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## 2019 UNA AGM and ELECTION

The University Neighbourhoods Association Annual General Meeting and Election takes place on November 6 at 7 pm in the Wesbrook Community Centre.

### Six Candidates Compete for Three Seats on UNA Board of Directors

1. James Ellis, Wesbrook Place
2. Martin Guhn, Hawthorn Place
3. Zheng (Jane) Kang, Wesbrook Place
4. Murray McCutcheon, Hawthorn Place
5. Qing Wang, Wesbrook Place
6. Richard Watson, Hawthorn Place

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New colourful crosswalk at University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall. Please see story on Page 6.

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## LETTER FROM UBC PRESIDENT

## UBC and Truth and Reconciliation: Committed to Moving Forward

As you know, the University of British Columbia Vancouver campus is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. Our other main campus, UBC Okanagan, is also located on unceded Indigenous land, namely Syilx Okanagan territory. UBC is deeply committed to collaborating with Indigenous peoples and communities to address the legacy of colonialism, and to co-develop knowledge and relationships.

Two recent events, one in Kelowna, and one here in Vancouver, highlighted the significance of our location on this land and our commitment to the Syilx, the Musqueam and other Indigenous peoples.

On September 24, 2019, students, faculty and staff gathered to witness UBC Okanagan's declaration of Truth and Reconciliation commitments. At the ceremony, UBC formally committed to deliver on five recommended actions toward reconciliation, including advancing Indigenous teaching and research and expanding health and wellness services to better support Aboriginal students. You can read more about the ceremony at <https://ok.ubc.ca/about/indigenous-engagement>.

The following week, at the Musqueam Cultural Centre, I presented a plaque to the Musqueam Indian Band commemorating the Statement of Apology that I made on behalf of the University last year to residential school survivors. (You can read the text of the Apology at <https://president.ubc.ca/statement-of-apology/>.)

In the Statement, I had apologized on behalf of UBC to survivors of the residential schools, to their families and communities, and to all Indigenous peoples for the role that this university played in perpetuating that system. I apologized for the actions and inaction of our predecessors, and I renewed our commitment to working with Indigenous peoples for a more just and equitable future.

I also reflected on our relations with Musqueam, and how, as Vancouver and UBC grew, Musqueam's history became harder and harder to see, and their access to and use

of the land that is now the university became less and less. (A similar history unfolded in Kelowna as that city and the university grew on the lands of the Syilx people.)

And I reflected on our relations with Musqueam and our responsibilities for future actions with Indigenous communities in Canada and worldwide.

The Plaque that I presented this month contains the text of the Apology. It is now permanently on display at the Musqueam Cultural Centre.

It was fitting that the Plaque presentation took place just two days after Orange Shirt Day, when people across Canada wore orange shirts to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day, and the presentation of this plaque, help remind us of our commitment to learn from our mistakes, and, together, to continue to move forward.

The presentation of the plaque was a pro-



Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow and UBC President Santa J. Ono.  
Photo credit Paul Joseph, UBC.

foundly moving ceremony. In the audience were many survivors of the residential school system, along with their descendants. To them, in particular, I repeated my Apology and my commitment on behalf of UBC to move forward, although no Apology can ever undo the harm that was done.

I also acknowledged those who didn't come home from the schools. We speak about survivors, yet every community has children who didn't survive, who never returned. We must remember them and honour them.

One way that UBC is moving forward is through the adoption of an Indigenous Strategic Plan.

The Plan, which is still in development, includes a Vision Statement that UBC should take a lead, as a university, in implementation of Indigenous peoples' human rights, as articulated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights law.

The Plan's Mission Statement sets out "UBC's engagement with Indigenous peoples and its commitment to reconciliation, as articulated and called for by the Truth and



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

Reconciliation Commission of Canada."

UBC as an institution, and I as its president, are committed to this Vision and this Mission Statement.

As a part of this commitment, I am determined to see us move forward with a comprehensive relationship agreement between UBC and Musqueam.

I look forward to walking this path, together with the Musqueam, the Syilx, and other Indigenous peoples.

As I said in the Apology:

*"Our commitment is to learn from our mistakes, and together, to continue to move forward. Our commitment - which I reiterate here to you tonight - must be strong and must always result in meaningful action. It is our duty to act."*

Best wishes

Professor Santa J. Ono  
President and Vice-Chancellor

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Questionable Statistics about Student Population in the UNA Lead to Wrong Conclusions

This letter is in response to the Page 1 article in the September 23 edition of *The Campus Resident* titled *UBC AMS Leader says: Residents Need Student Representative on UNA Board*. I take issue with the lines of reasoning and the conclusions AMS Leader derives from them.

Chris Hakim, President of the Alma Mater Society, quotes UNA 2017 Annual Report figures: a UNA population of 11,700 residents with 8,200 being leaseholders and 3,500 being renters. I have not checked on these figures, but they seem reasonable (although, probably, a lot higher now).

However, my first observation is that AMS President has not done much further homework on the UNA situation. It is what Mr. Hakim does with these figures that concerns me. The term 'non sequi-

tor' applies to the conclusions he reaches, that is, conclusions arrived at that do not follow from the evidence he presents. For example:

1. "It is reasonable to assume that most students living in the UNA are short-term renters". Not necessarily true. My observation is that the majority of (UBC) students live with their parents, who are condo owners, not renters. Other (K-12) students - of which there are many - also live with their parents.

2. "Given that there are around 3,000 (UBC) students in the UNA, this means that students make up almost all the entire population of renters". This is a rather brave, incorrect and unreasonable conclusion to make. In my experience, many renters in fact include UBC faculty and

staff, retired people, and those who work off campus.

In addition, the Village Gate complex located in the Hawthorn area is comprised of five rental buildings (e.g., Sumac and Cascara) totalling 220 units, or a population approximating 500 residents, and exclusively available only to UBC Faculty and Staff. The 3,000 number - that Mr. Hakim uses - is unsupportable. In addition, I am not sure that the UNA even tracks how many renters live in the UNA.

If there was a strong interest among UBC students living in the UNA to have representation on the UNA Board, then these students had every opportunity to put their names forward as candidates for the upcoming UNA elections in November. None did.

I recognize that this does not undermine the AMS' fundamental position, which is that students should have their own spot on the UNA Board, even if the number of student renters was much less. I will leave it to others - mainly the majority of the current Board - to press their case for non-inclusion of UBC students on the UNA Board.

The bottom line, however, is that the AMS President has made some fairly wild assumptions on the student population living in the UNA to attempt to support his case. My opinion is that it was very disingenuous for the AMS President to use questionable statistics to reach his conclusions.

Keith Morrison,  
Hawthorn Place Resident

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## The Science is Clear: Planet Warming is Indisputable and Due to Human Activities

*Human-caused greenhouse gas emissions are driving the current, and scary, increases in temperature*

**Dr. Navin Ramankutty**  
Professor, UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs  
Professor, Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability  
Canada Research Chair in Global Environmental Change and Food Security  
University of British Columbia

I was surprised that The Campus Resident published a letter by Mr. Bob Hoye that was in the domain of “climate denialism”. I feel very strongly that a response is necessary – lest many of our UNA residents are misled. I have written my response both as a UNA resident and in my capacity as a UBC professor who studies climate change and is currently teaching a graduate course on climate science and policy.

**Navin Ramankutty, Hawthorn Place Resident**

In The Campus Resident of September 23, Mr. Bob Hoye wrote a letter conveying his understanding of the physics of climate, suggesting that “Mister Solar System and Mother Nature are cooling things down”, and that we do not need to worry about climate change resulting from increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide.

Mr. Hoye’s understanding of the physics of climate seems to be limited to long-term cli-

mate change on geological timescales and is moreover a little muddled. In fact, there is strong consensus among climate scientists that our planet has warmed by about 1 degree Celsius since the 1850s, that this warming is indisputable, “unprecedented over decades to millennia” (<http://bit.ly/2loZmZO>), and due to human activities.

Climate scientists have known for a very long time that there are multiple causes for changes in the Earth’s climate, including external causes such as changes in the Earth’s orbit, solar radiation variations, and volcanoes, as well as internal causes such as the El Niño and changes in ocean circulation. But these operate at different

time scales. Changes in the Earth’s orbit affect climate over hundreds of thousands of years, such as the ice age cycles.

If you want to learn more about how this works, including some of the more recent progress in understanding, you can read an essay written for a non-technical audience by one of the world’s experts in this field, Dr. Mark Maslin from the University College London (<http://bit.ly/2It4iNp>). Dr. Maslin ends his essay saying: “If I had to put money on it, I’d say the Earth has experienced its last ice age for a very, very long time.”

Why does Dr. Maslin make that conclusion? Because, Dr. Maslin understands that more recent climate changes since the Industrial Revolution are more strongly affected by increases in greenhouse gases from human activities, that are, in fact, expected to delay the next ice age. These greenhouse gases are transparent to sunlight and allow it to reach the Earth’s surface, but they absorb the longer wavelength radiation leaving the Earth and re-radiate some of it back to the Earth’s surface, warming it up.

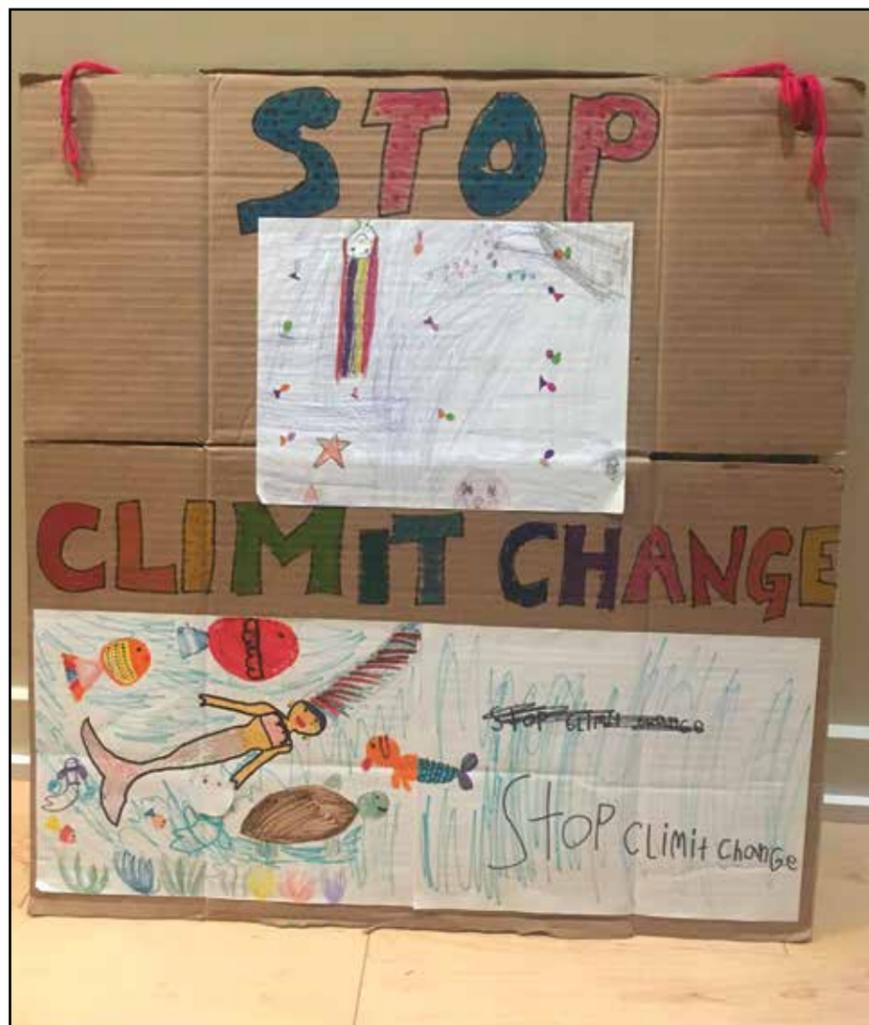
This “Greenhouse Effect” and its influence on the Earth’s climate has been long known – it was first estimated by the Swedish scientist, Svante Arrhenius, back in 1896. Humans have enhanced the Greenhouse

Effect by adding carbon dioxide (from fossil fuel burning and deforestation), methane (from cows and rice paddies), nitrous oxide (from fertilizers), and other greenhouse gases. If humans manage to greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we may indeed enter another ice age in about 50,000 years. But in the next 100 to 200 years, in the time scales that are directly relevant to our lives, and that of our children, grandchildren and great grand children, the influence of greenhouse gases on climate is of critical concern.

Mr. Hoye claims that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) only looks at the influence of carbon dioxide, and that’s why they missed other causes of change. This is simply not true. If anyone is interested in verifying this, you can read the *Summary for Policymakers* of the most recent IPCC report at the link I provided in the opening paragraph.

In fact, the IPCC looks at all the dominant natural and human contributors, including all greenhouse gases that cause warming, aerosols that both warm and cool climate, variations in solar radiation, and volcanic eruptions that cool climate for a few years. Climate scientists include all of these natural and human causes of climate change in their models. And they find that the models that only include natural causes cannot explain the climate change we have seen since the Industrial Revolution, but when the models include both natural and human causes, the models match observations well.

The models provide strong evidence that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions are driving the current, and scary, increases in temperature. We need to do something about this fast. The science is clear. The solutions are also clear. The recent climate strike show that many people understand this and care about it. We just need the courage and political will to do something.



A climate strike sign that Dr. Navin Ramankutty’s children made for the protest on September 27. This is a reminder that the people who are going to be most affected by climate change are the future generations – they are the ones whose lives are at stake from climate denialism.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### Stadium Road Neighbourhood: More of a Development-for-Profit Feel

Re: *The Campus Resident* September 23, 2019 article by Dr. Murray McCutcheon  
*Rethink Stadium Road Neighbourhood Coalition Responds to AMS Petition*

Thank you for giving all Page 11 to Dr. McCutchen’s scholarly article reviewing the recent history of campus development planning for The Stadium Road Neighbourhood.

Though he didn’t actually say so, the

good Doctor left me with the feeling the most recent development proposal has more of a development-for-profit feel to it these days, rather than delivering the original community service proposal offering hospitable habitation for all the many kinds of residents who wish or need to live near the university.

Please do continue to keep us informed as the planning moves along.

*Dr. David J. Jones, Campus Resident*

## 2019 UNA ELECTION CANDIDATES

### James Ellis Wesbrook Place

A seven-year Wesbrook resident, James has worked in national security for over 20 years. As research director for a US non-profit institute, he managed a national \$84 million research program with over 40 projects. He has advised multiple boards, including the UNA By-law Review Committee. James is a hearing officer with UBC Parking and Access Services, and he believes his background in campus policing, security, parking, and emergency management will help improve the UNA Emergency Planning and Response. He also focuses on mental health and indigenous issues, and he is the Wesbrook Block Watch Captain for the local RCMP detachment.



James believes the UNA can:

- Improve safety and the quality of life for residents – The UNA can make neighbourhoods cleaner, quieter, safer, and more accessible for our diverse populations through better coordination with area businesses and schools. Better communication around local events and a review of traffic and parking practices will increase safety and reduce headaches.

- Develop a greater sense of community – More can be done to deepen ties to our neighbours. As we build more residences, we should create more meaningful public spaces that bring people together, such as a dog park or a community-built playground. We can incorporate Musqueam place names to pay homage to our unique home, and we can revitalize jewels like the Old Barn to ensure they are well-used.

- Expand University engagement for sustainable growth – The UNA has an excellent opportunity to recast its relationship with UBC and foster greater collaboration. Shifting away from adversarial stances and emphasizing practical problem-solving will help address resident priorities.

### Martin Guhn Hawthorn Place

UBC and our university neighbourhoods are located amid beautiful forests, ocean, and mountains, located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. It is a growing community, and I have lived and worked at UBC since 2003 – first, as student, now as UBC faculty member, with my spouse and two children, who attend UBC childcare and UHill Elementary School.



My motivation for running for the UNA Board of Directors is to maintain the sense of community for people living and working here, to advocate for sustainability in governance decisions and affordable living conditions – particularly for affordable housing, sufficient childcare and elementary school spaces, and sustainable transportation.

What do I bring to this position? I lived in student and faculty housing, am involved in the Rethink Stadium Road initiative, am a UNA community garden member, engage in local family and neighbourhood activities, bring committee experience as UBC faculty, and my research examines how

social-economic conditions affect our health and well-being.

My goal is to represent UNA resident concerns about availability and affordability of housing, lack of childcare and school spaces, and the growing density effects on livability, sustainability, and our sense of community.

Colleagues and friends respect my sincerity, commitment to transparent, evidence-based decision making and my respectful, open, and personable communication style. These qualities will hopefully allow me to effectively contribute to strong UNA governance and help make our community a social, sustainable, and affordable place to live.

### Zheng (Jane) Kang Wesbrook Place

In China, I studied for medical qualifications and then worked for three years in health care. With the 'jump to the sea', I took business studies at Peking University in a special joint MBA program with Duke University and went on to export/import pharmaceuticals trading.

I came to UBC nine years ago and I've enjoyed each year here more and more. First, at Hampton Place, and then, in Wesbrook Place, I did a lot of volunteering. I was on strata councils, and I also helped with a program for

seniors at the Old Barn Community Centre, using my academic training and experience in health care. Becoming ever more Canadian, I was the emcee for our neighbourhood Lunar New Year celebrations in 2015 and then went on with the UNA Multicultural Committee.

I am enthusiastic about building on my experiences in the UNA community – hopefully with a UNA Board position. I want to create a fuller relationship between the UNA and the various strata councils to make professional advice more readily available for problems

with trades people, home care services, property managers, realtors and with the evolving requirements under the Strata Property Act and other statutes. One current issue, in particular, concerns safety and security matters. There have been liaison meetings with the RCMP and with Campus Security, which were helpful, but could have been more effective if there had been good Chinese translations and a better understanding of Asian sensitivities.

I look forward to earning your support.



My motto for Wesbrook is Happy Living!

# 2019 UNA ELECTION CANDIDATES

## Murray McCutcheon Hawthorn Place

I have had strong ties to UBC throughout my life: my father was on faculty, I have three UBC degrees, and I work for a UBC spinout company. My wife and I chose to settle at UBC because of the strong sense of community, family-oriented neighbourhoods and proximity to nature. My desire to contribute to the betterment of our community motivates my candidacy for the UNA Board.



I believe in a strong and accountable UNA Board that is fully-elected by residents to effectively advocate for their interests. In recent years, I have observed several examples of residents' lack of meaningful representation, including over land use. Since 2017, I have helped lead a grass roots effort – Rethink Stadium Road – to give voice to thousands of UNA residents' concerns about the drastic expansion of the Stadium Road development plans. UBC hopes to change the Land Use Plan to facilitate this massive development, which will set a

precedent for all future campus developments and irrevocably and adversely impact our community.

If elected, I will be committed to the passing of the revised UNA bylaws, which is a necessary step on our road to better governance, in part by providing for an all-elected Board. I believe the UNA has an obligation to consult, represent, and advocate for residents, and I will work to make that happen. I am a respectful listener and effective communicator. I have a track record of leadership in the community, and I would be honoured to serve on the Board.

## Qing Wang Wesbrook Place

I moved to UBC campus in 2009 as a post-doctoral and research associate in the life science department.



My husband and I are raising our three children in UBC and we love this community. My son graduated from University Hill Secondary School and studies at UBC Sauder School of Business, my old daughter studies in Norma Rose Point School, and my youngest daughter has been waiting for UBC day care space for 3 years.

on the improvement of child-care system, community development density and neighbourhood safety issues.

I would like to join the UNA Board of Directors with focus

UNA is our home, and I would like to contribute my efforts to make it a better place to live in.



### WHO CAN VOTE IN UNA ELECTION

UNA members will elect three of six candidates to the Board of Directors at the 2019 Election/AGM on Wednesday, November 6. All UNA members in good standing, as defined by the UNA Bylaws, can vote in this election.

November 6 is the last day to register as a UNA member to be eligible to vote in the 2019 Election/AGM.

Registrant must be at least 18 years of age, a resident in a UNA Neighbourhood for at least 30 days and a resident of British Columbia for at least 60 days.

For more information on the UNA Election process, visit the UNA website [www.myuna.ca/governance/elections-2019/](http://www.myuna.ca/governance/elections-2019/)

## Richard Watson Hawthorn Place

You probably know my dog, Panache, better than me but I've lived here since 2006. After 15 years in engineering consulting helping municipalities plan and build infrastructure, I moved from Calgary to pursue a Master's degree in Christian theology. We purchased a condo in Hawthorn to meet our short-term needs but have stayed for the long-term. It is beautiful, safe, designed for people (not profit); its physical environment encourages a flourishing and culturally diverse community.

My ten-year-old son loves it too!

The UNA is presently thriving, it is a village amidst a world class university. The walking spaces, the commercial shops, the parks, the schools, the community gardens, it's all important. But a special place requires special care and attention from its residents. The future depends on us for positive growth and flourishing to continue for generations to come. The UNA needs to play a leadership role in this community's development.

So, I pledge to be an active and strong voice on the Board in the following ways:

- Land Use Planning – Growing with a healthy sustainable long-term vision is important. Increased density is not necessarily the answer.
- Governance Structure – With over 11,000 residents and growing, the UNA needs to work towards a structure that speaks with responsible authority and works with UBC.
- Bylaws – Well-thought-out bylaws improve life.
- People – UNA employees and



volunteers are voice of the community. The Board needs to lead the way in cultivating community.

# New Colourful Crosswalk Pays Tribute to UBC–Musqueam Partnership

*New crosswalk replaces old black-and-white one at University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall*

**John Tompkins**  
Editor

UBC has installed a colorful ‘feature crosswalk’ at its main entrance at University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall, paying tribute to its strengthening relationship with the Musqueam Indian Band.

At newspaper deadline, work crews sought

to complete the last work of painting the roadway and making other changes, such as activating the traffic lights at the intersection.

The new crosswalk has been designed collaboratively by UBC and Musqueam Indian Band, states UBC on its website. The design of the crosswalk uses the UBC and Musqueam crests, acknowledging that UBC is situated on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

UBC says street furniture and landscaping will be added at the University Boulevard intersection in order to create a sense of arrival at the main gateway to campus. Gen-

erous, universally accessible sidewalks, and features such as lighting, street trees

and planting at the University Boulevard intersection will also be added.



## Residents Update Wardrobes in Eco-Friendly Fashion

The first UNA Clothing Swap and second Clothing Fix-It took place on Sunday, September 29 at the Wesbrook Community Centre. The event, a collaboration between the UNA and Framework Education Society, brought out close to 100 people.

Emily Lomax, UNA Sustainability Coordinator, says that the UNA hopes to continue these events in the community

to encourage people to think twice about throwing items away (or donating them). Clothing swaps and repair events are one way in which people can ‘slow down’ fast fashion and extend the lifetime of their material goods in an accessible and affordable way.

The Clothing Swap attracted residents and visitors, who brought gently-worn clothes and then had the opportunity to select and

take home clothing items that others had brought.

Piles of good quality, used clothing covered several tables, and there was no limit to the number of items people were allowed to take home. In fact, event posters explained that participants were encouraged to take items home, even if they didn’t bring any.

Meanwhile, at the Clothing Fix-It part of the event, people brought clothing or textile items in need of repair and learned how

to fix them with help from Framework Education Society, a non-profit organization, which provided all the supplies – primarily sewing machines – to mend and adjust garments.

The event was made possible by AMS (Alma Mater Society) Sustainability and a student-led project in collaboration with the University Neighbourhoods Association and UBC Faculty of Science (SCIE 420) as a part of the SEEDS (Social Ecological Economic Development Studies) sustainability program.



Representatives from the Framework Education Society mend clothing and textile items of residents at Clothing Fix-It in the Wesbrook Community Centre.



UNA residents at Clothing Swap in the Wesbrook Community Centre.



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# Universities, Growth and Social Responsibility

*We need to make amends for the way we have ransomed the future of our children and our children's children for our own immediate gratification*

**Charles R. Menzies, PhD**  
 Member of UBC Board of Governors  
 Professor, UBC Department of Anthropology and Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries

Over the course of my term as a Governor on the UBC Board, I have heard a lot of presentations about growth: academic growth, endowment growth, student enrolment growth, reputational growth, and on it goes. I can't say I am surprised, but what was once opinion is now an observed fact: growth in various 'metrics' is a core feature of governance discourse and the operation of UBC. The cultural frame of our day pervades discussions in such a fine-grained way that it may well be difficult for governors and administrators to escape the discourse of perpetual growth.

During the September meeting of UBC Board of Governors, there were three public presentations highlighting growth of UBC Kelowna campus. We learned about the campus' "robust growth in students, faculty, staff, and research funding, within the context of surrounding communities also undergoing a period of significant development and change." We further learned about the "significant potential for innovation... [and] thoughtful ways that advance

implementation of the strategic plan." This is simply one case among many, and it is highlighted here for no other reason than it was the primary work of the formal meeting. One could review the meeting documents of the past two years and, without much effort, find similar discourse.

The reports and formal discussions are filled with terms that resonate with the grand modernist project of late capitalism.

- **Growth:** a natural, inevitable process of expansion that indicates success.
- **Innovation:** to turn 'knowledge' into 'value' (usually dollar value).
- **Advance:** to add (often through innovation) to a body of practice or reputation that indicates success.
- **Development:** that idea of improvement and expansion typically linked to physical plant but may also include knowledge and innovation.
- **Change:** this rendering implies both development and advancement moving in a forward direction; change is positively valued and tied to notions of inevitable growth.

After careful observation, detailed reading of the UBC Board of Governors meeting packages, and close listening to what is said during meetings, these are the operational definitions used in our university's governance. This kind of language naturalizes growth in a way that renders solutions not premised on growth: impossible to execute, unreasonable, impractical, or even against the university's own best interest.

It would seem reasonable that even an institution that benefits from capitalism might at least consider managing its growth more expeditiously in order to reduce its negative

impact on our shared ecological future. But even here, it seems hard for the governance structure to pay any serious attention to the idea of managing without growth. I can personally attest to the bemused responses from developers, planners, administrators, and other governors to the very idea it might be reasonable to throttle down on UBC's unrelenting growth. When ideas run against naturalized perceptions and beliefs, it is rather difficult for adherents to take such ideas seriously.

The hard fact of the matter is that with each project, each modest moment of growth, each tiny expansion, we are pushing ourselves that much closer to the ecological brink. With each capital approval we pass at the Board, with each new project or program we agree to, with each new digital infrastructure we support, with each small incremental increase in enrolment, we are adding to the ecological harm inflicted on our world and locking in a future none of us on the Board or senior management would ever wish to live in personally. Yet we continue with impunity.

Oceans are warming. Weather patterns are changing. Sea levels are rising. The time to act slowly has passed. It is time for real action, an end to the status quo. We need to make amends for the way we have ransomed the future of our children and our children's children for our own immediate gratification.



Charles Menzies

Part of doing things differently requires rethinking growth. As we do that, we can make some intermediate changes that place a hold on growth right now. Long term changes would reorient the university away from the concept of perpetual growth toward one of equilibrium with our social-ecological world. UBC has a place to play, not in climbing global rankings, but in leading real change that ensures a thriving, ecologically sound future for all.

**Disclaimer**  
 Charles Menzies is a faculty member, Governor at UBC and a former UNA Director. The opinions and observations Professor Menzies expressed in this article are his personal ones and in no way represent the official views of the university, the UBC Board of Governors or the UNA.



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## UNA Residents Deserve Voice at UBC

*Partnership can be developed through mindful conflict and dialogue*

**James Ellis**  
 Wesbrook Place Resident

I must confess that some of the politics behind the University of British Columbia's campus are beyond me; one doesn't live around campus for 8 years without realizing that.

Lately, I have been very puzzled by the inability of some UNA neighbourhoods to feel heard by UBC. UNA residents clearly intertwine the UBC academic campus, and they are affected by the noise of UBC athletic complexes and developments by UBC Properties Trust. One need look no further than the six or so buildings going up within 250 meters of where I live in Wesbrook Place. Indeed, many folks chose to move to the more established – quieter and peaceful – neighbourhoods of Chancellor Place, Hampton Place and Hawthorn Place, to retire in or raise their families.

I was informed that many of the concerns revolve around the desire to be consulted adequately on development of new neighbourhoods and facilities to ensure sustainable growth and quality of life on campus. I imagine many UNA residents – who can access UBC facilities – make avid use of them; sadly, there are still many facilities across the Lower Mainland that are inaccessible to seniors and those with mobility challenges like myself.

While UNA residents are frequent visitors

to UBC facilities, they do not enjoy – unfortunately – the same benefits as UBC academic campus student residents do through the Alma Mater Society. Long-term UNA residents are an evergreen user base for both UNA community centres and UBC facilities and should be considered as such in the capacity calculations of the University.

I prefer to think I am a man of buffoonish overconfidence: I believe that adversaries can become partners through mindful conflict and dialogue to achieve a just and better peace. I pay close attention to the concerns regarding leadership, happiness, and fairness of outcomes. I understand the merits of consensual versus appointed representatives.

I find the idea of separating the interests of UBC and the UNA a bit like pretending the Moon has nothing to do with the Earth. Working together, we'll make UBC campus a respectful place to work, learn and live.



James Ellis, Wesbrook Block Watch Captain, right, with a police officer at the RCMP Open House.



Jim Taylor(UNA founder) 及MCC 主席新年合影

**Wesbrook Place 候选人: Zheng (Jane) Kang**

**Make our UNA a Safer and Happier place**

I am a Wesbrook Place candidate for the UNA Board of Directors in this year's election, and I hope to be the best representative for all residents.

I immigrated to Vancouver nine years ago when my daughter came to study and, inspired by Jim Taylor, I've adapted to my UBC community life as an active, volunteering woman: Sharing time with hundreds of people, writing articles in community newspapers, working on the Regency and Sail strata councils, being responsible for the 'Seniors and Friends' activities – all energized me to organize, support, and emcee our Lunar New Year celebration, and I was lucky to be rewarded with the UNA Excellent Volunteer Award.

My immigrant experience has enabled me to appreciate family struggles with various physical and mental challenges – especially homesickness and parenting stress.

With many years of volunteering in the UNA community, I became aware of the unique local dynamics of multiculturalism and, now that my daughter has graduated from UBC and gone elsewhere for a PhD, I want to use my medical background and 15 years of management successes to contribute to my big UNA family. Most mothers with school children naturally focus more on Vancouver educational and cultural issues, and I am well suited to be a thoughtful bridge-builder from them to the UNA Board.

When I moved to Wesbrook Place, the community was embryonic. Development was rapid and now our South Campus is a big lively neighbourhood, still in dramatic change. Great benefits include expanding transport options, sports activities, shopping and dining facilities, but also many problems: break-ins, congestion, construction noise, planning issues – all posing complex challenges. My big-picture focus will be on property values and safety enhancement. I want us to move on from artificial multiculturalism and become a harmonious sophisticated community.

As an Asian mother resident in the sprawling South Campus, I ask you to help me so I can bring our evolving concerns with thoughtful recommendations to the UNA decision-making level. I will faithfully serve the community I love. Please support me, your best campaigner.

**VOTE TO GAIN WITH JANE KANG**

**Zheng(Jane) Kang:** 九年前陪孩子读书并移民住UNA, 积极融入持续义工并获得优秀义工奖。作为Wesbrook居民, 有感财物失窃、工地嘈杂、陪读家庭问题, 她将以其医学背景和15年管理经验, 致力于物业安全, 移民家庭身心健康, 心无旁骛地发展社区多元和谐环境。

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