

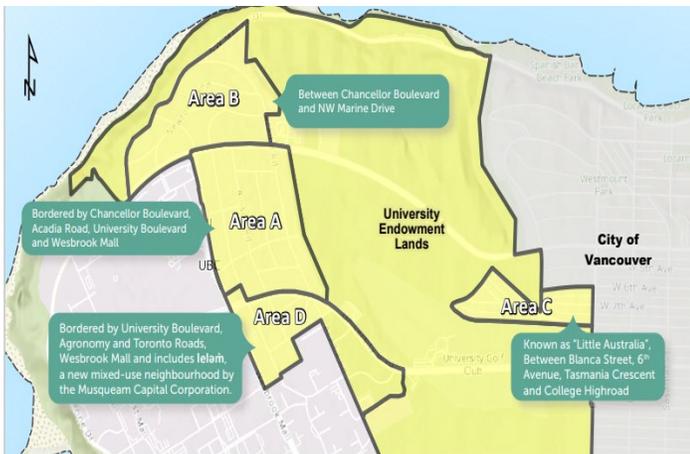
# Welcome Ielə́m Residents

## Welcome to the UEL

The University Endowment Lands (UEL) Administration would like to formally welcome all new residents to our wonderful community. As part of the UEL's newest and largest development, residents may have some questions about the UEL, what services are provided and by whom, as well as how they can get involved in their community. We hope this letter provides new residents with a better understanding of the community that they are a part of as well as the Administration itself.

## UEL HISTORY

The UEL is situated on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the *xʷməθkʷəyəm* (Musqueam), *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* (Squamish), and *s'əlilwətaʔ* (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations. Located on the Burrard Peninsula, Point Grey was established as a Colonial Admiralty Reserve under the ownership of the Government of Canada in 1860.



Subsequently, the lands were designated to be used for sale to fund a University in the 1920's. Following the Great Depression, sales of lands slowed and UEL was returned to the Provincial Government who began to administer the lands directly. In 1960, the regional government of Metro Vancouver was created, which placed the UEL within Electoral Area A.

By 1989, the remaining undeveloped land was transformed into the Pacific Spirit Park, now a defining feature of the UEL. The Musqueam Reconciliation Settlement and Benefits Agreement was signed in 2008, which transferred ownership of three blocks of land within the UEL to the Musqueam Nation and includes Block F, the site of the Ielə́m development.

## Governance

The UEL maintains a governance structure that is unique in the Province of British Columbia. This is largely the result of the University Endowment Land Act, which established the UEL as a jurisdiction under direct administration of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. This legislation enables the Minister to, among other things, requisition property taxes and enact bylaws.

The Minister appoints a Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the UEL and its services, which operates like a local government.

Two key groups provide guidance to the UEL Manager: the Community Advisory Council (CAC), a society made up of representatives elected from the four neighbourhoods; and the Advisory Design Panel (ADP), made up of appointed professional members and elected community representatives. Ielə́m residents are in Area D and are represented by 3 directors on the CAC and 2 on the ADP.

An Electoral Area A Director is also elected every four years to sit on the Regional District Board, representing the UEL community, UBC, and other unincorporated areas in Metro Vancouver.

## UEL Bylaws and Regulations

The Administration is guided by the University Endowment Lands Act as well as the Official Community Plan, Land Use, Building and Community Administration bylaw and the Public Works bylaw. Together these documents provide a framework from which the Administration regulates development, building processes and standards, as well as governance within the UEL. If you are considering improvements to your household, please read the bylaws carefully or contact the office as you may require permits to complete any work.

## UEL Services

The Minister of Municipal Affairs delegates the Day-to-day administration and provision of services to the UEL Manager who oversees the work of 20 full-time staff (together referred to as the "Administration") plus seasonal auxiliary staff and contractors. There are a range of public services delivered in the UEL; some are delivered by the Administration, and some are provided or contracted through other services providers, such as the City of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver, Provincial Agencies and the RCMP.

See the UEL website for more details: [UniversityEndowmentLands.gov.bc.ca](http://UniversityEndowmentLands.gov.bc.ca).

## UEL Property Taxes

Property taxes for the UEL are set by the Administration, in consultation with the CAC, to offset the costs of operations and infrastructure improvements.

Taxes are payable directly to the Surveyor of Taxes – due at the beginning of July of each year and payable directly to the Province.

## Important Contact Information

The UEL Administration Office is located at: 5495 Chancellor Boulevard, Vancouver, BC V6T 1E2. The Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (excluding statutory holidays). To contact the Administration please use the following:

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Email: [UEL@gov.bc.ca](mailto:UEL@gov.bc.ca)

Website: [universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca](http://universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca)

After Hours Emergency: **604-437-1078**

### Other important contact information includes:

RCMP Non-emergency line: **604-224-1322**

University Fire Hall #10 Non-emerg line: **604-665-6000**

UBC Hospital: **604-822-7121**

Surveyor of Taxes: **250-387-0555**

UBC Main Switchboard: **604-822-2211**

UBC Campus and Community Planning: **604-822-8228**

Metro Vancouver Parks West Area Office (Pacific Spirit Park):  
**604-224-5739**



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