

2026 WINTER NEWSLETTER

The University Endowment Lands (UEL) is situated on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. The UEL is grateful for the opportunity to provide services to its residents on this territory.

The UEL administration office will be closed to the public between December 21 - 28. Staff will be available via phone and email during this time.

Iel̓əm̓ Community Centre



The Iel̓əm̓ YMCA Community Centre is now open! Located at 5490 Shortcut Road, this 15,000 ft^2 facility offers a vibrant space for residents to connect, with amenities ranging from meeting rooms and a fitness centre to a gymnasium. See the Iel̓əm̓ Community Centre website to learn more or contact the centre at 604-225-1630 or lelem@ymcabc.ca.

CAC Holiday Party

The Community Advisory Council is hosting a holiday party at the Iel̓əm̓ Community Centre on December 7 from 5-8pm. RSVP here by December 4.

Dog License Renewal

Dog licenses in the UEL must be renewed annually on or before January 1. As per UEL bylaws, a single household may own a max of 2 dogs. See our website to learn how to renew your license.

Business License Renewal

All businesses in the UEL must renew their business licenses annually, on or before December 31. See our website to learn how to renew or obtain a business license.

Community Advisory Council Updates

The current CAC members include:

- Area A: Katerina Wong & Angela Cao
- Area B: Henry Yong, Jr
- Area C: Madeleine Nicholls
- Area D: Michael Townrow & Mohammad Kiumarsi

Get in touch with your CAC area representative at hello@uelcac.com or their website: http://www.uelcac.com.

Water Billing Reminder

Billing Period	Bill Issued	Due Date
Jan to May	June	Jun 30th
Jun to Sep	October	Oct 31st
Oct to Dec	January	Jan 31st

Any payment received after the due date on the water bill is subject to a late payment charge. Properties with accounts that are overdue by two billing periods may be subject to suspension of municipal services.

Afterhours Municipal Emergencies

Call 1-844-380-2129 for afterhours municipal emergencies, including broken watermains, downed trees or sewer backups.

Short-term Rentals

Short-term rentals, such as AirBNBs or other vacation rentals, are not permitted in the UEL. Violators could face strict penalties under BC's short-term rental legislation.
Homeowners renting out their properties must follow a tenancy agreement for a periodic or fixed-term tenancy and are subject to Residential Tenancy Act regulations.

Menno Hall

As Menno Hall nears completion on the site of the former Menno Simons Centre, new students and residents are already beginning to call it home. This mixed-use development brings together two distinct living spaces: Pax House and Haven. The former features 91 student housing units, while the latter consists of 86 purpose-built rental units (including studio to three-bedroom options and affordable units).
In addition to providing housing and a cafe, Menno Hall will foster community through its home for the PeaceBridge Institute, an Anabaptist Christian-based community organization. With partial occupancy now underway, the project is expected to fully open its doors to residents later this fall.

Proper Waste Disposal

Littering or dumping garbage around the UEL's Admin Office is not permitted. Residents and visitors must dispose of waste in designated bins. See our website to learn more about proper waste disposal in the UEL.
Residents are also reminded that leaves and other debris are to be placed in green waste collection, and not to be dumped on the street.
For questions about recycling collection or replacement receptacles, contact GFL Environmental at 604-282-7966 or srrecycle@gflenv.com.

Snow Removal / Road Treatment

Property owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from all sidewalks surrounding their property on the same morning of any snowfall.

The UEL oversees snow removal on local, non-arterial roads throughout the UEL. (Major arterial routes, including University Boulevard, NW Marine Drive, and Chancellor Boulevard, are maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.) We brine roads but do not sand them.

Emergency Preparedness

UEL Residents can prepare for emergencies by signing up for free emergency alerts from Metro Vancouver through Alertable. Residents can also participate in at-home emergency drills by using guides from Emergency Management BC and ShakeOut BC.

Hedge Trimming and Yard Maintenance

Property owners are responsible for maintaining their hedges and trees at least 30 cm away from the sidewalk or lane. Lawns, yards, and boulevards must be kept neat by clearing leaves and keeping grass no longer than 10 cm.

Xmas Tree Pick-Up

The UEL Christmas tree pick-up service will be offered for single-family areas on **January 4, 2027**. Please place the tree at the curbside no later than 7:30 am and remove all decorations and tinsel from the tree. Please note that artificial trees will not be collected.

Air Quality – Wood Burning Stoves

Metro Vancouver Residential Indoor Wood Burning Bylaw 1303, 2020 applies to indoor wood-burning devices such as fireplaces, wood stoves, and furnaces. You can still burn indoors, but before you use a residential indoor wood burning device, you must register with Metro Vancouver.