

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO MAY 3, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

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- (5) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), April 28 and May 2, 2023, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

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- (7) Senior Manager of Parks, May 1, 2023, response regarding “B.C. Provincial Championship” (Pickleball Tournament)**
- (8) Senior Manager of Community Services, May 2, 2023, response regarding “Lack of disabled volunteer opportunities at the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre”**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:07 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Lack of disabled volunteer opportunities at the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council members.

I [REDACTED] s.22(1) have lived in West Vancouver for many years. I am hopeful that once you have had the opportunity to review and investigate this matter, you will correct the situation and the policies involved. Prior to Covid, the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre (SAC) had several opportunities for disabled volunteers [REDACTED] s.22(1). As the pandemic now appears to be on the back burner, I recently inquired regarding [REDACTED] s.22(1).

I was sent role (job) descriptions of the available volunteer positions. I was informed that not only had the descriptions been changed but that some had been eliminated. In fact there was only ONE position showing the disabled symbol adjacent to it - and that was incorrect, as a disabled person using a walker or a wheelchair could not perform some of the duties listed. This was one of the roles [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Therefore based on the role descriptions, there are now ZERO volunteer positions suitable for disabled persons. This was not the case prior to Covid. This is both surprising and disappointing given that this Municipality widely promotes both inclusivity and diversity.

Not wanting to take more of your time than absolutely necessary, I've copied below, part of the final email I sent to the Services Manager responsible for the SAC

"To summarize.....after my initial inquiry, I discovered that there were zero opportunities for any disabled volunteers at the SAC. A place where [REDACTED] s.22(1) prior to Covid and the subsequent closing of the Cafe. I brought this shortfall to your attention and also mentioned that I would be informing the Mayor and Council regarding this lack of inclusivity and diversity at the Centre.

When you first suggested an "in person [REDACTED] s.22(1) appointment" I agreed, believing that it would be a one on one meeting with you or a designated staff member. I then discovered that you had actually invited me to attend a 5 on 1 meeting !! In what Universe did you think that this was acceptable or a good idea? During my many years in the work place, I was employed in a variety of environments. These included [REDACTED] s.22(1) and also a number of medium to small businesses. I don't ever recall any meeting where there were 5 staff members and 1 outside person attending.

I don't know what your motives were or whether they were intentional or not, but this completely reeks of intimidation. I also don't know if this is a common practice amongst lower to mid level Municipal employees but if it is, it should be stopped immediately. I find it incredulous that this is how you treat [REDACTED] s.22(1) (or indeed anyone) who has [REDACTED] s.22(1) at the SAC. Also as a resident of this Municipality, what a complete waste of employees time and taxpayers dollars! Why does it require 5 staff members to discuss the shortage of disability volunteer positions at the SAC? The truth is that it probably doesn't - they must just have too much time on their hands."

It's unfortunate that now, when I wish to [REDACTED] s.22(1), I shall have to search opportunities outside of the District where I live and where I have [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for many years.

However, I remain hopeful that in the future, changes will be made in the SAC and other District facilities so that there will once again be disabled volunteer opportunities for those who want to give back to their community [REDACTED] s.22(1).

Copied from the District website.....

"The District operates under a Council/Manager system, under which the elected Council provides policy direction to staff, which then implements Council policy. "

Thank you

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I drove home last night at 8.45 pm from the Enhance West Vancouver's forum on Climate Adaptability (very interesting and worthwhile - I hope it was recorded so that you can all watch it - we only saw Nora Gambioli there).

I was stunned to see the incredible Christmas light display in Dundarave, and I believe it goes on in Ambleside too. How ridiculous! What is it meant to prove? It certainly isn't Christmas any longer.

After asking some questions I hear these lights stay on every day of the year until late in the evening. How awful for the poor people who live above the shops along those two stretches of road. How ghastly for the birds who must be discombobulated by this ongoing 'daylight'. They may be LED bulbs, but they still use up electricity and what a poor example leaving lights on is for us all, and specially for our young people.

And what is the purpose? The shops were all closed, we passed precisely three cars and didn't see a single pedestrian.

Please turn them off until December, then have a month of festive lighting - and then turn them off again!

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West Vancouver, BC
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Dear Councillors,

There is no question that all of the Vancouver area is being encouraged to create greater density for housing. Obviously West Vancouver is to play its part in this process.

As a resident s.22(1) we have been seeing an erosion of open space to s. 22(1). The apartments on Taylor Way to the south of Marine Drive and those planed to the North of Marine Drive are recent examples. Two of the 3 rental blocks still seem to lack tenants as we see no lights on in them at night.

The Squamish band is seriously looking to redevelop and develop housing on its lands. Much of this land is in or adjacent to our Municipality.

The Indigenous developments in the Vancouver area that are in advanced planning stages are being planned for triple the density of the City. This gives insight into the future of the infrastructure and other needs that must be planned in the Taylor Way and South Park Royal area.

The attraction of West Vancouver has been its interesting ability to mix development with its quite rural feel. I have been a resident, first setting here on s. 22(1)

The general feel of the West End of Vancouver with high density high rise is a very different vibe.

At the moment we are encouraging over a million immigrants to Canada every year. Most are towards the low end of the skill level. Few are from Europe or other countries where productivity and living standards are high. This is primarily because Canada is no longer attractive to those who have the types of skills Canada needs. Canada has fallen to lowest of the G7 countries in terms of productivity as far to little has been directed or encouraged in Capital Investment. The trend is strong and continues.

So in planning West Vancouver for the next 30 to 50 years the prevailing trends must be taken into account. Ultimately the question is not providing locations and types of housing units, which seems to be the present focus, but to vision the needs of who will be wishing to be accommodated in the longer range future.

Artificial intelligence will be eliminating so many jobs of the past and present, within a very few years and all within the early timeframe of the effect of your planning process. Constant growth for its own sake, will be changing and will have a major influence on planning. Once future growth plans are adopted and the there are changes to our of OCP there will follow a realignment of property values and prices. This entrenchment takes future options essentially off the table.

So please consider the future of this wonderful community. Depending on demographic studies we may well be a stable or contracting community within a few short years. This is not totally new to West Vancouver. Why, for example does a bridge to the City built in around 1938 still remain serving our essential needs.

Thank you for considering the true vision of West Vancouvers future.

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Mayor and Council,

I understand that CACs provide municipalities with the shared profits of zoning uplifts, compensate the Municipality for the extra services required, and compensate affected residents. I also understand that the CAC amount in West Vancouver is determined by our professional staff and recommended to the Mayor and Council.

Subdivision of large properties allows for gentle densification. I support that. And it looks like it will soon be the law in BC. But it also significantly increases the value of the land in question. Hence the requirement to pay a CAC. This return on investment (ROI), including subdivision costs and CAC is astounding; much more than traditional investments such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds and even real property. There is little or no risk. This investment is a clear incentive to incur subdivision costs and realize a ROI of 200%,300% or more. As the saying goes, "You have to spend money to make money." With such a significant ROI, it certainly encourages, not discourages subdivision of property.

I urge Council to treat all developers, both large and small, equally, and not call into question the fairness of any decision regarding CACs. I also ask that as stewards of West Vancouver, you not be influenced by irrelevant distractions and ensure that everyone is paying their fair share. No one should get special treatment, regardless of their circumstances. After all, business is business.

Yours truly,

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Patrick Weiler
Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-
Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With April showers, comes May flowers and sunnier days. As we look forward to a brighter May, I'd like to share some important highlights from this past month.

The Environment and Sustainable Development Committee began and completed its hearings into Imperial Oil's Kearl Lake tailing ponds leaks and spills based on my motion our committee passed. Over the course of three meetings, we have heard from a number of witnesses, including First Nations impacted by the spill, the CEO of Imperial Oil, and the CEO of the Alberta Energy Regulator to get answers on what went wrong, to find out why there was no communication from Imperial Oil and the Alberta Energy Regulator, and to ensure something like this never happens again. You can read more about my line of questioning and our committee's work in the [National Observer](#), [The Globe and Mail](#), and [iPolitics](#).

This week is National Tourism Week. As the Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Tourism Caucus, I was thrilled to lead celebrations in Ottawa that highlight Canadian tourism, and the workers and businesses that share everything our country has to offer to visitors from around the world.

April also marked Easter, Vaisakhi, Passover, the last three weeks of Ramadan which culminated in Eid al-Fitr. I hope all those observing were able to spend time with loved ones to mark these important occasions.

Here in the riding, I was able to join the community to celebrate the long-awaited opening of the rejuvenated West Vancouver Ferry Building and to highlight the federal government's contribution to restore this important landmark building. It was also a pleasure to welcome this month the Honourable Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development, to the Sea to Sky where we met with small businesses to discuss how Budget 2023 will benefit our communities. I also had a chance to visit the Coast where I had a great time at the Volunteer Fair and attending the Howe Sound Community Forum in Gibsons. We also welcomed the Prime Minister to make an important Indigenous healthcare announcement and host a town hall on the Squamish Nation reserve in West Vancouver.

Unmarked Graves identified by the shíshálh Nation

On a more somber note, the results of a [Ground Penetrating Radar study](#) this month identified unmarked graves at St. Augustine's Indian Residential School. This is yet another painful reminder of the horrific impact that residential schools had on so many Indigenous Peoples, and the trauma that it continues to inflict today.

My heart goes out to the entire shíshálh Nation, but particularly the families of the victims, as they grieve the losses of family members that were taken and would never return, and the Survivors that were forced to attend these wretched institutions and are being re-traumatized by these tragic discoveries.

As we continue to learn more, we all have a duty to face the hard truths about the shameful acts that have been visited upon Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and the injustices that continue to this day. Canada must and will continue to support Survivors, families and communities as they continue the search for truth, accountability and closure.

Parliamentary Updates



Updates from the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

Our committee work focused this month on hearing from and questioning witnesses on Imperial Oil's Kearl Lake tailing ponds leak in Northern Alberta.

Despite the wastewater leakages starting in May 2022, Imperial Oil and the province's energy regulator [failed](#) to notify the federal government, local Indigenous communities, and the public until several months later. The public disclosure was only made after a separate incident in February, which resulted in the spillage of 5.3 million liters of industrial wastewater at Kearl.

That is why from April 17th to April 24th, we called witnesses from representatives of impacted First Nations, Imperial Oil, and the Alberta Energy Regulator—the provincial regulatory body overseeing energy projects in the province.

On April 17th, Chiefs of First Nations [affected](#) by the spills of wastewater from the Kearl oilsands mine appeared in front of the committee. Chief Allan Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Daniel Stuckless of the Fort McKay Métis Nation, and other witnesses provided strong and passionate testimonies, strongly criticizing the province's energy regulator as well as Imperial Oil for failing to notify the Nations of these leakages, and the traumatic impact it has had on their communities.

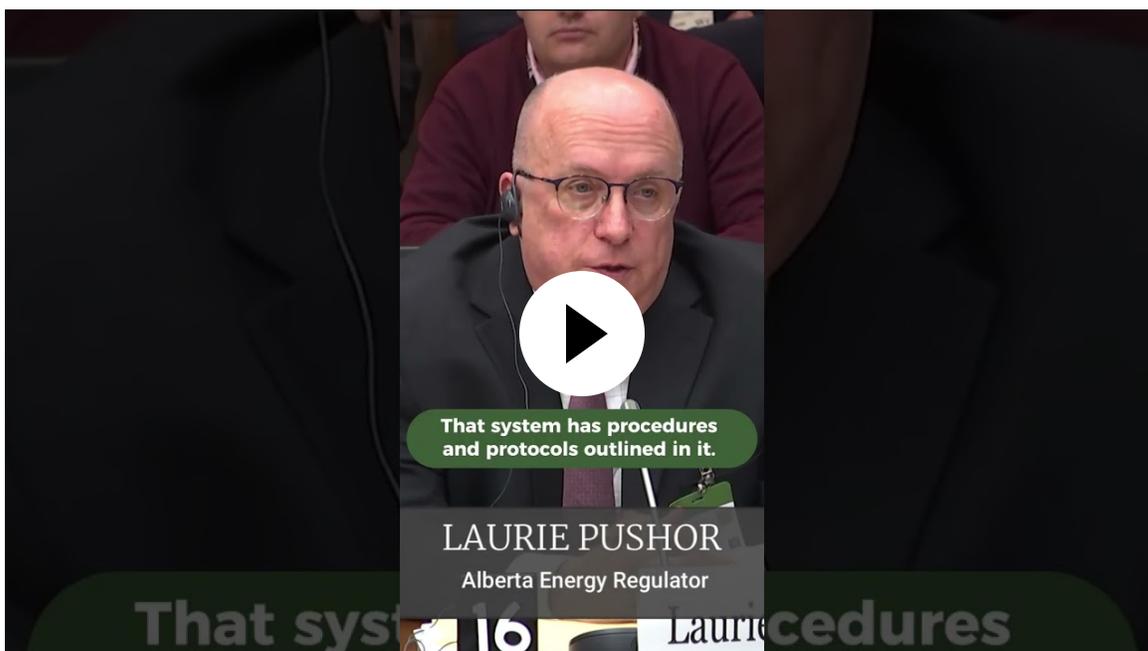
On April 20th, we [heard](#) from Imperial Oil executives on their failure to inform proximate First Nations and relevant governments about the toxic tailings leak, and their inability to measure, much less stop the tailings seepage into the Athabasca River watershed for almost a year. During the meeting, in my [remarks](#) to Imperial Oil's CEO, I questioned whether the company

would have kept the City of Calgary uninformed, had a similar scenario occurred, considering their failure to inform First Nation communities who are reliant on the affected water for food.

On April 24th, during our meeting with the Alberta Energy Regulator, I asked about the cause of the regulator's delayed order for the seepage that commenced in May of the previous year, and [communicated](#) my concerns to the agency's president and CEO that "I don't think we have just a communications problem here; we might have a coverup problem. We don't have just a pollution problem, I think we have some serious governance problems at play here."

Regrettably, the responses provided by both Imperial Oil and AER were evasive and [inadequate](#), which is why we have invited them to appear again so we can continue to hold these parties to account and try to help restore faith in environmental governance.

You can read more about the latest developments [here](#).



Updates from the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee

On the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, we have wrapped up listening to [witnesses on the topic of improving graduation rates](#) and successful outcomes for Indigenous students. We heard from 42 witnesses, from students, student leaders, teachers, administrators, and Indigenous representatives from across the country. While graduation rates among Indigenous communities are on the rise, these numbers vary when looking at urban and reserve communities. For First Nations people living off-reserve the graduation rate is 75%, but among First Nations in their early 20s living on a reserve, this number is only 47%. And among Inuit, it is similarly low.

Our committee also has some very exciting upcoming studies, including a Land Back study (officially named the Restitution of Land to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Communities).

Budget Implementation Act, 2023

Stronger public health care and dental care

Reducing backlogs, shorter wait times, and creating a new Canadian Dental Care Plan



After passing the budget policy motion, we have brought forward the Budget Implementation Act (BIA) to implement the provisions laid out in Budget 2023. The BIA contains the amendments to existing laws and the creation of new legislation to give effect to measures in the Budget. Important legislative changes are proposed to strengthen Canada's ability to tackle money laundering, to improve Canada's Air Passenger Rights system, and to strengthen our ability to clean up wrecked and abandoned boats, amongst other measures.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure its swift implementation and the passage of the entire budget so we can deliver on key priorities such as the Canadian Dental Care Plan, Grocery Rebate, automatic tax filing for low-income Canadians, and cutting credit card transaction fees for small businesses.

Online Streaming Act

Bill C-11, the Online Streaming Act became law on April 27th, modernizing the Broadcasting Act, for the first time in several decades and to bring in streaming services to the same standards and provisions that apply to television and radio in Canada. Online streaming services will now have a duty to contribute to Canadian artists and producers and have

Canadian content make up a small portion of the content they promote on their platforms when operating in Canada.

'Keira's Law'

Bill C-233, known by many as 'Keira's Law,' was passed by the Senate this month. It amends the Judges Act to provide judges training on matters related to intimate partner violence and coercive control in intimate partner and family relationships.

The bill was named after Keira Kagan, a four-year-old girl who was found dead with her father at the bottom of a cliff outside of Toronto in 2022, believed to be the case of a murder-suicide. Keira's mother, Jennifer Kagan-Viater, tried to bring attention to the danger her daughter's father presented to their child in court, to no avail.

The law also means that judges are now expected to consider whether the release order of the accused is in the interests of safety and security, and conditions can be put in place such as electronic monitoring.

Indigenous Health Announcement on the North Shore



On April 14th, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, along with Health Minister Patty Hajdu, representatives from Squamish Nation and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) [announced \\$8.2 billion to renew 10-year funding for the FNHA.](#)

In 2013, the FHNA took over responsibility for the management and delivery of health programs for First Nations in BC and to provide various services including primary care and

mental health and wellness, so this funding is a renewal from when the authority was first created.

Through the agreement, \$8.2 billion in funding will support the FNHA as it continues to deliver and improve the health systems that serve and support over 200 First Nations communities in the province. This includes but is not limited to continuing to develop innovative supports for mental health and wellness needs, increasing access to quality, culturally safe care, and strengthening coordination between the FNHA and the provincial health care services to better meet the unique needs of First Nations communities.

Community Updates in West Vancouver

Re-Opening of the West Vancouver Ferry Building



Earlier this month, I was delighted to announce just over \$1 million in federal funding for the restoration and re-opening of the West Vancouver Ferry Building.

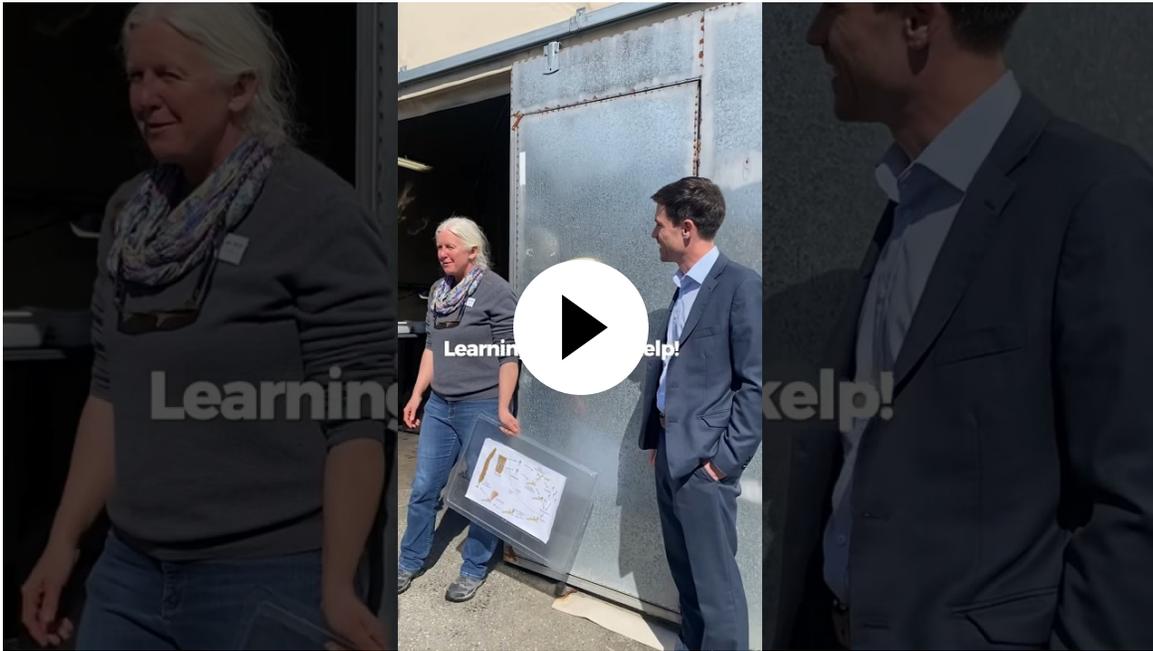
For 108 years, the Ferry Building has been a cherished part of the West Vancouver community. What started out as a ferry terminal to head downtown, now serves as a community centre and public art gallery. It plays a critical role in showcasing local artists and cultivating a long-lasting appreciation for the arts.

It was wonderful to be with representatives from the provincial and municipal governments, as well as representatives from the Squamish Nation who welcomed us and blessed the building.

Kelp Nursery Opening at the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre



On April 4th, I was invited to the opening of the Kelp Nursery by Ocean Wise at the incredible Pacific Science Enterprise Centre here in West Vancouver. The kelp nursery brings together many experts to address knowledge gaps in kelp restoration and farming, while laying the foundations for community-based restoration projects. They are focused on developing low-barrier techniques to restore and cultivate seaweed at scale here in BC, restoring kelp forests while also engaging local First Nations and local governments, creating jobs and providing space for community engagement. I learned a lot and was even able to drive their underwater drone (see below!)



Community Updates on the Sunshine Coast



Last week, on April 21st, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Howe Sound Community Forum in Gibsons, BC, where elected officials, First Nation representatives, local non-for-

profit organizations, and businesses gathered to discuss how to best enhance the cultural, environmental, and economic well-being of the Átl'ka7sem / Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region.

I met representatives from the Town of Gibsons, Village of Lions Bay, Village of Pemberton, Bowen Island Municipality, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Gambier Island Local Trust, District of Squamish, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Metro Vancouver, Squamish Nation (Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw), and the District of West Vancouver.

The forum's presentations also provided me with an opportunity learn more about local initiatives aimed at better water management in the Sunshine Coast region, as well as My Sea to Sky's Community Carbon Tracker initiative, which is making great strides in supplying valuable information that can help in reducing municipal greenhouse gas emissions in the Howe Sound region. [More information can be found here.](#)



I also had the chance to attend the second annual Sunshine Coast Volunteer Fair, organized by Rotary Sunshine Coast. I couldn't agree more with the following comment by fair organizers that "this fair brings people and organizations together in the spirit of enhancing community relations and goodwill". This spirit was alive in the Sechelt Senior's Activity on Saturday, April 23.

Dozens of organizations were present to show the community the amazing work they do and how they depend on volunteers to continue this work. Since the beginning of 2020, it has been challenging for organizations on the Sunshine Coast to retain and grow members and volunteers. There is such a diverse need, and the need for volunteers is greater than ever.

The Sunshine Coast community needs the support of volunteers of all ages and would encourage you to see check out the many opportunities to give back your time and talent.

Community Updates in the Sea to Sky



It's been wonderful to connect back with local leaders and businesses this spring in the Sea to Sky. I had a productive trip up to Whistler earlier this month to connect with new Whistler Chamber CEO, Louise Walker.

The Honourable Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development, visited Squamish for a downtown business tour and met with local small businesses from both the Downtown Business Association and the new CEO of the Squamish Chamber, Christopher Fehr. We also had a chance to visit Pearls, a social enterprise in Squamish whose profits go to the Howe Sound Women's Centre Society working to prevent gender-based violence in the Sea to Sky.

I also had the opportunity to connect with local leading clean tech company Quantum Technology to highlight how the Budget will support clean hydrogen projects like the ones they are working on.

Tourism Week

This week, from April, 24-30, is National Tourism Week! It is an annual invitation for all tourism partners to come together to promote Canada's destinations, tourism business and

employees. The theme this year is CANADA: Powered by Tourism. Pre-pandemic, the tourism sector was a \$105-billion economic powerhouse, and we're working hard to get it even bigger than that.

As a Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Tourism Caucus, I was excited to join my Co-Chair Senator Karen Sorensen, Minister of Tourism Randy Boissonnault, Parliamentary Secretary Rachel Bendayan, as well as representatives from the Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) and other partners at a kickoff event on Monday.

I also rose in the House this week to celebrate and highlight everything Canada has to offer to visitors from around the world, from majestic landscapes, stunning wildlife, diverse cultural experiences, and more. Watch below:



Budget 2023 Tour

This month, I had the chance to tour the riding to meet with constituents and small businesses, such as [Mitra's Market](#) in West Vancouver, to discuss how [Budget 2023](#) is working to put more money back in the pockets of Canadians. For example, through the new Grocery Rebate, eligible couples with two children can get up to \$467, single Canadians with no children up to \$234 and seniors \$225 on average. When implemented, this is going to help 11 million Canadians with the cost of groceries.

We're also helping small businesses by cutting credit card fees by up to 27%, so that they can continue providing great products and services to our communities, and helping social enterprises like [Pearls continue their vital work](#). Budget 2023 is also [investing in clean tech](#), such as Quantum Technology in Squamish, by providing investment tax credits for up to 40% for green hydro grab, as well as creating good jobs in this sector.

You can read more about how Budget 2023 will benefit our communities in [this article in the Coast Reporter](#).

Happy Easter



I hope everyone across West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country and across Canada had a very happy and restful Easter weekend.

Easter is a time to focus on family, forgiveness and renewal, and remembering the values of hope. To those observing, I hope you and your loves ones had a peaceful and meaningful Easter.

Happy Vaisakhi



Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

To the Sikh communities in our community and around the world, a hope you had a very happy Vaisakhi as you celebrated this important day marking the creation of the Khalsa in 1699 by the 10th Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

To you and your loved ones, Happy Vaisakhi/Vaisakhi Diyan Lakh Lakh Vadhaiyan!

Passover



From April 5 to 13, Jewish communities marked the Passover, celebrating a story of freedom and hope. To those observing, I hope you had a very joyous and meaningful time with family and friends. Chag Pesach Sameach! חג פסח שמח!

End of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr



Muslims here at home and around the world marked the end of Ramadan last week. I hope this month was filled with prayer, charity, retrospection and community. Wishing you all a very joyous Eid!

Eid al-Fitr Mubarak!

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of a new call for proposals under the Oceans Protection Plan's Abandoned Boats Program.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hemmat



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Patrick Weiler

Member of Parliament
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

May 2, 2023

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Abandoned and wrecked vessels can be harmful to the environment and to public safety. Abandoning your vessel is also illegal in Canada. Through Canada's Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is taking further action to remove vessels that pose a threat, in order to protect our coasts and waterways.

This week, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, **announced the launch of a new call for proposals under the Oceans Protection Plan's Abandoned Boats Program, which invites Canadians to submit proposals for projects that support the assessment, removal, and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vessels in Canadian waters.**

Through the call for proposals, which will provide \$1.6 million in total funding, the Government of Canada will pay up to 100% of costs associated with the assessment and removal of abandoned or wrecked vessels. Specifically, it will cover up to \$5,000 for boat assessment projects and up to \$250,000 for boat removal and disposal projects.

[Transport Canada is now accepting applications](#) from Indigenous communities and organizations, Canada Port Authorities, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, private ports and marinas, public sector organizations, and provinces, territories, and municipalities **until June 15, 2023**. Approved projects are expected to begin in 2023.

The Oceans Protection Plan is a Canadian success story. When Indigenous Peoples, industry, communities, scientists, and government work together to protect our environment, grow our economy, and support good jobs across the country, we deliver real results. The Oceans Protection Plan is keeping our oceans and coasts healthy, advancing reconciliation, and building a clean future for everyone.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We are happy to support your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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From: Mark Panneton
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 8:06 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Subject: RE: Public Rising and the Flag

Good morning, s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email. I have enclosed a response to your enquiries below:

- 1) With regard to the request that members of the public rise at the start of the meeting, this protocol was instated by the Mayor at the November 7, 2022 inaugural Council meeting.
- 2) With regard to the Union Jack, my understanding is that the Union Jack is displayed for historical reasons. My recollection is that it has been displayed for at least the past 15 years. I cannot comment as to its historical significance for individual members of Council, but as your email was also addressed to the individual Council members they may choose to respond to you directly.
- 3) With regard to the Chain of Office, the Chain of Office is not currently displayed. It is kept secured when not in use.

Best regards,

-Mark

Mark Panneton he, him, his
Director, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer | District of West Vancouver
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:54 PM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Public Rising and the Flag

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I attended my first council meeting on April 24, 2023 and I would like to ask for clarification about what took place when you entered the room to start the meeting. An announcement was made for the public to stand and this seemed rather surprising but, I would like to learn more about your protocol. It seemed that what took place would occur in a court of law or in a parliamentary setting.

I was wondering about the four flags on display. Our municipality, our province, Great Britain and Canada's flags were visible and I was intrigued by the Union Jack. What is its historical significance for its presence for those who serve on council?

Finally, I would like to ask if there is a Mayor's Chain of Office for our District that is on display, when not in use? I appreciate the time that will be taken to answer these questions and I will be sharing responses with my [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in short order.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: Andrew Banks
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 1:35 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence; Sue Ketler; Liezl de Jesus; Jennifer Notte
Subject: FW: Council correspondence - week ending April 19, 2023

Dear s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email to Mayor and Council. Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

The District has entered into an exciting partnership with Tennis BC to explore the possibility of an indoor community tennis facility, including pickleball courts, at Hugo Ray Park. Please visit the District [website](#) and subscribe for updates.

Regards,

Andrew

Andrew Banks
Senior Manager of Parks | Parks, Culture & Community Services | District of West Vancouver
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:26 AM
To: council@dnv.org; CityCouncil@cnv.org; correspondence
Subject: B.C. Provincial Championship

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Good morning,

I thought you would be interested in seeing (link below) how another BC community has embraced the sport of pickleball.

Vernon gets it! Hosting a huge tournament which will benefit their city.

The Northshore Pickleball Assc has done an incredible job promoting the sport. However if they don't receive political support it will be impossible to continue to grow the sport and gain the benefits of hosting such events.

On a side note:

I'm getting tired in seeing gravel soccer fields being unused. If the various leagues refuse to play on them, why not repurpose just one as a multi court outdoor pickleball facility?

Kinsman and Sunrise fields are just two of probably many in NV which haven't even been lined for play and are now commonly used as unsanctioned dog parks.

WV you should be embarrassed by your lack of effort. Normandy Park is above the tree line and the hand-dart vans can't even make it up the hill.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

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From: Jill Lawlor
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 2:22 PM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Volunteer Opportunities

Dear s.22(1),

Thank you for your email regarding your concerns about the lack of volunteer positions available at the District for persons with disabilities.

Unfortunately, COVID had a significant impact on the District's entire operations. As facilities and services re-opened, many volunteer roles changed. The District offers roles for persons with disabilities and we have available positions at the Seniors' Activity Centre that are accessible to people in wheelchairs or who have walkers.

Our staff are more than happy to work with you to discuss any restrictions s.22(1) and find adaptations, customizations, or discuss other roles s.22(1). To proceed, please meet with Alison Gelz and the volunteer team to discuss opportunities s.22(1). Alison would be happy to get together with you and the volunteer team to discuss s.22(1).

Alison Gelz, Youth & Seniors' Services Manager
agelz@westvancouver.ca
604-925-7244

Thank you for reaching out and s.22(1). Our volunteers are the heart of our community and we are fortunate to have people s.22(1) who want to give back in this way.

Sincerely,

Jill

Jill Lawlor (she, her, hers)
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:07 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Lack of disabled volunteer opportunities at the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council members.

I s. 22(1) have lived in West Vancouver for many years. I am hopeful that once you have had the opportunity to review and investigate this matter, you will correct the situation and the policies involved. Prior to Covid, the West Vancouver Senior Activity Centre (SAC) had several opportunities for disabled volunteers s. 22(1). As the pandemic now appears to be on the back burner, I recently inquired regarding s. 22(1).

I was sent role (job) descriptions of the available volunteer positions. I was informed that not only had the descriptions been changed but that some had been eliminated. In fact there was only ONE position showing the disabled symbol adjacent to it - and that was incorrect, as a disabled person using a walker or a wheelchair could not perform some of the duties listed. This was one of the roles s. 22(1). Therefore based on the role descriptions, there are now ZERO volunteer positions suitable for disabled persons. This was not the case prior to Covid. This is both surprising and disappointing given that this Municipality widely promotes both inclusivity and diversity.

Not wanting to take more of your time than absolutely necessary, I've copied below, part of the final email I sent to the Services Manager responsible for the SAC

"To summarize.....after my initial inquiry, I discovered that there were zero opportunities for any disabled volunteers at the SAC. A place where s. 22(1) prior to Covid and the subsequent closing of the Cafe. I brought this shortfall to your attention and also mentioned that I would be informing the Mayor and Council regarding this lack of inclusivity and diversity at the Centre.

When you first suggested an "in person s. 22(1) appointment" I agreed, believing that it would be a one on one meeting with you or a designated staff member. I then discovered that you had actually invited me to attend a 5 on 1 meeting !! In what Universe did you think that this was acceptable or a good idea? During my many years in the work place, I was employed in a variety of environments. These included s. 22(1) and also a number of medium to small businesses. I don't ever recall any meeting where there were 5 staff members and 1 outside person attending.

I don't know what your motives were or whether they were intentional or not, but this completely reeks of intimidation. I also don't know if this is a common practice amongst lower to mid level Municipal employees but if it is, it should be stopped immediately. I find it incredulous that this is how you treat [REDACTED] s.22(1) (or indeed anyone) who has [REDACTED] s.22(1) at the SAC. Also as a resident of this Municipality, what a complete waste of employees time and taxpayers dollars! Why does it require 5 staff members to discuss the shortage of disability volunteer positions at the SAC? The truth is that it probably doesn't - they must just have too much time on their hands."

It's unfortunate that now, when I wish to [REDACTED] s.22(1), I shall have to search opportunities outside of the District where I live and where I have [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for many years.

However, I remain hopeful that in the future, changes will be made in the SAC and other District facilities so that there will once again be disabled volunteer opportunities for those who want to give back to their community [REDACTED] s.22(1).

Copied from the District website.....

"The District operates under a Council/Manager system, under which the elected Council provides policy direction to staff, which then implements Council policy. "

Thank you

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)