

# **AMS and the UNA**

# What's the UNA?

UNA:

- Not-for-profit society in 2002 to provide the residents of UBC's residential neighbourhoods with services
- It manages infrastructure, regulates matters of concern (parking and noise). In addition to services related to physical entities the UNA ensures that residents have access to UBC athletic facilities and manages two community centres: the Wesbrook Community Centre and the Old Barn Community Centre.
- Residents opinions, views and concerns are heard through the UNA who works with external stakeholders to shape future development of residential areas at UBC.
- The board of directors oversees the operations of the society, develops policies and plans strategies for the future. All residents are eligible to become members of the society which entitles them to vote at the AGM.
- **The areas of responsibility are set out in greater detail in the Neighbour's Agreement with UBC.**

# Background to the relationship between the AMS and the UNA

AMS (1) and UBC (2) sit on the UNA Board as appointed directors, and the 5 other directors are elected residents of the UNA.

Last year: proposed bylaws at the AGM tried to remove appointed directors, failed due to unpopularity of other bylaws it was combined with. Active residents were still calling for this change in the aftermath. Want elected directors to represent them directly and make decisions of their behalf.

# UNA Proposed Bylaw Amendments

**BOARD COMPOSITION:** All directors to be UNA members and to be elected by UNA members.

Their rationale:

The current bylaws provide for one director to be appointed by the AMS, and two directors to be appointed by UBC. The proposal is to remove all appointed directors. A fundamental aspect of democracy is absent with a mix of appointed and elected directors. The UNA is tasked by the Neighbours' Agreement with providing municipal-like services to the residents of the University Neighbourhoods. It is an anomaly for an entity with such a mandate not to be governed by the residents for whom the services are provided.

Specifically:

The WG further recommends that, with the **AMS director ceasing to be a member of the Board**, the UNA create a formal channel of communication with the AMS to facilitate the discussion of mutual interests

# Next Steps

- Negotiations on the Neighbour's Agreement between UBC/UNA
- Consultation with AMS about what formalized relationship will look like

Questions?