

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO APRIL 5, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) March 30, 2023, regarding “Proposed Growing Communities Fund Bylaw No. 5243, 2023 -- 3 April 2023 Regular Council Agenda”**
- (2) 6 submissions, March 31 – April 3, 2023, regarding Proposed Arts & Culture Facility**
- (3) April 2, 2023, regarding “Fwd: 737 20th st Proposed development”**
- (4) 3 submissions, April 2 and 3, 2023, regarding Traffic on Taylor Way**
- (5) G. Powroznik, April 3, 2023, regarding “RE: Proposed Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 5229, 2023” (Received at the April 3, 2023 Council meeting for Item 4)**
- (6) April 4, 2023, regarding “E-bikes in Canada 2023 webinar, Wednesday, April 5, 10:00 am”**
- (7) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Heritage Advisory Committee meeting February 22, 2023**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (8) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country), March 31, 2023, regarding “March 2023 Newsletter”**

Responses to Correspondence

- (9) Senior Manager of Climate Action & Environment, March 30, 2023, response to P. Hundal regarding Draft Urban Forest Management Plan and Next Steps**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:33 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Proposed Growing Communities Fund Bylaw No. 5243, 2023 -- 3 April 2023 Regular Council Agenda

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Mayor and Council,

It is clear from the Province's letter to Mayor Sager that the \$8 million one-time transfer to the District Municipality is to be used in a manner consistent with the Provincial government's desire to increase affordable housing and is not to be used in a manner inconsistent with that objective. In consequence, the "Place for Sport" capital project on the site of West Van Secondary School grounds is inconsistent with the Province's stipulations as set forth in the letter to the Mayor.

This is a welcome clarification of the allowable uses of the provincial funds, and it should be welcomed whole-heartedly by Mayor and Council irrespective of the restriction that prevents the funds being used to advance the "Place for Sport" capital expenditure financing. "Place for Sport" should continue to seek financing from private donors willing to support that project's goals and objectives. Provincial funds transferred to the District Municipality should be used to advance the community's goals for construction of new

affordable housing and infrastructure needs related to housing, in line with Provincial government guidelines.

Regards,

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West Vancouver, BC

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:42 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Support for WV Arts & Culture Centre

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Greetings from Eagle Harbour. I just wanted to voice my strong support for a new world class facility for arts and culture in West Vancouver.

West Vancouver has a remarkable artistic history that began in the 1930s and continues to thrive today. West Vancouver's own B.C. Binning designed and built his home with his wife Jessie in 1939 on Mathers Crescent and is listed as Canada's first modernist home. The Binning House, a National Historic site, became a cultural hub for young artists, architects and scholars of the post war period right here in West Vancouver. The Binning House connected Vancouver and Canada to the larger modernist movement happening in California, Europe and Japan. The art and architecture created in the decades that followed are a jewel in West Vancouver's crown and should be on display for all to see. There's a reason West Vancouver hosts the annual West Coast Modern Home Tour to sell-out crowds of eager design enthusiasts. Even the realtors get it. Arthur Erickson and Geoffrey Massey designed an internationally celebrated house and studio for renowned West Vancouver resident Gordon Smith who became friends with West Vancouver artist and resident Douglas Coupland who has become a household name. These creators and innovators have shaped the culture of the community, region and country — it's time West Vancouver stepped up to create a facility worthy of our global impact on art and architecture.

Sincerely,

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West Vancouver BC

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2023 8:24 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Support for WV Arts & Culture Centre

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Greetings, Mayor and Council.

As a resident of West Vancouver I'd like to voice my support for this new Arts & Culture Centre. We need to make this happen.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2023 8:30 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Support for WV Arts & Culture Centre

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Greetings, as a resident of West Vancouver I'd like to voice my support for this new Arts & Culture Centre.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2023 11:31 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: WV Arts & Culture Facilities

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Hello,

As a resident of West Vancouver I'd like to again voice my support for new Arts & Culture facilities in our community. I prefer two or three more intimate facilities built over time and across the community, rather than a large oversized facility in one location. A 10,000 square foot facility in the vicinity of John Lawson park would be lovely. It would be great to incorporate some much needed outdoor covered space. I would also love to eventually see a smaller facility at Klee Wyck in memory of Dr Trapp.

I continue to think it is important to put children's arts programming into the schools as an in after school component. Other municipalities have done this very successfully. Let's be mindful of our environmental footprint and make use of our existing facilities. With that in mind, let's also not duplicate space for programs already allocated in current facilities.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:24 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: ARTS PLANNING / VISIONING

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Hello

I am writing to show my full and utmost support for the recent report regarding moving to the next step for creating an Arts Facility in West Vancouver.

This project has been in consideration since the 1960's, more than enough reports and surveys have been executed, it is time this moves forward.

Our current facilities are an embarrassment to our community. The Ferry Building upgrade was needed and is now complete and provides a location for local community exhibitions.

Now we urgently need an Arts Facility which can serve as part learning facility and part museum for our incredibly active arts community.

The West Vancouver Museum has done an incredible job putting together world class exhibitions of prominent British Columbian artists, architects etc, celebrating our unique cultural impact- even hosting art classes in their attic space ([REDACTED] s.22(1) volunteered and taught high school classes), but the space is simply not meant as a museum and teaching facility- it is a house.

We need a place where West Vancouver residents (of all ages) can go to learn, take classes, listen to lectures, gather for coffee in a public space, and view an exhibition of international prominence- this is radically different from a community gallery (Ferry Building) or the Vancouver Art Gallery- the new facility can create and showcase our own Canadian heroes- while also being a place where one can study everything from dance to theatre to painting- that is clean and safe and inspiring.

Thank you so much for your time and I look forward to seeing this project move forward with vision and certainty-

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 1:51 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: In support of a new Arts & Culture Center in WV

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Dear Mayor and Council

As a West Van resident, I respectfully ask that you give due consideration to, and on April 24, **accept a comprehensive report on the proposed Arts and Culture Center.**

The report addresses

- The vision for a new Arts & Culture Centre to replace our 3 deteriorating arts facilities that cost more each year to maintain
- A recommended governance model for the Centre
- Potentially viable funding strategies for the Centre

So many residents have wanted something like this for more than 20 years now. My sincere hope is that this is the council that will take it forward.

I thank you.

Best

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

LinkedIn

From: [redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 12:16 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fwd: 737 20th st Proposed development

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Please read this today, thank you

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted] s. 22(1)
Date: April 2, 2023 at 9:13:00 AM [redacted] s.22(1)
To: correspondance@westvancouver.ca
Cc: mark@westvancouver.ca, ccassidy@westvancouver.ca, ngamboli@westvancouver.ca, plambur@westvancouver.ca, ssnider@westvancouver.ca, sthompson@westvancouver.ca, lwatt@westvancouver, ewilhelm@westvancouver.ca
Subject: 737 20th st Proposed development

To Mayor and Council and Planning department

My name is [redacted] s. 22(1) and I live at [redacted] s. 22(1).
As the [redacted] s. 22(1) to this new development at 737 20 th St. Applying for 3 townhouses plus suites, I feel I must write to you with my concerns.

I am approving of the fact there should be townhouses in our area, fitting into the local designs and coverage of the lot. Our houses [redacted] s. 22(1) are expensive high quality homes and it will be devastating to us all to degrade this charming development by a huge oversized triplex [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted]. I am in favour of the pitched roof design, but feel the proposal altogether too large and overshadowing. More space on the West and perhaps South side would be preferred with green space available.

My concerns are as follows>

1. The extreme proximity of this large proposed building to the West and South sides of this property. This will completely dominate and overshadow [redacted] s. 22(1) [redacted] s. 22(1) A very high building close to the fence taking all light with NO green space [redacted] s.22(1) at all. I disapprove of the potential use for 5 families. Even three townhouses here is in my view too many on such a small lot. zoning right now does not suggest this at all.
2. [redacted] s.22(1) has been badly affected by [redacted] s.22(1) bad drainage and not enough permeable surfaces from [redacted] s. 22(1) in the past. It looks like there is even less permeable surface now with the building covering even more of the lot.
3. The balconies allow no privacy at all to the neighbours and a large tree should be planted on South West corner to at least provide this.

I would like to add, that with all the past controversy surrounding this property, we [REDACTED] s. 22(1) would like to see this project properly handled by planning and council, with sensitivity and to the approval of the neighborhood!

Gardens and greenery are the making of our beautiful suburb!

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: Daniel Rodrigues [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 10:45 PM
To: zedani11@gmail.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Traffic on Taylor way = +

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Daniel Rodrigues
5415 West Vista Court

04 Apr 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Traffic on Taylor way

My name is Daniel Rodrigues and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Hi

I'm a resident in Caulfield and heard the news of my traffic close to Park Royal . Which is already really bad. You should address that before authorize more developments, or make then pay for part of community and road development. Please address the issue and be open to share more details with the community.

Tks

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Daniel Rodrigues
zedani11@gmail.com

From: Marlene Hayes [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 1:51 PM
To: lizzym41@icloud.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Traffic on Taylor Way, =+

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Marlene Hayes
21B-338 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, B.C., V7T 2Y2

02 Apr 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Traffic on Taylor Way,

My name is Marlene Hayes and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Living at WestRoyal for the past 20 years I was originally AGAINST THE GATEWAY PROJECT! Due to the impending traffic concerns. Ultimately, an amendment was passed to increase the height of both buildings and I subsequently opposed that amendment too!

My opposition was due to the obvious traffic issues, which were already unmanaged, and the nightmare continues!

The result of the creation of this concrete monstrosity has contributed to our private driveway, (circle), becoming the "unofficial turnpike" for traffic trying to enter the Taylor Way corridor, exiting Park Royal, and/or U-turning to expedite access to Taylor Way!

I wrote a letter of complaint to the Mayor and Council last July and never received a reply. What I did receive, many times, was verbal abuse from drivers using the turnpike when I inquired of them as to their presence in our PRIVATE DRIVEWAY!

THIS HAS TO STOP BEFORE SOMEONE GETS INJURED! NO POLICE PRESENCE! NO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT!

SO, "NO" TO ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNTIL WE HAVE A TRAFFIC PLAN!

Please do not redact my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Marlene Hayes
lizzym41@icloud.com

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Taylor Way Traffic =+

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

WV, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

03 Apr 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Taylor Way Traffic

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

As a 40 year resident of West Vancouver, until our transportation infrastructure is addressed (Lions Gate) , I am opposed to re zoning allowing greater density.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Gary Powroznik

From: Gary Powroznik
Sent: April 3, 2023 4:51 PM
To: 'Mark Sager'; 'Christine Cassidy'; 'Nora Gambioli'; 'Peter Lambur'; 'Scott Snider'; 'Sharon Thompson'; 'Linda Watt'; 'correspondence@westvancouver.ca'
Subject: RE: Proposed Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 5229, 2023
Attachments: Attachment 1. Responsible conduct of locally elected officials - Province of BC.pdf;
Attachment 2. A new mayor...giant political upheaval...tensions in Lions Bay, B.C. _ CBC News.pdf

Further to my email below please accept these attachments in place of those sent earlier as their the '1' and '2' references were reversed in error. Sorry for the inconvenience.

s.22(1) Gary Powroznik, FCPA, FCA, CIRP, LIT | s.22(1)
s. 22(1)

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From: Gary Powroznik
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 4:32 PM
To: 'Mark Sager' <mark@westvancouver.ca>; 'Christine Cassidy' <cassidy@westvancouver.ca>; 'Nora Gambioli' <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; 'Peter Lambur' <plambur@westvancouver.ca>; 'Scott Snider' <ssnider@westvancouver.ca>; 'Sharon Thompson' <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>; 'Linda Watt' <lwatt@westvancouver.ca>; 'correspondence@westvancouver.ca'
Subject: Proposed Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 5229, 2023
Importance: High

I urge Council to Approve the Proposed Council Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 5229, 2023 for the reasons set out below.

Background and Support for Approving the Council Code of Conduct

1. Mr. Penneton summarizes in the Council report dated March 20, 2023 (par. 5.1 and 6.2) the reasons the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs ("BCMMA"), the Union of BC Municipalities ("UBCM") and the Local Government Management Association ("LGMA") jointly developed the recommendation that all BC municipal councils adopt a Code of Conduct, as a standard of best practice to discharge their duties.
2. I understand that BCMMA is the District of West Vancouver's ("West Van") regulator, West Van is a member of UBCM and LGMA represents the professional association for professionals involved in management of municipalities in the Province. These groups have collaborated to develop a Model Code of Conduct to help each municipality adopt a fitting code of conduct and make suitable modifications for their unique circumstances where appropriate
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/conduct-of-locally-elected-officials/responsible-conduct> (Attachment 1).
3. There are several problems right now with new Councils in certain BC municipalities resulting in the BC Government hiring investigators to address them – see <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british->

[columbia/lions-bay-council-situation-2023-1.6742080](#) (Attachment 2). Publicly reported information suggests that the problems with governance by municipal councils are increasing.

4. Virtually all professions have codes of conduct for all their members which must be adhered to for them to maintain their designation and employment. These include lawyers, accountants, engineers, architects, teachers, doctors, nurses, dentists, other health care professionals, real estate brokers, investment advisors, certified management consultants and the list goes on. Also, directors and officers and other staff are subject to codes of conduct of public companies, other large special purpose organizations (e.g., Health Authorities) Not For Profit (NFP) and charitable organizations, are also subject to codes of conduct. Overall, it is likely that a few thousand WVan residents must currently (or previously) abide by codes of conduct in various capacities, directly and indirectly.
5. The Mayor and Council in West Van are responsible for acting in the best interests of the District and all its 44,000 residents. They have a fiduciary duty to oversee an annual budget of \$135 million and fixed and natural assets valued at well over half of a billion dollars. This responsibility is akin to role of Directors of a major public corporation or major organization like a Health Authority which operate with Codes of Conduct which are in fact a tool for the directors to properly discharge their duties in a manner expected by the stakeholders, the public the law and their liability insurers.
6. I personally have been subject to four different sets of codes of conduct as a CPA, Licensed Insolvency Trustee, Licensee under the Real Estate Act in BC, and the Court Rules when I am acting as an Officer of the Court in formal insolvency proceedings throughout most of my 40+ years of professional practice. I have chaired and been a member of professional conduct committees at both the BC and Canadian levels, developing standards of conduct and dealing with complaints. In my professional and Board roles, I have also dealt with many of the professionals, management, directors, officers, and others mentioned in #4 above, of which likely 100+ are or were West Van residents.
7. Prior to the October 2022 election, I interviewed the prior term's Mayor and Council members to determine why many of the key economic and community sustainability issues facing West Van were not successfully addressed. One of the questions posed to some of them was why the previous Council voted against proceeding with the Earlier Code of Conduct. The answers I received for the negative votes were largely personal concerns about the process of being held accountable for alleged breaches of the code and having to defend oneself. No answers were provided about how the previous Council could conduct good governance by not having a code of conduct, which is the foundation of the recommendation for adopting a code of conduct. I was appalled by the lack of commitment to accepting a code of conduct by the former Council. Not only did the decision ignore the recommendation made by the regulator, UBCM and the LGMA, it ensured that the governance of our own municipality did not meet the standards under which so many WVan residents were operating by in their various endeavours. Virtually every professional or person experienced with governance in a business, profession, Not For Profit organization or other substantive organization I have spoken to agrees that WVan Council should adopt an appropriate Code of Conduct.
8. Based upon my understanding, at least five members of the Council/Mayor are or were previously members of a professional group and are, or were, subject to their respective Codes of Conduct. The importance of being accountable to a Code of Conduct to demonstrate competence and trust to act in the best interests of those they represent should be well understood by them. Today's Council has the opportunity to pass a Code of Conduct and meet the best practice standards recommended by its regulator, the UBCM and LGMA. Also, by doing so, it would be consistent with respecting the codes of conduct of any fellow professionals in the individual Council members profession and many West Van residents who have been subject to living by codes of conduct, in their various capacities. Public opinion would be supportive.

9. Unlike in 2021, if Council does not approve a Code of Conduct, it must advise the BC Government of the reasons for non-approval. It would appear to me that it will be difficult for a new Council to provide any substantive reasons for rejection of the recommended best practice for a Code of Conduct that I understand most if not all other municipalities are adopting. In addition, normally underwriters providing liability insurance for officers and directors would insist upon adoption of recommended risk management or professional standards including adoption of an appropriate Code of Conduct or the insurance could be withdrawn or ineffective and thereby expose Council members personally.
10. The Report to Council of March 20, 2023, by Mark Penneton refers to the Earlier Code and in Par. 6.4 describes the process for drafting these bylaws. I have assumed that the changes from the Earlier Code have been incorporated by the Municipal Solicitor to reflect the natural evolution of thinking and practice when new rules are adopted across a wide sector. To some extent the Proposed Code now has the benefit of reflection of the actual use by sister municipalities who have previously adopted a Code of Conduct.

Please do not redact my name, professional designations or email address.

Gary Powroznik, FCPA, CIRP, LIT
s. 22(1) **West Vancouver**

Responsible conduct of locally elected officials

How elected officials conduct themselves in their relationships with elected colleagues, staff and the public is directly connected to how a community is governed. These three groups play a significant role in helping local elected officials carry out their collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities.

Responsible conduct is grounded in elected officials conducting themselves according to principles such as integrity, accountability, respect, and leadership and collaboration in a way that furthers a local government's ability to provide good governance to their community. Good governance includes:

- Providing for the stewardship of a community's public assets
- Providing services, laws and other matters for community benefit
- Acting in a way that is accountable, transparent, ethical, respectful of the rules of law, collaborative, effective and efficient

If a local government faces issues related to less-than-responsible conduct, it may affect the local government's ability to provide good governance to their community. These issues may include:

- Disputes among elected officials on municipal council and regional district boards
- Mistreatment of staff members
- Conflict of interest violations
- Alleged breaches of procedures or rules during meetings or the duty to respect confidentiality
- Marginalization of specific council or board members
- Inappropriate use of social media

Working Group on Responsible Conduct

The Working Group on Responsible Conduct (WGRC) is a joint initiative of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Local Government Management Association (LGMA).

The staff-level working group was formed to better understand issues related to responsible conduct and to explore how B.C.'s responsible conduct framework could be further strengthened.

In 2021, Resolution SR3 (Strengthening Responsible Conduct) was endorsed by UBCM members. This resolution included several requests that would strengthen B.C.'s responsible conduct framework. The WGRC is collaboratively working to implement and evaluate the requested changes to the existing framework.

Working Group on Responsible Conduct resources

The WGRC has developed various resources that can be used by local government staff and elected officials to support responsible conduct.

The [Foundational Principles of Responsible Conduct \(PDF, 178KB\)](#) document can be used as a resource to guide the conduct of both individual elected officials and the collective council or board. The key principles included in this resource are integrity, accountability, respect, and leadership and collaboration.

The [Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct \(PDF, 2MB\)](#) guide provides advice on fostering responsible conduct, maintaining good governance, resolving conduct issues informally, and the essentials of code of conduct enforcement. The guide provides examples, leading practice tips, things local governments should consider, and links to further information and resources.

Current responsible conduct framework

The tools available to address or prevent less-than-responsible conduct by locally elected officials include education and training, codes of conduct, legislation, legislated offices and the courts. Together, these provide support and guidance for local government elected officials so that they may govern effectively and according to good governance principles.

Advice, education and training

Partner organizations, such as the UBCM, LGMA, and the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA), provide advice, education, and training for elected officials and staff including topics related to responsible conduct. Educational opportunities include interactive workshops (LGLA forums and LGMA programs), self-directed online courses, and downloadable educational materials and best practice guides.

[Check out our new site](#)

Codes of conduct

A code of conduct is a written document that set shared expectations for conduct or behaviour. Municipal councils and regional district boards are required to consider adopting or updating a code of conduct following a general local election.

The WGRC has developed a model code of conduct that set out shared principles and standards of conduct to help councils or boards get started on developing their own code of conduct. The document is also useful for councils or boards who wish to review or refresh an existing code of conduct.

- [Model Code of Conduct: Getting Started on a Code of Conduct for Your Council/Board \(PDF, 409KB\)](#)

A companion guide is also available to facilitate a council or board's conversations as they go through the process of developing their own code of conduct. This guide provides discussion questions, things to keep in mind, and other helpful tips and resources.

- [Companion Guide: Getting Started on a Code of Conduct for Your Council/Board \(PDF, 432KB\)](#)

Legislation

The [Community Charter](#) and [Local Government Act](#) set out the purposes of municipalities and regional districts, the roles and responsibilities of elected officials and specific obligations of the local government itself. Other legislation such as the [Workers Compensation Act](#) and the [BC Human Rights Code](#) require local governments to meet their obligations as employers to ensure the health and safety of their employees and to address and prevent inappropriate behaviour.

Legislated offices

Legislated offices have targeted oversight functions related to local government. These offices include:

- [Inspector of Municipalities](#)
- [Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner](#)
 - [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#)
- [Office of the Ombudsperson](#)
 - [Ombudsperson Act](#)
- [Office of the Auditor General for Local Government](#)

Note: The Auditor General for Local Government office stopped operations in March 2021.

Issues related to responsible conduct of individual elected officials typically fall outside the mandates of these offices.

Courts

The judicial system (the courts) plays a significant role as judges are responsible for making final decisions about legal matters that relate to responsible conduct.

Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct

The guide [Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct in Your Local Government \(PDF, 2MB\)](#) presents practical ways to help prevent conduct issues and to deal with them if they arise.

Guidance and resources

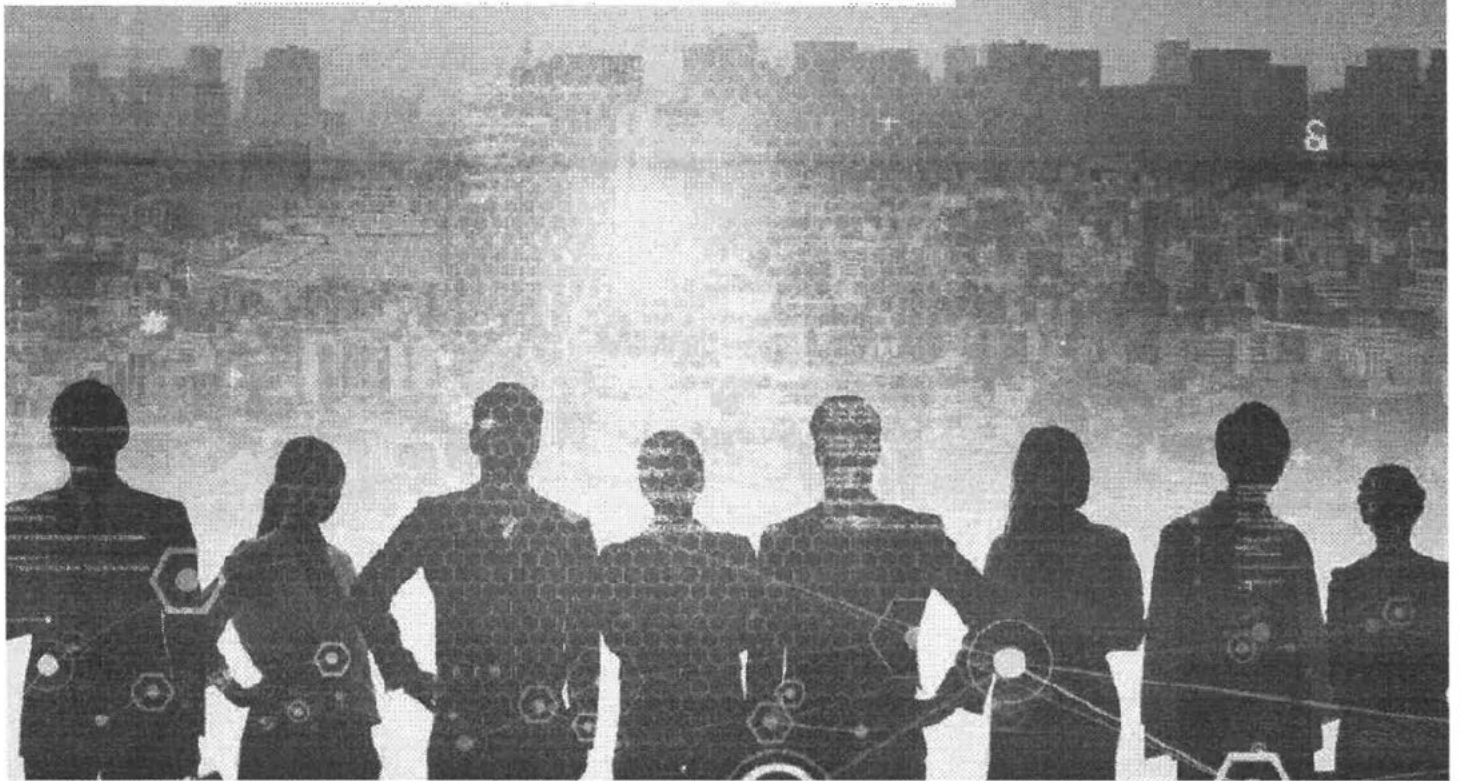
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- [Working Group on Responsible Conduct Policy Paper \(PDF, 1061KB\)](#)
- [Procedure Bylaw Guide for B.C.'s Local Governments \(PDF, 564KB\)](#)

Related links

- [Conduct of locally elected officials](#)
- [Local government leadership academy](#)
- [Local Government Management Association of B.C.](#)
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Forging the Path to **RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT** In Your Local Government



WORKING GROUP ON RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

MARCH 2021



Contact Information

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To all conscientious West Van City Councillors and Staff,

I am writing to you in the interest of cycling and e-bikes. As I'm sure you are aware, e-bikes are an important mode of transportation in West Vancouver. I hope you can find time now to register for, and watch, tomorrow's webinar, created by Jamie Stuckless in Toronto.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

Committee Members: P. Grossman (Chair), B. Clark, M. Geller, A. Hatch, P. Hundal, J. Mawson, and H. Telenius attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: L. Anderson, J. Leger; and Councillor C. Cassidy.

Staff: Staff E. Syvokas, Community Planner (Staff Representative); and C. Mayne, Executive Assistant to the Director of Planning & Development Services (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Election of Chair for 2023

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Paula Grossman be elected as Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for 2023.

CARRIED

B. Clark absent at the vote

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Brenda Clark be elected as Acting Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for 2023 subject to her approval.

CARRIED

B. Clark absent at the vote

3. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 be adopted as follows:

- March 29, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- April 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- May 31, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- June 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- July 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- September 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;
- October 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.;

- November 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.; and
- December 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED
B. Clark absent at the vote

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. by default, remaining Heritage Advisory Committee meetings for 2023 be held via electronic communication facilities with the option to have in-person meetings as required;
2. the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance in the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

CARRIED
B. Clark absent at the vote

4. Annual Committee Evaluation for 2022

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Annual Committee Evaluation for 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED
B. Clark absent at the vote

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 22, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Adding an agenda item regarding our workplan process;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
B. Clark absent at the vote

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 21, 2022 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
B. Clark absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

7. Heritage Project Updates

E. Syvokas provided the following updates:

Navvy Jack House

The District issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) for experienced firms to restore and operate the Navvy Jack House, which includes construction and operation (after restoration) of a food and beverage establishment. The RFEOI closed on January 16 and the District is currently in the shortlisting process.

3321 Radcliffe Avenue

A building permit application was received for modifications to the Hewitt House at 3321 Radcliffe Avenue, which is listed on the Community Heritage Register. A Development Variance Permit (DVP) was approved in 2001 for the existing house to allow siting variances as the house was relocated from the property next door. As the current proposal to modify the house was required to comply with the approved DVP, it enabled staff to work with the applicant and get a heritage consultant involved in the process to ensure that the proposed modifications did not detract from the heritage value or character-defining elements of the house.

4777 Pilot House Road

The District has received a preliminary proposal for a Heritage Alteration Permit to allow for demolition of the existing house at 4777 Pilot House Road, relocation of an existing heritage house to the subject property by barge from Vancouver, and construction of a coach house at the rear of the property.

The heritage house, known as the "Doctor-Stewart house" was originally located on Larch Street in Kerrisdale and was on the City of Vancouver's Heritage list and twice won a Vancouver heritage award.

The applicant is hosting a preliminary public information meeting on March 1st from 5-7 p.m. at St. Francis-in-the-Wood Church. More information is available on the District's website.

The Committee went on to questions, with staff responses in italics.

- Is the plan to just modify the Radcliffe House? *Changes are proposed to the interior and exterior to make it more liveable. Staff have worked with the heritage consultant that worked on the Statement of Significance prepared for the house and they supported the changes.*
- Will 4777 Pilot House Road be treated as a variance? *The proposal will be reviewed through a Heritage Alteration Permit because it is in Lower Caulfeild Heritage Conservation area.*
- If there are more houses in that area, would it go to the committee in the future? If a house is on the register, would it come to the committee? *If the house was listed on the Heritage Register, it would come to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review. However, the house in question is not on the Heritage Register nor is it identified as a heritage resource in West Vancouver's heritage inventories. Further, it does not meet the criteria for addition to the West*

Vancouver Heritage Register as it does not have association with West Vancouver's heritage. However, the project will be referred to the Lower Caulfeild Advisory Committee which is the appropriate committee set up by Council to review projects in this heritage conservation area.

- Wonder if there would be value to applicant or Council to have any thoughts from the Heritage Advisory Committee.
- Staff's decision that it does not come before our committee is reasonable considering it is not part of West Vancouver history; as such it is not under our purview.
- Once it is relocated will it be on the Register? *No, as it does not meet the criteria for addition to the Register.*

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Heritage Project Updates be received for information.

CARRIED

B. Clark absent at the vote

B. Clark joined the meeting at 5:18 p.m. via electronic communication facilities and agreed to be the Acting Chair.

8. Tri-Municipal Heritage Meeting Debrief

E. Syvokas summarized the meeting and follow up actions as follows:

Good discussion at the meeting; interesting to hear what the other two North Shore municipalities are doing; finding out what is working and sharing ideas.

- **Heritage Week**
 - Walking tours discussed briefly but not enough time to put something together for heritage week.
 - Brainstormed other ideas – however, these would need more lead time.
 - What the District of West Vancouver was able to do within the available short timeframe was a minor social media campaign to promote Heritage Week (Feb 20-26):
 - which will direct residents to the District's website to find out about incentives available for heritage conservation.
 - Provides information about the West Coast architectural style and the designers and builders who designed and constructed these homes.
 - Promote the North Shore Culture Compass Bingo; a bingo game to celebrate Heritage Week and encourages residents to explore local heritage and culture.
 - Players can pick up a Culture Compass BINGO card from destinations across the North Shore or print out a BINGO card from the website.

- Players receive an entry by engaging in 5 different cultural activities throughout the month. The grand prize is a staycation on the north shore.
- West Vancouver Art Museum and the Silk Purse Arts Centre, as well as visiting heritage buildings such as the Navy Jack House are on the bingo card.
 - Also working on adding the nomination form for unidentified heritage resources to the website. If completed in time will also see if possible to promote via social media.
- **Incentives**
 - Heritage Plaque Program – City of North Vancouver offers and District of North Vancouver considering.
 - Tax Incentives – City of Calgary is looking at offering.
 - Incentives outside of an Heritage Revitalization Agreement.
 - Grants-
 - District of North Vancouver offering grants – different amounts based on status.
 - City of Edmonton up to \$75,000 available in return for formal designation; have designated 145 homes in last 22 years.

The Committee went on to discuss, with staff responses in italics.

- Tax incentives appear to be working well in other cities.
- It was very worthwhile to hear the stories; resulted in an article in the North Shore News about how to improve heritage preservation on the North Shore.
- Interesting to hear the discussion around improving the understanding for building inspectors regarding equivalencies in the Building Code, to reduce the cost in restoration and not have the code be a barrier. Heritage BC is working towards creating awareness and that was well received.
- Will the forms for the public to suggest unidentified heritage resources be available ongoing? *The form will be added to the website and will be available online all year round. The intent was for the form to added to the website in time to promote it during heritage week; however, that may not be possible.*

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Tri-Municipal Heritage Meeting Debrief be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Heritage Plaque Template

E. Syvokas provided the following information:

- At the November 2022 meeting the committee reviewed the proposed heritage plaque for the Boyd House at 985 Duchess Avenue and had some concerns that it had too much text and had some suggestions for changes to the graphics. A

motion was also approved that two templates to be created with different but cohesive graphic styles for 1) West Coast Modern and 2) pre-1940's and other architecture.

- At the tri-municipal heritage meeting the City of North Vancouver's (CNV) staff member showed the City's heritage plaque template. It was suggested that this template could be used by the other two municipalities for potential cost savings.
- The District of North Vancouver (DNV) HAC discussed the CNV template at their January meeting and supported this idea of using the same template.
- The idea of all three municipalities using the same basic template with different crests has merit in terms of having a standardized, recognizable, and unified look across the North Shore. However, it would offer less flexibility in terms of design.
- Staff recently met with the communications team to discuss the CNV template and the potential of modifying it for West Vancouver. They liked the idea of having a template with a standard number of words, 1 photo and a crest and suggested that they could tweak the CNV template to make it more modern for west coast modern projects, yet still be recognizable and cohesive with the design of the CNV plaques.
- Staff would like to hear from the committee as to whether they recommend using the template from the CNV or creating 2 different templates specifically for West Vancouver as originally discussed.

The Committee went on to discuss, with staff responses in italics.

- Not in favour of using CNV's template. CNV's plaque serves as a template for quality and information that is suitable, however West Vancouver should have its own unique design.
- I like the design; cost savings in using this template. Support one design for all heritage, don't need signs for different era homes.
- The North Vancouver plaque is more elegant than the one reviewed previously, I support using it as a starting point. Still feel there is value in having two designs. The City and District of North Vancouver are not famous for their West Coast Modern architecture to the same degree as West Vancouver. I think it would be a lost opportunity to not have one for West Coast Modern and one for everything else. The template could be modified with a West Coast Modern graphics etc.
- Highlighting West Coast Modern is a good idea.
- West Vancouver thinks of itself as the centre of West Coast Modern architecture, but the West Coast Modern League might take issue with that. There are well known examples here, but they are not limited to the District of West Vancouver. There are 1000 homes across the whole North Shore. Like the idea of something that represents West Vancouver but has flavours that highlight West Coast Modern.
- One of the unique things with West Vancouver is the topography. Homes were built on difficult terrain, and this resulted in creative design which should be highlighted.

Staff could see what our communications team could accomplish by modifying this template. The DNV is also interested in using this template and is interested

in creating a template for West Coast Modern architecture. Our communications team have indicated that they could work with DNV's communication team on creating a West Coast Modern template.

- *Is the CNV's plaque currently in use? Yes, this is the template they use. A member of the District of North Vancouver's Heritage Advisory Committee did an inventory of the CNV's plaques recently and reviewed approximately 12 signs that have been installed. If a property is designated, property owners can receive a sign for free; if the property is on the Register, they pay 50% of the cost.*
- *We need criteria for plaques, pros and cons, costing of materials etc. CNV compared costs of their aluminum sign with the stamped bronze sign used in Vancouver and the aluminum sign is substantially less expensive. The DWV does not currently have a plaque program nor is there currently a budget for plaques. The applicant for the most recent Heritage Revitalization Agreement project is required to install a heritage plaque at their cost which we would then use as the template for future Heritage Revitalization Agreement projects. If a program is developed and funding is made available, we could then potentially look at providing signs for other heritage sites.*
- *It is something you want to get right the first time. Needs to be timeless and simple and adaptable to different buildings and assets. Talking about the template being adaptable and cost savings, is it stamped metal? The graphics are on a laminate material mounted on aluminum.*
- *Need a strategy how to use it and where they are placed. The plaques in CNV have been posted in a variety of ways such as on a post, on a fence, on a house, on a gate etc. We would need to develop criteria for where and how the plaques are posted. This can be worked out; however, first staff needs direction on whether to follow and modify DNV's template or carry on with a made in West Vancouver plaque.*
- *Regarding the cost savings that were discussed, the city waits until they have enough to do a large order and then gets them manufactured all at once.*
- *How quickly could you have something to show the group? Must put in a request with the Communications Department so cannot provide a definitive timeframe.*

ACTION: some members volunteered to work on this offline and determine if there is value in talking to other two municipalities and will report back to the committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding the Heritage Plaque Template be received for information and a small group review it and bring back to the Committee.

CARRIED

9.1 Workplan Discussion

The Committee went on to discuss, with staff responses in italics.

- The workplan table of a dozen or so items was shared. There were two of the items that jumped out:
 - 1) The issue of the refresh of the strategic plan; and

2) A municipal policy review.

- Some of the items on the workplan are going to take a fair amount of time and need resourcing to make a reality. From a process point of view some thought should be given to the workplan with specific attention to scope, timeframe, and resources required.
- A briefing note style with recommendations could be used for each workplan item which is shared ahead of meetings, so people have time to put their thoughts together prior to the meeting. For us to be effective we need to plan out this work and how it all fits together.
- To be effective we need to be proactive and plan our year out. We need more preparatory material in front of us, well prepared briefing notes, with discussion points and suggestions. Agendas that have timeslots beside the items is helpful for managing the time.

Several of the items on the workplan require budget requests. Typically funding requests are tied to Council's Strategic Plan (which currently does not include heritage objectives). Future budget requests would be based on Council's new Strategic Plan which is anticipated to be developed in 2023. A budget request for an update to the Heritage Strategic Plan could be considered later if Council recognizes heritage conservation as a priority within their Strategic Plan. In the meantime, staff resources will be focussed on completing a municipal scan of relevant policy tools (with no budget request required), to identify best practices and potentially changes to the District's current heritage program, such as recommending additional incentives that could be made available.

- Is there any effort in being made to get heritage conservation included in Council's Strategic Plan? *The committee has a Council Liaison who attends meetings and reports back to Council. Further the committee provides an annual report to Council; the report for 2023 highlighted the committees workplan priorities and items requiring funding.*
- If we really did want to be proactive, we could arrange a meeting with the Mayor to make him excited about heritage. Engaging the Mayor could be a good way to get heritage included in the Strategic Plan.
- Part of our role is to advise Council; would hope we would be welcomed and to be included in their plan.
- The 2018 Official Community Plan has policies about protecting heritage.
- A report isn't going to cut it; an event is a more effective way. Don't think this should be left very long as Council is working on refreshing their Strategic Plan.
- We could have an in-person meeting to discuss the workplan and have a slideshow of Heritage Revitalization Agreement projects that have been approved and discuss the economic and tourism benefits of heritage conservation and invite Mayor and Council.
- Can staff do this? *This would require a lot of resources and is not feasible within the next couple of months.*
- The committee could do a delegation to Council on the importance of West Coast Modernism to get them excited and raise the profile of heritage. Would need to

make a request and find out about timing.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Committee request a delegation to Council at an upcoming meeting on West Coast Modernism and the importance of heritage.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding workplan discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Heritage Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 22, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As we celebrate the start of spring and warmer days, the cherry blossoms are blooming and it has been a very busy month both here in our beautiful riding and in snowy Ottawa. Earlier this week, Budget 2023 was tabled, and it includes major investments in improving healthcare delivery across Canada, creating the good jobs of today and tomorrow in the clean economy, and measures to make life more affordable for Canadians.

This follows the signing of a bilateral healthcare deal with British Columbia, announcements to protect our democracy from foreign interference, new measures to tackle money laundering and financial crime, and work I have been doing in committee to hold Imperial Oil to account for their role in the Kearsarge Lake tailings spill and to modernize the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Just last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming US President Joe Biden to Ottawa on his first official trip to Canada, where he spoke to Parliament about how important the close relationship between Canada and the United States is to our collective future. The Prime Minister and the President also announced progress on a number of shared priorities,

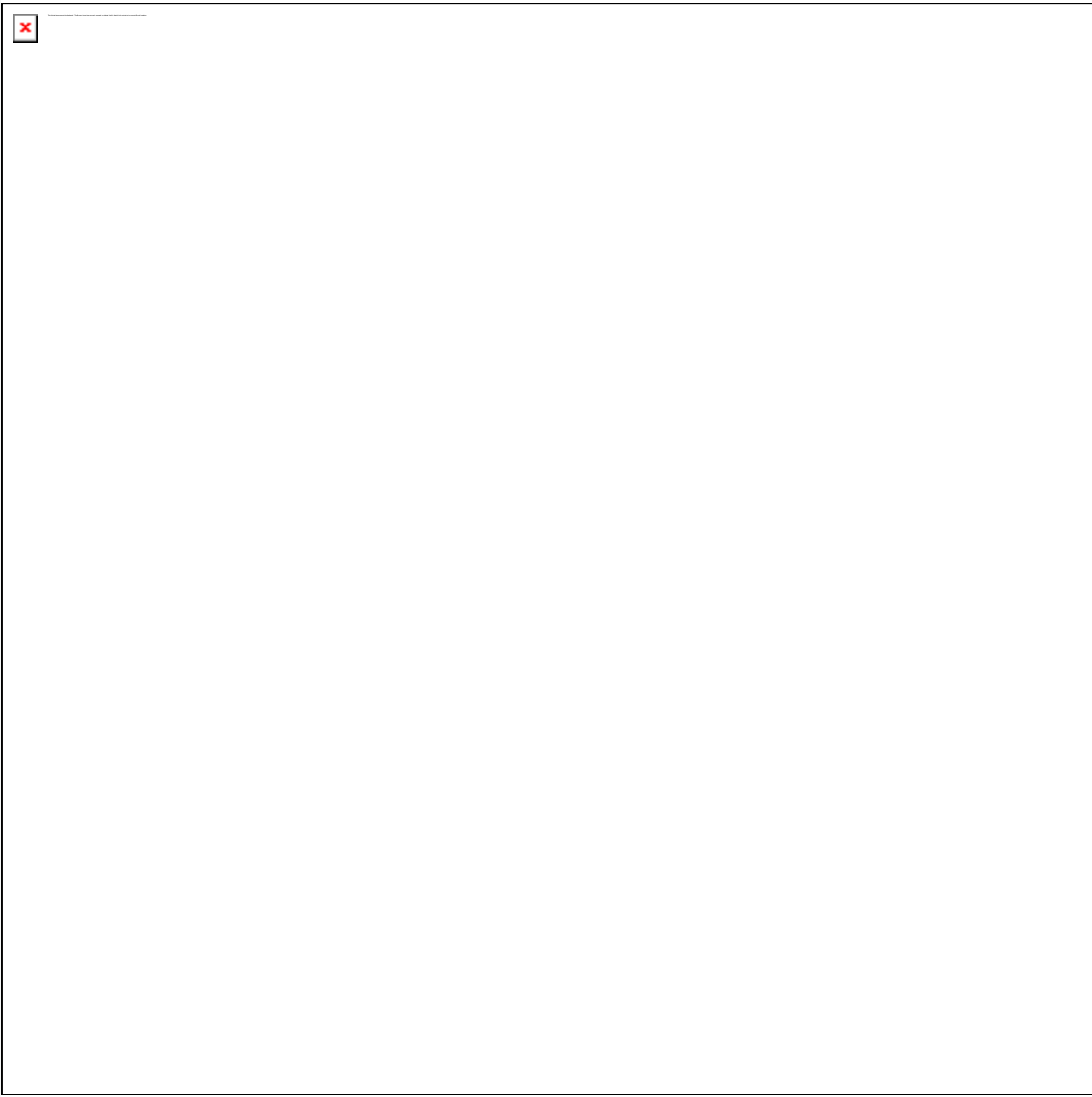
including on clean tech and EV investment, negotiation of the Safe Third Country Agreement, and how we're standing against Russian aggression in Ukraine.

This month, we announced that the reopening of all NEXUS enrolment centres in Canadian airports by Spring 2023 and launched a new online Passport Application Status Checker will help ensure all Canadians receive a more timely service in their passport renewals.

With the beginning of spring, I also had the pleasure of participating in Nowruz celebrations, marking Persian New Year, celebrating the opening of the Sea to Sky Foundry in Squamish, meeting with many amazing organizations that are taking care of the most vulnerable in Gibsons, and much more.

We look forward to a busy and productive spring with federal funding announcements I am looking forward to sharing very soon.

Budget 2023

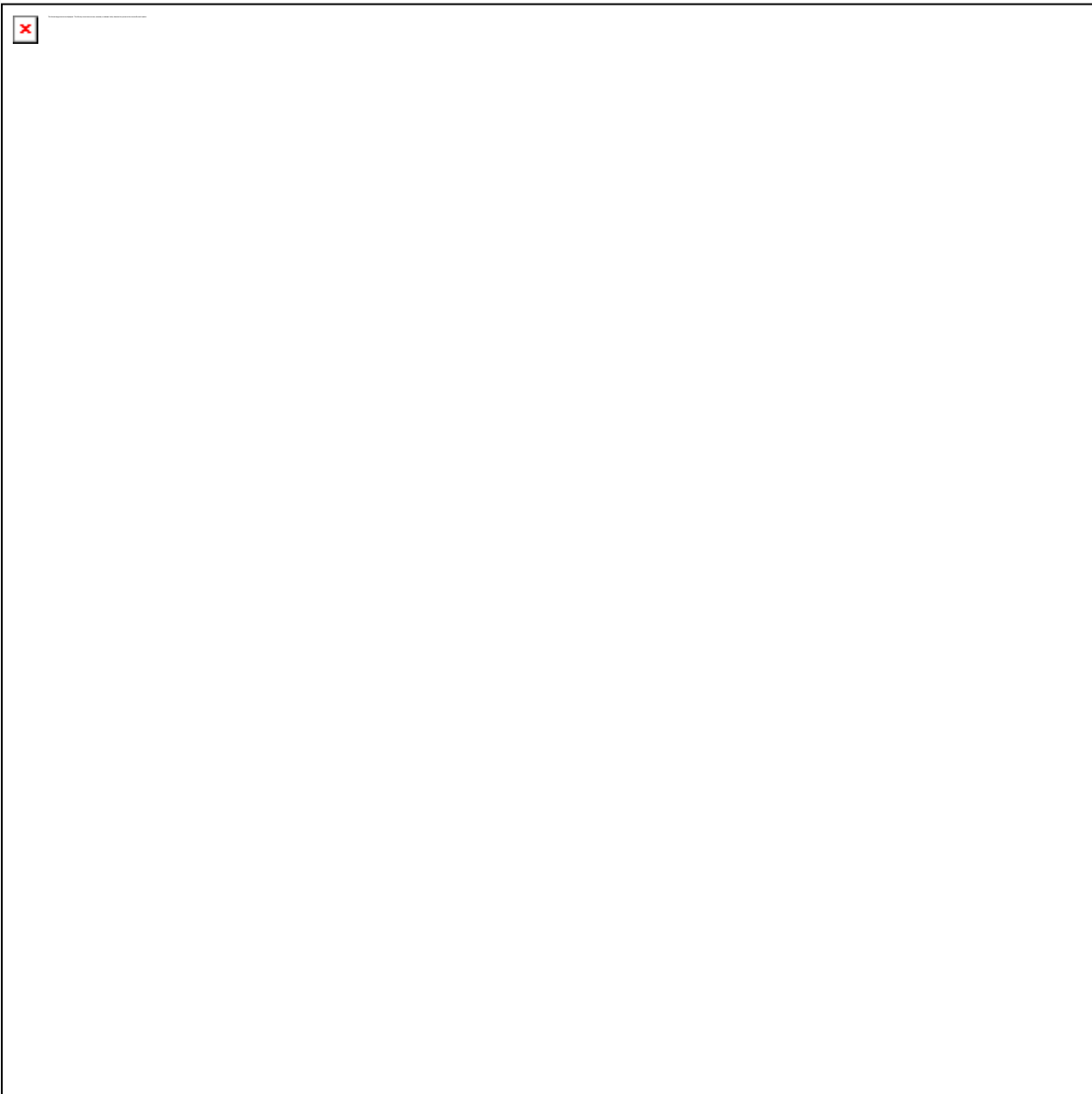


This week, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, released Budget 2023—A Made-in-Canada Plan: Strong Middle Class, Affordable Economy, Healthy Future

Canada has made a remarkable recovery from the COVID recession. Canada's economic growth was the strongest in the G7 over the last year, and today, 830,000 more Canadians are employed than before the pandemic. Inflation in Canada has fallen for eight months in a row, our unemployment rate is near its record low, and Canada continues to have the lowest debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7. Canada also has the lowest net debt to GDP ratio of the G7, and we will retain that standing by running the lowest deficit of any G7 country this year.

Budget 2023 builds on this important progress. Watch this video and read below for some key highlights:

Making Life More Affordable

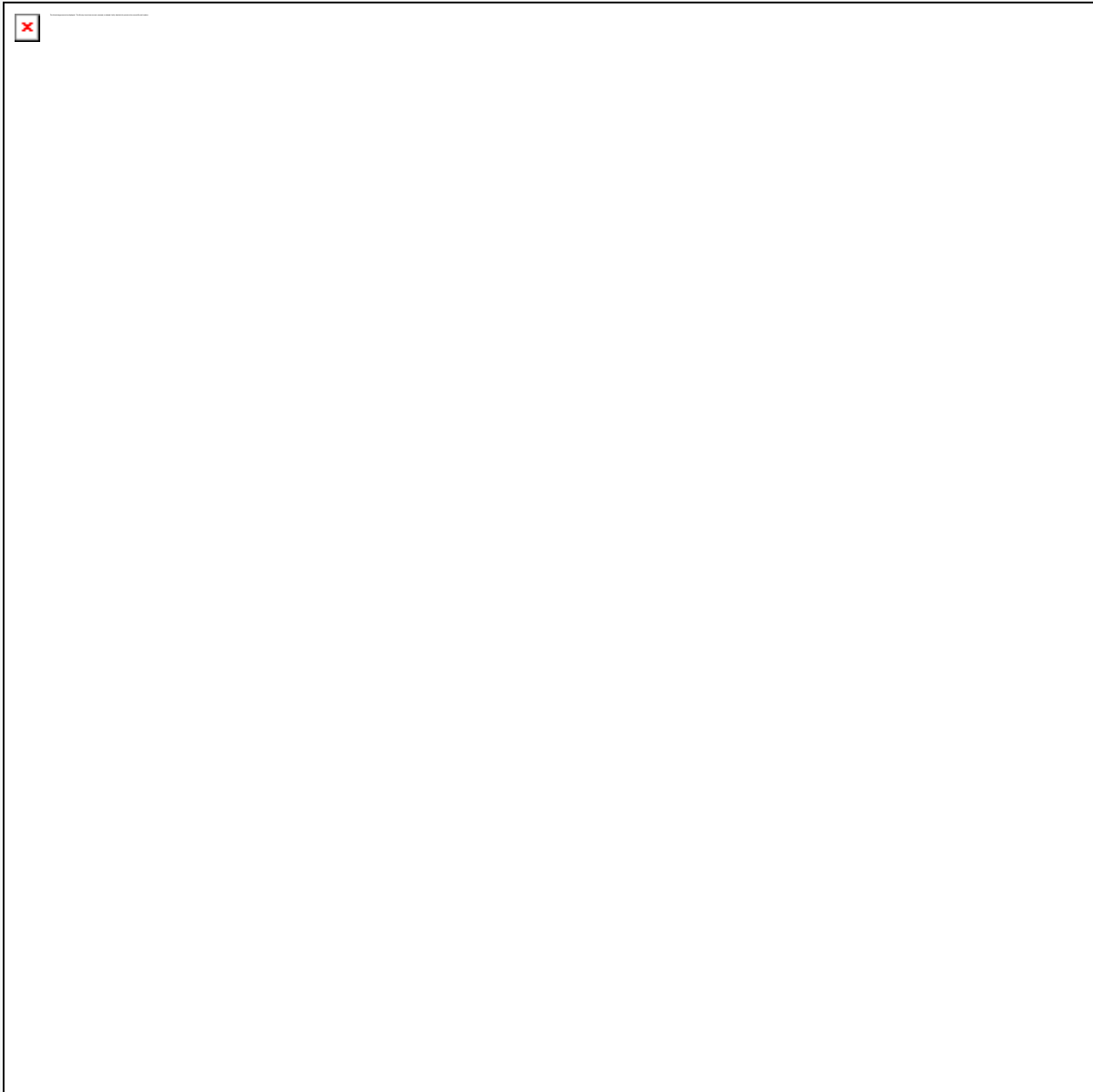


- **Launching a Grocery Rebate**, delivering targeted inflation relief for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families who need it most, with up to an extra

\$467 for eligible couples with two children; an extra \$234 for single Canadians without children; and an extra \$225 for seniors, on average.

- **Implementing Automatic tax filing for more low-income Canadians**, ensuring all Canadians can easily file their tax returns in order to receive the benefits they are entitled to
- **Cracking down on predatory lending** by proposing to lower the criminal rate of interest and **cracking down on hidden junk fees** for roaming charges, concert fees, and airline fees
- Helping young Canadians save for their first home by launching the **new Tax-Free First Home Savings Account on April 1, 2023**.

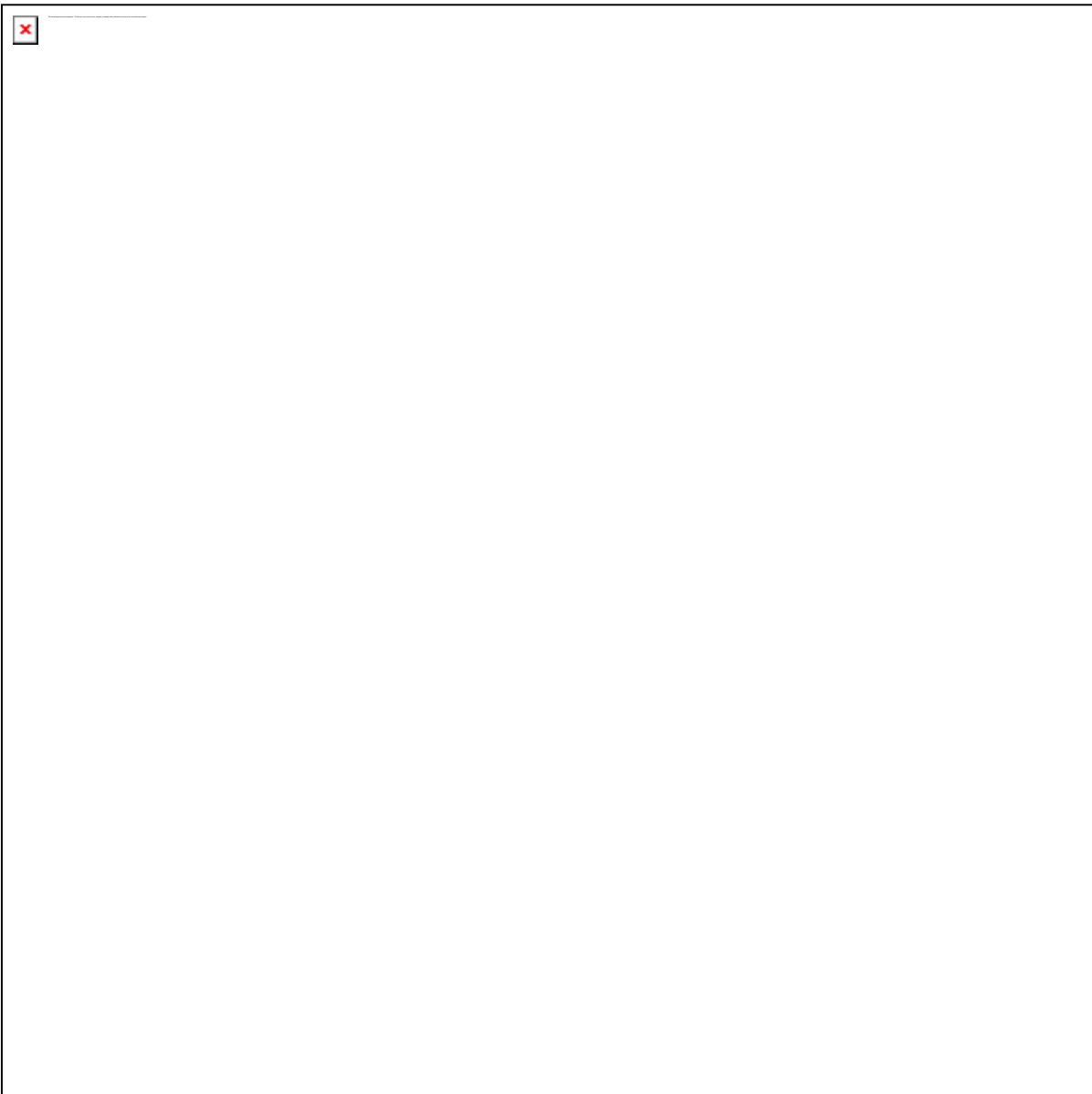
Investing in Health Care & Dental care



- Delivering \$198.3 billion to reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services, and ensure provinces and territories can provide the high quality and timely health care Canadians expect, no matter where they live.

- **Introducing a new Canadian Dental Care Plan** by the end of 2023, to benefit up to nine million Canadians and ensure that no Canadian has to choose between taking care of their health and paying the bills at the end of the month. The Plan will provide dental coverage for uninsured Canadians with a annual family income of less than \$90,000, with no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000.
- Investing \$357.2 million to tackle save lives and protect the health of those suffering from substance abuse

Building Canada's Clean & Green Economy



- Making transformative investments to build Canada's clean economy, fight climate change, and create new opportunities for Canadian businesses and Canadian workers.
- **Keeping Canada competitive** in the global race to transition to fight climate change and transition to the green economy through **tax credits and investments in clean electricity, clean tech manufacturing, carbon capture, utilization, and storage, and clean hydrogen.**

Parliamentary Updates



Holding Big Oil to Account - Imperial Oil Kearl Lake Spill

On March 15th, I submitted a motion to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development to get answers on what went wrong with Imperial Oil's Kearl Oil Sands project toxic tailings leaks. Imperial Oil's tailing pond leaked at least 5 million litres of toxic wastewater, which is affecting at least 3 First Nations, local fish, and downstream Northwest Territories. This has put their health and safety in jeopardy and is causing damage to the local environment. We know that Imperial Oil's CEO and the Alberta Energy Regulator failed to inform these First Nations, the government of the Northwest Territories or the federal government in a timely manner - as they are required to do.

This study will get answers on why and how the communication failed, find ways to ensure it never happens again and start the process of restoring trust that has been lost due to a complete lack of transparency. My motion invites Imperial Oil's CEO to appear at committee

to explain how his company let this happen, asks the Alberta Energy Regulator why they didn't communicate the leak for at least 9 months, and invites the First Nations affected to testify about how the incident affected them and their communities.

Canadians deserve answers, and this starts in committee. On March 20th, my motion passed. I look forward to hearing from these individuals and representatives, and getting answers for Canadians when we start our hearings on April 17th.

I discussed this in a Globe and Mail Article, which you can read [here](#) and with The Hill Times [here](#).

Amendments to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act

Advancing reconciliation is a key priority for our government, and new proposed amendments to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FNFMA) seek to advance both economic reconciliation and Indigenous self-determination.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, in collaboration with First Nations worked together to propose amendments to the FNFMA. FNFMA is an alternative to the Indian Act, which allows First Nations to participate more independently and fully in the Canadian economy, while simultaneously remaining focused on the needs of their community. It gives them authority over financing for infrastructure and economic development, local revenues and financial administration laws and local revenues. It has completed its first reading in the House, and is currently waiting to go to second reading.

These amendments are in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), as well as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 44, to promote socio-economic development and advance economic reconciliation by strengthening Indigenous governance through institutional development.

Update on Amending the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)

Last week, at the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, we continued working on modernizing Bill S-5—an Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

On March 22nd, we finalized considering the bill and presented a report that includes the Committee's latest amendments to the House. The report also includes one of my amendments that expanded the right to a healthy environment to a healthy environment to be a "clean, healthy and sustainable" environment. My amendment was informed by testimony from a range of experts, including Canadian Dr. David Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment. By incorporating this crucial provision, Canada's acknowledgement of this fundamental right is now congruent with that of the United Nations.

Creating a Beneficial Ownership Registry

We are committed to making sure Canada is a safe and attractive place to do business, while protecting Canada against money laundering, terrorist financing, tax evasion, and tax avoidance. As part of this commitment, we introduced legislation in Parliament to create a beneficial ownership registry of corporations governed under the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA).

This federal registry will be publicly accessible and scalable, and will be able to display information from provinces and territories that choose to participate. The registry design was informed by public consultations held in 2020 and stakeholder outreach in 2022. The proposed legislation aims to strike a balance between transparency and privacy protection. That is why only necessary and proportional information will be publicly disclosed to meet the objectives of the registry.

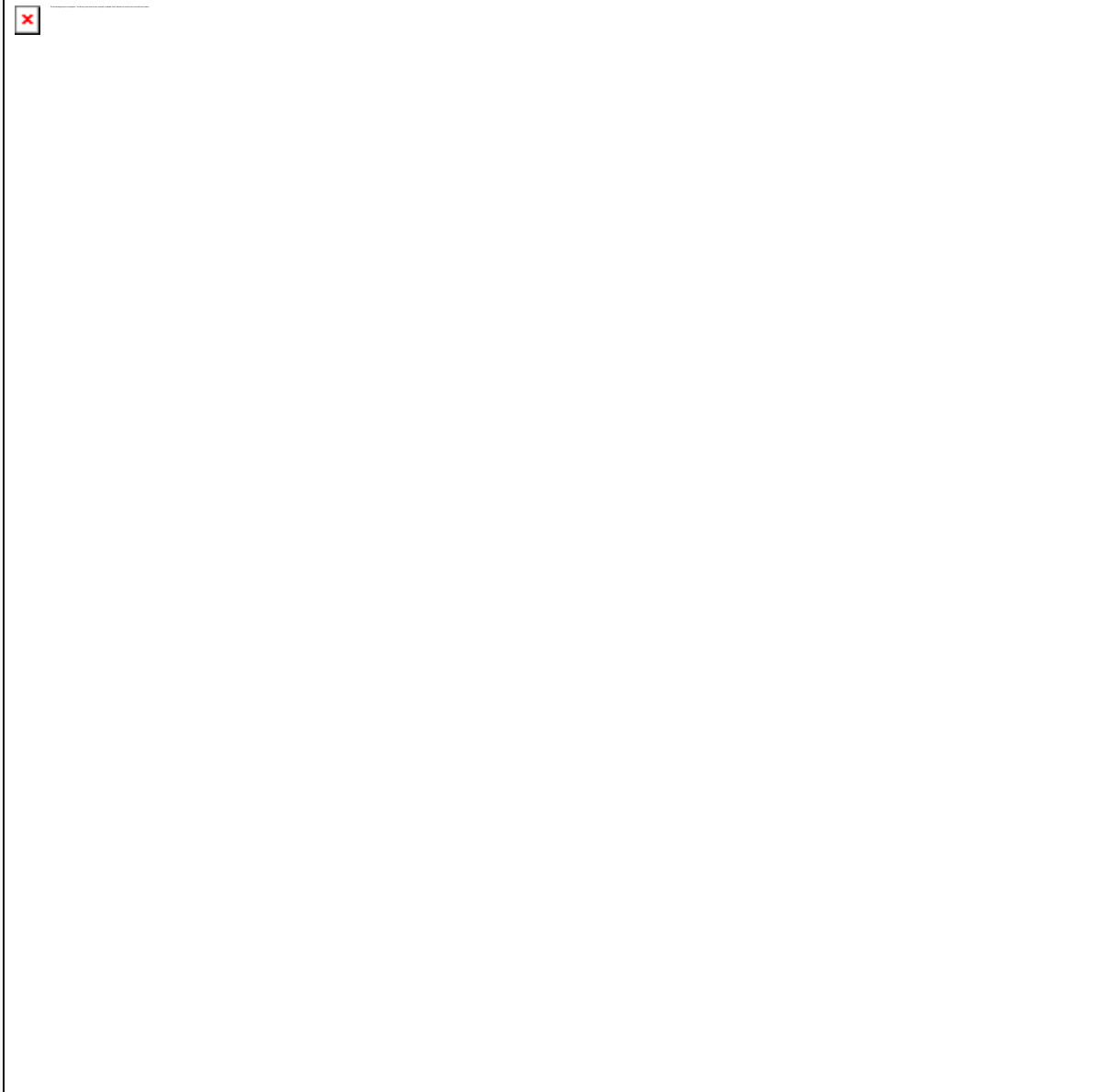
To ensure compliance with the proposed legislation, a strong compliance regime will be put in place—with administrative sanctions and criminal penalties of up to \$200,000 and/or 6 months of jail time.

Experts are taking note of this important legislation and other measures mentioned in Budget 2023 that will tackle money laundering and financial crime:

“There was a lot of aggressive language on anti-money laundering in Budget 2023,” said **James Cohen, Executive Director of Transparency International Canada**. “We’re thankfully seeing the tough talk backed up with increasingly bold proposals that now need to be implemented and financed. Canada’s finally getting on the right track it seems.”

“Minister Freeland deserves applause for clarifying the timeline and rollout for Canada’s publicly accessible beneficial ownership registry along with announcing a suite of measures which are needed to help Canada get its house in order,” says **Sasha Caldera, Beneficial Ownership Campaign Manager at Publish What You Pay Canada**.

Supporting Healthcare in British Columbia



The federal healthcare plan we announced last month is taking effect, with improvements to public health care for all Canadians in five main priorities:

1. Access to high-quality family health services, including in rural and remote areas and underserved communities
2. A resilient and supported health workforce that provides high-quality, effective and safe health services
3. Access to timely, equitable and quality mental health, substance use and addictions services
4. Modernizing health data and creating access to your own electronic health information
5. Ensuring Canadians can age with dignity with access to home care and safe long-term care

Signing a Bilateral Healthcare Deal with British Columbia

Earlier this month, we signed an Agreement-in-Principle with the BC government to deliver this healthcare funding. British Columbia's share of the federal health plan is \$28.5 billion over 10 years, of which \$6 billion is new funding:

- \$1.1 billion in ongoing bilateral agreements in home care and mental health and long-term care;
- \$21.4 billion relative to 2022-23 levels through the Canada Health Transfer;
- \$273 million CHT top-up in 2022-23 to address urgent pressures in emergency rooms, operating rooms, and pediatric hospitals;
- \$2.4 billion through the CHT 5 per cent Guarantee; and o \$3.3 billion through tailored bilateral agreements.

We are also making sure federal funding is tied to outcomes, by requiring provinces and territories to develop action plans that outline how the funding will be spent and developing and using comparable indicators such as surgery backlogs, population with access to a family doctor, wait times for mental health care, and more.

The tailored made agreement-in-principle that was signed with the BC government will make a real difference to support our health care system. I look forward to working with the province to deliver this much needed funding to our province.

Investing in Indigenous Healthcare

As part of our commitment to upholding the principles of reconciliation, we will continue to improve healthcare access and resources for Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples face unique challenges when it comes to receiving the healthcare they need, including for example a lack of family doctors and nurse practitioners in rural and remote communities. This is especially important in parts of the Sea to Sky and Sunshine Coast. Through our healthcare deal, we are providing \$2 billion over 10 years to address unique challenges that Indigenous communities face when it comes to fair and equitable access to culturally safe healthcare services. The new Indigenous Health Equity Fund will be distributed to support First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, and our ministers will work alongside Indigenous partners to prioritise and implement these investments so that all Indigenous Peoples have the access to quality care they need.

President Biden's Visit to Canada



Protecting Canadian Industry & Investing in the North American Green Economy

Canada and the US agreed to continue discussions to carve-in Canadian goods into Buy America requirements and to work together to promote trade in clean goods, including clean steel and aluminum, and continue to collaborate on renewable energy and electric vehicle supply chains, the critical minerals value chain, nuclear energy, and aligning zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure.

Addressing Irregular Migration & the Roxam Border Crossing

To address irregular migration, we are expanding the **Safe Third Country Agreement** to apply not only at designated ports of entry, but across the entire land border, including internal waterways, ensuring fairness and more orderly migration between our two countries. This change came into effect at 12:01 A.M ET on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Canada also announced we will welcome 15,000 migrants on a humanitarian basis from the Western

Hemisphere over the course of the year, with a path to economic opportunities to address forced displacement, as an alternative to irregular migration.

Standing Together Against Authoritarianism

The Prime Minister and the President reiterated our support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal, brutal, and unprovoked aggression and acknowledged the long-term challenge to the international order posed by the People's Republic of China. The leaders will continue to work together on countering foreign interference to protect our democratic values.

Re-Opening Nexus Stations

The Canada Border Services Agency and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are delivering on their commitment to reopen all NEXUS enrolment centres in Canadian airports by Spring 2023. This will both expand the program's capacity and help the thousands of travellers who request NEXUS memberships each month get their cards faster.

Travellers can now book interviews, with interview start dates for Vancouver International Airport (YVR) starting on April 3. See [here](#) for more info.

Canada extends support for those fleeing Russia's illegal and unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine

On March 22, 2023, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada Sean Fraser announced that Canada will be extending support for Ukrainians fleeing their homes due to Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

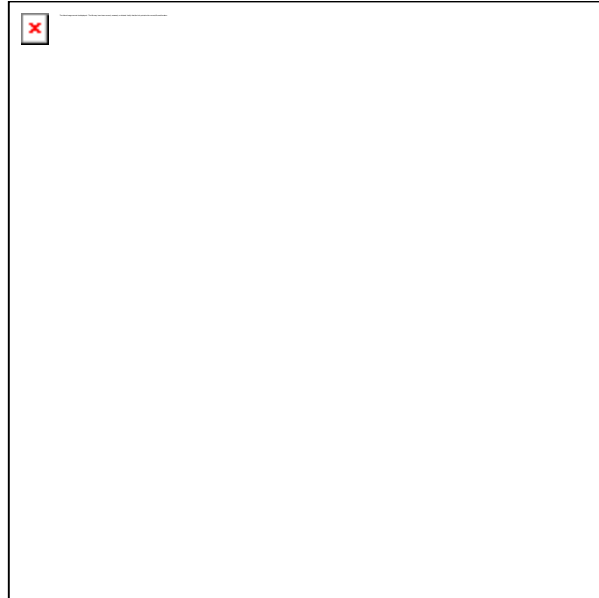
The Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) will be extended, allowing Ukrainians and their family members overseas to apply for a CUAET visa free of charge until July 15, 2023. CUAET holders will have until March 31, 2024, to travel to Canada under these measures, and those already in Canada will have until March 31, 2023, to extend or adjust their temporary status through these measures. Settlement services will continue to be available to Ukrainians and family members who arrive in Canada including One-Time transitional financial support and emergency accommodations for up to two weeks.

Passport Services Update

On March 21, 2023, Service Canada launched a digital tool that will allow Canadians to view the status of their passport application immediately. The new online Passport Application Status Checker will help ensure that Canadians receive a more timely service, and will help alleviate the call volume and wait times that many have been experiencing through the passport call centre.

For context, the passport call centre had received over 15.6 million calls from April 2022 until the end of February 2023. More passport agents will now be available for other passport needs and urgent requests, and the new self-serve digital tool will be able to inform Canadians without having to wait in queue to speak with a passport agent.

Protecting our Democracy: Creating a Foreign Agent Registry and Appointment of a Foreign Interference Special Rapporteur



Protecting our country against the threats posed by foreign interference is a responsibility that the Government of Canada takes very seriously. In recent years, Canada has increasingly become a target of hostile states. We are therefore launching consultations to guide the creation of a Foreign Influence Transparency Registry in Canada, to ensure transparency and accountability from people who advocate on behalf of a foreign government and ensure communities who are often targeted by attempts at foreign interference are protected. All Canadians are encouraged to share their views through the [consultation web page](#). Online submissions will be accepted until May 9, 2023.

In light of recent allegations regarding Chinese interference in Canada's elections, the Government of Canada has appointed the Right Honourable David Johnston as the Independent Special Rapporteur on Foreign Interference, a new role as part of our suite of measures to help combat foreign interference and strengthen confidence in our federal electoral process and democratic institutions.

Mr. Johnston is an accomplished Canadian public servant and law professor. Appointed by former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, he served as the 28th Governor General of Canada from 2010 to 2017. Part of his mandate includes the terms of reference for any public inquiry, a decision that will be made by May 23, 2023.

Announcing Clean Procurement Standards

As of April 1, 2023, major Government of Canada suppliers will now be compelled to disclose their greenhouse gas emissions and set reduction targets. Additionally, we will require the reporting and reduction of the embodied carbon footprint of all new major government construction projects initially starting with concrete. Specifically, these projects must use

lower carbon concrete, where available, so that the total GHG emissions associated with the project's concrete is at least 10% less than the regional average for concrete. This is an important step towards implementing a Buy Clean Strategy in federal government procurement.

Underused Housing Tax penalties and interest temporarily waived

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) understands that there are unique challenges for affected owners in the first year of the Underused Housing Tax Act (UHTA) administration. To provide more time for affected owners to take necessary actions to comply, we are providing transitional relief to affected owners. The application of penalties and interest under the UHTA for the 2022 calendar year will be waived for any late-filed underused housing tax (UHT) return and for any late-paid UHT payable, provided the return is filed or the UHT is paid by October 31, 2023.

This transitional relief means that although the deadline for filing the UHT return and paying the UHT payable is still April 30, 2023, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that the CRA receives before November 1, 2023. For more information, please visit this webpage.

Community Updates in West Vancouver & Bowen Island

At the beginning of the month, I sat down with Hedieh Safiari, a constituent who has been using social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram to talk about the continuing events in Iran and advocate for change. We sat down to film a video where we had a conversation on the topics which are top of mind for the community, including our announcement to support Iranian temporary residents. Thank you Hedieh for your advocacy and for talking to me!

It was a pleasure to attend the Annual Conversation this week with the Mayor that the West Vancouver Chamber organizes and to hear Mayor Sager's outlook for West Vancouver. This event always brings out a great crowd to network at one of the most beautiful settings in the District at the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

Celebrating Nowruz



The North Shore has a vibrant and bright Persian community, and there is no better place to be during the Nowruz season than in West Vancouver! On March 14th, I attended the Chaharshanbe Soori festival at Ambleside along with my Caucus colleagues Taleeb Noormohamed, Wilson Miao and the Parliamentary Secretary for Minister of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Marie-France Lalonde, as well as Premier David Eby and BC's Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Bowinn Ma.

We jumped over fires which symbolise new beginnings, listened to traditional music and watched some wonderful dance performances. Thank you to the organisers for such a wonderful event, and I appreciate everyone who came up and said hi to me and my team!

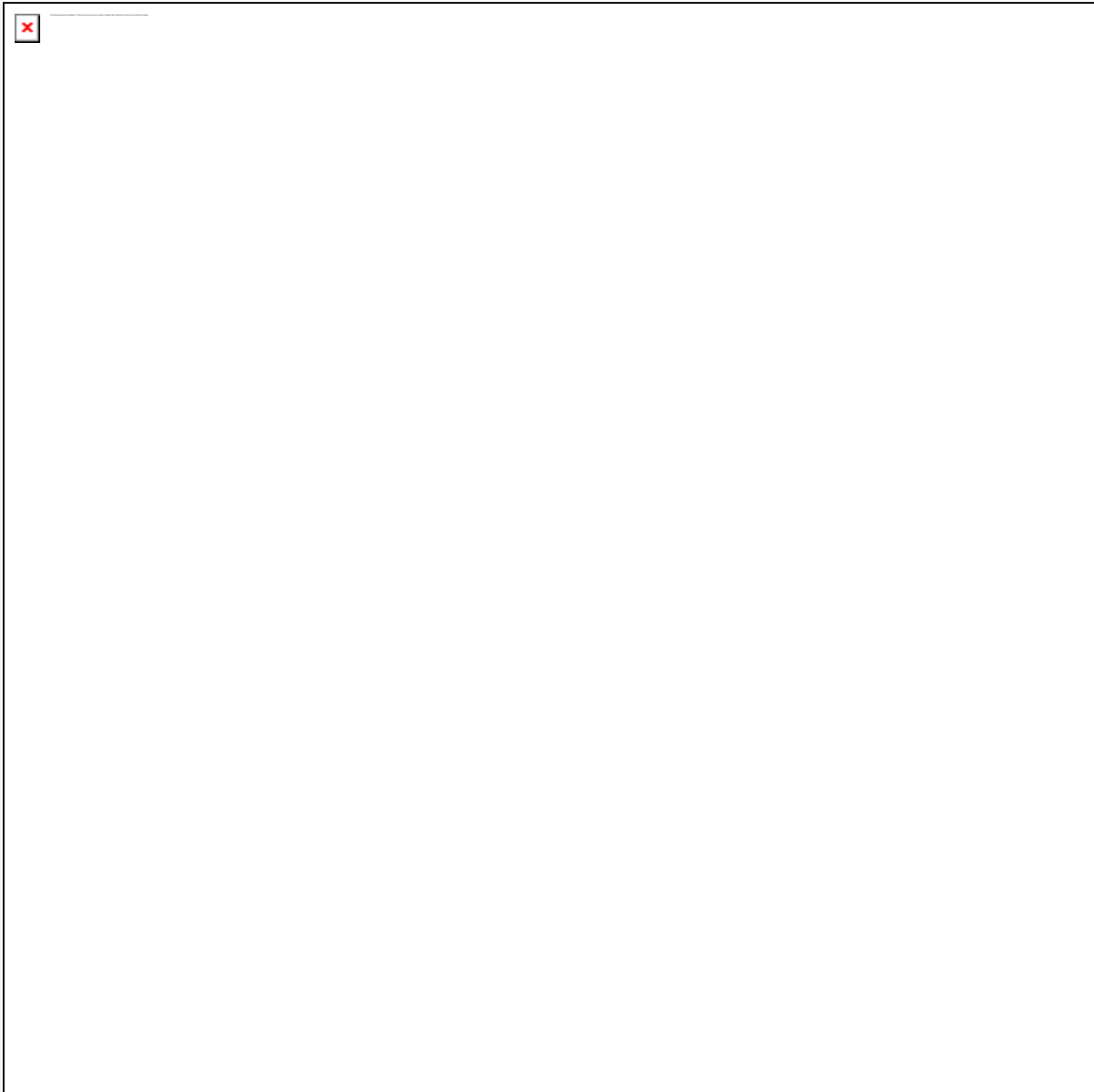
On March 16th, I filmed a Nowruz greeting video at Rose Persian Cuisine in West Vancouver. The haft-seen table they had set up was beautiful. The haft-seen table is a pillar of Nowruz celebrations and everything on it begins with the Persian letter س (seen):

- sir (garlic) symbolising health
- serkeh (vinegar) symbolises patience
- sib (apple) symbolises beauty
- sabzeh (sprouts) symbolises rebirth

- saman (wheat germ pudding) symbolises power and strength
- senjed (Persian olive) symbolises love
- sumac symbolises sunrise
- sonbol (hyacinth) symbolises spring's arrival
- mirrors symbolising self reflection
- goldfish symbolise progress
- candles and eggs symbolise enlightenment and fertility
- coins and books symbolise wealth, prosperity and wisdom.

I also enjoyed a delicious lunch at Rose, I had lamb and pomegranate and walnut stew – delicious!

To all those who celebrated here at home and around the world, I hope you and your loved ones had a very happy Nowruz.



Community Updates on the Sunshine Coast

On my latest trip to the Coast, I visited TJ Sheehan, Community founder of the Coastal Recovery Community (CRC) in Gibsons BC. The CRC offers a continuum of care and support for those that are recovering from substance abuse through a variety of programs such as daily meals together, peer recreational activities, transitional planning and much more.

I was able to meet with the Chair and Executive Director of the Gibsons Public Market to discuss the amazing programs and events they continue to offer at the market. From a variety of merchants to their popular Night Markets and Rockfish Art Festival, it is truly a gathering place for community.

Thank you to Keith Vanderbrant on 91.7 Coast FM for the informative interview about the issues that matter most to Sunshine Coast residents. I always enjoy questions from the community, so please let me know if there are any questions you have for next time. You can take a listen to the interview [here](#).

A visit to the Gibsons Salvation Army found them busy with their homelessness count. This is a coordinated effort to count the number of people experiencing homelessness on the lower Sunshine Coast. The organizer of this critical event stated that along with providing details on how operations are working, it also helps determine where grants and funding will be allocated.

Mayor White of the Town of Gibsons and a student from Elphinstone shared some of the excellent work that they are doing with the business community members regarding the ban of single-use plastics. This follows the nationwide ban on six single use plastic items that went into effect last December.



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We finished our day with visiting Mayor White and a student from Elphinstone who is doing some very important work with business community members around the ban of single-use plastics.

Community Updates in the Sea to Sky

As I do each month, it was a pleasure to connect with mayors and council across the Sea to Sky to discuss local priorities and advocacy that I can work on to represent priorities from our region in Ottawa.

The Opening of Sea to Sky Foundry



Undoubtedly the highlight of my month in the Sea to Sky was the opening of the Sea to Sky Foundry earlier today. This new centre is an Indigenous designed and inspired hub for youth aged 12-24 who can access free, confidential and non-judgmental health, social and recreational services. These holistic services include services for mental health, substance use, primary care, peer support and social services from a variety of local service partners. More than anything it is a welcoming atmosphere for youth to hang out and get any help they may need. I know this new, beautiful facility is going to make an incredible difference for families throughout Squamish and the region.

Today was the official opening of the Foundry, where all those that contributed to making it a reality over the course of 8 years got together to celebrate, along with the unveiling and blessing of a stunning totem pole. The Government of Canada is a proud supporter of the great work that is being done at these facilities, and I was pleased to announce an initial investment of \$706,746 towards the operations already underway. This is the 15th Foundry in BC, the second that serves our riding (following the North Shore Foundry), and it will be soon joined by another Foundry on the Sunshine Coast.

Ramadan



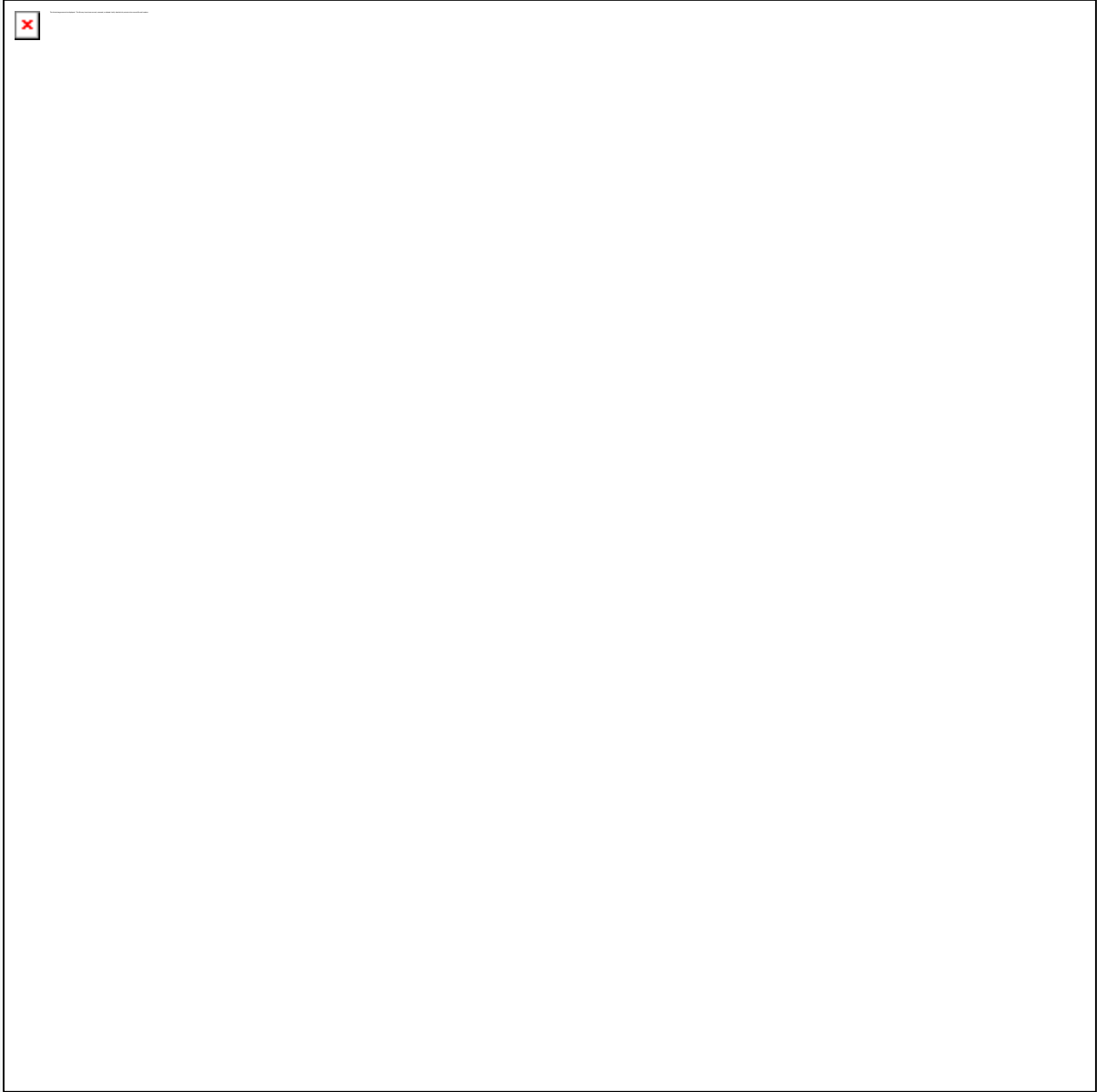
As the sun set on March 22, Muslims here in our community and around the world marked the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. From one sighting of the crescent moon to the next, Muslims who are able will fast from dawn until sunset as well as attend taraweh prayers at the mosque, gather with friends and family to eat iftar and give to charity, among other things.

To everyone observing, I wish you a blessed month. Ramadan Kareem!

St. Patrick's Day

To our vibrant Irish-Canadian community and to everyone else who celebrated, I hope you had a great St Patrick's Day/Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!





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From: Heather Keith
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To: s. 22(1)
Cc: Robert Bartlett; correspondence
Subject: Council correspondence - week ending March 29, 2023

Dear Mr. Hundal,

Thank you for your email to Mayor and Council that was referred to staff for response.

Please be advised that a public engagement period on the draft Urban Forest Management Plan will occur in May. We welcome feedback from the community on the Plan as we want to ensure it meets the vision of the residents for the urban forest in West Vancouver. Staff will review all comments, including the ones that you have provided in your email, as we finalize the Plan for Council consideration.

Should you wish to participate, further details on the public engagement process will be on the website next month.

Kind Regards,
Heather

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), sə́lilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation), and x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam Nation). We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

From: Paul Hundal [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:47 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Letter to Mayor and Council regarding process for reviewing Urban Forest Management Plan

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To Mayor and Council,

Re March 27, 2023 Agenda Item 5 - Urban Forest Management Plan review

I was disappointed that I was not allowed to speak last night on Agenda item 5 because I am concerned that the parameters of public discussion appear to exclude the Wildfire Development Permit rules that require the removal of all conifers on people's property whenever an old home is replaced by a new home in over 30% of West Vancouver's urban area. The natural conifer forested character of West Vancouver is what many of us love about this community. These new rules brought in while people were sequestered by COVID in 2020 are not well known in the community and will have a devastating impact on the character of West Vancouver over time.

You cannot have a meaningful discussion about urban tree management without a reconsideration of whether these new Wildfire Development Permit rules are reasonable and appropriate. I wanted to ask the question for clarification last night at the meeting whether public commentary will include that issue. If it doesn't, then what we have is similar to provincial consultation over forestry where it is assumed clear cuts will be required but they will take comment over how to make them prettier after they are done.

I recently discovered during a discussion of a new coach house being proposed in Lower Caulfeild that because it is a new building, the owner is required to remove all the conifers on her property. That is because Caulfeild is included in the Wildfire Development Permit Area along with over 30% of West Vancouver's urban area. The Urban Forest Management Plan seems to be focused on how to mitigate those impacts after through a no "net loss", ie, replace big conifers with little deciduous trees and as long as the stem count is the same after, everything is okay. It is not okay. The public should be able to review the policy itself that is leading to the removal of all the conifers, not just how to deal with the aftermath.

I am asking Council to ensure that the Wildfire Development Permit rules and area be reassessed as part of the Urban Forest Management Plan consultation. It is not right to go to the public with the Urban Forest Management Plan without including a full review of these new tree removal requirements.

Below is a map of the Wildfire Development Permit Area showing in orange. It is far larger than I ever expected and I say far larger than necessary. The Coastal forest has the lowest risk of catastrophic fire in the province and the Lower Mainland has even a lower risk because we are best able to quickly detect and suppress any wildfire before it gets large. There are millions of eyes looking up at our mountainside every day and any plume of smoke will get quickly spotted and put out. The FireSmart rules may be suitable in the interior where they have 1000+ hectare fires descend on a community, but it doesn't make any sense here where we simply don't have the conditions for such a large fire. In the

interior they don't suppress fires any more, they let them burn and manage them because wildfire is part of the natural ecology. That is not true of the coast where "gap regeneration" is the natural replacement process due to lack of fire. Implementing the FireSmart rules in over 30% of West Vancouver is excessive, unnecessary and will over time have a devastating impact on the forested character of West Vancouver.



Changing those rules should be part of the Urban Forest Management discussion now.

Yours truly,

Paul Hundal, [redact address only]

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