Welcome to UniverCity Community Association Town Hall

May 22, 2019
UniverCity Community Association

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SFU is the landowner and sole shareholder of UniverCity. It created the SFU Community Trust to develop UniverCity. The UniverCity project generates endowment wealth for SFU teaching and research. SFU is responsible for the maintenance of SFU-owned roads, pathways, public spaces, as well as snow removal.

www.sfu.ca

SFU Community Trust is the master developer of the UniverCity community and is responsible for ensuring that UniverCity reaches its full potential. It acts as a designer, proponent, developer, and coordinator, bringing stakeholders together, advancing plans for development, completing infrastructure and public realm projects, and leasing development sites and overseeing commercial space.

www.UniverCity.ca

The City has authority for overall planning, zoning, and development. It is ultimately responsible for approving community plans, for establishing or changing zoning, and for enforcing bylaws. As Burnaby taxpayers, the community relies on the City for municipal streets, services, parks, and emergency services within UniverCity.

www.burnaby.ca
The UniverCity Community Association (UCA) (formerly SFU Community Association) was established in 2002 to address matters of mutual interest to the UniverCity community and help facilitate communication between UniverCity residents, the SFU Community Trust, Simon Fraser University, and outside organizations.

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Membership in the Community Association consists of representatives from each strata corporation or housing co-operative, owners of development sites under construction and the SFU Community Trust. The UCA meets on a monthly basis.

Community Granting
The UniverCity Community Association provides financial support and/or in-kind contributions to eligible groups to facilitate initiatives or programs that support community activities on Burnaby Mountain. The Community Granting Committee reviews all Community Grant applications received and provides funding for successful applications.

http://univercity.ca/for-residents-2/community-grants-program

Safety & Security
The newly formed Safety & Security Committee role is to support and coordinate group actions to improve life and enjoyment of the UniverCity community. This Committee intends to work with community members, city officials, the RCMP and other stakeholders in an effort to improve safety and security in our community.

Naheeno Park Community Garden (NPCG)
Located at the north end of Naheeno Park, the garden is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week and is open to all UniverCity residents, students, staff, and faculty of SFU. The Garden Committee manages the 94 garden plots at Naheeno Park Community Garden site, garden members, and waitlist.

http://univercity.ca/thes-community/parks-greenspaces
npcgcommittee@gmail.com

Communications
To facilitate information sharing across all UniverCity community members, the UCA Communications group is working on creating a UCA website. The Communications group intends to continue to host Town Hall meetings which will allow community members to connect and have discussions about our community.

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Local Area Service Program (LASP) Project for UniverCity

- Speed Humps proposed for the 9100 – 9300 Block of University Crescent
Speed concerns and unsafe crosswalks

• Speed was a predominant concern raised by residents
• The speed limit in our community is 30 km/h
• At times, University Crescent is not safe to cross, and not safe for our children
• Crosswalks are hard to see, poorly marked, poorly lit and ignored by many drivers
Our UniverCity Community

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UniverCity
BETTER LIVING ON BURNABY MOUNTAIN

UniverCity Community Association
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Existing Speed Hump
Future speed humps

8800 - 9000 block of University Crescent
University Crescent in Slope neighbourhood
LASP project: 9100-9300 block of University Crescent
A LASP-speed hump project was initiated/applied for Summer 2018

Proposed project includes:
• 7 speed humps spaced 11m apart
• Conversion of existing crosswalks to raised crosswalks
Future safe community

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Existing Speed Hump
What is the Local Area Service Program (LASP)?

• Through the City of Burnaby, property owners can use the LASP to have improvements constructed on a residential street or lane.

• Improvements requested can include:
  o Street upgrade
  o Sidewalks only
  o Street lights (with LED lights)
  o Traffic calming measures, such as speed humps

• LASP projects are initiated through a petition process and the costs are shared between the City and the benefiting property owners.
Progression and Update on the current LASP application

• Burnaby Public Safety Committee reviewed the application and recommended it for the 2019 speed hump program.

• The Public Safety Committee submitted a report at the February 11, 2019 City of Burnaby Council meeting, recommending that the University Crescent should proceed to the LASP process.

• This recommendation CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• March 2019: Petition letter was drafted and sent to the Tax Department

• May 2019: Petition letters were sent from the City of Burnaby to registered property owners whose properties are within the 9100 – 9300 block of University Crescent.
What does the LASP petition letter look like?

What information is found within the letter?

Total cost of the project **$18,215.76**

The amount charged for your property

Payment options

Deadline to return letters **June 10, 2019**

Criteria for a successful petition
The second page of the petition letter needs to be returned if you are in support of the project.

Letters may be returned:

By mail; or

In Person (4949 Canada Way); or

Faxed (604-294-7537); or

Scanned and emailed to: clerks@burnaby.ca
How was the costs associated with this project calculated?

- The property owner's cost is based on standard LASP rates multiplied by the width of the assessed property frontage
- Minimum taxable frontage is 1.524m per unit
- Speed Hump cost: $3.85/m per unit per year for 5 years

(Can be paid as one lump sum or annually for 5 years, at an interest rate of 4.2%)
LASP project: 9100-9300 block of University Crescent
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(below the minimum taxable frontage)
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1.524m per unit x $3.85/speed hump
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x 5 years = $29.35 TOTAL
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Council is presented with the results of the LASP petition and recommendations are made to proceed or not proceed with construction.
What is the Local Area Service Program?

Property owners can use the Local Area Service Program (LASP) to have improvements constructed on a local residential street or lane.

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Possible LASP projects include:
- Street upgrade, including road pavement with concrete curb and gutters, grass boulevard, street trees, and sidewalks
- Sidewalks
- Street lights (with LED lights)
- Back lane paving with ditch enclosure
- Traffic calming measures, such as speed humps on local streets
- Street trees (new or replacement trees)

Reasons for Local Improvements:
- Improve safety and accessibility for all users
- Improve drainage on the street
- Enhance the appearance of the streetscape
- Minimize dust in the dry season and prevent erosion of gravel surfaces

Legislation

The Local Government Act, the Community Charter and the Burnaby Local Improvement Charges Bylaw 1985 provide the statutes for the administration of local improvements.

Initiating an LASP

Projects are initiated when an owner with a property abutting the proposed improvements makes a formal written request by letter or email to the Local Improvements Clerk (LASP@burnaby.ca).

Projects can be initiated at any time throughout the year, with May 31 being the cut-off for design and construction the following year(s).

The LASP Petition

The City sends a petition letter to every registered property owner on the street with information on the proposed work and associated costs to the owner.

The petition will be considered successful if there is support from a minimum of 50% of registered property owners, and whose property values that in total represent at least 50% of the assessed value of land and improvements subject to the local service tax.

The LASP Process

An LASP project typically takes 1 to 3 years from Initiation to Construction to Payment:

Source:
www.burnaby.ca/Assets/city+services/roads+and+traffic/Local+Area+Service+Program+Brochure.pdf
Why should you vote ‘yes’ in support of this project?

• For the safety of EVERYONE in our community

What if I’m a renter? How can I support this project?

• Let your landlords know about the project, inform them of the petition letter and encourage them to vote in favour of this project

This is one tangible way WE can improve our community!
More information can be found under the UniverCity Community Association tab at [www.univercity.ca](http://www.univercity.ca).

**BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY**

**BRING SPEED HUMPS TO UNIVERSITY CRESCENT**

**UniverCity Residents** - We need your vote to help improve road safety in our community.

Watch for the City of Burnaby petition letter in your mailbox arriving in May. Your vote needs to be received by the City by: **June 10th, 2019**.

For more information, FAQs, and how renters and owners can support the project visit: [tiny.cc/rtne6y](http://tiny.cc/rtne6y)
Emergency Response Times on Burnaby Mountain
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• Do SFU and UniverCity need their own fire hall? (June 29, 2018. Burnaby Now)
  • 2014: 108 incidents
  • 2017: 297 incidents Industry Standard calls for 15 firefighters within 9 minutes
  • For SFU and UniverCity this threshold is not met 98% of the time.

• SFU: “…takes steps to ensure help is close at hand due to the “relative isolation of the Burnaby Campus” (Oct 25, 2018. Vancouver Sun, Tim Rahilly)
  • Has contract Security on campus to immediately attend to incidents.
  • Do we need a similar model response for UniverCity?
What Can Be Done?
UniverCity Fire Hall?

- 1996: Simon Fraser University Official Community Plan
  - 2.8 Community Facilities
    - 2.8.2 The University commits to providing at no cost to the City a site for a City fire protection facility when required.

- 2002: One of five priorities identified in the Fire Department Future Needs Study

- 2010: Finance and Civic department development committee recommended the study by updated and recommendations moved forward.

- 2018: Chair of City of Burnaby’s Public Safety Committee tells the Burnaby Now
  - building a new fire hall on top of the mountain comes down to competing demands on the city’s purse
  - “Simon Fraser does not have the sufficient resident population yet”
  - the population on top of the mountain was less than 3,000 and had not much had changed in the area since the 2002 study
What do you think?
Evacuation Plan Development

For the UniverCity Community Association Town Hall
Our Community

We are a dynamic and growing community:

- 5,000 UniverCity residents and growing
- Expected population: 8,000-10,000
- SFU daily population of 20,000 to 30,000
- 2016 UniverCity Community Survey shows
  - 7% Seniors
  - 38% of households have children
  - 55% of households with no connection to SFU

Source: SFU Community Trust
Multiple risks threaten SFU students, staff and faculty, and UniverCity community members:

- **Earthquake** – potential for large quakes in southwestern BC
- **Forest fire** – 4,000 acres of forest surround us
- **Tank farm fire** – 2,000,000 barrels of oil, highly flammable condensate and benzene
- **Tanker spill** – fumes or smoke (if on fire) from a large tanker spill would cause health problems

While each risk is remote, taken together there is a reasonable likelihood an emergency evacuation of Burnaby Mountain will be required in the future.
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Evacuation Plan

Should a serious event occur, all in the community will need to be evacuated.

Evacuation Plan to include shelter in place and personal emergency plans.

And it must provide for people for which evacuation presents challenges:

- Older people with mobility issues
- Small children
- People living with disabilities
What Can Be Done?

- Work with the City of Burnaby on a formal risk assessment & to develop an evacuation plan
- A gondola would provide access off the mountain and access for emergency responders
- Additional access road
- Shelter in place
What do you think?
Thank you for coming to the UCA Town Hall.

Give us your feedback: www.surveymonkey.ca/r/UCATownHall

An audio recording of this event will posted online: http://univercity.ca/the-community/univercity-community-association

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