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UNA Neighbours Day Continues Tradition



University Neighbourhoods residents at street festival on Neighbours Day September 7.
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STADIUM ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD

Rethink Stadium Road Neighbourhood Coalition Responds to the Alma Mater Society (students) Petition that supports the updated UBC Stadium Road Neighbourhood plan.

“Stadium Road Neighbourhood must respect the existing Land Use Plan,” writes Murray McCutcheon, Hawthorn Place resident, on behalf of the Coalition.

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WESBROOK MALL

Transit and construction update from UBC Campus and Community Planning.

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UNA UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOODS ASSOCIATION
2019 ELECTIONS

Call for Nominations 2019 UNA Board of Directors Elections

Are you passionate about helping shape the place where you live?

In the lead up to the November 6 Annual General Meeting (AGM), University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) members will elect three new members to its Board of Directors.

If you're interested in making a difference in your community, running for the UNA board election is an impactful way to contribute. **Deadline for nominations is October 7, 2019.**

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UBC AMS Leader Says: Residents Need Student Representative on UNA Board

Students are concerned that “with changes to the UNA bylaws, they will lose their representation in their community”

John Tompkins
Editor

In a presentation to the University Neighbourhoods Association on September 17, the leader of 55,000 UBC students said the UNA Board must have an elected student representative on it.

Chris Hakim, President of the (student) Alma Mater Society (AMS), called UBC students “a unique population” within the UNA and – quoting from the UNA 2017 Annual Report – cited the following figures: 11,700 residents as a whole living in the UNA with 8,200 being leaseholders and with 3,500 being renters.

“It is reasonable to assume that most UBC students living in the UNA are short-term renters given their transient 4-year life cycle on campus. Given that there are around 3,000 students in the UNA, this means that students make up almost the entire population of renters.”

At the presentation to the UNA Directors, Mr. Hakim released a letter he wrote to the UNA Bylaw Review Working Group.

In the letter, Mr. Hakim said: “While there are many shared needs across all residents, it is important to recognize that renters may have different concerns than leaseholders, young people may have different service needs, and students will have different experience accessing and engaging with the UNA than other long-term residents.”

Pointing to the contentious UNA proposal to eliminate the position of AMS Appointed Director on its Board, Mr. Hakim stated:

“We completely agree that democratic governance within the UNA is essential to make decisions that reflect the will of the community. We, however, firmly disagree that eliminating a position that can most directly represent the needs of students and renters in the UNA is democratic.

“As a minority population, students’ voices can be easily overlooked and as one-fourth of the population, we need to ensure that their needs and concerns are listened to. Connecting with short-term student renters requires different approaches than with long-term residents.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNA CHAIR

Chair's message

A big welcome back to school to everyone! One of the unique joys of living at UBC is that we get to be close to the excitement and the buzz of the start of a new school year. I'd like to update you, however, on what the University Neighbourhoods Association Board of Directors have been busy with all summer.

In August, we welcomed the addition of a new interim Board Secretary to the UNA team. Shelley Milne is a retired lawyer and experienced governance professional and has worked in both the public and private sectors in the financial services and safety industries. Shelley also recently served for eight months as the Interim Board Secretary at UBC and will be with the UNA for the next few months to help us with key foundational work and the upcoming AGM and elections.

Speaking of AGM and elections, our Annual General Meeting will be happening on November 6, 2019 at the Wesbrook Community Centre. In the lead-up to it, you'll be receiving ballots for voting as there will be three open seats for election this year. Nominations are ongoing and I encourage you to run if you are passionate about your community and are willing to work collaboratively to make real impacts in the place where you live. For more information on how to run for a seat on the UNA board, please visit the UNA website at myuna.ca.

In a past message, I relayed here that the UNA Board was hoping to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) to vote on important proposed bylaw amendments sometime in the fall of 2019. As we and UNA staff have dug into this work, we've uncovered more and more things that need to be reviewed and researched in order to make sound recommendations. Currently, we are focused on doing our due diligence on insurance and financial implications affected by some of the proposed bylaw amendments. This process is extensive and will mean pushing the SGM to the new year. More information will come to members once it's available. In the meantime, if you're not already subscribed to the UNA weekly newsletter, please take the time to sign up at myuna.ca/subscribe so you can receive updates regarding the SGM.

Sincerely,
Ying Zhou
UNA Elected Resident Director and Board Chair

主席致函

首先热烈欢迎大家又回归到校园生活！居住在UBC的一个别样快乐就是能身在其中的去感受每个新学年的兴奋与躁动。在此我代表UNA董事会汇报一下这个夏季我们的一些工作举措。

八月，UNA团队新增加了一位临时的董事会秘书。Shelley Milne是一名退休律师，她曾在金融服务和安全领域的政府和私人机构内任职，有丰富的专业管理经验。Shelley之前担任了八个月UBC董事会临时秘书，接下来这几个月她将协助UNA的核心工作包括即将举行的会员年度会议和新的选举。

关于会员年度会议和选举：UNA会员年度会议定于2019年11月6日在Wesbrook社区中心召开。在此之前，诸位会员将会收到选票，UNA董事会今年将有三个备选席位。提名工作已在进行中，在此我也恭请那些有志参与社区工作的、愿意共同合作为社区做实事的会员踊跃报名。更多关于如何参选的指南，请参考UNA网站链接：www.myuna.ca。

在此之前我曾提及UNA董事会希望今年秋季能召开一次特别会员大会，针对一些重要的章程修正案进行投票。在董事会和UNA相关工作人员投入这项工作期间，我们发现越来越多的内容需要核实和研究，才能给出切



Ying Zhou

实可行的建议。目前，我们正在做尽职调查，评估部分建议的章程修正案可能会引起的保险和预算方面的影响。鉴于尽职调查牵涉面广，特别会员大会将会延至明年举行。有了进一步信息我们会及时告知UNA会员们。如果您尚未订阅UNA周报，借此机会也可以通过网络链接注册：www.myuna.ca/subscribe，这样您就可以及时收到关于特别会员大会的信息更新。

UNA民选董事会代表及董事会主席
Ying Zhou 敬上

Translated by Helen Li
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Mr. Hakim said that elimination of student representation on the UNA Board "removes the voice for an already under-engaged population and creates inequity within the community without providing a solution." He presented three solutions proposed by the AMS:

- AMS executives are democratically elected in elections decided upon by the student

body. As such, keeping the AMS representative on the Board allows for no change to the governing structure of the UNA.

- The AMS can support democratic elections run yearly to elect a student representative for the UNA. This would lead to small changes for the UNA Board, due to the changes in the governance structure.

- The UNA can host annual elections for a student representative to sit on the UNA

Board. This would cause major changes to the governance structure of the UNA and its processes, including costs surrounding outreach and education of the UNA around elections.

The AMS President said that AMS and UNA have shared interests to see a thriving University Town, and "it is key for the UNA to work to create greater engagement and equitable representation as it evolves its governance."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My Understanding of Physics of Climate: Mister Solar System and Mother Nature are Cooling Things Down

Re: *The Campus Resident* August 26, 2019 Letter from UBC President
Universities Have Major Role to Play in Addressing Environmental Issues and Challenges to Sustainability

The Campus Resident of August 26 included a *Letter from UBC President*, Dr. Santa J. Ono. While the headline was about “Environmental Issues” and “Sustainability”, the first paragraph focuses on “combating climate change”. And in citing some high temperatures in Europe and elsewhere, Dr. Ono writes that “humanity must solve this issue”. Otherwise, the consequences will be “dire” – including the threat of warming to life on Earth.

Hitherto, climate threats with specie migration have been forced by prolonged cooling prevailed until some 12,000 years ago. When the last ice advance was at its greatest extent. These things do come and go.

Dr. Ono mentioned a high temperature (reached 42.5C) in Paris. But he did not include that recently there have been record lows set in parts of Russia. And record lows set in the Southern Hemisphere’s winter. But as we all know – this is weather.

By way of moving his concerns along, Dr. Ono wants to “ensure all students have access to courses related to climate, biodiversity and sustainability”. No mention of geology or geophysics under which real climate change has long been a discipline.

Dr. Ono has had other letters or articles

published on the subject, and I hope to see more. Perhaps, including some geology...

I completed a BSc in physics and geology in 1962, before UBC offered degrees in geophysics. On climate, lecturers discussed two basic theories. Ice ages were the concern, and one concept was that they were caused by a lot of snow, which could be explained by an open Arctic Ocean and a cold continent. It didn’t make much sense then either. The other theory was by Milankovitch, whereby climate change was forced by changes in the Earth’s orbit. Which varies the amount of heat getting to our planet’s surface.

At the time, there was not enough evidence to decide either way. However, satellites, drilling of glaciers as well as the ocean floors and coral reefs and full understanding of continental drift put most of it together. And it confirms the Milankovitch theory. So actual climate change has been driven by orbital mechanics, and CO2 plays little part in the recipe.

It has been known for a long time that real climate change seemed to hook up with the Solar Cycle. Whereby increasing activity has been associated (not causal) with warming trends, of which the solar highs reached some 20 years ago were the highest in thousands of years. This has been the best expla-



Bob Hoyer

nation of the warming trend out of the Little Ice Age that ended in the 1800s.

Over the past decade, researchers – Svensmark and Shaviv – have observed that the cloud cover changes with the Solar Cycle. And the current decline in solar activity has been associated with increasing cloud cover, which is a long-term cooling force. And thankfully explains this season’s reduction of wildfires in North America.

The United Nations IPCC mandate was to study ONLY the link between society’s emissions of CO2 and “Global Warming”. And nothing else, which has been so limiting. Particularly, when the physics of climate seems to be on another renaissance. The conclusions have been that atmo-

spheric CO2 has nothing to do with the actual history of the always changing climate. Indeed, the evidence is that turns to warming precede increases in CO2 by some 800 years. We can relax. Mister Solar System and Mother Nature are cooling things down.

Bob Hoyer, Hawthorn Place Resident

Editor’s Note:

Milutin Milankovitch (1879–1958) was a Serbian astrophysicist. He is best known for developing one of the most significant theories relating to Earth motions and long-term climate change.

Henrik Svensmark (born 1958) is a physicist and professor in the Division of Solar System Physics at the Danish National Space Institute (DTU Space) in Copenhagen. He is known for his theory on the effects of cosmic rays on cloud formation as an indirect cause of global warming.

Nir Joseph Shaviv (born 1972) is an Israeli-American physics professor at the Racah Institute of Physics of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, of which he is now its chairman. He is best known for his solar and cosmic-ray hypothesis of climate change.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change.

We Do Not Want High Density at UBC

Re: *The Campus Resident* August 26 issue article *UBC Students Launch Petition in Support of Updated Stadium Road Neighbourhood Plan*

Below market price for faculty, students and staff?

We’ve heard this before – when they tried to sell us Wesbrook Village.

The first units in Wesbrook Village that went on the market were over one million dollars. Students? Faculty and staff?? We

don’t want or need higher density at UBC.

There are four buildings being built in Wesbrook Village at this moment. How many of them are below market value rentals or for sale? I’m sure there are more condos planned for Wesbrook Village too.

We do not need or want condos on Stadium Road. We do not want 32-story buildings on Stadium Road. We do not want high density at UBC. We do not need more traffic.

Ruth Frackson, Hampton Place Resident

August Edition – Well Done

Hi, just wanted to drop a line and let you know I thoroughly enjoyed the content in the latest edition of *The Campus Resident*. I’ve been on vacation and just got back a few days ago, hence the late read. But it really is an excellent edition covering a number of topics of great interest to UNA

residents. Also enjoyed the parallel parking and hummingbird pictures.

Great Work to all involved!

Sincerely,
A.J. Fenton, Campus Resident



Image of Earth - Blue Marble 2012 - taken by the Earth-observing research satellite Suomi NPP, designed to help improve weather forecasts and increase scientists’ understanding of long-term climate change. NASA ID: GSFC_20171208_Archive_e001386. Creator: NASA Goddard.

Transit and Construction Update for Wesbrook Mall

It has been a summer of construction on Wesbrook Mall. The first phase of the Wesbrook Mall upgrade project is nearly complete, including work by TransLink to bring bus priority to UBC as part of the new R4 41st Avenue RapidBus that is coming to campus in January 2020. Improvements are welcome as Wesbrook Mall sees upwards of 100 buses travel up and down the street during the peak hours – with over 10,000 passengers.

A few years ago, UBC Campus and Community Planning developed a long-term vision for Wesbrook Mall in partnership with the University Endowment Lands, TransLink and BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, that also involved input from the campus community. The long-term design vision focuses on improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and transit, to be implemented in phases. The first phase of construction, which started in Spring 2019, is almost complete, and remaining future phases will be completed over the coming years as funding allows.

Construction is nearly complete at the intersection of Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard. Once finished, there will be new intersections, improved pedestrian facilities, and new – separated – bike lanes for cyclists. Work is expected to continue at the intersection of Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard for the next few weeks as crews finish construction on the roadway and install the new trolley poles and traffic signals. More closures are planned for University Boulevard to finish these final critical pieces of work. All major roadwork is anticipated to be completed by the end of September with landscaping and the enhanced pedestrian crossing installation to follow.

New Changes and a Long-Term Design Vision

As part of preparations for the R4 41st Avenue RapidBus coming to UBC early in 2020, TransLink recently installed a new dedicated bus-priority lane and bike lane on Wesbrook Mall in the southbound direction from University Boulevard to 16th Avenue. The red bus-priority lane gives transit riders a “red carpet” to travel on and will reduce bus travel times along the corridor by separating bus and regular traffic.

In Vancouver, bus-priority lanes for the 41st Avenue route are currently being installed, and transit riders will benefit from these improvements long before the RapidBus launches.

A Green Lane for Cyclists

Cyclists will notice the newly painted green bike lane that runs alongside the bus-priority lane travelling southbound on Wesbrook Mall. Krista Falkner, Transportation Engineer at UBC Campus and Community Planning, notes there are a few sections of Wesbrook Mall where the bike lane ends and is shared with the bus lane. “We recognize this isn’t the ideal condition, but the project had to work within many constraints. It is a temporary situation and mimics what is on University Boulevard where cyclists must yield to buses at bus stops. When buses are stopped to pick-up or drop-off passengers, cyclists can either merge in with general traffic to go around buses or they can stay in the bike / bus lane and wait until the buses move.”

Phase 2 of the Wesbrook Mall redesign,



Wesbrook Mall project area extends from Chancellor Boulevard to 16th Avenue.

slated for construction spring and summer 2020, will include separated bike lanes both northbound and southbound between University Boulevard and Agronomy Road. “With these changes we expect to see a lot more pedestrians and cyclists using the corridor and with the incentive of transit priority along the corridor, hopefully a shift from personal vehicles to buses,” said Falkner.

Making Way for the R4 41st Avenue RapidBus

Although one of the main reasons for installing the bus-priority lane is to prepare for the arrival of the new 41st Avenue RapidBus in January 2020, the benefits will be realized beforehand and will benefit all transit riders along the corridor. “These changes will improve service for all bus routes that run along Wesbrook Mall,” said Denis Agar, Senior Planner, RapidBus Projects at TransLink. TransLink is now finalizing the installation of a pedestrian signal across Wesbrook Mall at the UBC Hospital and new concrete pads at the future R4 41st Avenue RapidBus bus stops.



Green bike lane runs alongside the red bus-priority lane on Wesbrook Mall.

When the R4 begins operation, riders will experience shorter wait times and travel times between UBC and Joyce–Collingwood Station along 41st Avenue. The new service will travel along 41st Avenue to SW Marine Drive and will have stop on

W 16th Avenue and on Wesbrook Mall at Agronomy Road, before culminating at UBC Bus Exchange.

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A 480 Bridgeport Station bus drives in the red bus-priority lane going South on Wesbrook Mall.

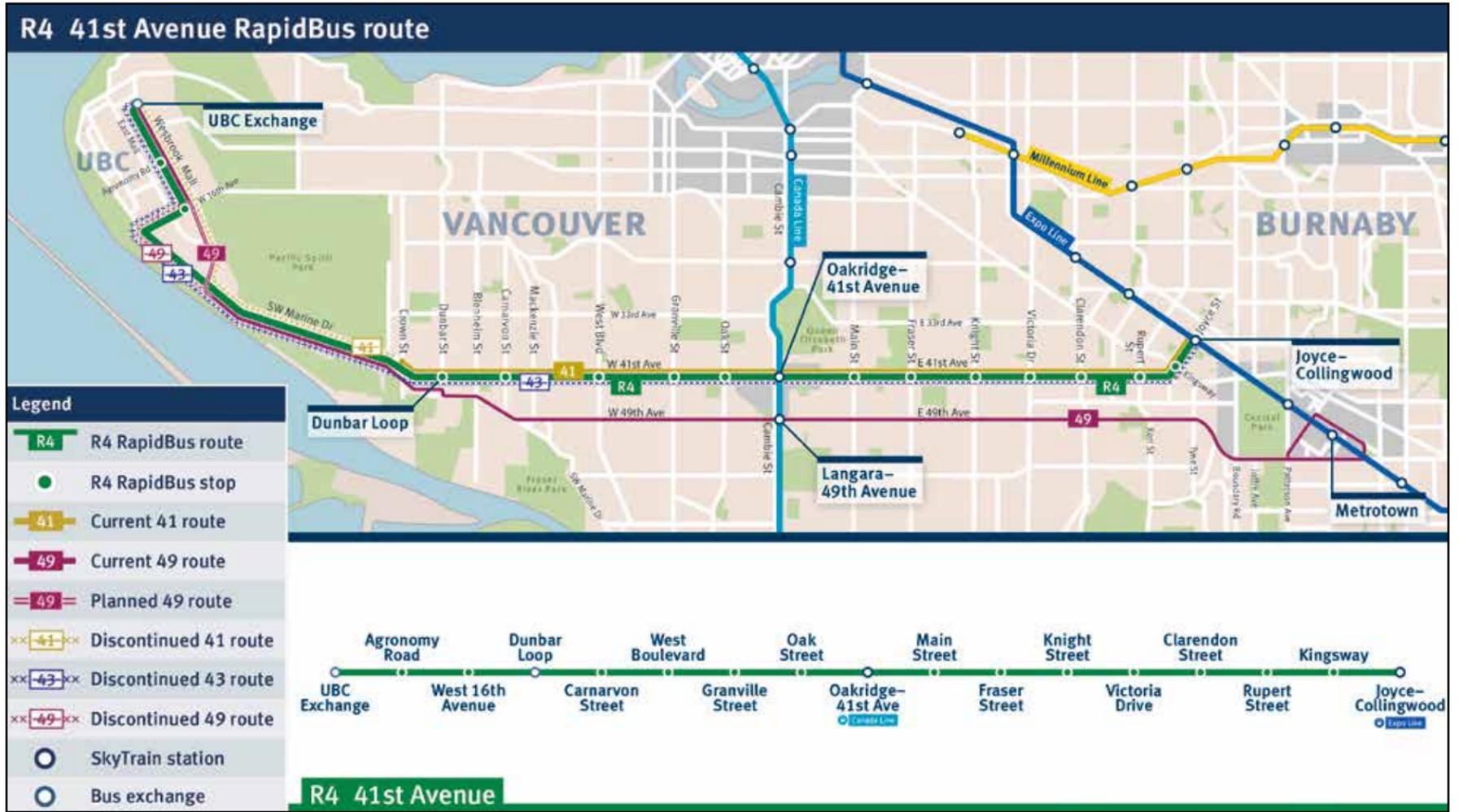
It replaces the existing 41 service and will address the route's frequent overcrowding, increasing capacity by 33% throughout Vancouver. The R4 will run every 3-6 minutes during peak hours and there will be frequent service at night, with a bus coming every 15 minutes until 1am. Agar points out the closest stop for Wesbrook Village

residents will be on W 16th Avenue – just west of Wesbrook Mall. At each stop along the R4 route, large digital displays are being installed to show when the next bus will arrive.

In January 2020, the 49 will change its route to turn off SW Marine Drive and onto

Wesbrook Mall into Wesbrook Place to provide transit service to that neighbourhood. The 49 connects UBC with the Expo and Canada lines and has a direct connection to Metrotown, but not the Kerrisdale neighbourhood. To get to Kerrisdale, or anywhere else along 41st Avenue, Wesbrook Place residents will have two op-

tions: Walk to the RapidBus stop on W 16th Avenue across from the high school; or, hop on the 49, which will stop in front of Blenz, and transfer to the R4 at Dunbar St. The change to the 49 bus route brings the added benefit of higher-capacity articulated buses through Wesbrook Place.



A map showing the route of the future R4 41st Ave. RapidBus. Material on Pages 4-5 was provided by UBC Campus and Community Planning.

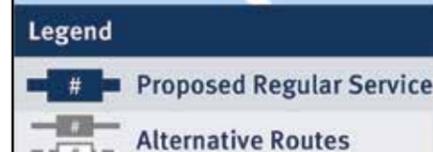
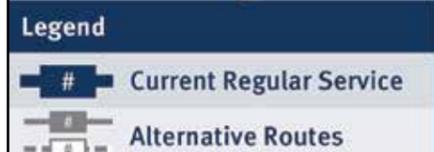
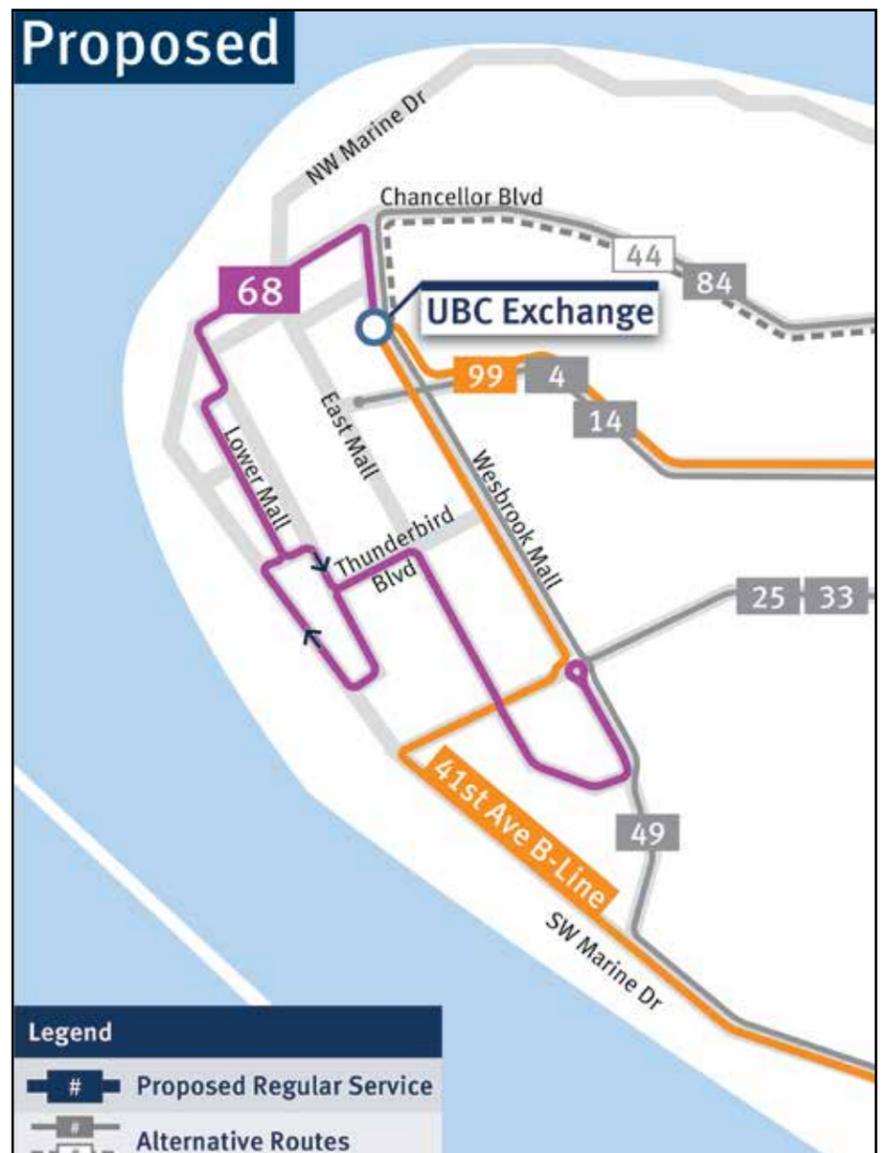
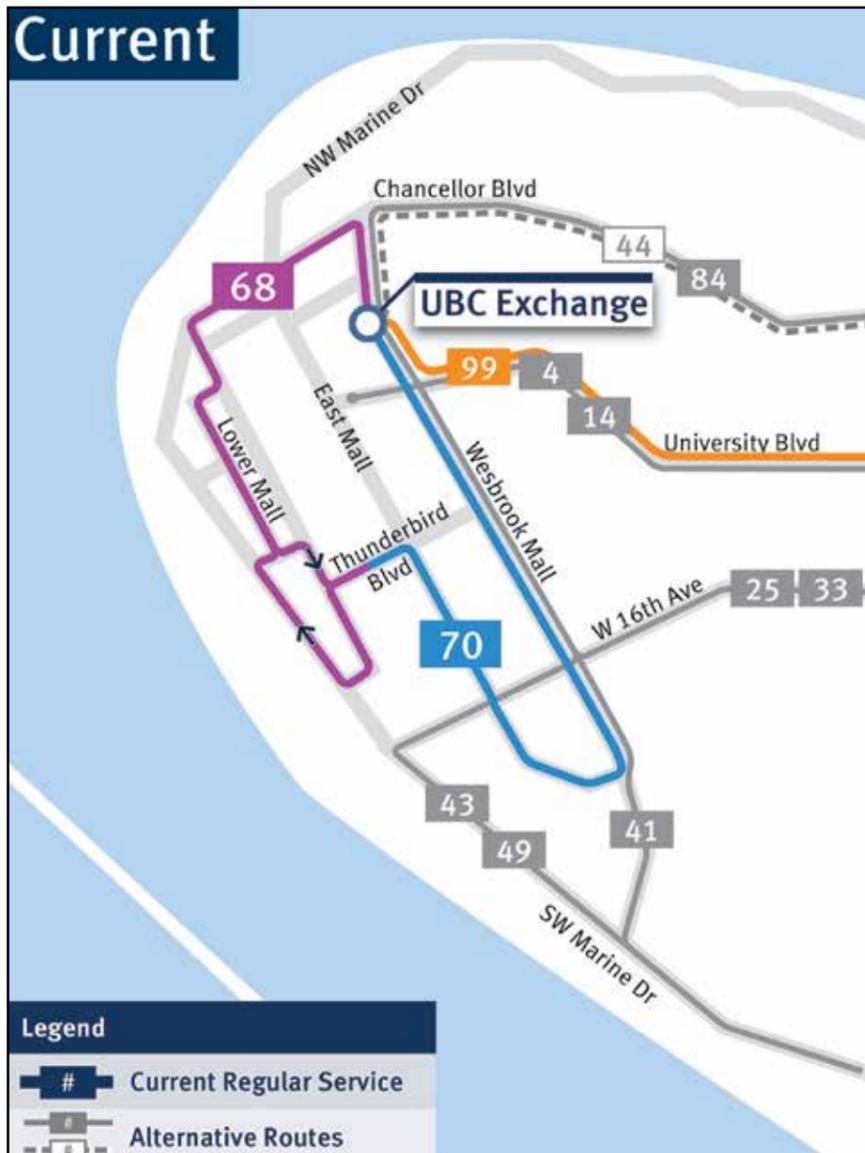
Proposed Changes for the 68/70 Route

To provide better transit service to the west side of campus and reduce redundancy in service along Wesbrook Mall, TransLink

is reconfiguring the existing 68 and 70 bus routes to create an out and back route along Lower Mall. This will result in more fre-

quent service that connects the west side of campus to the UBC Bus Exchange and shops and services in Wesbrook Village. The proposed routing shown in the image below will be launched in January 2020 to match the

launch of the new Rapidbus to UBC. To get the latest information on UBC construction and detours, visit planning.ubc.ca or follow @campusUBC on Twitter. To plan your transit trip visit translink.ca.



Street Festival Fetches UNA Neighbours Together

Neighbours Day event – celebrating UNA–UBC community – took place at the Old Barn Community Centre and Jim Taylor Park

John Tompkins
Editor

The name has changed, but the fun and community spirit hasn't.

The University Neighbourhoods Association street festival – known for years as Barn Raising Celebration – is now called Neighbours Day. The name of the popular community event was changed “to highlight the spirit of the UNA throughout all neighbourhoods” as the UNA Board of Directors decided in a June meeting.

To celebrate the first Neighbours Day on Saturday, September 7, hundreds of campus residents and guests gathered at the Old Barn Community Centre, the green field by UBC Forest Sciences Centre and

Jim Taylor Park – the park named after Jim Taylor, Q.C., the first UNA Chair and a tireless volunteer who was recognized for the many ongoing contributions he made to the academic and residential communities of UBC.

Continuing the tradition of an annual celebration in the community, the UNA organized Neighbours Day as an event “for coming together and enjoying the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year with our neighbours.”

Street festival entertainment included:

- Live DJ Set – from funk and soul, to latin, dub, breakbeats, 80's, dance classics and beyond repertoire
- VYVE Dance Party
- Bouncy Castles
- Free BBQ serving up free hotdogs (beef) as well as sustainable (chicken/turkey) and



Andrew Clements, UNA Interim Co-Executive Director and Recreation Manager, with his son and UBC Kinesiology students Nancy Li and Nathan Godden on Neighbours Day.

- dietary (veggie) options
- Games Zone.

Community Booths included:

- UNA Membership Booth
- Active Kids
- UBC School of Kinesiology
- CITR 101.9 FM (campus radio)
- Girl Scouts of Canada
- Pacific Spirit Park Society
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
- TRIUMF
- UBC Bike Kitchen
- UBC Botanical Garden
- UBC Farm
- 4-H Club

Andrew Clements, UNA Interim Co-Executive Director and Recreation Manager, said success of the four-hour festival was due in part to UBC Kinesiology students – Nancy Li and Nathan Godden – who were

hired by the UNA through the Canada Summer Jobs program. The program is a federal initiative that subsidized their working wage, creating summer work experience for young people.

Complimenting the students, Mr. Clements said how lucky the UNA was to have enjoyed their services for 13 weeks.

Emily Lomax, UNA Sustainability Coordinator, praised Nancy and Nathan in the same vein: they did excellent work helping to organize what turned out to be a well-attended and well-executed community festival.

About 12,000 residents live in five neighbourhoods at UBC – Chancellor Place, East Campus, Hawthorn Place, Hampton Place and Wesbrook Place – widely scattered throughout campus.

Credit for the Neighbours Day photos below: This is It Studios.



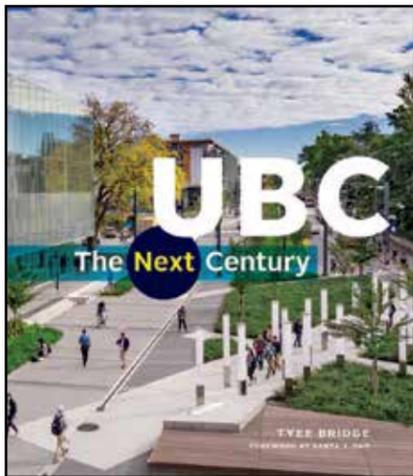
LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

UBC: The Next Century

“Inspiring people, ideas and actions for a better world.”

That’s the Vision that inspires the University of British Columbia. It’s entwined with the University’s Purpose: “Pursuing excellence in research, learning and engagement to foster global citizenship and advance a sustainable and just society across British Columbia, Canada and the world.” (You can read more about UBC’s Vision and Purpose on the strategic plan website: <https://strategicplan.ubc.ca/>)

UBC’s Vision and Purpose vividly come to life in a new book about the university, *UBC: The Next Century* (Figure 1 Publishing, 2019). The book, written by acclaimed British Columbia author Tye Bridge, shows how UBC as an institution, and how its people – students, faculty, staff and alumni – are implementing that vision and achieving that purpose. This book is not intended to be a history of the University of British Columbia – that fascinating



story has already been told several times before, most notably in Eric Damer and Herbert Rosengarten’s monumental *UBC: The First 100 Years* (UBC, 2009). Instead, *UBC: The Next Century* provides a look at UBC today, while celebrating the accomplishments of its graduates, its students, its teachers and researchers and its leaders.

In the book’s pages you will find portraits of well-known UBC personalities such as David Suzuki and Frank Wesbrook. But you’ll also read about women’s soccer pioneer Andrea Neil, AIDS activist Peter Jepson-Young, broadcast journalist Neetu Garcha and nursing professor Barbara Pelsult. You will also find the familiar story of UBC’s origins and its growth from a small regional institution to one of the world’s top research universities. But in it you’ll also find a different history: *UBC: The Next Century* takes a candid look at UBC’s relations with the Musqueam and the Syilx Okanagan Nation and our uneven record on equality and diversity, among other subjects.

The book also delves into student life at UBC – past and present – with entertaining stories (and photos) about Engineering pranks, student journalism, snowball fights and the Day of the Longboat.

Reading through the pages of *UBC: The Next Century*, I’m overcome with a sense of pride in the people who have made UBC what it is. The author has done an excellent job of capturing UBC as it was, as it is and as it aspires to be.

The author concludes: “As UBC enters its second century, the trends shaping our col-



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

lective future are disruptive and dynamic. The coming decades will be full of promise, uncertainty and compelling challenges that will require innovation and ethical courage. We need leaders at every level.

“Back in 1922, UBC students had the pluck to take the *Tuum Est* (It Is Yours) motto to heart and demand a better university and a better future for themselves. Over the ensuing decades, the UBC community has revised and expanded that time-honoured dictum to mean something along the lines of ‘The world is yours to improve, restore and protect.’

“Here’s hoping that UBC students keep it up – and that their university continues to

provoke and inspire leadership, generosity and deep approaches to sustainability in Canada and around the globe.”

Reading *UBC: The Next Century*, I am excited and confident about the University of British Columbia as it heads into its next century. As you read this book, I hope you share my excitement.

(*UBC: The Next Century* is available at the UBC Bookstore, Indigo-Chapters and other bookstores.)

Best wishes

Professor Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor

My Neighbours Day Experience

Jane Kang
Wesbrook Place Resident

I liked the UNA Neighbours Day street festival in early September.

I browsed among friendly people – my neighbours, who filled the Jim Taylor Park and the green field with the Reconciliation



UNA residents at play on Neighbours Day.

Pole on it, and I could see young families with children surrounding the information booths, enjoying the BBQ, hopping in the dragon bouncy castle, dancing and playing games.

I thought what a unique community we live in: the University Town at UBC, where families, children and university students live together... I also thought how fortunate we are to have access to many excellent facilities and resources on campus.

I could not miss the Pacific Spirit Park Society booth. It demonstrated a vision of an urban forest and foreshore park that is protected for the benefit of all, and I learned about ecological restoration, data collection, environmental education and stewardship training available for community members.

Several university-specific booths attracted my attention.

The booth of TRIUMF – Canada’s particle accelerator centre – demonstrated the progress in research, advancements in medical technology and sports rehabilitation medicine. It inspired visitors’ interest in high technologies, and many young people registered for the tour of TRIUMF that houses the world’s largest cyclotron.

The booth of Active Kids – an Outreach program of the UBC School of Kinesiology – offered recreational gymnastics, sport and physical activity classes.

UBC Botanical Garden booth showed the history of the Garden over the past 100 years. Its mission has broadened to include education, research, conservation, community outreach and public display of temperate plants from around the world.

I saw many good things and met many



Jane Kang

good people on Neighbours Day, feeling and appreciating the richness of our unique community: its different cultures, different languages, different way of thinking.

We are destined to communicate and want to know each other better, understand, accept and integrate in our daily life. For me, this is the deep meaning of Neighbours Day, celebrating our vibrant UNA-UBC community.

Let’s get out of the house, meet our neighbours, connect with different cultures in English and create a harmonious community that will become the cornerstone of the country.

Editor’s Note: This story was edited and condensed.

Tapestry Residents Inspire UNA New Program – *Pick-Up Walks*

A new program was recently launched at the UNA – *Pick-Up Walks*, a neighbourhood stewardship program that encourages people of all ages to get together, go for a walk in the neighbourhood and pick up litter as they go.

The program aims to get people out to explore new places in the neighbourhood and

to participate in a practice that is good for their health, the community and the environment.

Residents of Tapestry at Wesbrook Village were the inspiration for this program, as they wanted an opportunity to be more involved in the community and contribute to the neighbourhood environment.

Tapestry partnered with the UNA Summer Adventures Camp to go on their first community Pick-Up Walk on July 24. Since then, residents at Tapestry have been going on monthly walks throughout the community.

Pick-Up Walks is a UNA Sustainability Initiative. To learn more, visit the UNA Sustainability website at www.myuna.ca/sustainability.

A Word from Your Neighbour and Co-Creator of the UNA *Pick-Up Walks* Program

With the constantly increasing density in the world's cities, it becomes more and more urgent that we keep the public spaces clean and beautiful. Even the most perfectly designed neighbourhoods become shoddy and unpleasant if its streets and walks are full of litter and trash.

We are all in need of pleasant surroundings, because it has a strong influence on our psychological well-being. It is no wonder Plato praised beauty together with goodness, because both lead to harmony. Littering creates ugliness and shows disrespect for your neighbours and fellow citizens. It is very important to teach this to children at an early age, and what better way to do this than to include them in a *Pick-Up Walk*, where adults give a good example and show them how much they care for their surroundings.

Besides, it is pleasant to walk in the fresh

air, and looking for plastic bags or empty bottles along the way becomes a game. At our last walk, the children became quite competitive and ran to grab the item with their pick-up gadget, before anybody else could get to it...

There is also an immense benefit for the older adults resulting from spending time with the children and their teenage supervisors. We are charmed by their innocence, by their outgoing conversations, and by their capacity for quick learning. A community needs both young and old to respect each other and learn together. Nothing builds community more quickly than working together, particularly when their joint effort accomplishes something that is beneficial to the whole neighbourhood.

Warmly,
Hanno Pinder



Tapestry partnered with UNA Summer Adventures Camp to go on their first community *Pick-Up Walk*.

Thank You to Our Readers for Letters and Stories Sent to The Campus Resident.

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Local School Students Compete at World Scholar's Cup

Our reader Paul Lin shared with *The Campus Resident* news about the success of local students this summer at World Scholar's Cup Global Round in Sydney, Australia.

Competing among 1,500 students from around the world, 15 students from Norma

Rose Point School (NRP) – the majority of whom graduated in May (Grade 7 and 8) and moved on to the University Hill Secondary School (UHill) Grade 8 and 9 – participated in a two-day competition, bringing home top trophies and gold and silver medals in some categories.

The first day of competition consisted of three events: Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, and Scholar's Challenge. Scholars worked with their teammates to plan and deliver speeches based on three different topics in Team Debate, tackled three different essay prompts in Collaborative Writ-

ing, and flexed their knowledge of the curriculum in the Scholar's Challenge.

On the second day of competition, teams of scholars – three students per team – competed in the Scholar's Bowl, a test of collective knowledge and strategy.

The team of Angela Lu, Coco Li, Jennifer Zhang – all are UHill Grade 9 students now – placed 3rd in the Global Round with Angela Lu placing 4th in Overall Champion Scholars competition.

Art Yu received highest honor of Asimov (1st place in Individual Challenge), placing 1st in 2 of the 6 subjects.

Nathan Lin took 1st place in 1 of the 6 subjects, placing 4th overall in Individual Challenge.

Jennifer Zhang received 4 gold and 1 silver in subjects.

Coco Li, Art Yu, Nathan Lin all received 5 gold and 1 silver in subjects.

Other students participating in the summer World Scholar's Cup Global Round are: Jet Li (who continues to study at NRP), and Alice Wang, Sunny Liu, Ruobing Zhuo, Jason Ma, Elvin Sun, William Jiang, Alec Situ, David Huang, Alex Zhu (all are UHill students now).

The World Scholar's Cup organization aims to motivate students of all backgrounds to discover new strengths and practice new skills and inspire a global community of future scholars and leaders.



Norma Rose Point School and University Hill Secondary School students with other participants at the summer World Scholar's Cup Global Round at Sydney, Australia.

Botanical Gardens Foster Sense of Belonging to Our Communities

Andrea Byfuglien

MSc Student at UBC Botanical Garden and IRES

I am currently a Master’s student at Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability (IRES) under the supervision of Dr. Jiaying Zhao, and I am also working with UBC Botanical Garden, Dr. Tara Moreau and Dr. Zhao on research related to the Garden’s Sustainable Communities Field School. At the Garden, my research focuses on sustainable behaviour change, and my thesis explores how botanical gardens can design educational programs to motivate action on climate change and sustainable development.

My research includes educating people about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aim to promote shared prosperity, environmental sustainability and ensure that progress on sustainable development leaves no one behind.

In March, I had the privilege of participating in the SDG Bootcamp, a youth leadership training program. The bootcamp was organized by British Columbia Council for International Cooperation – aiming to provide youth with the skills and knowledge needed to take action on the SDGs and provide opportunities for putting these skills into practice.

The training served as a catalyst for the final retreat: a trip to New York City to attend the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at the UN Headquarters.

The HLPF is the UN’s annual sustainable development conference and the main arena for assessing the global community’s progress on achieving Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. The SDGs can seem abstract and unachievable, so it is crucial to make the Sustainable Development Goals relevant to individuals and communities.

Botanical gardens are crucial allies in the move towards inclusive and sustainable communities. In order to achieve the SDGs, we need to adopt new mindsets and values that are different from those that caused the situation we are currently in.

Gardens are ideal spaces to foster a sense of belonging to our community, to build strong partnerships and spur local citizens for global goals.



Andrea Byfuglien



The United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Poster 2019 credit the United Nations.

Apple Festival at UBC Botanical Garden October 19–20, 11 am–4 pm



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Hawthorn Neighbourhood Block Party

Hawthorn Neighbourhood Block Party took place on Main Mall at UBC September 15. The party was supported by funding from the UTown@UBC Community Grants Program.

On behalf of several dozen Hawthorn Place residents in attendance, neighbour Jen McCutcheon – Metro Vancouver Di-

rector for Electoral Area A – said how pleased they were to have been awarded the UTown@UBC Community Grant “to bring community members together in the spirit of creating social vibrancy on campus”.

Hawthorn Place – completed in 2007 – is located south of Thunderbird Boulevard

between East Mall and West Mall, steps from UBC academic centre.

All UTown@UBC residents – students, faculty, staff, and other residents who

live on campus and have a great idea for a community building project – are encouraged to apply for a UTown @ UBC Community Grant.



Hawthorn Place residents (from left to right) Mona Berciu and Carolyn Costigan with pet May enjoy the Neighbourhood Block Party.

New Student Residential Complex Opens at UBC, Two More Planned

Massive construction is underway to meet high demand for student housing

John Tompkins
Editor

The newest student residence complex opened recently at UBC is called the Ex-

change. It is located alongside the UBC Bus Exchange – just steps from the UBC Aquatic Centre and Student Recreation Centre.

The Exchange provides 650 beds: 71 Nano suites, 88 studios, 5 large/accessible studios, 77 one-bedroom suites, 19 two-bedroom suites, 84 four-bedroom suites, 15 townhouses (2-bedroom).

The demand is high among UBC stu-

dents for Nano suites. For a monthly rent of \$700.00, a Nano suite packs a convertible desk/bed, full private bathroom, kitchenette and closet into a small – 140

square feet – but streamlined space.

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Nano suite at Exchange student residence: a double bed converts into a desk. Credit: Picture and Color Media / UBC Student Housing and Hospitality Services.



Imagine Day at UBC. Photo credit Paul H. Joseph, UBC.

Rethink Stadium Road Neighbourhood Coalition Responds to AMS Petition

Murray McCutcheon, Ph.D.
on behalf of the Rethink Stadium Road Neighbourhood Coalition

The decision of the UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) to initiate a petition in support of the contested Stadium Road Neighbourhood (SRN) plan is surprising and unfortunate. In doing so, the AMS is needlessly taking a narrow view of the interests of students and pitting them against the many people – including campus residents, faculty, staff, alumni, and (yes) students – who have expressed concerns about the unprecedented scale of Stadium Road development.

The petition makes several faulty assumptions, chief among them that the community is opposed to more student housing. The opposite is true: we believe that part of the solution to this issue is to accelerate the construction of student housing in other parts of campus, and to design Stadium Road at a density level that is appropriate for campus residents.

Several wide issues are at stake here. Since early 2018, Campus and Community Planning (C+CP) has pushed its preferred plan for Stadium Road despite significant and sustained opposition, including from our coalition.

Part of the problem is that UBC expects Stadium Road alone to check too many boxes. Historically, the early developments on campus, such as Hampton Place, were primarily intended to raise money for the Endowment. UBC's development model evolved to include restricted sales to faculty and staff in parts of Hawthorn Place.

Now, under the proposed plan, Stadium Road has ballooned into a kind of omnibus development intended to fund a new Stadium, provide faculty and staff housing, raise money for the Endowment, and possibly contribute to expansion of rapid transit. Student housing has never been, and is not currently part of, a plan that has already been pushed beyond reasonable limits. Again, we believe that student housing is crucial to the overall campus plan, but that it is better addressed at other sites.

The AMS position seems to be that more density at Stadium Road will help provide more affordable housing for students. This argument is tenuous at best. No portion of the development has been allocated for student accommodation. The below-market rental portion is rightly aimed at faculty and staff, and in light of the present market, neither the leasehold nor market-rental portions proposed for SRN will be affordable to most UBC students or employees.

Indeed, the development planners have been given poor marks for affordability from its own external consultants.

In the bigger picture, we now know, thanks to a June report from Andy Yan, the Director of SFU's City Program, that condominiums at UBC are 49% non-owner-occupied, the highest proportion in all of Greater Vancouver.

Stadium Road is UBC's opportunity to change course and abandon a housing plan that has been failing UBC students and employees.

The rationale for the proposed square footage at Stadium Road is highly questionable. Like C+CP, which has argued that 1.55 million square feet is the "sweet spot" that balances competing interests, the AMS petition now claims this area is a requirement. Yet, C+CP has provided no basis for how this number was derived, despite several requests, and it is unacceptably high for people who plan to live here long term.

We can only conclude that the planners are trying to push the limits as far as they can. To reiterate our request to C+CP: we need a transparent, rigorous evaluation of different scenarios, including the two lower density levels.

Affordable housing at UBC is and should be a strategic priority for the University. Indeed, UBC has made student housing a priority. Since 2011, the number of student residence beds has increased by more than 50%, to 12,447 beds today, the most of any university in Canada. New projects totalling more than 1,500 new student beds have been brought to the Board for approval. With a housing waitlist of 6,000 students (about half the total number of beds), certainly more needs to be done, including a dramatic increase in the number of Nano units, which have proved popular with students.

What should not be done is to force-fit student housing into Stadium Road. Student housing needs and faculty/staff housing needs are simply different. The Board should identify other sites on campus more suited to this type of housing and accelerate their construction.

Stadium Road is where UBC can finally do more for faculty and staff, who have been underserved by recent UBC housing policy.

As evidenced by the UBC Faculty and Staff Housing Demand Survey results released in August, the waitlist (2,798) is four times the size of the 685 unit faculty/staff rental inventory. Notably, an overwhelming majority of survey respondents (>90%) would consider renting as a long-term alternative to ownership if the rents were below market.

As we wrote in our June letter, the Rethink Stadium Road Coalition wholeheartedly supports an increased proportion of below market rental housing for faculty/staff at Stadium Road. UBC faces significant recruitment and retention challenges, an issue that surely should be a major concern for students too. The discussion for Stadium Road should be about how to increase the proportion of faculty/staff affordable housing within existing Land Use Plan density limits.

If UBC is sincere about building a sustainable campus community, it must show that it appreciates that the first priority is not money. It is people. A vibrant, sustainable community is one that is integrated into the natural ecology (not towering at twice the height of the surrounding forest); compatible with planned (and funded) transit and road networks; sufficiently supported by local schools, child-care, and other amenities; and designed to foster interaction and engagement amongst its residents.

There are serious questions about Stadium Road on all points. To get a sense of the direction this leads, one need only take a stroll down Binning Road to look at the line of



The Stadium Road Neighbourhood Plan Area (indicated by red dotted line) in the southern part of UBC campus bounded by East Mall, Stadium Road and 16th Avenue. Photo credit: UBC Campus and Community Planning.

gilded towers. C+CP's own study (based on the 2016 Census results as reported in the July issue of *The Campus Resident*) states that population growth in the UBC neighbourhoods has increased by 135%, fifteen times faster than Vancouver. Density in Wesbrook Place has already passed the breaking point, and UBC would be making a terrible mistake if it were to replicate this "Wall of Unaffordability" model – at even greater height – at Stadium Road.

As an institution globally recognized for its sustainability initiatives, UBC has the oppor-

tunity to use the Stadium Road Neighbourhood to demonstrate leadership in affordable housing and sustainable development.

In the August issue of *The Campus Resident*, UBC President Santa Ono wrote that research universities "have an impact on the environment...we must go beyond minimizing harm to becoming net contributors to human and ecological health." There is no better argument for why the Stadium Road Neighbourhood must respect the existing Land Use Plan.

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Andrew Parr, Managing Director of Student Housing and Hospitality Services, is not surprised by this demand for Nano units, given the overwhelmingly positive reception a full-scale Nano suite mock-up received two years ago when it was installed for a month in the AMS Student Nest.

“When we surveyed students, 83 per cent of respondents were in favour of us building the units, and 91 per cent rated its appeal as satisfactory, good, or excellent,” Mr. Parr said. “A vast majority liked the unit and said they would very much consider living there for the price we are offering them at.”

One of its most notable features, said Mr. Parr, is the bed-desk combination. “In 140-square feet not only do you have a bed, you have a double bed,” he said. “It’s a full-size double which, with two fingers, can be pushed up, and its base becomes your desk.”

UBC offers a set of quick facts about the Exchange:

- It is open year round and is reserved mainly for upper-year and graduate students.
- Room rental costs run from \$700.00 to 1,439.00 per month.
- Furnished living areas and private bedrooms are available, as are furnished/appliance-equipped kitchens. All units – except Nano suites – are equipped with dishwashers.

Not far from the Exchange, work has started on a set of five new towers, planned student housing called Pacific Residences that will stand adjacent to the existing Walter Gage student resi-

dences along Wesbrook Mall and Student Union Boulevard.

Four new buildings will provide year-round housing beds, and one building will be a fall/winter session residence with a hotel program in the summer.

Construction is expected to be complete in 2021. It will house up to 1,000 student beds, office space for UBC Student Housing and Hospitality Services and associated amenity and service spaces. UBC has issued a note for residents about noise and traffic disruptions.

“Residents at Walter Gage and Exchange residences should expect to hear noise from heavy equipment, industrial traffic and construction. There will also be pedestrian and vehicle traffic disruptions in the area, along with an increased level of dust.

“Some residents will be less affected, if their units do not face directly onto an area under construction. As you are likely aware, construction at UBC is an everyday activity, and safe, prudent construction practices are always followed. Nevertheless, while impact to residents and the campus community can be minimized, it cannot be avoided altogether.”

Meanwhile, UBC Properties Trust has applied to UBC for a Development Permit to create a mixed use academic/student housing project. Brock Commons Phase Two will comprise two buildings – 18 storeys and 13 storeys – and provide up to 600 additional student beds along with academic and institutional space.

Anticipated start of construction is Spring 2020.

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR JEN MCCUTCHEON METRO VANCOUVER ELECTORAL AREA A

Dear Residents of the UBC/UEL areas of Electoral Area A,

or suggestions, either on a specific issue or on better ways to connect.

My work as Director began almost immediately following the June 15 election, and in my short tenure to date, I have found it fulfilling and enjoyable.

For example, I would love to meet with residents in smaller groups, so please consider including me in any neighbourhood events you are holding, so that I can get to know residents better. Monthly newsletters and other information can be found on my website at www.AreaAJen.ca.

We are fortunate to live in a region where elected officials from the various municipalities choose to work together to make progressive decisions for the greater good of the whole region.

I look forward to meeting you in person or hearing from you via email at AreaAJen@gmail.com.

This manifests in more coordinated planning, economies of scale in the provision of services such as clean water and waste management and sharing of best practices across municipal boundaries. Specifically, I wanted a voice at the regional table on issues related to sustainability, environmental protection and climate action.

Jen McCutcheon
Metro Vancouver Director for Electoral Area A, Member of Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

As I learn more about Metro Vancouver's work, I look forward to sharing updates with you. At the same time, I need your input! I want to hear your thoughts on issues managed by Metro Vancouver and the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (including the proposed SkyTrain extension to UBC).



Please reach out to me if you have ideas





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Province Invests in New Child Care Spaces at UBC

The Province is investing \$3 million through its Childcare BC New Spaces Fund to support the University of British Columbia in creating 91 new licensed child care spaces at three centres on campus. The facilities will offer 36 infant/toddler spaces, 25 spaces for children aged three to five years and 30 spaces for school-age children. One centre is open, with the other two expected to follow this fall.

children of UBC students. The remaining spaces will first be made available to children of faculty and staff, then opened to the surrounding community.

All three centres will offer additional services to support parents and their children, including bursaries and grants for vulnerable and refugee families to help with the cost of child care.

“Far too often I hear from parents in our community who are desperate for high-quality child care for their families,” said David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey. “These new spaces will go a long way to help. I’m so glad that UBC has partnered with government to make this happen.”

UBC has more than 620 child care spaces at 27 centres on its Vancouver campus. These three new centres will take the total to more than 700 spaces.

Priority for the new spaces will be given to