

Office of the Vice President External Affairs
Written Update - December 6th, 2023

1. Meeting with Councillors Dominato, Carr, and Boyle

- Had a meeting with Vancouver City Councillors Dominato, Carr, and Boyle (all UBC alums!) to discuss ways the municipal government can support and alleviate student concerns with food security, affordable housing, and transit projects. Flagged the need for the City of Vancouver's continued support for the infrastructure upgrade for the 41st/49th Avenue BRT line projects.
- Gained insightful advice on convincing/pressuring municipal governments to continue to push for the prioritization of Skytrain to UBC at the Mayors' Council. Will be working on this project in the upcoming new year.

2. Meeting with the Honourable Joyce Murray

- Had a meeting with the Honourable Joyce Murray to discuss international student support, federal government funding for Skytrain to UBC and affordable housing. Reaffirmed her support for student priorities and concerns with regard to the issues and her strong support for the Skytrain to UBC project.

3. Meeting with Premier David Eby and Minister Andrew Mercier

- Had a productive introductory/student advocacy priorities meeting with Premier Eby to discuss food security, affordable housing, transit accessibility, access grant expansion, and operating grant review.
- Had yet another productive meeting with Minister Mercier to discuss affordable housing, transit accessibility, and food security. Gained important insights and received data on construction sector apprenticeship numbers increase with regards to the housing crisis.

4. Disabilities United Collective Letter to Min. Robinson

- Signatures collected from Capilano Students Union, Simon Fraser Student Society, University of Victoria Student Society, and Alliance of BC Students
- Waiting on the BC Federation of Students and will be, shortly, sending the letter.

5. Holiday Letters!

- Sent holiday letters to supportive decision-makers and staff at various levels of government, at the university, and to student societies!

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