

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO OCTOBER 18, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 5 submissions, October 4-18, 2023, regarding Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement, Heritage Designation, and Development Permit for 1591 Haywood Avenue (Referred to the October 23, 2023 public hearing)**
- (2) GNAR Inc., October 13, 2023, regarding “Fossil gas terminology to enhance climate change communication and action”**
- (3) October 14, 2023, regarding “Agenda for October 16 Council Meeting”**
- (4) October 16, 2023, regarding “Eagle Harbour Creek Bridge - Repairs Needed!”**
- (5) October 16, 2023, regarding “Place for Sport engagement”**
- (6) October 17, 2023, regarding “Reminder of Mayor Sager BC Law Society Hearings Jan 2024”**
- (7) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Art Museum Advisory Committee and Subcommittee meetings May 18 and September 12, 2023; Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting June 14, 2023; Public Art Advisory Committee meeting July 18, 2023; and Community Grants Committee meeting September 5, 2023**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:58 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Riparian Area Environmental Protection and the Haywood Application: Response

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Good Afternoon Mayor and Council,

As always, thank you for your time. Below is my reply through the Mayor and Council to Staff's response to my letter of September 26, 2023.

My concerns are to avoid any precedents that have unintended, but very harmful consequences for our environmentally protected riparian area creek habitats in WV.

As you are very familiar, but for context, existing law in WV protects from development, 5m+15m either side of the banks of our creeks. Those habitat areas, made up of trees/shrubs and grassy areas, are necessary for fish and wildlife habitat to survive.

1) Staff indicates (and I agree) Lots A and B are individual and are to be treated individually. However, they are not treated individually in the application. If they were, the application would not comply, as required, with EDP Point 4 contrary to the Conclusion on p. 201 of the application. (NB. Also, the WV EDP says there can be "No" net loss in the 15m riparian contrary to the application on p. 201 which says merely "Avoid" net loss in the riparian area.

a) With all due respect, Staff incorrectly states: "the habitat balance for both proposed lots *were assessed individually* to demonstrate that the proposed subdivision and development on each lot meets the DWV Watercourse Protection Guidelines. "*(emphasis added)*

However, this is incorrect because the lots are *not* assessed individually when they should be, especially knowing Lot A and Lot B would have two individual, separate owners.

When the two lots are assessed individually the applicant's proposed formula (see b. below) becomes inapplicable, as it should. Assessing the lots individually prevents Lot A's owner from transferring their meters of "environmental credit" to Lot B's owner, enabling Lot B to develop in the 15m environmentally protected area of Lot B.

While the Lot A owner is presumably thinking they are simply helping out the Lot B owner and/or themselves, it would defeat our environmental protection laws scientifically developed to protect our creeks.

b. Respectfully, please do not allow this presumptively proposed habitat equation balance formula to be used in development applications because (well intended though it may be) in WV it works to defeat our existing environmental legislation enacted by duly elected officials.

As Mayor and Council will have noted, the application presumes Mayor and Council will accept as legitimate and applicable the "habitat balance equation" described on page 199-200. This equation is used in the application to transfer environmental credits from one property lot to another, not unlike income tax credits, but in meters of environmentally protected land.

As you will have noted on p. 199, the application assesses Lots A and B together (instead of treating them individually) to argue a justification for the new owner of Lot B to develop a whole new house and garage squarely in the 15m environmentally protected riparian area in their new Lot B.

The last line of Lot B's "ledger" on p. 199 "removal of garage and relocation of [Clegg] house" moves an environmental +33 credit from Lot A to offset Lot B's -37 entry for building the new house and garage in the 15m environmentally protected area. The calculation *wrongfully* suggests that Lot B not only has no negative habitat impact, but it also has a positive habitat impact. In fact, it is an observably, substantial negative impact on the habitat.

The use of such a formula to move environmental credits around like a tax credit is anathema to environmental protection and legislation in my view. If such a formula were applied broadly it would reward owners/developers who bought their property knowing the land was environmentally protected from development, but who happen to have an existing structure in the riparian area (whether it got there legally pre-environmental laws, or without a permit, post environmental laws) with a license to develop in the riparian areas at the expense of the environment, wildlife and WV community. The possible abuse of such a formula used across the district goes without saying.

This is not to suggest any bad intentions by any particular owner/developer who are simply putting forward individual proposals presumably with the best of intentions, but unaware of why these environmental laws are in place: to ensure we and future generations have fish to fish and birds to hear, not mention clean and breathable air, etc.

This is where we need Mayor and Council to review this with a broad view and prevent a District wide precedent that will, as well established science proves, over time irreparably harm the environment.

- 2. It is the *Riparian Area Protection Act* that applies to the riparian areas, not the WV Tree Bylaw. Otherwise, riparian trees/shrubs would be treated as if they were "merely" trees next to a sidewalk providing clean breathable air, and not also performing the critical function of keeping our creeks alive as riparian trees/shrubs.**

Staff replied that: "the proposed tree removals [of] 3 trees within the [15m environmentally protected riparian area including 2 healthy, protected trees] within the permitted building envelope meet the criteria set out in the **District's Tree Bylaw** which allow the Director of Planning and Development Services to authorize tree cutting. "(emphasis added)

I have raised this before, but I say it again: the WV Tree Bylaw is inapplicable to the riparian area according to provincial law. It is the municipalities implementation of the provincial *Riparian Area Protection Act* that applies in riparian areas. The RAPR states that only trees that are a hazard or infested can be cut down in the riparian areas.

The RAPR ensures that the trees, shrubs and grassy areas beside creeks, fish bearing creeks in particular, (ex. Lawson, MacDonald and apparently also Vinson) protect the creeks from direct sunlight which heats up the water and kills the fish and the biology of the creek- not to mention the destruction of wildlife habitat including at risk species like the Great Blue Heron protected by the Wildlife Protection Act in WV.

- 3. The Riparian Restoration on p.200 sounds really great and it's laudable that this is in the application. It is much needed across WV riparian areas. However, is it nullified by an "escape clause" in the WV Development Permit?**

The WV Development Permit appears to nullify or provide an escape clause for the restoration work. It says:

"In the event that the Landscaping Works are not completed or trees retained as provided for in this Permit, the District may, at its option, enter upon, carry out and complete the Landscaping Works so as to satisfy the terms of the Development Permit, and recover the costs of doing so from the security deposited or recover any costs incurred over and above the amount of the security deposited, including the costs of administration and supervision." (emphasis added)

This apparent “escape clause” may explain why replanting is inconsistently enforced in WV. Can and should this escape clause be removed in WV development permits?

Last it appears that the application may also conflict with the mandatory requirements of EDP points 1 and 2 through an interpretation of what those points mean.

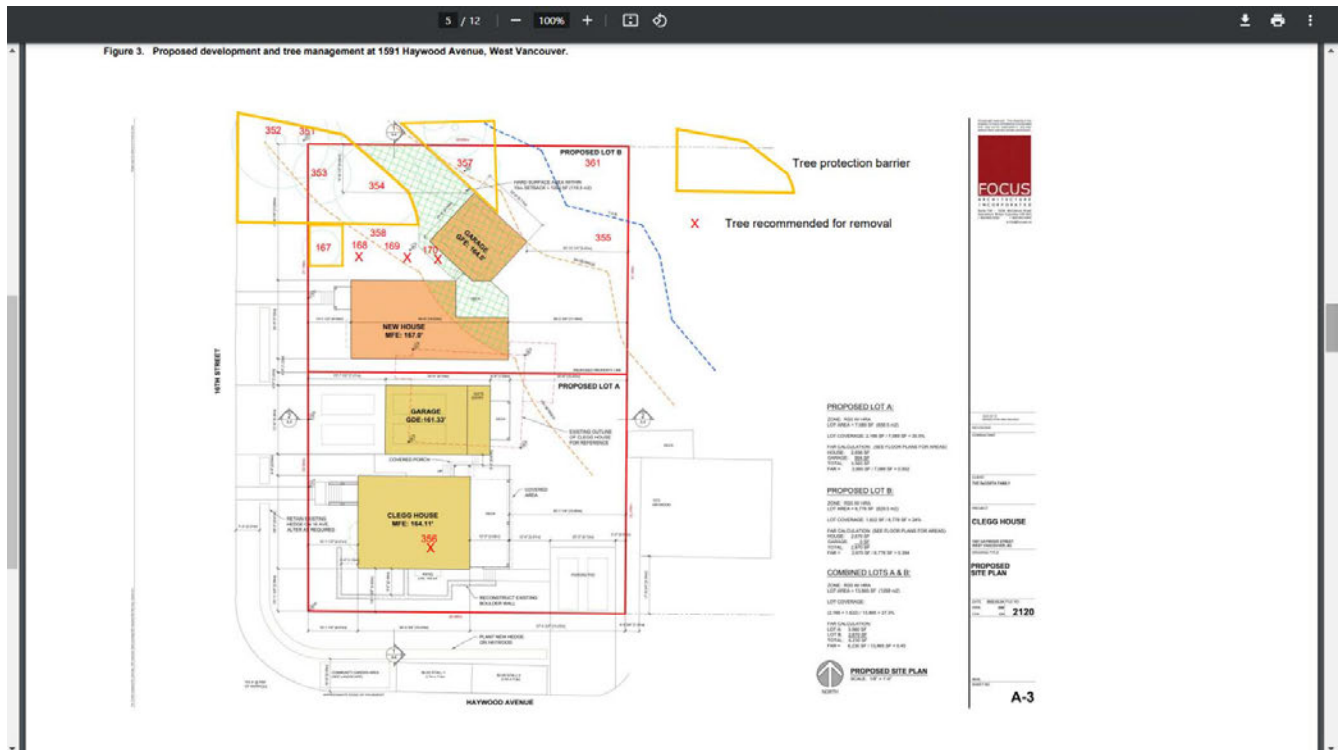
Notably, the province will begin its consultations with municipalities soon to renew the provincial commitment to riparian area protections.

Thank you again for your time. It is almost cliché now, but it’s true, and I think everyone agrees, “there is no planet B” and we have to protect it.

Sincerely,

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(I trust my name and address will be redacted)



From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 7:23 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Submission Re\; Clegg House Development
Attachments: Clegg House Letter.pdf

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Attached please find my letter offering my comments re: the Clegg house planned development.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Property owner [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

October 7th, 2023

West Vancouver District Council members

Re: Clegg house development

The Clegg house is the star of the neighborhood known locally as [s.22(1)] house. The house stands high on the lot overlooking an extensive garden and lawn which is now a fragment of its former glory. This is what makes it special - the position on the lot.

[s. 22(1)] lived in the house for over 50 years and cooperated with and contributed to the local community. Her boulevard was gardened by [s.22(1)] who developed a garden which started about 40 years ago, long before a bylaw requiring permission was on the books. After [s.22(1)] and local neighbors maintained the garden.

The [s. 22(1)] bought the house [s.22(1)] and unfortunately did not endear themselves to the neighborhood after immediately posting a notice on the garden plot to vacate by end of September. The cooperative community garden that had been in place for at least 40 years was shut down and has grown weeds (insect habitat) for the last 2.5 years. The story of the garden's history was reported in the North Shore News. This is the very first decision [s.22(1)] made: to shut down the cooperative garden. Any promise [s.22(1)] make about this project being good for the community now lacks credibility and cannot be trusted given the inconsiderate way the neighbors were treated. A gathering of neighbors was hosted by one family to welcome [s.22(1)] into the neighbor. About twenty neighbors attended. They did not.

I have studied the plans and watched the council meeting of Sept. 25th allowing the heritage status and possibly a 20-year tax break. All this was done without community input.

The lot is big, but it has drawbacks.

- The creek with setbacks and covenant lands

- Corner with two setbacks
- A stand of trees vulnerable to construction development

The present plan to move the house destroys the aesthetic value of the house which is its heritage position on the lot. The house's position is characteristic of its history as a former farmhouse with a prominent view of the surroundings. The location as well as the house have heritage value as I see it.

The Clegg house should stay in the location it is now. As the plan stands now, the development is far too big for the lot and heritage values are compromised from the community point of view. I am also concerned about the loss of trees that would be lost to development.

s.22(1) have blown their credibility as neighbors for several reasons, not the least of which is failing consider the value of the existing community. The value of community is referenced in the District's mission statement, but not reflected in decisions so far. If action followed word, more consultation and basic neighborly relations would have been established before this project hit District planning cycle. Decisions need to reflect the value of community cohesion and history of cooperation. At this point, they do not.

Positioning statements are not a substitute for genuine community relationships.

Yours sincerely

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 10:35 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: 1591 Haywood

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To whom it may concern

Unfortunately s.22(1) attending the October 23rd meeting regarding the application for 1591 Haywood.

I have anecdotally heard that there are some neighbours opposing the 1591 Haywood application. The facts are that s. 22(1) are solid community residents of West Vancouver. s. 22(1) has donated her time s. 22(1) has donated his time s. 22(1) and he is also s. 22(1). These are great people that West Vancouver needs more of.

I have known s. 22(1). I have know s. 22(1). Both are s. 22(1) that always support people in their time of need. Everyone appreciates friends and neighbours like this.

The intent of this application is to restore one of the oldest homes in West Vancouver to its former glory. The Lions??? Gate Bridge was built in 1938 so any house built before the North Shore crossing completion is a gem in my mind. We have very few chances left to keep these pre-bridge homes in our community and s. 22(1) are admirable in there pursuit of preserving this home.

No doubt you will hear different perspectives than mine on this. I hope you take a balanced approach in listening to their perspectives.

First off, certain neighbours are upset that s. 22(1) responsibly took the decision to phase out a ???community garden??? in front of their house when they moved into the property. This garden had creosote ties, a known cancer risk, as part of its structure. s. 22(1) are willing to restore a ???community garden??? upon the completion of this project however it will not have creosote ties as part of the structure.

Secondly, I have heard that certain neighbours are stating that s. 22(1) are only undertaking this project to profit. I can assure you that the only intention of s. 22(1) is to build a sustainable community that they plan to be a positive contributor of. A tasteful development for necessary density that West Vancouver needs to be relevant is a progressive mindset. The s. 22(1) have no intention of moving from this residence so this is not a ???developer???'s profit project???

Navigating through the process to apply for this type of project is a challenging process. I hope that the decision makers on this project can appreciate that good people and good projects should succeed in a positive ruling regardless of ill-informed negative chatter. We, as a community, need to support solid projects and I truly believe this is one project that will help West Vancouver in rebuilding for society???'s current and future needs. As a West Vancouver resident for s.22(1) years of my life, I hope that my opinion will will be taken at face value.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:23 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: 1591 Haywood Ave Redevelopment

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To: Whom it May Concern at West Van Council

I am writing to give my support for the redevelopment project submitted by [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for 1591 Haywood Ave, West Vancouver. From what I have seen, I believe his plan to be well conceived and agree with the amendments and concessions that have take place that should make this project friendly for his neighbours and the neighbourhood.

As a resident of Ambleside I am encouraged by those looking to redevelop and upgrade the value of properties while considering the look and feel of the neighbourhood. Protecting and updating heritage elements of the home with modern flair can help to preserve the character of the neighbourhood.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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To: correspondence
Subject: The RAPR and Possible Precedent of 1591 Haywood Application

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Good afternoon, Mayor and Council,

I wanted to add the following to the public dialogue regarding the environmental protection of riparian areas under the *Riparian Area (Trees/Vegetation 5+15m either side of the Creek Banks) Protection Act* which, as you are all very familiar, applies to WV's riparian areas and is delegated by the BC government to the municipalities to enforce. It of course is at issue in the 1591 Haywood application. My concern is precedents broadly damaging to riparian areas if full and focused attention is not given to this aspect of this lengthy and multifaceted application

The Provincial Riparian Area Protection Regulation and WV's Environmental Development Permit versus the text of the WV brochure referenced in the application (and presumably other applications)

Staff confirmed in its Oct 2, 2023, email that it is the WV Environmental Development Permit that applies (versus the text of the WV "brochure" from wherever it originated). As it was stated by Staff, development applications "must" comply that there be "*No net loss of riparian habitat with the 15 m setback of the watercourse bank.*"

Combined with Staff's other stated position that Lot A and Lot B are treated separately (so Lot B cannot take habitat credits from Lot A), does this not then put the issue to rest that there can be no development in the Lot B riparian area because to do so would cause a -37m² habitat loss when there "must" be "no" net habitat loss?

This does not prevent development in Lot B, just prevents in the environmentally protected area of Lot B per the RAPR and EDP. Experts in development applications like yourselves would best sort it out, but for what's worth, can't the optional deck off the coach house at the back in the riparian area be removed or relocated to the front; and instead of a large garage have two parking stalls situated close to the street, like the ones in Lot A?

Also, the EDP says, as quoted from Staff's correspondence succinctly and clearly states applications "must" comply that there be "No development closer to a watercourse than existing development." The application (and presumably others) wrongly uses the language of the brochure (from whatever it originated) with regards to "harden surfaces" instead of using the above clear and succinct legislated statement above. As you know the WV Creek Bylaw prohibits "harden surfaces" (pavement, gravel, stones) etc. in the riparian areas so then the question becomes how did this hardened surface, on which the application relies to offset new development in the riparian, get there? These "hard surfaces" have also been documented as appearing in at least two other riparian adjacent properties in recent reports to Staff. It is the EDP that applies per Staff which does not identify an allowance for "hard surfaces" to count in relation to Point 2 of the EDP.

RAPR Biologist Approvals

Thankfully, the above types of issues are reviewed in applications for approval by expert biologists in the Aquatic Ecosystems Branch, Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship of the BC government.

Why Do We have a Practice of EDP Permits in riparian areas in Exchange for Developers Agreeing to relatively minor Invasive Species Removal and replanting small trees/shrubs...Isn't that Staff or Volunteer Work, especially on the public land of the riparian areas?

This may be of interest to the new Climate and Environment Committee. In multiple instances (documented), permits are issued, for example, to cut down healthy protected riparian area trees in exchange for the developer removing some invasive plants and re-planting some small trees/shrubs. This application likewise is offering to do riparian revitalization – a very good thing – but it is in exchange for developing in the riparian area. (Also, see my previous question regarding the enforceability of these agreements in the EDP)

Especially on our public land, should we be trading off our environmental habitat in this manner when apparently it is common for volunteers and/or staff in other communities to do the removal of invasive species, replanting, and revitalization of the riparian areas as community projects without having to trade off habitat loss?

Thank you and sincerely,

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From: Edgar Dearden <eddie@gnarinc.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 2:35 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fossil gas terminology to enhance climate change communication and action
Attachments: Motion to use fossil gas terminology within municipal communications.pdf; Letter to BC government to use fossil gas terminology in BC.pdf

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To the Mayor and Council,

A decade ago, the looming threat of climate change compelled me to transition from a career in fossil chemical engineering to sustainable architecture. My dedication to climate-friendly practices has been unwavering, albeit underpinned by a belief that we had ample time to mitigate the unfolding crisis. The harrowing heat dome of 2021 drastically altered my perspective.

In its terrifying wake, I adopted a staunch position against any of our clients heating their homes with fossil fuel. So I told them what I thought I was supposed to say: "Don't use natural gas."

Despite discouraging use of "natural gas" and explaining its detrimental environmental impact, clients' responses varied from perceiving it as "green" to valuing its "natural" origin. In late 2021, three of those clients installed fossil gas heating against our advice, and a fourth fired us outright for merely suggesting that her "natural gas" fireplace was detrimental.

In pursuit of more effective communication, I discovered the term "fossil gas," which we used from 2022 onwards. This term is semantically accurate, as "fossil" denotes carbon sequestered underground from previous geological eras. It is the reintroduction of this sequestered fossil carbon to the atmosphere through burning that primarily contributes to the ongoing planetary heating.

Employing fossil gas terminology catalyzed a notable shift. The majority of our clients in 2022 opted against fossil fuel heating in their homes. Buoyed by this success, I embarked on a citizen science experiment to demonstrate public misunderstanding of "natural gas". I asked 10 strangers in public spaces, "Do you know what natural gas is?", and produced transcripts of the 6 respondents who were unable to accurately define "natural gas" nor link it to fossil fuels.

My request is simple: I am urging governments at all levels to adopt fossil gas terminology. Optimally, this initiative would be led by the provincial government, and I have therefore penned a letter to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

A simple action you could take to assist would be advocating to the provincial government to adopt this initiative.

A more ambitious action would be a motion to adopt fossil gas terminology in Municipal communication. Such a move would demonstrate leadership to the provincial government. Should they decide to adopt fossil gas terminology, you would benefit from a head start in updating documents. In the meantime, you would be providing a clear and undistorted message to residents and industries alike.

Even in the absence of municipal action, I encourage you personally to integrate fossil gas terminology into your own vernacular. We are fortunate to live in a free country and there is no obligation to label refined fossil fuel products as "natural." By consciously adopting the accurate term "fossil gas" you will exhibit enlightened leadership and foster an informed, conscious citizenry.

Words can indeed be a potent catalyst for change, especially where governmental authority is currently limited, such as in renovations and the elimination of fossil gas from existing buildings.

I extend these requests with profound respect and gratitude. Thank you for your anticipated efforts in advocating for a future that remains habitable for all of us and subsequent generations.

Kind Regards,



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We gratefully acknowledge the land, now known as Whistler and Revelstoke, where we live create and play, in the unceded traditional lands of the Skwxwú7mesh and Lilwat7úl, the Sinixt, Ktunaxa, Secwepemc and Syilx.

MOTION:

WHEREAS the term “fossil gas” is more semantically correct, representing fossil carbon sequestered underground from previous geological eras and its contribution to planetary heating when burned;

WHEREAS the term “natural gas” is potentially misleading and does not accurately represent the fossil origins and environmental impacts of the gas;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council direct staff to conduct research and investigate the implications and benefits of using the term “fossil gas” in place of “natural gas” within municipal communications and documents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff return to Council with a recommendation on the adoption and use of the term “fossil gas” for municipal purposes, considering the potential for enhanced public understanding and environmental awareness.

October 5, 2023

Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Subject: Proposal to use fossil gas terminology in Legislation, Documents and Communications.

Dear Minister Heyman,

Greetings and sincere gratitude for your dedication and steadfast service and leadership. Especially in the pivotal role as the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. I had the honor of meeting you at the BC Embodied Carbon Awards¹ earlier this year. You presented my company, GNAR Inc - Sustainable Home Design, the award for the Small Buildings BC (max. 300m²) category. [¹ <https://cifbritishcolumbia.com/embodied-carbon-awards>]

I pen this letter to foster a dialogue on a matter harmonizing succinctly with your mandate and British Columbia's CleanBC roadmap to 2030: the adoption of accurate, unequivocal language to catalyse actionable climate consciousness among citizens.

The specific proposal is to formally integrate the term "fossil gas" in lieu of "natural gas" in province wide legislation, documents and communications.

I have identified both through our Home Design clients, as well as an initiative I took to survey the general population, that many in British Columbia cannot identify "natural gas" as a fossil fuel. Even when I asked the esteemed Mayor Jack Crompton of Whistler to explain this term, he was unable to do so.

Attached to this letter are transcripts of my discussions with British Columbians which demonstrate their inability to associate "natural gas" with its fossil origins. These conversations underscore the confusion prevailing amongst residents due to the current terminology.

Remarkably, as you will observe in Conversation 4, when I asked the person a different question, "Do you know what fossil gas is?", he replied, "No". Yet despite never having heard this term before, when prompted further with, "Can you figure it out?", this individual responded, "Gas that's a fossil fuel?"

It is evident that this simple and effective terminology shift to 'fossil gas' can significantly bolster climate action by advocating for the elimination of fossil fuels.



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The term “fossil gas” is semantically correct as ‘fossil’ denotes carbon sequestered underground from previous geological eras. It is the reintroduction of this sequestered fossil carbon to the atmosphere through burning that primarily contributes to the ongoing planetary heating.

The tangible impacts of climate change are undeniable, and while we have just suffered the worst wildfire season in our history, British Columbia has been a beacon of progress in implementing strategies and policies aimed at mitigating these impacts and propelling us toward a sustainable future.

Your mandate emphasizes significant points, including executing the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, aligning policies with B.C.’s 2030 and 2050 legislated reduction targets, and ensuring industrial alignment with net-zero emissions by 2050, all of which are commendable and pivotal.

The use of the term “fossil gas” aligns with several priority areas stipulated in your mandate:

Enhancing Transparency and Education: The term ‘natural gas’ inadvertently masks the fossil origin and the associated environmental ramifications. By adopting “fossil gas”, we illuminate the truth about its origins and impacts, shaping informed perceptions and behaviours among citizens and industries alike.

Supporting Reduction Targets: Informed citizens, aware of the fossil fuel implications, are more likely to adopt and advocate for alternative energy sources, thereby organically driving the demand and swift adoption of cleaner energy solutions.

Aligning New Industries: Ensuring that emerging industries are congruent with the CleanBC plan and legislated targets necessitates a clear, undistorted communication about the energy sources we are phasing out and the alternatives we champion.

Climate Preparedness and Adaptation: A citizenry that accurately perceives the roots and outcomes of climate change is essential in collectively embracing and implementing adaptation strategies.

Fostering Unity and Commitment: Accurate terminology, endorsed by the government, fosters a unified front, bridging citizens, local governments, and industries through a transparent and aligned environmental dialogue and strategy.

This modest yet potent shift in nomenclature not only amplifies clarity and honesty in our communication but also seeds and nurtures a more grounded and accurate understanding of the environmental implications among British Columbians.

Your leadership, Minister Heyman, could ensure that this simple yet profound change cascades through our policies, dialogues, and collective consciousness, further solidifying B.C.’s stance as a vanguard in environmental stewardship and climate action.

I therefore call on you and the Premier of British Columbia, the Honorable David Eby, to adopt fossil gas terminology in Provincial communications and documents, as well as the requisite pieces of legislation. I have drafted a Private Members Bill that would direct this action. It is a mere two pages, but I believe it will initiate the processes necessary to complete this action within 12 months.

I am available for any further discussions or clarifications on this matter and eagerly await your insights and responses to this proposal.

Thank you for considering this proposal and for your unwavering service to our province and environment.

Kind regards,

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PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL:

FOSSIL GAS CLARIFICATION ACT, 2023

WHEREAS clarity and accuracy in the language used in legislation and government communications are of utmost importance;

WHEREAS the term “fossil gas” is more semantically correct, representing fossil carbon sequestered underground from previous geological eras and its contribution to planetary heating when burned;

WHEREAS the term “natural gas” is misleading and does not accurately represent the fossil origins and environmental impacts of the gas;

NOW, THEREFORE, HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. Short Title:

This Act may be cited as the "Fossil Gas Clarification Act, 2023".

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this Act:

(a) "raw fossil gas" refers to hydrocarbon gas primarily comprising methane derived from fossil sources, which has not undergone processing;

(b) "processed fossil gas" or "fossil gas" refers to hydrocarbon gas primarily comprising methane derived from fossil sources, that has undergone processing, irrespective of the degree of said processing.

3. Legislative Amendments

(a) The Carbon Tax Act, R.S.B.C. 2008, c. 40, and all other BC legislation that define or employ the term "natural gas", shall be amended by replacing the term "natural gas" wherever it appears with "raw fossil gas", "processed fossil gas", or "fossil gas", whichever is contextually appropriate.

(b) Subsequent BC legislation enacted following the commencement of this Act, which seeks to define or reference methane gas from fossil sources, shall use the terms "raw fossil gas", "processed fossil gas", or "fossil gas" as is contextually fitting.

4. Government Communications

All governmental communications, documents, publications, and official correspondences produced after this Act's commencement that reference methane gas from fossil sources must use the terms "raw fossil gas", "processed fossil gas", or "fossil gas" as appropriate. Pre-existing governmental materials that are renewed or republished should be updated to match this terminology.

5. Review of Existing Legislation

The Attorney General shall undertake a review a review to pinpoint specific pieces of BC legislation that define or employ the term "natural gas". Within 12 months from the commencement of this Act, the Attorney General shall produce recommendations for the necessary amendments to ensure alignment with this Act.

6. Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Transcripts of conversations asking: 'Do you know what natural gas is?'

Conversation 1:

Eddie: Do you know what natural gas is?

Person 1: Gas that comes from the earth naturally

Eddie: Could you tell me more about that?

Person 1: No I don't know

Eddie: Do you know where they get it from?

Person 1: No

Eddie: Do you know what it is?

Person 1: No I don't know, it's a long time since I've been in science class

Conversation 2:

Eddie: May I ask you the question I ask everyone who starts here?

Person 2: Yes

Eddie: Do you know what natural gas is?

Person 2: I don't want to say yes but I don't want to say no

Eddie: Say whatever you think

Person 2: No not really

Eddie: I keep telling everyone that people don't know what natural gas is.

Person 2: I don't think I really know, maybe if I looked it up.

Conversation 3 (two people present):

Eddie: Do you know what natural gas is?

Person 3: I think natural gas is like the actual air gas

Person 4: No, not really. Why?

Eddie: I'm just curious, do you know what it is?

Person 3: I don't know if its like liquid or actual air gas

Person 4: I think it's like a fuel and you like, put it in a tank and burn it?

Eddie: Sure that's close enough

Person 4: Yes, nailed it.

Conversation 4:

Eddie: You seem like an informed fellow, I have a question that I have been asking people, do you know what natural gas is?

Person 5: Natural?

Eddie: Natural gas.

Person 5: Where it actually comes from, or what it actually is?

Eddie: Yeah, what is it?

Person 5: I know it's not propane, but I know it is something similar to it. But, I wouldn't actually know to tell you the truth what actual real natural gas is and where it comes from.

Eddie: That's a perfect, great answer. I'm finding most people don't know.

Person 5: I know natural gas is similar to propane, but I know it is not the same. I know that what we have in our houses is natural. Where they get it from and all that I don't know.

Eddie: Do you know what fossil gas is?

Person 5: No.

Eddie: Can you figure it out?

Person 5: Gas that's a fossil fuel?

Conversation 5:

Eddie: I'm going to ask you a question I ask everyone, is that ok?

Person 6: No problem, go for it.

Eddie: Do you know what 'natural gas' is?

Person 6: Gas that's natural

Eddie: Did you just say 'gas that is natural'?

Person 6: I have no idea! But I'm pretty sure it's gas that is better for the environment.

Eddie: Ok, but what is it?

Person 6: I don't know.

Eddie: Search your memory bank, what do you know about it

Person 6: Do you hook it up to your house?

Eddie: Yes, you hook it up to your house.

Person 6: It's gas that's better!

Eddie: Better than what?

Person 6: Than regular.

Eddie: Regular what?

Person 6: Regular gas. Are they the same thing or not?

Eddie: Like gas that you put in your car?

Person 6: Are you talking about gas that you put in your car or gas gas?

Eddie: When people say 'put gas in your car' they mean gasoline

Person 6: Oh right. So you're talking about gas that doesn't go in your car

Eddie: Well it is confusing, there are vehicles that use 'compressed natural gas'

Person 6: So it does go in your car! So it's like fuel.

Eddie: Yes, it is like fuel. But do you know what it is?

Person 6: I don't know, tell me

Eddie: Natural gas is a fossil fuel. I call it fossil gas.

Person 6: How do they get it?

Eddie: Here in Canada they use this process called 'fracking' or hydraulic fracturing. They drill down under the earth, then fill it with chemicals and blow the frack out of it. All the rock gets punctured which releases the gas, but it can also poison aquifers and groundwater.

Person 6: So it's not good?

Eddie: No its really bad for the environment

Person 6: Why do they call it 'natural'

Eddie: Exactly! Why do they call it natural!?

Person 6: So it f**ks everything up?

Eddie: Yes basically, that is why we have global warming.

Person 6: Oh cool... s**t. That sucks.

Conversation 6:

Eddie: Could you please explain linguistically why this substance is called natural gas?

Mayor Crompton: I don't know the reason it is described that way. I think it is the most commonly used term, and that is probably why we use it.

Eddie: So you don't know why it is called natural gas?

Mayor Crompton: I don't have the etymology of the word, no.

Eddie: I sent a letter to you, proposing that Mayor and Council use an alternative term to natural gas, fossil gas. You opposed that motion, but you are saying that you don't know why it is called natural gas?

Mayor Crompton: Exactly yeah. I don't know the etymology. It is the word that is most commonly used in public conversation, so it's the word that we're using at the table as we discuss it. I think most people would know what you mean when you use the word.

Eddie: In my letter I provided transcripts of conversations with 6 residents, who like yourself Mayor Crompton, do not know what natural gas is. Do you accept that? Do you agree it is possible that many people do not know what natural gas is?

Mayor Crompton: Well I think people know what it is. I don't want to comment on conversations you've had with other people because I don't know them and haven't had the opportunity to speak with them myself.

Eddie: Do you think the term 'natural gas' could be misleading?

Mayor Crompton: It is the word that most people in the world use, so it is the word that we use at this table to talk about something that we want to be able to communicate with each other and understand what we are talking about.

Eddie: Given the escalating climate crisis, and the need for public clarity on environmental issues, do you agree that persisting with outdated, and potentially misleading terms, could hinder public understanding?

Mayor Crompton: I think what we came to is that the most important thing we can do is take substantive action on that and that's where we're spending our time. Increasing our transit service, building better buildings. We've got 6 big steps that we're taking very seriously and that's where we want to focus our time and attention.

Eddie: Right. I notice a bit of a dichotomy because, when discussing my letter, Councillor De Jong said "I don't want council spending any time on semantics", but then when discussing the GHG inventory report Councillor De Jong was like "How can we get people to reduce natural gas?". What I'm proposing is that people in British Columbia do not even realize that natural gas is a bad thing. The term natural gas implies benign, it implies beauty, nature. Do you agree with this sentiment?

Mayor Crompton: Mr Dearden your time is up. No, I think most people know that it is a fossil fuel. And I think that is pretty clear to us as we discuss it.

Eddie: To that point, you say you think people realize it is a fossil fuel. I presented conversations with 6 British Columbians, which was 6 out of 10 of the total that I asked, demonstrating that those 6 people do not know that natural gas is a fossil fuel. Do you dispute that 6 out of 10 people I asked don't know that natural gas is a fossil fuel?

Mayor Crompton: We'll have to end here because we're over time but no, I don't dispute the conversations that you've had.

Eddie: So you agree that natural gas is a misleading term?

Mayor Crompton: Mr Dearden we're at the end of our time. I'm grateful you took the time to speak with us tonight.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 4:42 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Agenda for October 16 Council Meeting
Attachments: smime.p7s; ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm

1. Thank you for addressing these issues.

2. Re: Ban on Nuisance and Invasive Tree Species

It would be helpful if the ban included other species, and was enforceable, particularly near property lines, and in road allowances.

Bamboo and butterfly trees, and many other invasive species can cause extensive damage that impacts those on fixed incomes, and can interfere with driver sight lines. (For example, extricating [REDACTED] s. 22(1) 3"-4"" bamboo roots from under a new patio just cost \$1,000. Resetting the heavy patio stones will be extra. The roots lifted most of the stones within a year, were growing towards the foundation, and removal required special tools and considerable strength. Removal will require ongoing maintenance and repair work, particularly without chemicals. We are also dealing with thick roots and vines from [REDACTED] s. 22(1) English Ivy, morning glory, and wisteria, etc. The English laurel [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] requires careful maintenance to allow visibility, and our arborists apparently have no ability to enforce the current bylaws on this.

Thank you.

3. Many of us appreciate your reviewing the policies for dogs in public walkways.

It would also be helpful to review the *policies allowing leashed dogs in public buildings and public transport*. This is particularly important to encourage walking or bussing from a distance, particularly given our topography, our need to keep our seniors healthy to limit the need for expensive care homes, the concentration of parks and tax dollars for our waterfront (and lack of parks higher up), and our need to support our merchants (eg. Picking up coffee or a quart of milk on the way to our parks.) Leaving a dog tied up outside an establishment could result in the dog being released into traffic or taken, and some dogs become anxious and noisy when left alone. This consideration would further enable our environmental goals.

4. It may be helpful to *review the number of unleashed dogs each person can take to dog venues* such as Ambleside and Hay Parks. A large group of large dogs becomes a pack, difficult to control. When these dogs approach other dogs, including leashed dogs, it can result in aggressiveness. The presence of such packs already prevents some from using our dog parks.

5. As always, it would be helpful to consider impacts to all West Vancouver, and include a broader range of inputs before using tax dollars to create policies. This is basic for our planners, engineers, council members / mayor, and engagement professionals, and helps reduce divisiveness and the possibility / perception of conduct issues.

Thank you,

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

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 9:44 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Eagle Harbour Creek Bridge - Repairs Needed!

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Dear Council,

Please consider repairing this bridge as s.22(1) still use it to cross over to Keith Road to more easily access Park Verdun. I tell him not to do it but still does as it is a long way around. Even if he does stop, others won't and it is an accident waiting to happen.

Sincerely,

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West Vancouver
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 10:03 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Place for Sport engagement
Attachments: Place for Sport engagement.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Council,
Please see the attached letter regarding the West Vancouver Place for Sport request for community engagement.

Regards,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

To: Mayor and Council

CC: Correspondence

Subject : West Vancouver Place for Sport – Community engagement.

Dear Mayor Sager and councilors

I and other homeowners [REDACTED] s. 22(1) are in support of the planned Place for Sport. The Place for Sport facility will be a change to the current use of the West Vancouver Secondary School track and field. This change may have an impact on our neighbourhood, so we want it to be a positive one.

We are asking if there will be a community engagement process for the project and if so when?

Regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:09 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Reminder of Mayor Sager BC Law Society Hearings Jan 2024

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Dear Council,

A reminder to be courteous with those that have concerns over the Mayor's professional dealings with the BC Law Society - these are serious matters that Mr Sager kept from the electorate and could potentially become a pattern in retrospect (not just limited to his previous professional dealings).

As Mayor Sager has a pre conference hearing this week - I find it timely to remind Council to be courteous with those constituents that have serious concerns over these matters. Some of you ran as a team during the election and I suggest that matters as serious as these - that were kept from the electorate writ large - deserve humility and true consideration once the findings are finalized sometime around the end of January 2024.

Transparency and engagement have not been hallmarks of your first year - this will be an upcoming opportunity for Mr Sager to address the findings once and for all - at least on these matters - we don't expect to hear about any District findings publicly.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Maple Ridge BC

Sent from my iPhone

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ART MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**

Committee Members: M. Adamian (Acting Chair), D. Becker, and M. Price attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: F. Patterson.

Staff: H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator (Staff Representative) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 18, 2023 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 16, 2023 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Planning of Fundraising Events for 2023

The subcommittee discussed the upcoming Fundraising Events, including the launch of the Takao Tanabe print at the West Vancouver Art Museum on May 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., the two upcoming Endowment events in July, West Coast Modern Week, and the Spring Ask.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Planning of Fundraising Events for 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Donor Recognition and Giving Levels for 2023

H. Letwin provided an update on Donor Recognition. D. Becker will research different possibilities to display a changeable donor acknowledgement frame and will bring recommendations to staff.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Donor Recognition and Giving Levels for 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Directed Donations for Exhibitions, Publications, and Programs

H. Letwin will work with the subcommittee to formalize the marketing collateral for directed donations.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Directed Donations for Exhibitions, Publications, and Programs be received for information.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

8. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Fundraising Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023 at 2 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

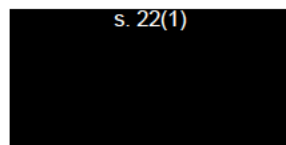
It was Moved and Seconded:

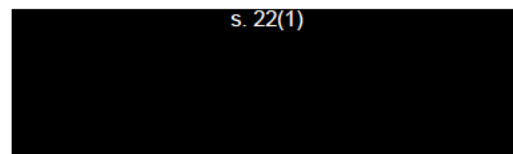
THAT the May 18, 2023 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

Staff Representative

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ART MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Committee Members: D. LaCas (Acting Chair), M. Adamian, D. Becker, K. Duffek, B. Helliwell, F. Patterson, M. Price, R. Van Halm; and Councillor L. Watt attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: C. Gotay, and K. Hall.

Staff: H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator (Staff Representative) and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 12, 2023 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. Helliwell and F. Patterson absent at vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 4, 2023 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

B. Helliwell and F. Patterson absent at vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

The committee delayed consideration of Item 4 to immediately follow Item 5.

5. Administrator / Curator's Report

H. Letwin updated the committee on the following items:

- The current exhibition, Order from Chaos: Jane Adams and B.C. Binning, closes on September 23, and will be followed by Losing Control of the Landscape: Ross Penhall, which opens on the evening of October 3. The exhibition reception will also serve as a launch for a new Artist Editions Print, generously donated by Ross Penhall.

- West Coast Modern Week and the Harmony Arts Festival were both very successful.
- Two Art Museum staff have departed recently, including the Curatorial Assistant, J. Korporal, and the Young Canada Works Summer Student, S. Bin. H. Letwin also introduced A. Nomura, who has joined Cultural Services as the Departmental Secretary.
- Staff asked the Art Museum Advisory Committee to save the date for November 30 for the Annual Donor Reception.

B. Helliwell entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

Councillor Watt entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Administrator / Curator's Report be received for information.

CARRIED

F. Patterson absent at vote

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor L. Watt reported that the arts and culture committees will likely undergo amalgamation for 2024. Councillor L. Watt also reported that Councillors will be attending the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities Convention and meeting with ministers and counterparts.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

F. Patterson absent at vote

5. Administrator / Curator's Report

Considered immediately after Item 3.

6. Committee Structure for 2024

Staff and Councillor L. Watt updated the committee on plans to amalgamate the arts and culture committees.

F. Patterson entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Committee Structure for 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Fundraising Report

F. Patterson and M. Price updated the committee on recent Endowment Events, which have brought the West Vancouver Art Museum Endowment with the West

Vancouver Foundation to an excess of \$100,000. F. Patterson also reminded the committee that the next Fundraising Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Fundraising Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Visibility and Awareness

- Staff shared some draft designs for street banners that will be made and installed to mark the Art Museum's 30th Anniversary in 2024. Staff will email these designs to the committee, for discussion at the October committee meeting.
- Staff also shared that they were working on an Exhibition Sponsorship booklet, based on the suggestions of M. Adamian.
- The committee would like to see merchandise that echoes the designs for the banners.
- Councillor L. Watt wondered if there is a way to incorporate photos from events from the last 30 years, possibly in the form of a virtual or in-person exhibition.
- M. Adamian suggested that the committee needs to consider some key actions and goals for the 30th anniversary, such as fundraising and visibility.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Visibility and Awareness be received for information.

CARRIED

K. Duffek left the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and did not return.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

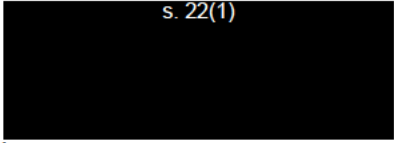
THAT the September 12, 2023 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

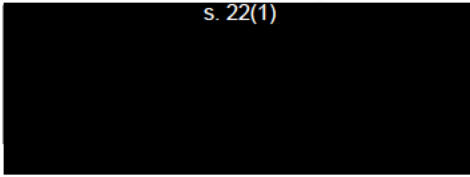
K. Duffek absent at vote

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Chair

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Staff Representative

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023**

Committee Members: C. Shaw (Chair), B. Dame, G. Jopson, M. Macdonald, O. Nitsan, S. Patel, G. Russell, and J. Wang attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: C. Campbell-Leveck, M. Davis, C. Kwando, M. Mohajerani, S. Whittall; and Councillor C. Cassidy.

Staff: L. Shepherd, Community Development & Community Services Manager; D. Larsen, Assistant Program Coordinator, Gleneagles Community Centre; and D. Godfrey, Community Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 14, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 1, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting minutes be amended by:

- Removing the words “pottery sales and” from Item 8 (Bullet Point 7);

AND THAT the minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Supervisor’s Update

D. Larsen spoke regarding:

- Summer camp hiring and registration levels.
- An upcoming Youth Services grade 6/7 dance.
- Health & Fitness operations noting that they had a presence at Gleneagles Spring Fest West.
- A garage sale event that was held shortly after the Gleneagles Spring Fest West Event. He noted several expressions of interest from the community in having another one soon.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Supervisor's Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Manager's Update

L. Shepherd spoke regarding recent staffing changes in Community Services and noted that the number of changes over the past few months has been quite high. This resulted from some higher-level managerial retirements and vacancies which resulted in some cascading down the ranks as other staff stepped in to temporarily fill positions. She agreed to provide a written list of the current incumbents and the various changes she spoke of.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Manager's Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Gleneagles Spring Fest West Report

D. Larsen spoke regarding the Gleneagles Spring Fest West event noting that it was very successful and drew in a good number of participants. He noted that prize donations from various community organizations and businesses totalled approximately \$4,700. He confirmed that the raffle table brought in \$2,639 and that once hot dog stand revenue is received, the total revenue for the event will come in at just over \$3,000. He confirmed that thank you letters went out the week after the event to all the people and organizations that donated.

General discussion was held regarding improving signage for the various groups located around the event site, and regarding the success of the event even with it being moved indoors due to the possibility of inclement weather. It was suggested that indoor options should become a regular part of the event in future years.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Gleneagles Spring Fest West Report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. 2024 Work Plan & Priorities

L. Shepherd spoke regarding the committee's work plan timeline and posed the question as to what this committee wanted to focus on for 2024. She noted that Gleneagles Spring Fest West is a regular part of the annual work plan and would be one of the items that is included for 2024.

A fulsome conversation was held regarding what the committee does and how it contributes to the operations and activities of the Gleneagles Community Centre. Topics touched on included:

- Partnering with the Seniors' Activity Centre and Memorial Library to bring activities and programs to the Gleneagles Community Centre.
- Revisiting the mission and vision for the community centre and committee.

- The location of the mountain bike park and possible installation of pickleball courts.
- Could program offerings be expanded over and above existing programs which are thriving and successful.
- Expanding program options for kids after school.
- Are there areas of the community centre that are under utilized?

C. Shaw summarized the conversation and recapped some possible avenues for moving forward with the 2024 work plan and the overall operations of the Advisory Committee.

It was agreed that committee members should consider this discussion and come back to the next meeting, after the summer break, to continue the discussion and confirm plans for 2024.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding 2024 Work Plan & Priorities be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Members Reports

C. Shaw spoke regarding the Horseshoe Bay Business Association (HBBA) activities. She noted an increase in graffiti, specifically targeted on BC Hydro boxes, and also noted that Taste of the Bay did not happen this spring but is being reconsidered for fall 2023 once the work on the park is fully completed. She noted that the HBBA will meet on June 22 and will then pause for the summer.

M. Macdonald spoke regarding the activities of the Western Residents Association (WRA) noting an upcoming Dinner on the Dock on July 6. She also shared that a muralist has received funding to paint the floor/ground of the basketball and tennis courts. She shared that the most recent meeting of the WRA featured a guest speaker talking about the issue of rodenticide and its impact on the wildlife in the area. She noted the next meeting of the WRA will happen in September.

G. Jopson noted that the Golf Society is thriving and has signed an agreement with the District regarding preferential tee times and use of room space. He shared that both the men's and women's clubs are oversubscribed and there a wait times on the golf course. He shared that the club will be hosting a regional special Olympic golf tournament this season, and there are two junior tournaments planned during the next several months. He also spoke regarding a Lions Gate Hospital fundraising event that club members are assisting at.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Members Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

10. NEXT MEETING

In light of recent quorum issues, a short discussion was held as to the preferences of committee members regarding meeting format.

Staff confirmed that the next Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. and held in-person in the Living Room at the Gleneagles Community Centre.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 14, 2023 Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

Committee Members: E. Fiss (Chair), B. Kaiser, C. Monsef, A. Nazar, J. Oakes, M. Rahnama; and Councillor L. Watt attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: P. Azarm Motamedi, and D. Huhn.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and L. Thackray, Cultural Services Program Coordinator attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

C. Monsef was welcomed to the Committee and introduced to the members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 18, 2023 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 13, 2023 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Watt invited members to the opening of Horseshoe Bay Park on July 27; reported on a new Environment Committee established by Council; and discussed plans to move the Jim Pattison home on the waterfront to a new home.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Meeting with Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Update

E. Fiss updated the members on the meeting of the Chairs and Acting Chairs from the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, Art Museum Advisory Committee, Community Grants Committee, Public Art Advisory Committee, Councillor Watt and staff from Legislative Services on June 15, 2023.

There was a discussion on the current governance model of the District's Committees of Council related to arts and culture which has resulted in committees not aware of each other's activities and priorities as they never meet with one another. This has made informed governance of the sector more difficult. A conversation was held on the concept of restructuring these committees to integrate their current functions into one overarching Committee of Council with additional advisory panels working with staff on the operational functions some of the committees currently fulfil. These include advisory panels for the operational oversight of the Art Museum, for the distribution of the annual grants for the Community Grants Program and developing West Vancouver's Public Art Program.

There was unanimous support for this concept. A subsequent meeting was held on July 14, 2023 with Councillor Watt, Councillor Gambioli, S. Swan from the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, and staff to discuss next steps. It was recommended that staff prepare a memo to Council with an outline of a proposed new structure and a request for direction from Council to draft a new Terms of Reference for a restructured Arts & Culture Advisory Committee with additional functions and expanded membership for Council's review.

The new Arts & Culture Advisory Committee could include members from the new Art Museum Advisory Panel, Community Grants Advisory Panel, Public Art Advisory Panel, Kay Meek Arts Centre, West Vancouver Community Arts Council, West Vancouver Memorial Library, Awards Committee, and 2-3 members from the community at large. This structure would create a Committee of Council with broader representation from the arts and culture sector and ensure better communication between key organizations delivering arts and culture programs and services and Advisory Panels involved in operational delivery of some of the District's key arts and culture services.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Meeting with Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Community Public Art & Murals Program Discussion

Staff was preparing a Council Report to request approval for a new Community Public Art & Murals Program and was informed by Legislative Services that proposed new Programs should be integrated into the District's Public Art and Municipal Art Collection Policy and Procedures. As these documents require an update anyway, staff will spend the time to update the documents and integrate the proposed new Programs into the revised policy and procedures documents for Council consideration in the Fall. This will enable the committee to develop a Call for Proposals for early 2024 for Spring and Summer next year. A draft will be available for review at the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Community Public Art & Murals Program Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Staff Update

Staff provided an update on the following:

- Welcome Figure: work is completing on this project. There will be a modest celebration to commemorate the restoration with a blessing of the Welcome Figure and a small reception. Committee members will be invited to attend.
- Horseshoe Bay Park Opening: members were invited to the opening on July 27. E. Fiss commented on the plinths that have been placed in the park and asked if they could be used for temporary public art. Members who can attend the Opening next week were also asked to have a look at the totem pole for the type of fence that could be constructed to deter people from sitting on the totem pole.
- Staff provided a brief update on the Navvy Jack Point Park project and will send the written update received from Imu Chan to the members.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

S. Snider from the West Vancouver Community Arts Council asked about the format for the future Community Arts Program and how proposals will be solicited from the community.

NEXT MEETING

9. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting will be rescheduled from September 19, 2023 to September 26, 2023 at 10 a.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

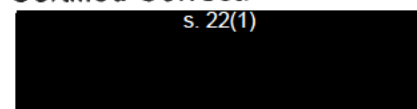
THAT the July 18, 2023 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

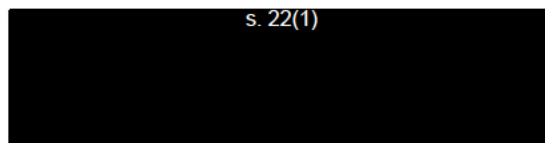
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Staff Representative

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CEDAR ROOM, WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Committee Members: V. Holysh (Chair), J. Mascal, K. McCartney, G. McCurdy, L. Mulholland, S. Price, J. Verner; and Councillor L. Watt attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre. Absent: N. Baker, R. Fisher, and L. Rogers.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and D. Godfrey, Community Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Committee members provided a brief introduction for the benefit of new committee members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 5, 2023 Community Grants Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Moving Item 6 – Permissive Tax Exemptions Update to come immediately before Item 4 – Council Liaison Update;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 16, 2023 Community Grants Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

6. Permissive Tax Exemptions Update

V. Holysh invited members of the public to speak regarding the topic of Permissive Tax Exemptions.

S. Morrisroe (West Vancouver; and member of Christ Redeemer Parish) spoke regarding the transparency of the new process and lack of notice.

W. van der Sande (West Vancouver; member of St. Anthony's Parish) spoke regarding St. Anthony's Parish's historical Permissive Tax Exemption applications and the need for the tax exemption. He also spoke regarding the activities of the parish within the community.

D. Forristal (West Vancouver) asked about the evaluation process. S. Price and Councillor Thompson provided explanations of the evaluation process and criteria.

F. Watson (West Vancouver) spoke regarding her history with the parish and observations of its activities and contributions to the community.

S. Bitelli (West Vancouver) spoke regarding the contributions, activities, and support the church offers to the community.

A. Campbell (no address given) spoke regarding the evaluation scoring criteria.

D. Niedermayer and S. Price commented on the scoring rubric and how it was used and interpreted by the committee evaluators.

Discussion was held regarding taking public comments forward to the Finance and Audit Committee. A member of this committee will connect with staff to share feedback from this meeting. It was further noted that the subcommittee's final report will be attached to the Council report prepared by staff.

Councillor S. Thompson asked how the committee felt about continuing to be involved in evaluating Permissive Tax Exemption applications and it was generally agreed that the committee found value in the process which also provided useful context for the evaluation of the Community Grant Program applications.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Permissive Tax Exemptions Update be received for information.

CARRIED

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor L. Watt spoke regarding the events that were held over the summer including the Harmony Arts Festival, Ambleside Music Festival, and Modern Home Week. She noted the hiring of Scott Findley as the new Municipal Manager. L. Watt noted the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) is scheduled for September and that Horseshoe Bay Park has re-opened.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Update

D. Niedermayer updated the committee on the revised Terms of Reference for the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) which will be presented to Council for consideration on September 25, 2023. The revised Terms of Reference will create an expanded committee with more representation from the arts and culture sector and will have direct connection to newly formed Advisory Panels for the Community Grants Program, Art Museum, Ferry Building Gallery, and Public Art Program with a representative from the ACAC on these panels.

Some discussion was held as to who would represent the Community Grants Advisory Panel on a new Arts & Culture Advisory Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Permissive Tax Exemptions Update

Considered immediately before Item 4.

7. Community Grants Guidelines

V. Holysh noted some of the changes that have been made to the draft with committee input. Some additional updates and changes were discussed, including: elaborating on the description of financial need; the listed adjudication criteria; the number of applications an organization can submit; and multi-year funding.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT staff revise the Community Grants Guidelines document as discussed and present to the committee for further review at the next meeting.

CARRIED

8. Workshop for Community Grant Program Applicants

Staff proposed the potential timeline for holding a Community Grant Program workshop in October or November. Additional suggestions and comments included: having input from West Vancouver Police and Fire staff regarding organizations that they value most; making note of the application questions that are typically not answered well; including information on financial statements and budgets to assist applicants who struggle with this section; asking applicants about multi-year grants, and what are best practices in other jurisdictions when it comes to grant applications. Councillor L. Watt inquired if it was possible to make one-off exceptions to grant guidelines for applicants with exceptional situations.

Councillor Thompson left the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and did not return.

Discussion was held regarding the overall Community Grant Program budget, the increase in operating and project costs for all applicant organizations and the effects of multi-year approvals on future grant cycles.

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Community Grants Committee recommend a base increase of 15% to the Community Grants Program budget.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Workshop for Community Grant Program Applicants be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Staff Update

There were no updates.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

11. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Community Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023 at 5 p.m. and held in-person in the Cedar Room at the West Vancouver Community Centre.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 5, 2023 Community Grants Committee meeting be adjourned.

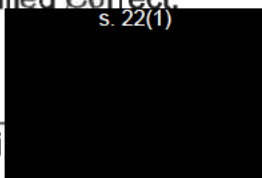
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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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