

**University Endowment Lands Community Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Monthly Public Meeting**

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 pm**

**300-5755 Dalhousie Road**

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1. Call to Order (6:07 pm)
  - a. Seconded by Henry
  - b. Approved unanimously
2. Adoption of the Agenda (6:07 pm)
  - a. Seconded by Henry
  - b. Approved unanimously
3. Adoption of Minutes of the Monthly Public Meeting of July 17th, 2023 (6:08 pm)
  - a. Seconded by Henry
  - b. Approved unanimously
4. Open Discussion: Community Works Fund (6:08 pm)
  - a. Introduction by Marcin Pachcinski (substituting for Jen McCutchin)
  - b. Chosen project will be supported by the UEL Administration & supported by Jen McCutchin, and it should help out the community/be realistic to implement
  - c. There are many examples of projects (many of them are tangible infrastructure projects, but on the last page there are options for non-tangible “plans” as well)
  - d. In the past, there was a focus on Westbrook Mall infrastructure, as well as drainage and rain gardens
  - e. \$150,000 would approximately be the current cumulative amount
  - f. We receive approximately \$130,000 per year, divided between UBC, UEL, and other smaller areas
  - g. In the past, a lot of project proposals had too much involvement with other agencies, and were too difficult to handle
  - h. Telus backup infrastructure if there are emergency situations
  - i. Trees next to the Dalhousie building - mudpits - was irrigated turf, but it receives so much pedestrian traffic that it has deteriorated - looking at solutions, the majority of options requires ten inches of excavation, which means removal of mature trees - the material that has been tried recently is permeable gravel, bonded together, requires only two inches of excavation, and still allows for irrigation - a viable option
    - i. May be framed as wastewater/stormwater management while simultaneously doing beautification and improving tree health

- ii. The funds for the current mudpit experiment are between the UEL Administration + Cressey
- j. Recycling/receptacles with the possibility for better signage and improving education on recycling - UBC seems to have been working on this - but we have revamped our receptacles recently - Lelem has also adopted the same style, so we have enough consistency
- k. Integrated Community Sustainability Plans - the possibility of a consultant on energy - Community Energy Association (CEA) funding - they may do a community inventory of energy
- l. Toronto/Acadia/Allison - building sidewalks as an option - may have to move power poles - will cost around \$100 per metre, moving the poles would be around \$50,000, so there will likely not be enough funds
- m. EV Charging Stations - there are a few in Lelem's underground, a few at Regent, etc. - these are not cheap, 50kW means over \$100,000 just for the charger
- n. Power outages are common every winter - possible generators throughout all homes - this would count as disaster mitigation/emergency resilience - the outages are mostly because of trees falling on the power lines - however, actually doing new generators would take far too much energy
- o. The unpleasant walk through the alleyway - bad odour, unsightliness, the grease especially when it rains - possible solutions include paint, murals, potted plants, screens, signage, biking - anything under art could be under cultural infrastructure - also improving connectivity, since the alleyway is part of the pedestrian network
- p. Disaster preparedness - it is MetroVancouver's responsibility to look after UEL residents, but if there is an emergency, we should consider UEL's wellbeing so as not to be left behind - may not be able to rely on goodwill
- q. Stormwater management - examples in Tapestry - collecting stormwater and saving it for later - could consider something at the Bridal Path or near the gardens - if we collect water in a cistern we have to get it to where it's needed as well - could also add water features, e.g., rain gardens
- r. Not many places for kids to do anything or spaces to "hang out" outside - we could put something for people near the community gardens, or a playground-esque space for younger kids, perhaps in the middle of Jim Everett Park - Regent has proposed an "activated place" with seating & things to do - we could do that on the Bridal Path
- s. Teddy (from Area C) had previously suggested to put in a bike signal lane on Blanca, but it is under MOTI (Vancouver) so it'd be difficult
- t. Sidewalks/roads not being cleared when it snows - unfortunately, this is simply an operational/staffing/resources issue - there are also priority routes
- u. Leaf pickup has been great

- v. Next steps for the CWF: can put together some numbers and narrow down our options, prioritising some of them - hopefully can reach a consensus on one or a few projects
  - w. Possibility of forming a committee for the CWF with the people present
5. Manager's Report (7:26 pm)
- a. There are 7 open positions out of about 20, including water operator, senior planner, clerk, machine operator, senior building inspector - region, salary, market etc. are difficult to work with at the moment
  - b. Have been offering living accommodations as an incentive for people to get hired - old fire hall would need to be completely remediated
  - c. The possibility of earmarking housing for UEL employees - for Lelem this was already in place, as UEL staff could apply a week before anyone else, but it didn't work out because of timing
  - d. Development Services - there were 2 permits issued in July/August
    - i. 1. 5980 Newton Wynd (single family)
    - ii. 2. 5692 King's Road (multi family - roof addition)
    - iii. No applications on public notice or consultation on referral
  - e. Menno Hall - minister has indicated that they intend to approve the rezoning
  - f. TransLink is not pursuing the North location anymore, but is expected to apply for an alternate location, either UBC on the South Side, near Regent, or near where it is now
  - g. Policy updates - haven't been finalised, but they involve updates to tree violation/protection, water maintenance, security, Energy Step Codes, demolition, etc. and will be posted online at some point
  - h. We have bylaw enforcement pending for next year
  - i. A lot of large changes coming out this year - housing has a lot of new legislation, which will have to be reflected in bylaws and the OCP
  - j. Public Works
    - i. Sewer work - should be by the end of the calendar year
    - ii. 200 metres of sanitary main - fibreglass will act as new pipeline - won't need to dig a trench too
    - iii. Water main replacement on Chancellor - 375 metres of PVC - repaving sidewalk as well
    - iv. Allison/Wesbrook Crescent/College Highroad - tenure closes end of September, with work to follow shortly after
    - v. Village mudpits - already discussed at length
    - vi. Major garden rehabilitation in the works and overdue tree maintenance as well - season has been quite challenging with unpredictable weather conditions - grass has been brown all season - many trees that have been impacted and have not survived - have an inventory of trees scheduled for

replacement - will hopefully have quite a few of those replaced by the following summer - tree trimming on Chancellor - canopies have been raised - more tree trimming scheduled for 2024

- vii. Changes to wildflower gardens on University Blvd. - it is a fire hazard apparently, because there is no irrigation - a sensory garden will replace the wildflowers (an opportunity for multisensory engagement, sound, feel, and smell)
- viii. Water restrictions - as per Metro Vancouver, there has been significant demand - the average daily demand is 1.2 billion litres a day - the storage is 53%, normal for now - warm dry conditions next three months, so 70-80% probability of normal temperatures and the drought persisting into the fall, and the winter will arrive late with below average snow
- ix. El Nino advisory for the coming winter, combined with rising sea surfaces - we are in Stage 2 residential lawn watering - you cannot water your lawn at all, can still handwater flowers - we are in Stage 5 drought

6. Public Comments or Questions (7:52 pm)

- a. We collect money from UBC for the water - do we have a plan for infrastructure replacement? - we have a 10-year infrastructure plan - we do spend a lot of time and money on water - we can't really save money, but we are cost neutral across the board
- b. An AirBnB running contrary to the bylaws has now transformed into student housing
- c. 5570 Kingston Road - ongoing issues - they seem to have shut down their tennis lessons

7. Adjournment (8:01 pm)

- a. Seconded by Henry
- b. Approved unanimously