

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JANUARY 4, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) December 21, 2022, regarding “Kirk LaPointe editorial in today’s NS News” (671, 685, 693 Clyde Avenue and 694 Duchess Avenue)**
- (2) 2 submissions, December 27, 2022, regarding Flooding at Westmount Road**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (3) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) December 28, 2022, regarding “December 2022 Newsletter”**

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 9:41 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Mark Sager; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Kirk LaPointe editorial in today's NS News

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He makes a compelling point. A sensible start on resolving this daunting challenge is to approve the LARCO development proposed for Clyde Avenue and Taylor Way.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 3:07 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: The Flooding of Westmount Road and adjacent properties
Attachments: westmount_flooding2.mp4; westmount_road_flooding1.JPG; westmount_road_flooding2.JPG; westmount_road_flooding3.JPG; westmount_road_flooding4.JPG; westmount_road_flooding5.JPG; westmount_road_flooding6.JPG

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope that you all had a joyous and stress-free Christmas.

I am not sure if you are attending to District issues this week, or still on a break, but I did want to pass along a couple of my concerns to you.

As you may or not be aware, early on Christmas Eve morning, as the temperatures rose and the rain melted the snow, Westmount Road and some adjacent properties suffered flooding. Emergency services were called and the roadway was shut down. The vast majority of water appeared to be coming from the two *5 Creeks Flood Protection Project* pipe crossing locations, flowing onto the street and into neighbouring yards. Residents spent much of the day trying to protect their properties from the steady flow.

Beyond the weather (which was forecasted well in advance) does the District know the cause of this significant breach? Is it possible that the in-progress 5 Creeks Flood Protection Project actually promoted flooding?

Who is responsible for the cost of the clean-up and any associated damage? Is it the District, the 5 Creeks developer, or their engineers/contractor?

Have any bylaws been contravened?

What precautions are being taken to prevent this from occurring again?

Also on Christmas Eve, I noticed a large trail of sediment/residue exiting the 5 Creeks Project Outfall at the bottom of the 31st Street. It is my understanding that this piece of infrastructure is not yet operational (the collection/crossing pipes haven't been connected to the main leg) and that a number of conditions need to be met before it is. If this is so, why is sediment/debris flowing from the 5 Creeks Outfall? This situation seems to be at odds with assurances made by the 5 Creeks Project's environmental consultant during the provincial and federal environmental authorization processes. Has this incident been reported to DFO or FLNRORD (Surface Water Authorizations)?

I should also note that, after a big rain in late October, a substantial amount of unsecured sediment/material migrated from the Exit 7 construction site into Cave Creek, causing extreme turbidity in the watercourse and possibly killing any fish that were present in the creek. Again, on Christmas Eve, Cave Creek was substantially more turbid than the other area creeks. Is this problem persisting? Is the ESC plan for the 5 Creeks Project, put in place by the environmental consultant, adequate?

I am including photos and a video of the Westmount Road flooding (around both of the 5 Creek pipe crossing locations) and the sediment/residue exiting the 5 Creeks Project outfall on Christmas Eve. These photos were taken in the afternoon. I will send a second video in a follow-up email.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the District's response.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Subject: The Flooding of Westmount Road and adjacent properties - second video
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Please find, attached, the second video and pictures from the 5 Creeks outfall location (at the bottom of 31st Street) on Christmas Eve.

Thanks you.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

2022 was an eventful year at home and abroad. Affordability has been the most pressing issue for many Canadians, which is why it has been the central focus for our government. This year we passed significant pieces of legislation to improve the lives of Canadians and tackle the rising cost of living, from affordability measures in the [2022 Budget](#) and [Fall Economic Statement](#), to the new [Canada Dental Benefit](#) and One-Time Top Up to the [Canada Housing Benefit](#) which are both now open for applications. More details below.

This year also marked a number of tragic geo-political events, from the brutal and illegal Russian Invasion and ongoing war in Ukraine, the death of Mahsa Amini which inspired protests against the repressive Iranian regime, and the death of Queen Elizabeth II after a 70-year reign.

I would like to wish everyone and their families the best during the holiday season, in whatever fashion you like to celebrate them and a happy new year!

This past month was a very busy one, which saw:

- a [global agreement](#) for nature conservation achieved in Montreal, and major new agreements on nature conservation in Canada;
- the coming into effect of [Canada's ban on import and manufacture of six single use plastic items](#);
- the launch of [Canada's Critical Minerals Strategy](#);
- the launch of [Canada's Action Plan for Clean On-Road Transportation](#);
- the passage into law of legislation to create a [National Council for Reconciliation](#)
- progress made on [modernizing the Canadian Environmental Protection Act – including a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#);
- local investments in projects to combat gender-based violence and to improve wastewater treatment;
- and much more.

Keep up to date with my work as your Member of Parliament with my social media channels below.



3 Achievements of 2022 & 3 Goals for 2023



Last year, I set out three goals to accomplish for 2022, and I am happy to say that we have completed or are nearing completion on all three.

1. **Completing the rebuilding efforts from BC's 2021 floods, working with Indigenous Peoples to mitigate wildfire risk in Canada, and completing Canada's first ever National Adaptation Strategy to help us be prepared for a more rapidly changing climate with more frequent and severe weather events.**

The Coquihalla reopened to four lanes recently as repairs from 2021 are substantially completed. On November 24th, I joined Minister Wilkinson and others to launch Canada's [National Adaption Strategy](#), which sets out a whole of society approach for how Canada will adapt and be resilient to a rapidly changing climate. Locally, this included funding for a [\\$10 million project to protect Whistler from wildfires risk](#). Importantly, [Budget 2022](#) included provisions to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and traditional practices as part of a \$500 million investment in mitigating wildfires.

2. **Implementing a suite of new measures to tamp down on speculation in the housing market in Canada, the creation of new programs to speed up the building of new housing supply, and the commitment and/or completion of over 100 new federally-funded affordable or supportive homes in West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country.**

Budget 2022 and the Fall Economic Statement contained a number of new measures, including the introduction of a tax on property flipping, [a two-year ban on new foreign ownership of real estate](#), a 1 per cent annual “underused housing tax” on the value of non-resident, non-Canadian owned residential property that is vacant or underused, taxing of all assignment sales of newly constructed or substantially renovated residential housing, all of which are in effect or will go into effect in the beginning of 2023.

Budget 2022 saw the creation of the Housing Accelerator Fund to support municipalities to build homes faster, and this year also saw the creation of a total of 362 affordable housing units through federal funding, including on the [Sunshine Coast](#), in [West Vancouver](#), and in [Squamish](#), with many more announcements to come.

3. **Modernize and strengthen the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), including creating a right to a healthy environment, while finalizing regulations to ban single-use plastic items, and bringing forth the cap of greenhouse gas emissions in the oil and gas sector.**

Bill S-5, was tabled in the Senate in February of 2022 to modernize CEPA. After Senate approval, this is being reviewed clause by clause in the Standing Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development. [My amendment passed in December to create a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in the new Act.](#)

[The ban on certain single use plastic items](#) is now in effect by regulation under CEPA, and options to [cap emissions from oil and gas](#) was put out for public consultation, alongside draft regulations to increasingly [require new vehicle sales to be zero emissions](#), and to [require all electricity production to be zero emissions](#). Final regulations are to be announced in the coming months.

The top three items I hope to reflect on having accomplished next year are:

1. A Pan-Canadian agreement to modernize Canada’s healthcare system, including a workforce strategy for underserved non-urban areas, mental healthcare funding, and clear metrics and appropriate funding to achieve them.
2. Legislation to better protect Canadians from Online Harms and Disinformation by creating a requirement for social media companies to institute systems to manage harmful content on their platforms.
3. Significant progress made on projects to reduce congestion, and provide cleaner, healthier and more sustainable transportation options that encourage people to avoid single occupancy vehicle travel in each region of our riding.

What is your list of top three accomplishments of 2022, and top priorities for 2023?

Happy Hanukkah

Chag Hanukkah Sameach

חג חנוכה שמח

As the sun set on December 18 and until December 26, Jewish communities here in our community, across Canada, and around the world celebrated Hanukkah. I hope you had a beautiful celebration, filled with delicious food while connecting with family & friends. Hanukkah Sameach!

HAPPY
YALDA

شب یلدا مبارک

On December 21, we joined Persian communities as they celebrated Yaldā Night. It marked the longest and darkest night of the year, where families get together to share the last fruits of the summer. Shabe Yalda Mobarak!



Merry Christmas

I want to wish a very Merry Christmas to everyone in West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country and across Canada.

I hope you and your loves ones had a joyous, restful, and peaceful Christmas.

My Amendment to the new Canadian Environmental Protection Act



This month, we have been working hard on [S-5, the new Canadian Environmental Protection Act \(CEPA\)](#), which is the first time that it has been updated since 1999.

One of my amendments was passed in committee earlier this month, which will expand the right to a healthy environment to be a “**clean, healthy and sustainable environment.**” This amendment is informed by testimony from a range of experts, including Canadian Dr. David Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment. This addition brings Canada’s recognition of this crucial right in line with that of the UN, as the UN General Assembly passed a resolution on this over a year ago which Canada supported. This marks another step towards enshrining into law a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable future for all.

[You can watch my comments and the passage of this amendment here.](#)

Canada Dental Benefit & Housing Benefit: Applications Now Open!

SUPPORTING RENTERS WHO NEED IT MOST

We’re delivering a targeted
\$500 payment starting
December 12, on top of
other support.



SMILE!

The Canada Dental Benefit
is coming **December 1st!**

We are helping **kids under 12**
get the dental care they need.



Canada Dental Benefit

Did you know that tooth decay is the most common, yet preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world? In 2010, 57% of children in Canada aged 6-11 were reported as having had a cavity.

That is why our government has implemented the **Canada Dental Benefit**, which is a part of the government’s affordability plan designed to help families access affordable dental care. With this benefit, families can start addressing some of the basic dental care that their young children need.

The Canada Dental Benefit is now available for families with children under 12 who have an adjusted net income of less than \$90,000, and who do not have access to private dental insurance. This benefit will grant eligible families up-front, direct payments totalling up to \$1,300 per child (up to \$650 per year, for two years) for them to access dental care services in accordance with the below:

- \$650 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000.
- \$390 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999.
- \$260 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999.
- The benefit will be in place until 2024, while the work towards a long-term, national dental care program continues. It is estimated that this benefit will support more than 500,000 children in Canada.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is leveraging its experience and best practices in delivering essential benefits to Canadians, to administer this new benefit on behalf of the Government of Canada. [You can now apply for the benefit](#), which extends to dental care received by eligible children between October 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

Eligible families can quickly, easily and securely apply for the Canada Dental Benefit in CRA [My Account](#) (which can also be accessed via ESDC's My Service Canada Account), or by calling the dedicated phone line at 1-800-715-8836.

One-Time Top Up to the Canada Housing Benefit

For many people in Canada, the rising cost of living is making it even more challenging to find a safe and affordable place to call home. As of December 12, 2022, Canadians can apply for the **one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit** that will provide a one-time payment of \$500 to renters who:

- are at least 15 years of age as of December 1, 2022
- have an adjusted family net income in 2021 of \$20,000 or less for individuals, or \$35,000 or less for families
- paid at least 30 per cent of their adjusted family net income on rent for their own principal residence in Canada in 2022

[Find out if you or someone you know is eligible to apply, visit this webpage.](#)

Update on the Situation in Iran

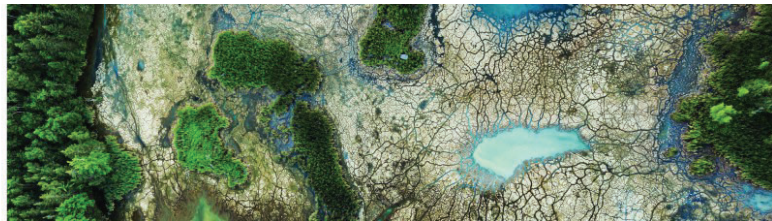


The most important part of being home in the riding is being able to connect with constituents. As we all remain concerned about the response of the Iranian regime to the ongoing protests in Iran, I remain available to connect with the Iranian-Canadian community to listen to them, hear their stories, and learn about what kinds of additional measures the government can provide to them and the people on the ground in Iran.

I want to thank every single person who has reached out to me. We remain committed to holding the perpetrators responsible and delivering justice. I can assure you that our government is continuing to do whatever we can, with the imposition of new economic and immigration sanctions and coordination with our allies to put pressure on Iran to respect human rights. Just last week, Iran was removed from the UN Commission on the Status of Women, an important step that will further isolate the Iranian regime.

Please continue to reach out to me should you have any comments, concerns or questions regarding our response to Iran.

UN Biodiversity Conference COP15



The [15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity \(COP 15\)](#) took place in Montreal this month. A breakthrough agreement was reached where the 196 countries taking part finalized an agreement, including four goals and 23 targets, notably:

- Protecting 30% of the world's land, water and marine areas by 2030,
- Reduce subsidies deemed harmful to nature by at least \$500 billion by 2030, and
- Developed countries, like Canada, committing to providing developing countries with at least, per year, \$20 billion by 2025 and \$30 billion by 2030.

Other Canadian announcements include:

- \$800 million over seven years to support up to four Indigenous-led conservation initiatives, including the "Great Bear Sea" in British Columbia,
- \$225 million in international climate financing to support developing countries to address both biodiversity loss and climate change,
- Expanding First Nations Guardians initiatives across the country, and
- The launch of the Natural Resource Canada's Youth Council

[See here for the full list.](#)

Last 2022 Constituency Youth Council Meeting

Earlier this month, I joined my Constituency Youth Council (CYC) for our final meeting of the year.

I gave them an update from Ottawa, discussing our work on S-5, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). We then had a great discussion on current events. I am always impressed by their knowledge and passion on the issues of the day.

My CYC this year did a fantastic job on a range of projects. In August, they organized and hosted a Townhall with myself and my friend and colleague Minister Jonathan Wilkinson. Throughout the last few months, they have organized visits for me to various high schools in the riding. They presented with me on how the government works, what an MP does, and facilitating discussion with students.

My message to young people is to be passionate and get involved!

If you are interested in joining my CYC next year, please email our CYC Coordinator at Kevin.Hemmat.842@parl.gc.ca.

Community Updates from West Vancouver

The run up to Christmas is always a busy time, so I was happy to be able to attend a couple of community events in West Vancouver, including the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party and 70th anniversary, and the Rotary of West Vancouver Sunrise Christmas event.

Announcing Funding for Two Indigenous Women's and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Organizations in our Community

As a government, we are committed to supporting action to end gender-based violence, and supporting local organizations is one of the best ways to do that. On December 2, I was [pleased to announce up to \\$1.1 million for Women's Studies Online and the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of British Columbia](#).

These organizations are on the frontline and at the heart of systemic change to address the reality that Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ are subjected to a level of violence that is shocking to all Canadians. We are proud to fund these organizations to further their capacity to provide gender-based violence prevention programming.

Community Updates from the Sea to Sky

The Sunshine Coast was alive with festivities on December 4th with the Festival of Lights and there was even a rare sighting of the Abominable Snowman! The parade brought people of all ages out to sing Christmas carols and enjoy the colourful floats from a wide variety of businesses across the community.

Congratulations to Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing for their successful fundraising event, featuring the Pine 'N' Sandy Drag Troupe on December 17th at Raven's Cry Theatre which raised \$15,000!

Announcing investments in better wastewater treatment for Sechelt

This month, we [announced a joint investment of \\$914,288 to upgrade wastewater treatment in the District of Sechelt](#). The project will increase the District's capacity to treat wastewater by closing the existing Wakefield lift station and replacing it with a new lift station.

Investing in wastewater infrastructure is critical to protecting communities and their natural environments. Once completed, Sechelt's new lift station will provide reliable, high-quality wastewater treatment for the District while keeping effluent out of local waterways. This project embodies our Government's commitment to build cleaner, healthier, and more resilient communities for everyone.

Community Updates from the Sunshine Coast

Congratulations to all the Squamish businesses who were nominated and won awards at the Squamish Business Excellence Awards, along with all the 36 businesses who participated in the Battle of the Business for Squamish Community Christmas Care, raising over \$77,000 and filling 380 hampers for families in need. The Squamish Lillooet Regional District also added another \$24,000 to be dispersed through the Sea to Sky, giving to food banks in Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, and Lillooet.

Our Team



As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone (604-913-2660) or by email (patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca) to share your thoughts, or if I may be of assistance. Supporting me in this work as your federal representative is our Constituency Staff Team. They are here to support you and our communities, so please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

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A reminder that my office is happy to assist you and your loved ones with any casework questions including issues or concerns with any federal department or agency, such as Service Canada (includes but not limited to OAS, GIS, EI or CPP), Canada Revenue Agency, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada, Passport Canada, Phoenix Pay System, Veterans Affairs or Indigenous Affairs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office for any reason.

On behalf of our entire team, we wish you a very happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

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