

August 3, 2017



ADVOCACY

PROVINCIAL

[UDI Ideas for Provincial Involvement in Rental Housing](#)

– With BC rental housing shortages and low vacancy rates, particularly in Metro Vancouver, we have provided ideas for the Province to assist developers and municipalities in creating more rental housing supply.

BC Energy Step Code (ESC) - Plans call for a best practices guide for local governments; a notice form for municipalities to advise the Province that they intend to adopt the *ESC*; and a costing study to be released before the end of summer. The costing study has already led to one change: For Part 3 wood-frame buildings, the lower steps now includes Step 3 as opposed to just Step 2. More information [here](#).



UDI sent a [congratulatory letter](#) to the newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and shared a supportive [media statement](#) on our social pages. Additional cabinet postings can be found [here](#).

REGIONAL

Metro Vancouver

Development Cost Charges (DCCs): After 20-years, Metro Vancouver is updating its sewage DCCs. Since 2014, they have worked on a By-law update. The Fraser Valley will be hit with substantial increases (over 200%). In other areas of Metro, the increases range from 78% to 109%. Despite earlier information that rates would be phased-in, Metro is now planning implementation for April 1, 2018. UDI and the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association wrote a [letter](#) to the Metro Board on July 28th regarding industry concerns about the proposed DCC By-law amendments. **If you would like to contribute feedback, please [register](#) with Metro directly and read the [DCC review information](#).** (Various locations during late September and early October are available.)

MUNICIPAL

City of Vancouver

[Letter from Mayor Robertson to UDI/REBGV](#) - requesting that proponents purchasing development sites do so with more due diligence as the City is in process of increasing its requirements for inclusionary zoning through the Housing Reset.

UDI Meeting with City of Vancouver Mayor - On July 13, UDI Directors met with Mayor Robertson, Councillor Raymond Louie and the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Kevin Quinlan. Below are the key discussion points from the meeting. Issues discussed:

- The [Housing Reset](#);
- The role of senior governments in housing affordability;
- The need for area planning as opposed to spot rezonings;
- The Broadway Line Extension to UBC;
- Transit Funding, including the proposed TransLink DCC/CAC;
- Community Amenity Contributions;
- Processing Times; and
- The City-Core 2050 Vision.

Cambie Corridor Phase 3 – UDI members were invited to a special meeting regarding the Cambie Corridor on July 24th. [Presentation slides here](#). UDI will continue to work with the City on implementation of the items discussed, such as the Municipal Town Centre housing targets (slide 16), and density bonus structure (slide 17).

Sign Bylaw – [Presentation slides](#) about illumination regulations and window signage. The City will be embarking on an education/awareness program that will last until the end of 2017. Afterwards, non-compliance will be met with enforcement and fines.

Civic staff have recently added UDI to its media distribution list so we'll receive any news releases about urban issues such as housing and transit and can more effectively comment when media call us for context on any new policy.

City of Richmond

Affordable Housing Strategy - Policy Recommendations were endorsed by Richmond City Council on July, 24, 2017 (link to full report [here](#)). The draft Affordable Housing Strategy will be brought forward for Council consideration in the Fall with more stakeholder engagement opportunities.

City of Coquitlam

Austin Heights Neighbourhood Centre Density and Height Review - After a six-year moratorium on high-rise projects in the Austin Heights Neighbourhood Centre, Council is considering establishing a new policy that will allow buildings up to 25 stories to be built in the area. [UDI's letter of support to Council](#).

Processing sub-committee – meeting was held July 14th. Staff will consider our recommendations with a follow-up meeting in September.

Northwest Burke Vision - passed on July 24th. Read the UDI letter and the City's response [here](#).

Tree Management in Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area's subcommittee - Draft report will be presented to Council on July 31st. Staff are not making any recommendations to Council and are only looking for feedback on directions. City staff are seeking consultation with a UDI subcommittee in August/September.

City of Maple Ridge

Development Cost Charges - On July 11th, Maple Ridge staff brought forward a [report](#) to Council with proposed changes to their DCC By-law. Maple Ridge is also seeking to overhaul and increase their DCCs. [More information here.](#)

Township of Langley

Community Amenity Contributions - At end of March, UDI provided comments on a draft CAC report with a request to address these fundamental concerns we raised. TOL will liaise with the UDI sub-committee in September for further input and will be going to the community this fall. The UDI subcommittee will also be working with the Township on their DCC review. This is expected to be a minor update based on increasing land values, with implementation of new rates later this year.

Brookwood Fernridge Community Plan - After a Special Meeting of the Township Council on Monday, July 17th, a second Public Hearing has been scheduled for September 12th. More info on the Plan [here.](#)

City of Burnaby

The Metrotown Plan - approved on July 24th. UDI wrote a very supportive [letter](#) regarding the Plan. More information [here.](#)

Burnaby Processing Subcommittee – met Aug. 1st to discuss building permit timelines & other issues.

GENERAL NEWS

We encourage all of our members to share their latest news about industry awards, philanthropic contributions, amenities they've built through CACs, DCLs and DCCs in BC communities along with photos please. And, don't forget to add our [email](#) to your corporate news release lists for updates.

UDI Members Giving Back to BC Communities

UDI Members are supporting a massive national BC Wildfire fundraising effort led by the Canadian construction industry.



The goal is to raise one million

dollars for the Canadian Red Cross BC Fires Appeal, supporting the more than 40,000 evacuees in BC, some of whom have already lost their homes in the fires. [Pledge here.](#)

UDI has contributed funds, as has its member [Hollyburn Properties](#) pledging \$10,000 in support of the appeal and matching resident donations. In addition to the wildfire support, Hollyburn Properties also recently donated [\\$2 million to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation](#) for a new MRI and surgical robot, the only one of its kind in BC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UDI has many events for networking, education & member engagement with generous sponsor support. For more UDI events, or to suggest/sponsor an event, please see [Event Calendar](#)

UDI Luncheon with City of Vancouver Senior Staff Sept. 26th



Gil Kelley
General Manager of
Planning, Urban Design &
Sustainability
City of Vancouver



Kaye Krishna
General Manager of
Development Services,
Buildings & Licensing
City of Vancouver



Brian McCauley
President & Chief Executive
Officer
Concert Properties

Due to unprecedented demand, we have secured a larger room at the same venue. Additional tickets and tables are available. **Hurry, as tickets are selling fast.**

Join Gil Kelley and Kaye Krishna of the [City of Vancouver](#) and hear about the planning changes coming to our City.

Moderated by Brian McCauley, President & Chief Executive Officer of [Concert Properties](#), panelists will discuss:

- What exactly is the Mayor's "Housing Reset"?
- How will processing time be improved?
- The new Area Plans for Cambie and Broadway Corridors
- CACs and how they will be changed
- Pre-zoning. What will this mean?

[Register](#)

LOCATION:

BC Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
900 W Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 2W6

DATE/TIME:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

11:30 AM Registration/ networking
12:00 PM Lunch
12:45 PM Presentation
2:00 PM Conclusion

FEES:

\$110 + GST - UDI Members
\$150 + GST - Non Members

\$1100 + GST Corporate Tables of 10

CANCELLATION POLICY

Individuals - 72 hours prior
Corporate Tables - 7 days prior

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Women of UDI: Walking Tour - New Westminster **SOLD OUT**

August 10, 2017
[Details](#)

UDI Capital Region Development Tour to Austin, Texas - Sept. 20-23.

[Info here.](#)

UDI Fraser Valley Summer Social

Held on July 13, 2017 at Tanglebank Gardens in Abbotsford, the event offered great networking with civic officials, developers and industry leaders.

Please tag your photos on [Facebook](#)!

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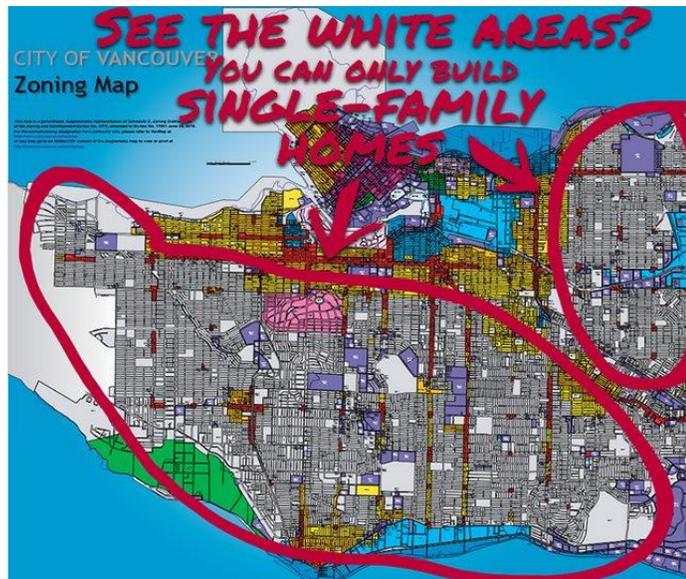
UDI IN THE MEDIA

UDI President & CEO Anne McMullin spoke to the [Vancouver Sun](#) about Vancouver's new Housing Reset strategy, enabling more multi-family housing options in traditional single family-zoned neighbourhoods.

Anne told [Metro News](#) more pre-zoning will ensure developers can support the City of Vancouver's plan to build more rental, below-market and social housing.

UDI Fraser Valley Forecast luncheon panelist highlights about foreign buyers and record-setting attached home sales profiled in [Business in Vancouver news article](#).

Anne praised the NDP plan that combined housing, municipal affairs and transit under one Ministry in [Business in Vancouver](#).



New UDI VP of Government & Public Affairs, Rob MacKay-Dunn was profiled in [Business in Vancouver News appointment notices](#).

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