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Dear Ministers:

**Re: Impact of government secrecy on the University Endowment Lands community**

Important information from your Ministries about the future of the University Endowment Lands community is being kept secret from community members, in particular, in relation to governance reform and the sale or redevelopment of the current Pacific Spirit Park public works yard.

No competitive business interest, no privacy right, no explanation whatsoever is apparent to justify this secrecy on critically important community issues.

As a general principle, government should strive to work with community members – not in secrecy from them – in developing plans that have an impact on those community members. This is especially true in the case of the UEL, where the provincial government is directly administering this area without local democratic accountability.

I recall your party Leader, the Premier, on being sworn in to office promising “the most open provincial government in Canada.” Clearly, the residents of the UEL are not experiencing this proposed transparency.

I look forward to you remedying this unacceptable secrecy by immediately releasing your plans and all relevant information concerning the plans of “interest and value” concerning the future of the current public works yard, and the governance reform study the province is proposing to replace the proposal recommended by the democratically selected Community Advisory Council.

Yours truly,

  
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