoom. Since its founding, the Canadian Caucus of Black Parliamentarians has been a voice for Canadians of African descent in Parliament and seeks to provide federal solutions to issues of discrimination.

Highlights of the UBC–UNA Neighbours’ Agreement 2020

New UNA Relations with UBC and AMS

UBC is supportive of evolving governance at the UNA, conditional on a revised framework for managing the UNA relationships with UBC and the AMS, and for managing UBC risks through enhanced oversight of UNA finances.

These matters have been resolved through the Neighbours’ Agreement 2020 with the following changes:

- Replacing the two UBC-appointed directors with two UBC observers who will have the right to attend all UNA Board meetings and participate in discussions, and who will have access to all documents and information provided to the elected directors, except where a conflict of interest exists.

- Including for reference the new UNA–AMS relationship, which will allow the AMS to appoint a non-voting student representative who has the right to attend all open and closed UNA Board meetings, receive all documents prepared for such meetings, participate in Board discussions, and propose motions for Board consideration, except where a conflict arises.

- Enhancing UBC’s insight into and oversight of the UNA Budget, including requiring UBC to approve the UNA annual budget, related Reserve Policies, and

other financial considerations including expectations around allocation of UNA budget surpluses and deficits.

- Formalizing the UNA–UBC Liaison Committee role, including its continued purpose to serve as a platform for collaboration and discussion between the UNA and UBC on matters of shared interest. In addition, this Committee will serve as the final avenue for dispute resolution.

- Clarifying new insurance requirements as a result of the Province of BC’s University, College, and Institute Protection Program (UCIPP) decision that the UNA will no longer be considered a related entity under a revised governance regime and can therefore not be covered under UBC’s UCIPP comprehensive general insurance policy.

New UNA Agreement with Students

The AMS has agreed to a new relationship framework via a UNA-AMS Memorandum of Agreement. The Memorandum addresses the AMS interests of ensuring student representation in UNA Board discussions and decisions, while also respecting the need for the UNA to evolve its governance by transitioning to a fully elected Board.

- In lieu of the current entitlement of the AMS to appoint a Director of the UNA,

the Neighbours’ Agreement 2020 will include terms to provide that the AMS may from time to time designate a student to serve as a representative to the UNA Board of Directors.

- The UNA’s Constitution will be amended to recognize the interests of students as an integral part of the University community.

- In the event that an elected Director who is a resident student is unable to complete the full term for which they were elected, the UNA Board of Directors will fill the vacancy with the appointment of a resident student on the recommendation of the AMS, but only if there are more than seven months remaining in the term.

- The AMS has the right to appoint a vot-



Wesbrook Place, the largest neighbourhood on UBC campus. Photo credit UBC Properties Trust.

ing student member to participate in any open and closed session of a UNA Board Committee or Working Group, except where a conflict exists.

- The UNA and the AMS will work collaboratively to develop a joint advisory committee and its related terms of reference to advise the UNA and AMS Boards of Directors on issues and opportunities of mutual interest relating to student and community matters.

The UNA has been leading a bylaw changes process over the past two years – to improve the effectiveness and representativeness of the UNA Board.

The proposed UNA Constitution and UNA Bylaws have been approved by the UNA Board for voting on by UNA members at a Special General Meeting scheduled for September 30, 2020.

The Neighbours’ Agreement 2020 will be executed by UBC and the UNA upon approval of the proposed UNA Bylaws by UNA members.

If the proposed UNA Bylaws are not approved by members, the new Neighbours’ Agreement would not enter into force.

Source: UBC Report to the Board of Governors for final approval of the UBC–UNA Neighbours’ Agreement 2020.

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Sparrow's Flight: Conference Will Commemorate 30th Anniversary of Historic Musqueam Court Victory

The Musqueam Indian Band and Peter A. Allard School of Law, UBC, will host a two-day conference *Sparrow's Flight* later this year to commemorate the 30th anniversary of a famous Musqueam legal victory.

Indigenous community leaders, members, and activists, those engaged in legal struggles concerning Indigenous and Aboriginal rights, and academics in varied disciplines whose work touches on the legal, social, and political implications of the entrenchment of Aboriginal rights in section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act, 1982* will participate.

In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its first decision on the rights of Aboriginal peoples under section 35. The decision in *R. v Sparrow* breathed life into the slim text that "recognized and affirmed" the "existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal people in Canada."

The fact that the first case to test this provision was a fishing rights case was no accident. Fisheries have long been a significant point of conflict between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian state.

The fact that the case originated on the Fraser River, near one of its mouths at Musqueam, and involved Musqueam fishers, was also no accident. For millennia, the Musqueam had lived and fished at the

mouths of one of the largest salmon bearing rivers on the Pacific, but decades of intensive commercial harvesting, calamitous damage to the river system, and a history of efforts to exclude Indigenous peoples from the fisheries, as well as the willingness of the Musqueam to use Canadian courts to advance their interests, led the parties to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In *Sparrow*, the Supreme Court recognized that the Musqueam had an "aboriginal right to fish for food and social and ceremonial purposes", that this right had not been extinguished, and that the charges against Musqueam fishers, including Ronald Sparrow, for fishing in violation of regulations under Canada's *Fisheries Act* infringed this right.

The Court interpreted these rulings to mean that the Musqueam food, social and ceremonial fishery had priority over commercial and sport fisheries, subject only to conservation requirements.

More generally, the Supreme Court ruled that the courts were to construe section 35 "in a purposive way" and that the provision demanded "a generous, liberal interpretation".

New research suggests: Indigenous and coastal communities in Canada are increasingly finding that the ocean and marine re-



The flag of the Musqueam Indian Band is permanently raised on UBC campus.
Photo credit Paul Joseph, UBC.

sources are off limits. (<https://oceans.ubc.ca/2017/11/30/better-policies-could-net-more-fish-for-indigenous-and-coastal-communities/>)

With more boat traffic, fewer fish, more conservation activities, and commercial licenses going to corporations, it is becoming harder for Indigenous and coastal communities to access the fish and areas of the ocean they need for food, jobs and cultural practices.

These were the sentiments expressed at a meeting hosted at UBC in June 2017 that brought together Indigenous fishers, small-scale fisheries representatives, non-governmental organizations, and university researchers.

Musqueam member Richard Sparrow, project manager of natural resources with the First Nations Fisheries Council, said: "The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that a First Nation has the priority right to fish second only to conservation. Yet when I

am out on the Fraser River and see a large tanker coming my way, I have to stop fishing and move out of the way. Competition over space and fish is becoming more difficult with declining salmon stocks and increased pressures of shipping."

Sparrow's Flight conference, hosted jointly by the Musqueam Indian Band and the Allard School of Law, UBC, aims to create space for broad, meaningful discussions, and with that in mind a call for proposals went out to Indigenous nations engaged in struggles over access to fisheries, and to those whose work grapples with the colonial legacy that section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act, 1982* seems intended to address.

Sources:

- *Call for Proposals— Sparrow's Flight: Revisiting the Supreme Court of Canada's Decision after 30 Years*
- *Musqueam Community Newsletter March 6, 2020*
- *UBC Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries website*

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The UNA CAO included in his report draft workshop agendas for discussion.

Workshop Agenda for Board Session on Racial Bias/Intercultural Awareness would include the following:

1. Introduction to diversity and inclusion – The human and the business case and how this is built on a foundation of respectful workplace policy, practice and commitment.

2. Unconscious bias – What it is, why we have it, some examples of bias related to race and techniques to mitigate bias.

3. Intercultural connections – Definition of culture and the impact of world view/lived experience.

4. Inclusive leadership – What this means; choosing curiosity over judgement.

Workshop Agenda for Employee Session on Racial Bias/Intercultural Awareness would include the following:

1. Introduction to diversity and inclusion – Employee experience, customer interaction and how this is built on a respectful workplace policy, practice and

commitment.

2. Unconscious bias – What it is, why we have it, sharing examples of where this has come up and what employees have experienced.

3. Intercultural connections – Definition of culture and how our world view/lived experience impacts how we work together.

4. Bias interrupters – How to check assumptions and create/ensure a welcoming, inclusive and respectful workplace culture.

In terms of the financial implications of the sessions, as noted in the report, there will be some cost savings if the sessions are combined, but if there are multiple sessions held separately, there will be minimal cost savings.

The costs of the workshops will range between \$2,500 and \$13,000 depending on how many and in what format. Overall funding for Human Resources training is contained within the approved 2020–21 UNA Budget.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, UNA Chair Watson invites campus residents to send in ideas on how to foster diversity and inclusivity in University Neighbourhoods.

UNA UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOODS ASSOCIATION

Parking Permits

Regular parking enforcement will be resuming in UNA Neighbourhoods:

- Parking Permits will be available for purchase, starting **August 1, 2020**.
- Regular Parking Permit enforcement will resume on **September 1, 2020**.
- All previously purchased 2020-2021 permits will remain valid.

To help facilitate the renewal process safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, applications and payments for permits can now be done online and by phone.

For more information, visit myuna.ca/parking.

UNA Youth Talk about How They Cope During COVID-19

*Kabir, Moses, Milian, and Matthew
Members of the U-Hill Journalism Club*

I am excited to introduce you to Kabir, Moses, Milian, and Matthew – members of our local journalism club. These hard working folks were the driving energy behind the second instance of the Community member series. I really want to highlight, and thank these young people for dedicating ample time to connect with community members in creating this piece.

*Taylor Scott
UNA Youth Program and Volunteer Coordinator*

The UNA, UTown@UBC and the U-Hill Journalism Club have joined efforts to collect stories from our community about how residents are coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. Hearing community members' perspectives can be both inspiring and reassuring. It also reminds us that we are all in this together. The second group of residents invited to participate in this project is a group of youth residents from our campus community. In this article, which is planned, written and edited by high school aged journalists, we virtually sat down with five youth from different age groups, high schools and areas of interest. We asked each interviewee to share their thoughts and stories with us through Zoom. They provided us with some very heart-warming and motivational stories, and hopefully they can inspire everyone to stay strong during these turbulent times.

What are some major changes in your life that you have noticed in the past few months?

Angela: I'd say the main change that goes beyond myself and applies to the majority of people in our community, is a change within our social life and dynamic. Prior to COVID-19, we would spend 6-8 hours a day at school or work, and socializing was a big part there. When we transitioned to online school, it became different. The chat function for online classes is disabled, and people didn't have time to talk to each other. There's a diminishment of social contact when you get on a Zoom call, which isn't the same as gathering physically.

Henry: Personally, there weren't major changes but instead minor changes: restaurants, shops and basketball courts being closed. I had to stay home a lot, which then started to feel normal.

Iris: As a senior in high-school, I didn't really get the most "traditional" graduation. U-Hill Secondary is known to graduate in UBC's Chan Centre but that changed because of COVID. I noticed the changes especially around term 3, when the year-end grad fun usually happens, and we didn't have any of that. That was a little discour-

aging. But I don't see it as a totally bad thing, especially as that left more time for my school work.

Matin: Sports were a major thing in my life. Our volleyball season had just started and we were gonna have some of our first games, when COVID hit. I know that restrictions have been lifted and the case numbers are lowered recently, but things won't be the same for a long time to come.

Susan: I've become more dedicated to my wellbeing and work. I started to focus on my own health. I also have more time to make my Youth Art Committee successful by creating meeting platforms for our members, while planning an upcoming art gallery.

How have you been coping and staying happy and healthy with all these changes?

Angela: Just staying positive has made this feel like less of a chore. There's actually a really good book on staying positive, it's called *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*, by Hans Rosling. It's not specifically for COVID-19, but it's a nice book for the mindset of staying positive within your life.

Henry: I've spent a lot of time on my art. I've drawn a lot of pictures and painted a lot of pieces. During the last few months, I spent my time improving my skills by painting, learning, and after restrictions started to lift, I played basketball again. I've been learning to speak Japanese and French as well.

Matin: A big problem for me was being bored and unable to manage time. I heard from many people that each day blended into the next and bland routines substituted their usual colorful days. Over time, I decided to break the cycle and make the days more interesting. As restrictions were lifted, I went camping, played basketball, balanced my homework, reading, physical activities, and communication time. Though I did have a lot of my friends' con-



Treeline view from Cultus Lake Provincial Park. Photo credit Matin.

tact, it was difficult to have the same experiences as in face to face contact. However, through voice and video calls rather than texting, we were able to recreate that social-connection feeling, and I would say that we were 99% successful in maintaining our friendship.

Have you found any new hobbies or skills in the past few months?

Angela: I've been learning to communicate effectively online, like texting and video calls. I know a lot of people have had to adapt to online communication in order to keep in touch. For me personally I've had to use calls for competitive debate and it was a bit of a transition from debating in person. I've also been using this free time to expand my reach of friends by trying to talk to people around the world. I think it's a great time to connect with friends, relatives, or people from around the world. I've also been working on university courses, some are available online and are very useful and interesting.

Iris: For school, I needed to make a "capstone project" where you make a goal and accomplish it, and I wanted to improve my singing and musical arts. So, I've been improving, practicing music, learning the cello, and writing my own songs. Also, I really wanted to play volleyball in high school but I never really had the chance, so I've been playing at the beach and just have fun playing the sport we love.

Matin: I used this time to explore some things that I never found a perseverance or the time for, such as coding, and I found quarantine as a perfect opportunity to begin. I combined my passion for biology and neuroscience with coding by undertaking a project with some PhD students, where we processed sample brain scans and cleaned the signals obtained by different brain scan methods. This taught me many new skills and subsequently broke my boring day-to-day cycle.

Susan: I've had weekly meetings with my friends, and I've continued to volunteer weekly with the UNA. A group of high school volunteers and I are planning the first art gallery to return to our community this fall. This group and this project have helped me a lot by keeping everyone together, and maintaining a normal schedule. Together, this group of volunteers and I are

working really hard every week to make sure the gallery is COVID safe, enjoyable and suitable during this time period. I am learning still and striving to be more patient and to be a good listener. Staying busy, working with my friends, and learning have really helped me stay happy.

What is one moment, event, or thing that has kept you uplifted and positive?

Angela: One of the things that really gives hope and gives a sense of positivity is the increased sense of accessibility to different people, events, and new opportunities. Things like programs at prestigious universities – that would usually have cost thousands of dollars for a summer – are now reduced to manageable costs. You now have the chance to meet people around the world. I'm sure this goes for sports, classes, and workshops. Things like tournaments or competitions – that I couldn't access before – have moved online, and now I have the ability to meet a lot of people through virtual means. I think it's really uplifting to see that some opportunities have become increasingly accessible to a lot of people in the world in the last few months.

Henry: Art has been a major part of how I got through the past few months. I created a lot of new pieces, with new ideas for my work. With new inspiration and more time, I have been able to make quite a few good pieces in the past few months. To me, art is protective; when I was feeling sad, I was able to do art and put it into the picture or painting I was doing, which helped me forget about it and get through it. In my new pieces, my emotions have been put into each of them.

Iris: A couple of days ago, I started going out to the beach more often to play volleyball and connect with a few friends safely. I haven't seen them for months, so we were making up for the missed time. The beach is very nice and calming and, in these times, it has become a big healing factor for me.

Matin: After staying home for months we decided to break out the tents and went camping at Cultus Lake (one of my favourite places on Earth). I remembered the last time we went, and I was overcome with nostalgia and *deja vu*.

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The night skyline view from Spanish Banks, featuring Comet NEOWISE. Photo credit Matin.

LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

UBC Community Celebrates Graduating Class of 2020

Last month, UBC held its first ever Virtual Graduation Ceremony. I was proud to participate in the event and to celebrate, along with their families and friends, the accomplishments of the members of the class of 2020.

I hope you had the chance to watch one or both of the ceremonies and to hear the inspiring words of speakers such as Prime Minister Trudeau, Rick Mercer, and – especially – students Njoki Mburu, Julia Burnham, Romil Jain and Barb Dawson. They, and their fellow classmates, give me hope for the future.

If you didn't have a chance to watch, or if you'd like to see it again, just go to virtual-graduation.ubc.ca. And, I promise, we will celebrate the Class of 2020 graduation in per-

son, when it's safe to do so.

I love graduation. Thinking of our graduating students and their proud families always fills me with pride. It's also a special time for our faculty members, as their students successfully complete their years of study. It is a time of joy, a time of celebration and a time to come together as a community, whether in person or online.

Of course, the most important part of the ceremony – indeed, the whole point of it – is the conferral of degrees, which is done by the Chancellor of the University. This year, that task fell to Lindsay Gordon, who has been conferring degrees on UBC graduates twice a year here in Vancouver and in Kelowna since

his appointment as Chancellor in 2014. On June 17, he performed that important task for the last time, as his term as Chancellor came to an end on June 30.

On July 1, the Honourable Steven Lewis Point became Chancellor. Dr. Point is not only a UBC graduate and honorary degree recipient, he is the former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. He is a member of the Skowkale First Nation and has advocated for Indigenous people throughout his career, pressing for greater recognition of their contributions and their fuller involvement in all aspects of life in British Columbia.

He is a double alumnus of UBC and has retained close ties with the university after receiving his Bachelor of Laws in 1985. He served as director of the First Nations Legal Studies program at the Peter A. Allard School of Law from 1991–1994 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2013 for his exceptional commitment in the field of law, legal and Aboriginal education and his leadership in the Indigenous community.

As Chancellor, Dr. Point will act as the honorary head of the university and preside over all major ceremonies and convocations. He will also represent the university in a wide range of events and activities. He also serves as a voting member of both UBC Senates and the Board of Governors.

Informally, the Chancellor is also a great source of guidance and counsel for me. In the four years I've been president and vice-chancellor, I've come to rely on Lindsay Gordon's wisdom and advice, and I consider him a friend. Together, we've conferred degrees on tens of thousands of UBC students



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

at graduation ceremonies at UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan. I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to him for being an exceptional leader and ambassador for UBC since 2014. His work will continue to positively impact the university for years to come.

Usually, graduation ceremonies are also a time to confer honorary degrees on deserving individuals who have made substantial contributions to society. This year, because the ceremonies were virtual, the degrees were not conferred at the time of graduation but were announced the following week. As usual, the list of recipients is an impressive one.

Best wishes

Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor



Screen photo that students took during virtual convocation with UBC President Santa Ono.

UBC Continues COVID-19 Research with \$14 Million Federal Grant

Researchers at the University of British Columbia have received a combined total of \$14.3 million in grants in the latest round of funding from the federal government in support of research addressing the health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In total, 19 teams at UBC working in drug research, global health, obstetrics, medical imaging, public health, and Indigenous health are receiving support as part of a \$109-million investment in research projects by the federal government, focused on accelerating the development, testing, and implementation of measures to mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19 and its negative consequences on people, communities, and health systems.

"This new federal investment will enable UBC researchers to further contribute valuable insights into medical and societal responses to COVID-19," said Gail Murphy, Vice-President, Research and Innovation at UBC. "These research projects, which range from developing treatments to addressing the impacts of COVID-19 on vulnerable and marginalized populations, could have national and global impacts, and we are grateful for this support."

Research findings and data produced as a result of the funding will be shared rapidly and openly (in line with the joint statement on sharing research data and findings relevant to the novel coronavirus outbreak) to inform

the global public health response and to help save lives.

Below is a list of the UBC projects receiving federal grants.

- Using computers to develop drug cocktails for COVID-19
- Using nanoparticles to deliver antibody therapy against COVID-19
- Tracking household transmission of COVID-19 in Africa
- Creating a genetic library to support drug development
- Identifying patients at risk of severe complications using sequencing technology
- Creating an emergency COVID-19 rapid response network
- Assessing the impact of COVID-19 public health measures on young people
- Utilizing health system data to respond to COVID-19 in seven resource-poor countries
- Examining the impact of COVID-19 on the brain
- Tracking maternal and infant outcomes among pregnant women with COVID-19
- Pinpointing the cause of COVID-19-related inflammatory surge
- Evaluating a potential drug therapy for COVID-19
- Using chemical compounds to reduce COVID-19 spread
- Canadian drug trial on blood pressure and diabetes drugs for COVID-19
- Addressing the dual public health crises of COVID-19 and overdose

COVID-19 and overdose

- The Cedar Project: Culturally-safe, trauma-informed COVID-19 response among young Indigenous people who use drugs

- Designing drug treatments for COVID-19

- Using Big Data and artificial intelligence to improve COVID-19 diagnosis

- Protecting healthcare workers from COVID-19.



Photo credit Don Erhardt, UBC.

New Musqueam Art at Gateway of Campus: Uplifting and Inspiring Symbols of Protection and Enlightenment

Ten cast bronze pieces created by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow, collectively known as ʔəłqəṣən (Point Grey), were recently installed on concrete pillars lining the walkway separating the UBC Bus Exchange from the new MacInnes Field.

of land’, and ‘Point Grey’ is the English designation for a major point of land within Musqueam territory where many Musqueam village sites are and that include some major villages such as xʷməθkʷəy̓əm and ʔəyalməxʷ.

ʔəłqəṣən is the hənq̓əminəḥ word for ‘point

In his artist’s Statement, Sparrow explains:



Musqueam Artist Brent Sparrow. Photo credit Martin Dee, UBC.

“ʔəłqəṣən (Point Grey) is known to my ancestors as the Battleground of the West Wind, a natural landmark dividing the Fraser River estuary from Burrard Inlet; the winds sweeping in often send rain clouds to the north and clear skies south.

of positivity for students and people from around the globe.”

Sparrow created two different wood carvings featuring images of eagles, thunderbirds and salmon which were then cast in bronze. He worked collaboratively with the MacInnes Field design team, various campus stakeholders and Musqueam representatives to produce the installation.

“The Peninsula has been a sentry point for thousands of years. From q̓əłəxən, the fort and lookout for our warriors on the point, trails for our runners radiated out. The importance of the the Point Grey peninsula for defense has continued for the newcomers up to the Second World War. 70 years-on, it has become a welcoming gateway, a beacon

The installation enhances the arrival experience to UBC and informs those arriving to campus that UBC is on the traditional, unceded and ancestral territory of the Musqueam people.

Design Concept for Bronze Panels

Vertical and linear pieces symbolize many paths, many directions, many journeys. Paths used for thousands of years by Musqueam peoples, are still in use today by many thousands of people. This place is a way of life.

As a Musqueam fisherman, I have seen many salmon transformations in the rivers since my childhood. In this piece, salmon are messengers carrying their own stories. They are being carried by the wings of these birds – both protected by the thunderbird and used by the eagle. This piece is a metaphor for the need for balance.

Eagles, salmon & thunderbirds, together, are uplifting and inspiring: symbols of protection and enlightenment.

I chose salmon for their resilience in weaving through Coast Salish culture and communities like the rivers themselves in which they return to spawn. Salmon tie together the web of life from coastal inlets and fjords as far inland as the Rocky Mountains: bringing rich proteins from the far North Pacific Ocean and these proteins are found in trees thousands of kilometers away. They truly are the sacred balance and in my artwork I hope to detail the significance of salmon by way of representing this cycle.

The imagery is full of symbolism, the bird images (Science and mythological – Eagles and Thunderbirds) that are on a journey, a story made up from simple Salmon eggs. It suggests that learners come to the university where they grow into messengers, seekers and travelers.

Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow

UEL Councillors Conduct Survey of Neglected Homes and Launch Petitions to Minister Selina Robinson

On July 11, several members of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) on the University Endowment Lands (UEL) undertook a walking survey of homes in two of the three single-family areas in their community in order to compile a list of abandoned or neglected homes.

to consider turning the corner of University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall into a park for the enjoyment of the wider UEL/UNA/UBC community rather than the multifamily project currently under development in conjunction with the Ministry’s Housing Hub.

Claire Huxtable, President of the CAC, led the survey.

During the CAC survey, UEL residents were also presented with a petition to add enforcement provisions to the current noise bylaw and to extend the Electoral Area A ‘Unsightly Premises’ bylaw to include the UEL.

Commenting on the survey results, Claire said: “We found 45 homes in some stage of abandonment, neglect or stalled construction.

“Progress on these issues has been excruciatingly slow despite longstanding community concerns,” Claire said.

“There have been several recent serious incidents linked to squatters in abandoned homes, and the list will be shared with the UEL office, the local RCMP detachment and the fire marshal in an effort to increase awareness of potential problems and address them before they escalate.”

Finally, the CAC is seeking support to protect rental housing within the multifamily area.

In tandem with the survey, the CAC has launched several petitions in a direct appeal to Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

One legacy purpose-built rental building was recently lost to condo development and another similar project has been proposed (Development Permit 8/18). The CAC would like Minister Robinson to explore every avenue possible to work with the developer to prevent further loss of rental housing.

Building on overwhelming support for a prior petition to maintain the character of single-family areas, the CAC has asked the Minister

The petitions are posted on the UEL CAC website (uelcommunity.com) and can be printed, scanned and submitted to council@uelcommunity.com.



Photo taken by UEL Community Advisory Council shows UEL home that looks abandoned.

The University Endowment Lands is a separate jurisdiction from the City of Vancouver and the University of British Columbia.

As an unincorporated area, the UEL does not have an elected municipal council and is administered by the Province through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Ministry appoints a Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the UEL.

The Community Advisory Council – an elected body of seven University Hill residents – is independent of the UEL administration and advises the Manager on UEL issues.

University RCMP Update

- Calls for service decreased over the previous months, due to the closure of businesses and UBC campus.
- There has been an increase in break and enters to vehicles and storage units.
- Traffic safety is an ongoing area of concern, particularly with excessive speeding.
- An online reporting system was implemented on May 20, 2020 for non-emergency reports.
- Interest in developing a Block Watch program should be directed to Constable Kyle Smith.
- The RCMP detachment at UBC is understaffed due to a lack of available resources; however, there is access to support services in the event of a serious incident.



University RCMP Commander Chuck Lan.

Online Crime Reporting Available

The Online Crime Reporting link can be found on the University RCMP detachment website www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/256.

You can use Online Crime Reporting if:

- You have lost something that costs less than \$5,000.
- Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5,000.
- Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5,000 to repair it.
- The crime happened within the jurisdiction of the University RCMP.
- You want to report a Driving Complaint that is not in progress.

You cannot use Online Crime Reporting if:

- There is a witness or suspect (this restriction does not apply to Driving Complaints).
- There are lost or stolen items involving personal identity, firearms, license plates or decals.

If you have a crime that requires a police officer, call the non-emergency number at 604-224-1322. For emergencies please call 9-1-1.

Old Barn Children's Garden Is for Everyone in UNA

UNA Gardens are open during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and practicing strict social distancing

The Old Barn Children's Garden is unlike the other three UNA gardens, which each have plots for individuals and families to tend (Nobel, Hawthorn & Rhodo).

The Children's Garden – located off the plaza of the Bean Around the World, next to the Old Barn Community Centre in Hawthorn Place – is one big communal garden open to all UNA residents.



Blueberry-picking time in the Children's Garden.

A wonderful place to bring your kids to learn all about gardening, the Children's Garden is also a multicultural hub where we can enjoy our community together. This summer, we are sporting new bilingual signs in English and Mandarin. And we'd love to add more languages.

We encourage you to get an orientation and then take on a project as part of a team or solo. If you help out, you get a share in the harvest. New volunteers of all ages and skill levels welcome.

Check us out here to learn more: unacg2014.wordpress.com/ or just come by the garden to say hello.

2020 Garden Committee:

Veronica Ignas, Andrea McCaughan,



Leo takes a break from picking red currants.

Chong Ke, and Olivia Fermi – catalyst@fermi.ca for an orientation.

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Though one difference in the campsite was that before, trash cans were overflowing and garbage littered everywhere, even seeping into the water. You could tell humanity took its toll on nature. But through us staying at home, nature had time to heal; the water was clear and there was no garbage anywhere. With humanity staying inside for just a couple months, nature was able to regrow and thrive.

Susan: I think I can't just limit the things that kept me positive to just one event or moment. What keeps me uplifted is the fact that I look forward to the future, while not looking back to one moment too much. I feel like all events in life build up to create a better future. We should all be positive about it and look forward to what our new future holds.

How has your perspective and outlook changed over the past couple months?

Angela: People are bonding together by showing common support for the healthcare workers who've given so much to continue to serve our communities. I think that really gives me a positive outlook and perspective on how incredibly versatile, and how incredibly appreciative people can be and are. I see great potential in everyone and their ability to come together and continually be supportive. Previously, we

take a lot of things for granted when there aren't restrictions on mobility or your ability to talk to people. With COVID, it really shifts our perspective and personally made me look positively on our ability to adapt to different situations as a group.

Henry: How I see the world has changed. During this period, that has felt so long, it has really taught me how to deal with and overcome problems. Avoiding the issue is not a solution, and rather with time and effort we were able to get over the problem. In one word, I would say the world has been adaptive; if we can adapt to the problems we face, the problems can disappear.

Iris: I think history is repeating itself, and we are facing an issue similar to what was overcome last century with the Spanish Flu. Humanity will get through this, but our behaviour and mindsets may be changed.

Matin: A big mindset for me over these months was that mistakes lead to improvement. I watched a Ted Talk from Bill Gates in 2015 where he stated the world is not ready for a pandemic and we're spending too much money on other priorities. We are not spending money on what's important. One virus was able to disrupt the world and I think we can learn from this. These past months have caused important issues we need to address to rise to the top, and now we are more able to face the realities of our world.

How has your life improved over the past few months?

Angela: One improvement that we can actually see is: there is an increased sense of appreciation for things that would otherwise be ignored. Appreciation for the closeness you're able to obtain with other beings, with other people. I think a big factor of our quality of life really comes from our own outlook on it, not so much in the materialistic aspect of it, and so far as through COVID, we can value those experiences and conversations we have with others, I think it really ups the bar of how much we're able to engage in the human experience in general.

Henry: My painting and my art have improved. What I paint, and the ideas behind my paintings have gotten better during the past few months. The emotions and ideas in my pieces have really taken a step forward.

Iris: I became more optimistic as high school wasn't the greatest experience for me. I had some time to slow down, focus on passions and hobbies, get a grasp on life, and be more active about human rights. Being able to dive into myself and take some time off from life made me feel positive.

Matin: Getting some time off gave me time to spend time with my now more available family: eating our meals together, playing together, and just being together. I've also been learning new skills and educating myself on anything I'm interested in. Hearing the 7 o'clock cheers for healthcare workers and seeing how everyone is supporting each other in these times makes me feel very optimistic.

Susan: One change I have noticed is that I have become more friendly and understanding towards my friends and peers. Everyone is going through their own life challenges, and kindness is always welcomed.

What advice can you give (a sentence/a word)?

Angela: I am just moving into grade 10, so I can't give advice on the individual aspect, but I think in terms of things we can all do together, and things we can all grow with each other on is just connecting with

other people, especially during COVID, and to find different ways. There are so many Facebook groups that everyone can join, and Instagram pages that nonprofits are popping up here and there, everyone can just find something like that, and try to connect with people. Maybe when we're 60 years old we can look back on it and be like: "Wow, 2020 was rough, but we got to connect with all these people," and I think that would be really cool to look back on.

Henry: Don't take things too seriously, nothing is forever, so don't dwell on what happened today or yesterday. Move forward.

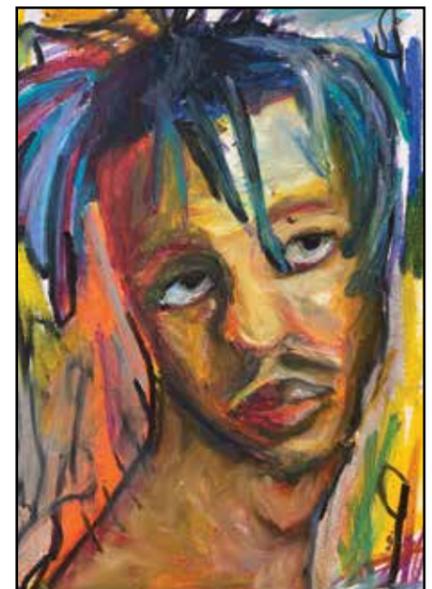
Iris: Stay curious, because curiosity is how you can get involved with a community. Once you get truly curious about something, you can truly achieve what you want, and this makes you who you are. If we are curious about things, we'll start caring about things. It's just a really rewarding thing to do.

Matin: Don't take this time for granted, every second counts. Don't let a lack of preparation keep you off balance and spend your time on yourself and what matters to you.

Susan: Be generous.



Basketball hoop at the Thunderbird Boulevard courts.
Photo credit U-Hill Journalism Club.



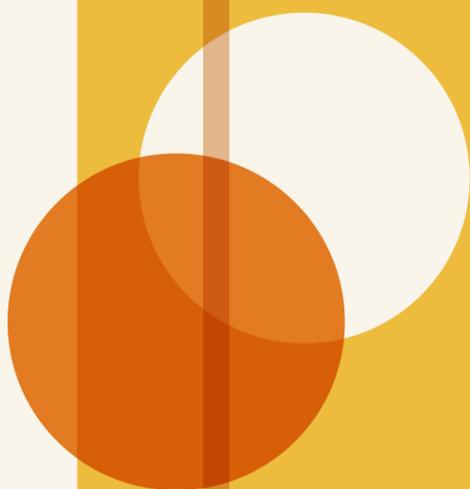
Painting by Henry *Legends Never Die - a tribute to Juice Wrld, young singer and songwriter who passed away.*

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PROGRAM GUIDE

The Old Barn & Wesbrook
Community Centres





Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UNA will not be producing hard copies of this season's *Program Guide*, however, you may download a digital copy at myuna.ca/programs beginning August 7, 2020.

Registration for Fall programs will open on August 17, 2020 at noon.

For more information, visit www.myuna.ca.

Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community Project in August

The virtual offerings of the *Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community* project continue in August.

These FREE programs are funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Program from Employment and Social Development Canada.

Please register at myuna.ca/programs. A meeting invite will be emailed after registration.

We welcome Hesam Shahin, the Computer Specialist for Seniors, to join the *Healthy Seniors, Resilient Community* Project Team. Sam will work with seniors in our community to improve their digital learning, virtual experience and social connections through technology.

Please register for the One-on-One Computer Help session or email Sam at computerhelp@myuna.ca your technology questions.

Program	Date and Time	Instructor
Chair Yoga	Wednesdays, July 8 to August 26, 2020 11 am–12 pm	Angie Datt
Rise Up and Sing!	Tuesdays, July 28–Sept 8, 2020 4 pm–5 pm	Laurel Murphy
One-on-One Computer Help	Tuesdays, August 4 to December 8, 2020 9:30 am–5 pm 5 private sessions, one hour each	Hesam Shahin
Seniors and Friends Virtual Talk Topic: World Views and Local Communities	Thursday, August 13, 2020 1 pm–2:30 pm	Hosted by Peter Brock and Chris Finch
Seniors' Computer Café	Thursday, August 20, 2020 1 pm–2 pm	Hosted by Qiuning Wang and Hesam Shahin

MCN Group Outdoor Activities Arrive with Summer

Activities are free and open to men, women, seniors and teenagers

Summer's here!

Time to shake off the lazy days of isolation by getting involved in the weekly program of outdoor activities – walking,

biking and hiking – offered by the Men's Community Network (MCN).

These group activities are free and open to men, women, seniors and teenagers. Social distancing will be practiced with all activities. The skill and energy level of all participants will be taken into consideration.

Expected days of activities are:

- Hiking – Saturday, 8 am. (*) You may need transport to hiking area.
- Walking – Sunday, 10 am. Routes run through UBC street and the woods.
- Biking – Wednesday, 1 pm. Bring your own helmet and safe bike for local streets.

Please send name(s) or inquires to the email menscommunity@yahoo.com. You will be contacted by the leader of each group.

(*) In the case of the hiking group, if you do not have your own transport, arrangements can be made for you to join others who have a car. Please arrange with hiking group leader through email before hike day. Hike times will be of 4 hours duration.

This is a community project made possible by the UTown@UBC and UNA Community of Caring Grant.