

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

Correspondence

- (1) 24 submissions, November 1-7, 2023 and undated, regarding Amendment to Animal Control and Licence Bylaw No. 4545, 2008 and Long-Term Dog Strategy in West Vancouver**
- (2) 22 Submissions, November 2 and 7, 2023, regarding Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 5264, 2023 (Ambleside Local Area Plan: RM1 and RM2 Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments) (Referred to the November 20, 2023 public hearing)**
- (3) November 7, 2023, regarding “Evo / carshare spots in West Vancouver”**
- (4) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Design Review Committee meeting September 21, 2023 and Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting October 5, 2023**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

- (5) Senior Manager of Parks, November 2, 2023, response regarding “Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement”**
- (6) Executive Assistant to the Director of Planning & Development Services, November 6, 2023, response regarding “New Cell Tower Construction 2020 Bellevue Avenue”**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:13 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dog Walking/Seawalls

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Dear Mayor and Councillors, I read with great alarm your decision to allow dogs on the seawalls. They are safe, flat waterside walks for seniors with canes and walkers. To take that away from so many older people who, on a beautiful sunny day, walk slowly along the seawall to admire the ocean seems unfair and shortsighted.

You just have to compare that with the challenges seniors face walking in the dog park. Navigating around lots of dogs, not on leashes, is hugely challenging, as it will be even with leashes. It's tricky for me [REDACTED] s. 22(1) minus walker and/or cane. And I love dogs!

I am deeply disappointed that this decision was taken with no public consultation.

Regards,

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli; Mark Sager; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Dogs on leash on Centennial Seawalk

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Dear Council Members:

I contact you about the article I just read on the Northshore News on opening parks to dogs on leash. In particular I want to comment on the Centennial Seawalk.

First, I fully support to have a public consultation on the topic. The reported argument of some in council that a past 50-50 response would support a strategy of not going to the public because it's messy is the opposite of democracy in my view!

Technically, I see a main issue regarding leashes on the Seawalk: new "extendable" leashes allow dog owners to let their dog wander sometimes 3-4 meters away from their owners. Take into account that these dog owners often look at their phones and ignore the whereabouts of their dogs and you have the risk of other people, kids, seniors with canes, etc... falling into these extended leashes across the path... As to us, individuals on the Seawalk, managing this issue with dog-owners, if you dare make a small comment about animal control, you are immediately classified as a dog-hater... or just ignored.

Certainly some flexibility is required for dog owners but some areas such as the Seawalk path should remain dog-free, particularly taking into account that the dog path along the Seawalk already exists so dogs aren't excluded there; that path even gives them some freedom from the leash which they seem to enjoy!

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:56 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Changes to dog walk on Ambleside seawall

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Dear Mayor Sager and Council,

Since you folks seem to be doing things based on populous notions , it may be of interest for you to know that the number of Seniors using the seawall far exceeds the number of dog owners using the same seawall, Sr's that have mobility as well as balance issues.

Most dog owners are responsible but even with current restrictions I have often seen dog poop on the seawall, not to mention cyclists and rollerbladers who flout the law. What I don't see are any officers enforcing the rules. But I digress, extendable leashes make it harder for owners to control dogs that may be skittish or somewhat over stimulated.

This combination of vulnerable Sr's and dogs may be more of an issue than you have thought through. It would be tragic to take away the only area that is safe for Sr's because of a very small but vocal number of dog owners. There are no limits or restrictions for where dog owners can walk their dogs yet there are few safe spaces for Sr's and families to walk

Why take away the last safe space that Sr's have?

On a more political note, bear in mind that most taxpayers don't have dogs and the majority of those that turn up at elections are Sr's. I understand the need to get things done but understand that you were elected based on your platform of open discussion before decisions were made, not behind the scenes deliberations with subsequent instructions for staff to prepare the paperwork. With respect, please don't disappoint your constituents as so many politicians have done in the past, honor your obligations for fair and open public discussions on issues that are of public interest. If I were you I would consider opening this discussion up for public hearings and scrapping the previous orders to staff.

FYI I don't like to get involved in politics but when my and the quality of life of my friends is at stake I most certainly will not be timid about doing so.

Aloha

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver B.C. s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:34 PM
To: Info <info@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Dogs on the seawalk

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This may not be the correct method to make my views known but I am unsure about where else to go or how to proceed. If whoever receives this email would be good enough to print it out and ensure that it reaches Linda Watt and Christine Cassidy as well as other members of council who voted to allow dogs on the seawalk.

You have all just lost two votes, mine and my spouse's. We are regular seawalk users and enjoy it precisely because it is dog free. We are both fairly elderly and have had friends knocked over by dogs, become entangled in dog leashes, stepped in dog doo and otherwise had a relaxing walk ruined by dog related mishaps.

It's not that we don't like dogs, we do. It's just that it was nice that there was one place where you didn't have to worry about any of the above happening. West Van has a wonderful dog park at Ambleside and surely that, along with other venues, are sufficient for our canine friends.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1) W.V.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:46 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Allowing dogs on seawall

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Mayor Sager and Council..

Having already expressed my views on this subject..see NS news Wednesday October 25th...to the general public , I now realize I also have to "go to the source". I wonder how many of your council members walk this small portion of the seawall on a daily basis as I do. If they did, no doubt they would see that a majority of walkers are seniors , some of whom have mobility and balance issues. It is for this reason that they choose this safe and wide venue to take their daily much needed exercise. The last thing they need is a pack of dog owners ...and believe me, they will be numerous...to disturb and even endanger their quiet and serene time. This decision made by you and your council members without input from the general public is unfair and biased. It seems when I voted for you my vote went to the dogs!

[REDACTED] s.22(1) ...tax payer and voter

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad
"In vino veritas"

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 11:46 AM
To: Mark Sager; correspondence; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Dogs on the Sea Walk.

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Dear Mark Sager and Council,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed bylaw change to allow dogs on the Sea Walk. I have lived in West Van s.22(1) years and I don't understand why this would be a consideration.

I now live in an apartment s.22(1) and I have an office s.22(1) so I walk the Sea Walk multiple times a day. The fenced dog run is a fabulous innovation that has worked for decades. There is an off-leash park at Ambleside that I am sure is the best off-leash park in North America if not the world.

While dogs make a fabulous family pet, allowing them free access on the sea walk would be a mistake as it will create safety and noise issues for seniors. Further, the sea walk gets very crowded on nice days and with free parking and dogs everywhere the Sea Walk would be chaotic. Not a nice place for someone with a walker or a cane.

In fact, I believe enforcement of the current bylaw should be stepped up.

Best regards,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 12:07 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: WV proposal to loosen dog restrictions

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Regarding the proposed loosening of dog restrictions on the Seawalk and WV parks, we want to let you know that we do not support this effort.

We've seen nowhere a broad call for action on loosening the restrictions. Also concerning is the failure to consult the community perhaps indicating a lack of confidence that the community supports this effort. A Council meeting where only ten people spoke on this matter is statistically meaningless. And simply saying: "If it turned into a big disaster, council can always change it back" is short of the governance standard we all respect.

We ask the Mayor and Council, why not get it right now instead of wasting city staff's time and resources. Please engage the community properly on this matter before any next steps.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 10:20 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli
Subject: DOGS ON SEAWALK

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I'm writing to express my concern and extreme disappointment at the lack of public consultation regarding the proposed changes.

I'm a long-time resident of West Vancouver and walk the seawalk daily. On purpose, I do not walk east of 18th as I'm not comfortable around dogs. I leave that area 18th to Park Royal along the water's edge expressly for dogs & their walkers.

With this proposed change, where am I going to walk safely now? Along Bellevue?

The fenced area along the seawalk, especially for the dogs, is wonderful.

Walkers such as me, can enjoy the seawalk safely without feeling angst around dogs.

The seawalk is narrow. People walking to and fro, alone, in groups, pushing baby buggies & strollers, in motorized wheelchairs, using walkers, etc. All of which can be a bit of a challenge on a busy day. Now you add dogs with their walkers.

I have a lot more to say, but you see that I'm not in favour of this proposed change.

I feel I've been blindsided and that this process is very surreptitiously presented.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 2:48 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: to Mayor and Council

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I find it difficult to understand why, at a time when the world is in chaos, a situation is being created to cause increased stress for your constituents! The seawall is a haven for many people "in and out of" West Vancouver.

During Covid, people were relieved to have an outing that would help to restore their equilibrium and offer them fresh air and a distraction - the beautiful harbour view.

We [REDACTED] s.22(1) have noticed how much busier it gets every year. We also walk the seawall every day and are grateful for the gift of a path by the sea to get exercise and to savour the peace and quiet of our beautiful, scenic beach walk.

The following are my points for not opening the wall to dogs:

- The seawall is already busy, and with people from other municipalities discovering its natural beauty and availability, more and more Vancouverites are using it. If they continue to come, but now with their dogs, the traffic of the path will become unsustainable. As with any change in bylaws, you have to be careful of opening a can of worms.

- Many people who use the seawall the most tend to be older and often have mobility issues. Dogs that are leashed are still prone to stretching out their leashes and tripping walkers, defecating on the path (the seawall is not like normal ground, the feces -when picked up- still leaves a residue that covers the soles of shoes.) and being aggressive with other walkers who crowd them. Even now, when dogs are not allowed on the path, people break the rules and bring their dogs on a walk there.

Thus, there is often dog excrement on parts of the seawall. Allowing this to become an actual dog walk will be intolerable.

-I hike in Light House Park, The Canyon, Cypress, and the Seaview Trail where dogs are quite able to be taken without the large numbers of people on the Seawall. I do not agree that there are few places to take the animals. They also have a portion of the park and a large area down by the river to run around and to play on the beach. People actually avoid those areas as they are known to be for dogs! I also have to say that dogs are not entitled to, nor do they care about, having a sea view on their walks.

-Dogs also should not be forced onto a small and limited walkway where people with babies in carriages, others in wheelchairs, small children, elderly people with walk supports and people who are just naturally nervous around dogs are walking with an intent to

get exercise and some fresh air in a relaxed and healthy way. This is just not safe. Most veterinarians will tell you that dogs do not do best in areas where there are a lot of people and other dogs. You can witness the anxious pets as they are forced to play close to groups of dogs that are off leash, stressed because of the numbers of people and they therefore act out.

-I understand that some dog owners are not happy with the fenced off area along the seawall that is for dogs. They complain that the train is frightening for their pets. The trains have a very limited schedule and I suggest that if people must bring the dogs on a walk on the seawall, then adjust their timing to avoid the trains.

I believe that instead of creating this divisive and stressful threat of changing our beloved seawall, Council would be better serving its constituents by fulfilling promises that it has made previously instead of creating new diversions. Traffic and housing is what is uppermost on people's minds. That is where time should be spent.

I cannot say this enough, this is not a good idea and your constituents will not be content to let something as important as the seawall become ruined by hasty and ill thought out changes.

Regards, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1) WV.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:26 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: s. 22(1)
Subject: URGENT ATTENTION PLEASE! RE WEST VANCOUVER SEAWALL

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ATTENTION: MAYOR MARK SAGER & COUNCIL

Hello Mark,

I hope you are well, and s.22(1) I certainly appreciate having you on board to stickhandle issues concerning the residents of West Vancouver. As a long standing resident of West Vancouver, I too feel very concerned about the seawall issue. I am writing to support the excellent letter from s. 22(1) (see below) – CONSIDER HER LETTER AS SIGNED BY ME ALSO.

Until the municipalities address concretely (and not just words) the growing concern about our infrastructures in general, we have to live with what we have currently. In essence, with the allowance of unprecedented immigration into our community & the growing number of 'visitors' to the seawall, the infrastructure has not kept up with the population growth. Where are the people going to walk/stroll in a relaxed and jovial way? How & where can dog-owners enjoy a stroll with their dogs? s. 22(1) points are totally justified and supported by most of the community.....we need to have areas that are good for dogs & people, and those that are exempt of dogs, UNLESS the municipality continues to provide & enrich the dog parks, & to enforce proper etiquette and respect for all who are using the seawall. Currently this is not happening! It only takes only a few dog owners who are not complying with rules, and who make this issue so important to solve immediately. It's too bad because there are many dog owners who are good citizens and follow the guidelines on the seawall.

I do not need to expand further as s. 22(1) letter has certainly explained the growing problems that exist on the seawall, and I totally agree with her. We cannot allow this situation to continue & worsen.

On behalf of s.22(1) we send you our warmest wishes for continued success, and your stalwart attention to the matters of the West Vancouver residents.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 4:25 PM

To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Subject: Fwd: to Mayor and Council

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Date: November 3, 2023 at 2:48:32 PM PDT

To: correspondence@westvancouver.ca

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Regards, s. 22(1)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Info <info@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Re dog bylaws

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To Mark Sager and all councillors

We were shocked to read that West Vancouver staff have been directed to update bylaws relating to dogs allowing access to parks, beaches and playgrounds.

This was done with no public consultation whatsoever.

Dogs in West Vancouver have access to a huge offleash area with grass, bushes, water and beach. The Centennial walk has been a bonus for dogs with their own path with foliage and smells. The Seaview walk is good for leashed dogs. Dogs do not belong in playgrounds. Was this made clear to staff? Why has this been rushed without public input?

With concern,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPhone. [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

s. 22(1)

4 Nov. 2023

Dear Mark Sager, Mayor

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

No dogs on the Seawalk -

There is the dog run area!

Also there is the doggie walk in

Ambleside.

The seawalk is ~ 1.5k. and should be for PEOPLE. Dogs are welcome everywhere else in West Vancouver.

(Please note that our family has two beloved [REDACTED]).

s. 22(1)

Thanks kindly for your consideration.

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West Vancouver, B. C.

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November 4th 2023 .. West Vancouver dogs...

Dear Mayor and Council ...

I read the North Shore News article regarding the new proposal about dogs, their owners and leashes and could barely believe my eyes. How can you, as the elected Council, possibly make the decision to reverse the decision made a while ago without any public input ??? and then to state that IF it is a wrong decision , you can always reverse it ... What kind of leadership and decision making is this ??? it is abysmal to say the least .

I have now heard from snow bird West Vancouverites who are astounded as am I at this decision . And letters in the NSN about dog poop and confusion on the sea wall are only too appropriate .

I am – as are many many others - astounded that you can even take the step to direct staff to work on this issue – and potentially waste their time and effort – and OUR money – without public input . This is so badly considered and should be reversed before it goes any further .

s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:22 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Loosening Dog Restrictions.

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Firstly let me assure you I am not one to make a lot of noise or beat the drum so to speak over a particular issue in our community. I do follow events, try to stay current as best I can, and make reasoned decisions about matters. I have been a resident of West Vancouver s.22(1). After raising a family s.22(1) together with my wife, during which time we had dogs as well as cats in the household, and eventually retiring, we elected to remain in place. It has been a very good decision for the most part. Changes have taken place in all areas, from traffic, to demographics, to housing, it goes on and on of course. It is to be expected and requires us to moderate our thinking and behaviour for the benefit of all.

This matter of the Dog Restrictions, and possibility of changes however has resonated with me. Let's be clear, the general population are willing to give a little when pushed, rather than enter a confrontation. On the other hand it is generally the manner and method of a loud and hard push which is how groups representing a minority opinion are so successful. The squeaky wheel syndrome. Very clearly animals belong in a different category than humans, for some an animal is a must have, others would not wish to have anything to do with them, and the majority are tolerant about it.

There is opportunity to provide dog owners with less restriction in some places, but with the proliferation of dogs and the demographics in our community, the Seawall is not such an area. It can be crowded at times, and already has dog owners defying the restrictions much to the chagrin of those walking. I have seen off leash dogs on the Seawall, dogs on a long, length of leash, causing concern among people who are approached by a dog, or dog owner who wants to assure everyone the dog is friendly until, it jumps up on someone and frightens or hurts them. My children have animals, the most recent was acquired a year ago, and s.22(1) have spent considerable money and time ensuring the dog is properly trained and acclimatized to its surrounds both indoor and out for the benefit of everyone, very importantly including the dog. Most dog owners do not spend the appropriate time with training, thinking it seems that everyone will love their dog as they do.

In our society we have unruly children and rude and unthinking adults at times, most of which we can do little about. However the dog issue is something we can appropriately deal with. It would be foolhardy, and inviting problems to allow animals on the Seawall. It might be worth your time to look at the most recent " poll " in the North Shore News. At November 5th, 920 people out of 1,275 voted NO, this represents 72.16 % against changes. You should not ignore this information.

As well I cannot let Mayor Sagers comment , if it doesn't work we can always change it back, pass without reminding you the best approach is " do it right the first time "

Thank you for taking the time to read this note, and for your service to our community.

s. 22(1)

s. 22(1) West Vancouver BC s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 10:20 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fwd Dogs on the Seawall

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Dear Mayor Mark Sager and Council

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> I have just learned from friends that Mayor Sager and Council has made a decision to allow dogs on the Seawall . When we're you going to notify your constituents or hold a referendum on this very serious decision. People are finding out about this are are furious as I am and you need to know how I feel.

> Point 1. You made this decision behind our backs. You are sneaky because you neglected to tell your constituents and just went ahead and passed it. Now we are scrambling to get the word out.

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> Point 2: You would not have made this decision so quickly if you were thinking about the dangers to seniors tripping and falling breaking hips after getting caught on a stretched out dog leash or tripping over a dog. There is a cross section of people who use that Seawall. Most users of the Seawall are seniors. Some seniors use walkers and some ride electric scooters. There are joggers, families with baby strollers and groups of people slowly strolling and people who walk fast. Your decision to unleash a ton of dogs onto the already busy Seawall is thoughtless. The Seawall is a beautiful walk along West Van and they will come from all over to walk their dogs once they find out dogs are allowed on the Seawall. AND not every dog owner picks up their dogs's business and dogs will be peeing up against the park benches cause that's what male dogs do. Everyone sits on those benches.

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> Point 3: May I remind you there are plenty of wonderful dog walking trails in WV. I know because over the s. 22(1) years since I've lived in West Van, I've walked my dogs on them. To name a few for you, Lighthouse Park, Ambelside Dog Park, along Capilano River and Rabbit Lane walk up to Cleveland Dam, Cypress Park and there are more. These dog walks are beautiful and perfect for dogs. They can also be off leash.

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> Point 4: I am now s.22(1) years old and I restrict my walks to the Seawall. There is not a safer place for me to walk from John Lawson Park to Dundarave and back. When I was younger I use to jog the Seawall with my s.22(1) running behind the fence. No problem, all the dogs are friendly, they sniff each other in passing each other and carry on following their owner. What has changed Mayor Sager? We dog owners have all walked our dogs behind that fence with no accidents that I have ever heard of. The risk of a senior being injured tripping over a dog or getting confused, out weighs the risk of a dog getting injured behind that fence. Here is the problem: the many dogs on the Seawall will pull their owners to greet other dogs leashed and unleashed, causing the danger for walking seniors. There will be dogs unleashed running freely back and forth to their owners. There will be too much congestion on the Seawall. It's not going to work. You have not thought this out properly.

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> Everybody has rights now a days . The cyclists have bike lanes to keep them safe, dogs have multiple dog parks and trails to keep them safe . Why are you taking the safety and peace of mind away from the many seniors who have walked the Seawall for decades . Where will the dog free zone be for the seniors to safely walk?

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> Point 5: When the Seawall is busy there are a whole lot of people walking, strolling and jogging. Do not mix dogs into the situation. What will happen is seniors wil make a decision not to walk the Seawall any longer for their safety in favour of dogs.

> This decision should never have been made without a referendum. It is incredulous that you made a decision like this without input from the public.

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> [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 3:42 PM
To: correspondence; West Vancouver Parks (westvanparks)
Subject: Further study, please, before amending Animal Control and Licence Bylaw No. 4545, 2008" Schedule A/ re Dundarave Seawall

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Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors Watt, Cassidy, Gambioli, Lambur, Snider and Thompson,

Council's hasty decision to allow dogs on the pedestrian path of the Centennial Dundarave Seawall significantly alters a key West Van asset that's functioned amazingly well for 50+ years.

While I recognize much-loved dogs are out and about in the community with their people, I also note the vast majority of walkways, parks and green spaces are shared use already.

It's been argued that this stretch of people-centric path makes us different than the rest of Canada and elsewhere. Yet, as is, the unique Dundarave Seawall is a quirky quintessential West Van feature, and undeniably popular.

Keeping the main larger path pet-free has enabled people to spread out and move, mostly unhindered. Being such a popular spot, it's crowded at times. On the weekend, it's not unusual to find 4 people walking abreast amidst the flow of traffic in two directions, but so far, it works.

The issue isn't one person and their well-trained dog. It's an influx of dogs, some of whom aren't well-handled, and the minority of dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs.

If Council is intent on opening the main path of the Dundarave Seawall to dogs, can you assure us you've done your homework? Have you measured current use and demand on the space - not just in rainy November – but also during peak times - looking at April through September statistics? Have you studied and projected how an increased Northshore population will affect usership? If you allow dogs, how will that affect current users, and the physical volume of traffic on that corridor?

Is it feasible and realistic to expect bylaw enforcement personnel to be on hand to monitor and maintain the seawall? Have you allocated enough money for this? A few extra waste bins won't cut it.

Please anticipate and determine how the main Dundarave Seawall will function with the addition of dogs, before you spend tax dollars and disrupt users.

This isn't just a minor change in the life of the seawall - it's a big deal, and it significantly affects a lot of people. You're altering the rhythm and flow of a valued artery in the community. A cherished space that's always been open to all people.

Mayor Sager said if the changes don't work out "council can always change it back". That seems shortsighted and impractical. In 2022, Councillor Watt herself wrote "what's done can never be undone" in acknowledging that Council decisions have a lasting impact.

Thank you for your consideration,
s. 22(1), West Vancouver, s. 22(1)

PS. I acknowledge and appreciate that Councillors Gambioli and Thompson sought more time and consultation for this issue, at the October 30th meeting.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:57 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Pets on the Seawall

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Hello,

I am writing regarding allowing pets on the seawall. I do not believe allowing pets on the seawall is in the best interest of the general public. The seawall is a flat walk that can be enjoyed by many people including young children, seniors and people with disabilities. The seawall is already busy with walkers and runners, adding animals will be a potential safety issue. There are plenty of spaces in West Vancouver for pet owners including the large dog park on the east side of Ambleside beach. Please do not allow pets on the seawall.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:06 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dogs on sea wall

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Hi there

I just wanted to voice my support for the bylaw change that will at last allow well-behaved leashed dogs on the sea wall!
I am beyond thrilled.

I have been a dog-owning resident of West Vancouver for nearly 15 years and this is a wonderful change.

Thank you!

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:15 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dog Access. Yes please and thank you!

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To whom it may concern:

West Vancouver council has obtained a crystal clear majority in favour of allowing more dog friendly access for owners to walk their dogs on leash - sea wall and possibly other parks. I AM IN FAVOUR OF THIS DECISION. I own and reside at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in West Vancouver.

The matter has been voted on. It is a decisive conclusion. I am puzzled to learn that there is possibly a process being entertained to overturn or revoke this decision? Does it not set a dangerous precedent that when a small but squeaky group doesn't get their way we go back to the drawing board and sop up more civic decision making time with petty grievances that have already been dealt with? This all within mere days of the decision?!

I truly shutter at the thought, and place a high value on the mere fact that the majority vote - to presumably represent the collective majority of the community - should rule the day. And that no such consideration of hearing arguments from dissenters should be permissible until a minimum of one to two years to test the new by-law.

Thank you,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:22 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Positive support for new dog bylaw

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Hi WestVan Councillors,

I believe that dogs should be allowed to walk on the Seawall and at Horseshoe Bay while on a leash. This helps promote a vibrant, active community with West Van amenities such as parks and the seawall being utilized to the fullest degree. Maybe you trial specific times for dogs to be on the seawall and learn from that. I hope that the recent decision will move forward in the near future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Van. [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:08 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dog Access bylaw

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West Van resident and conscientious dog owner.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Van.

Please register my support for the new dog access bylaw which will allow people to walk in well lit and trafficked areas with dogs on leash.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:06 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Subject: Support for dogs on seawall issue

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Hello;

I noted with delight the headlines of the North Shore News about West Vancouver city hall possibly loosening dog restrictions on the West Vancouver Seawall. Kudos to councillors Cassidy and Watt for initiating this motion.

I am in my s. 22(1) and grew up in West Vancouver. I attended s.22(1) school and remember when Sager's maple shop was in Dundarave! I currently work full time as s. 22(1) and have a s. 22(1) on the North Shore.

My family owns two dogs and we are in complete support of the idea to open up the seawalk to dogs. Since we have owned dogs, we spend every Saturday and Sunday morning taking them for walks and going for coffee. We do not go anywhere in West Van - we go to either Edgemont Village or the Shipyards in North Vancouver. Both places are dog friendly without any of the onerous restrictions as have always been in place in West Vancouver.

A summary of reasons for opening up the seawalk to leashed dogs include:

- could likely bring in extra money and business to the Ambelside area which has long been in need of some type of revitalization
- the new Gateway residences and West royal condominiums both allow dogs. The seawall area would provide more area for walking.
- dog owners are typically very responsible people. In all our years of walking dogs, we have never encountered an aggressive or even a poorly behaved dog.
- there are undeniable health benefits to dog ownership. This goes hand in hand with the fact that West Vancouver has a larger population of seniors.
- allow residents of West Vancouver a place to walk their dogs without travelling to North Vancouver or outside the municipality
- the Stanley Park seawall, Spirit Trail; Shipyards plaza - all welcome dogs
- allowing dogs on the seawall would be an inclusive and welcoming gesture in these times.

It seems that West Vancouver has a lot of NIMBYs and nay-sayers. It is likely many of them do not own dogs and may not work outside the community.

In my line of business- I often travel to other municipalities including Port Moody, North Van, and Burnaby. These are all booming and thriving places.

West Vancouver would keep up with the times if it was more inclusive and loosened restrictions to allow leashed dogs in the seawall.

This quote is from Winston Churchill - "to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

Respectfully yours,

s. 22(1)
West Vancouver
s. 22(1) West Vancouver, BC.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:57 PM
To: correspondence; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Mark Sager
Subject: Yes - Allow Dogs on Seawalls, Horseshoe Bay Park and Long term Plan inclusion

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To Mayor and Council,

I understand on October 30 a motion was presented to council requesting an update to our bylaws to allow more access for leashed dogs on Seawalls and in some parks. Council voted on the motion - 4 councillors and our Mayor in favour (5), 2 Councillors against. The motion was passed.

We now understand that Council may revisit this decision, presumably due to influence from a group of residents not happy with the outcome of the vote. Staff are to propose a new motion to present to Council.

I ask that each of you have confidence in your original decision and not reconsider prior motions. We elected each of you to make difficult choices on the basis you would have the strength and confidence to do so, and not waver.

If the motion to allow leashed dogs access to previous no dog areas is repealed in such a short time frame, this would not reflect well on Council, and our community. And, would beg the question as to how committed you would be to decisions made for difficult topics like housing.....

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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FOR SHAME MAYOR SAGER & COUNCIL FOR "SLIPPING" THIS CHANGE THROUGH W/O PUBLIC CONSULT!
s. 22(1)

FOR THE DOGS

West Van set to loosen dog restrictions on Seawalk

JANE SEYD
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West Vancouver has gone to the dogs.

On Monday night, a majority of council voted to move ahead on loosening the leash on longstanding restrictions that have kept canine companions from walking with their owners near many local parks and on the West Vancouver Seawalk.

Council voted to direct staff to change the animal control bylaws, which currently ban pooches from many public walking areas, including the Seawalk. Those changes must come back to council before they take effect.

Couns. Linda Watt and Christine Cassidy, shepherded the effort to change the rules, arguing it's past time that West Vancouver became more Fido friendly.

Currently, dogs aren't allowed on the Seawalk in West Vancouver - except for the dog run area that is separated from the public walkway by a chain link fence. Dogs are also banned within five metres of many other public areas in the municipality including playgrounds, sport fields, golf courses, tennis courts, basketball courts, recreational swimming beaches and picnic areas.

Cassidy and Watt said those bylaws are outdated, especially following the surge in pet ownership that followed the COVID pandemic. About 35 per cent of households have dogs, said Watt, adding that's equal to about 6,000 households in West Vancouver. Watt said when she started looking into the rules around where pooches can promenade, "I realized we were the most restrictive." Watt said she only found one community with similar restrictions - in a small suburb of Montreal.

Several dog owners showed up to council Monday night to support loosening restrictions on where dogs can be walked.

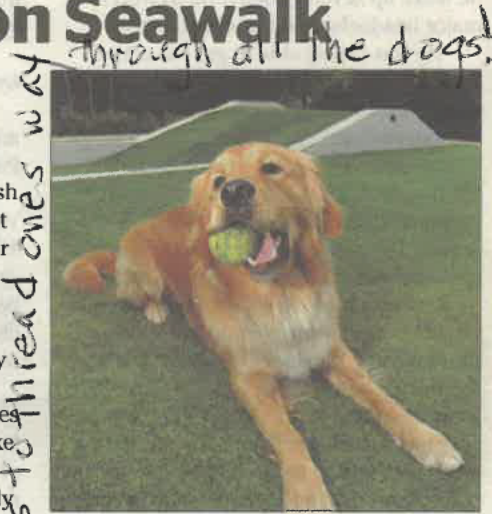
Michael Kates, who lives in Horseshoe Bay, said there are dozens of dog owners in his neighbourhood and "many of us were dismayed to see dogs are restricted from the [new Horseshoe Bay] park."

One member of the public, Norma Gibson, spoke against loosening the dog restrictions, saying doing so could make the Seawalk less inviting for people in wheelchairs, joggers, seniors or people with small children.

Several people wrote to council with similar concerns, adding loosening restrictions could mean a big influx of dog walkers from other areas using the Seawalk.

In response to a question from Coun.

Horseshoe Bay Park is too small to have dogs in it!!



Ollie, a handsome golden retriever, enjoys the Dog Plaza at 800 Lonsdale Ave. in the City of North Vancouver in June. West Vancouver council voted Monday night to allow dogs back on the West Van Seawalk.

PAUL McGRATH / NSN I counted 40 dogs on Ambleside

Sharon Thompson, the municipality's bylaw manager said, "We do spend a large amount of time dealing with animal control complaints specific to dogs, on beaches, on school fields, sports fields, and in areas that are assigned as prohibited areas." The fine for having a dog in a banned area of West Vancouver is \$150.

Coun. Nora Gambioli said she was neutral about dogs but was concerned about a lack of public consultation on the issue, especially when it proved to be such a hot topic when council discussed it over a decade ago. Staff said records show when council discussed loosening dog restrictions then, it raised hackles and prompted about 3,500 letters with opinions split 50/50 on the issue.

Gambioli said she was opposed to changing the rules without a chance for the public to comment. "I think that a fulsome public discourse has not been had," she said.

Mayor Mark Sager said his wife is a "lifelong dog rescuer," but he has also received emails from people who are "dead opposed" to changing the rules.

"I came with a completely open mind, realizing we have had a lot of input on both sides," said Sager. "But the world has changed."

He added if council changes the dog restrictions and, "If it turned into a big disaster, council can always change it back.

In the end, council voted to have staff change the bylaws to allow leashed

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Changes not in effect yet

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dogs back on to the Seawalk - with Couns. Gambioli and Thompson opposed - and to do away with setback rules, meaning leashed dogs can now be walked on the outskirts of playgrounds and sports fields. The lifting of restrictions won't apply to commercial dog walkers.

But the public shouldn't be racing to the Seawalk with their canine companions right away. Monday's vote directed staff to change the relevant animal control bylaws. Once that happens, the changes have to come back to council for further consideration and final adoption before new rules loosening restrictions take effect.

Council also voted to have staff sniff out a long-term dog strategy to make the municipality more dog-friendly.

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s. 22(1)

through all the dogs!
At Ambleside Dog Area one has to thread ones way
Beach on a Sunday Morning! Too many dogs!

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 11:49 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider
Subject: Bill 44 – 2023: Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023

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Your Worship and Councillors,

The other shoe has dropped. The provincial government has introduced Bill 44 – 2023: Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023. According to Mr. Vaughan Palmer, Vancouver Sun newspaper, the Governor in Council will be providing specifics via promulgation of regulations that will overturn much of the zoning bylaw provisions that Council has seen fit to adopt to-date. Bill 44 references the OCP and the Housing Needs Report and makes those two documents far more important than either has been in the past. The current Housing Needs Report for West Vancouver is a consultant-generated document that is overly promotional and will now need to be thoroughly revised to tone down the promotional aspects and set out the factual data to a much greater extent than heretofore done. The Director of Planning will have to take in-house the task of preparing the Housing Needs Report as a professional responsibility of his office rather than farming it out to a consulting organization. The revised Housing Needs Report will be required to identify West Vancouver's housing requirements for the present year and the next 19 years, i.e., the housing needs of the municipality for a full 20 years. The OCP document must be updated in light of Bill 44's reliance on that document and the role the OCP will be required to play in determining the course of residential development in our community under the stipulations of Bill 44 once that bill receives royal assent. This is an important task, and it will be essential that it not become driven by special interests but by considerations for the good of the community as a whole.

Ambleside Local Area Plan.

Bill 44 upsets the proposed Ambleside LAP. According to Mr. Vaughan Palmer, the SFD zoning of the municipality will be eradicated for all practical purposes. Each lot will soon be subject to development pressure, and that development pressure will not be subject to public hearings or public input provided the development proposed after Bill 44 receives royal assent and the Governor in Council promulgates regulations consistent with Bill 44. It is, therefore, consistent with good government that the proposed Ambleside LAP be suspended and that the Taylor Way LAP not be commenced until the regulations set by the provincial cabinet published and reviewed by Council in conjunction with the Directors of Planning, Engineering and Legislative Services and the municipal solicitor. There is no point in doing work that will be subsequently up-ended by provincial regulations where the local zoning related to local area plans does not comply with the regulations issued under the authority of Bill 44. The expense and

expenditure entailed by doing work that will ultimately not satisfy the provincial regulations would constitute a waste of financial resources of the municipality.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:40 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,
I am writing to express my **strong** support of the re-zoning of the 30 apartment buildings in Ambleside as rental-only. I sincerely hope that council votes in favour of this proposal.
regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) Burnaby BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Canada

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:55 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am strongly in support of the proposal to rezone 30 apartments buildings, in Ambleside as rental-only.

I believe this would make West Vancouver a leader in the struggle to provide and protect affordable housing, and a long term livable community, for all its residents.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver Resident.

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West Vancouver

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:59 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,
Affordable housing is a critical pillar of community. Rezoning to create permanent rental housing is an easy way to help make sure that there is some available affordable housing stock in West Vancouver.
Please move forward with your plan to create permanent rental housing.

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West Vancouver BC s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:14 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

West Vancouver needs more, secure rental units. We need rentals for our young people starting out, for those who cannot afford a house and we need them for our seniors.

I am tired of seeing 5,000+ sq. ft. houses sit vacant with overseas owners who are sitting on an investment. I am also tired of seeing the people who work in our shops and stores travel from Surrey or Squamish to get to work.

West Vancouver can be a leader in the housing crisis. Be bold and rezone these 30 Ambleside buildings so they remain rentals.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED]
s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:22 AM
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council, I support zoning for rentals only...We cannot afford to lose rental units in lieu of expensive condos that the average resident cannot afford.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:25 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a renter and have been for [REDACTED] s.22(1) and I would like to remain so in West Vancouver. My life is built around Ambleside and I have no wish to leave it.

Please do not make any changes to the rental buildings in Ambleside

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:33 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please support rental housing in West Vancouver~ more affordable housing for single parent families, for young families, and for seniors in our community.

It must be a priority or current long time citizens will not have a place to live if there is redevelopment. And we need more affordable rental options to add to what we currently have as we welcome newcomers to our community. We need a variety of accessible rental options in order to have a thriving and dynamic culture.

Thank you for your work for our community!

best regards, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:05 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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I Dear Mayor and Council, please support rental only zoning bill. Definitely needed in west Vancouver.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:49 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,
Please ensure there will be the existing rental units plus many more new builds for the future. Not everyone in WV has money or property! Hourly Salaried workers and fixed income Seniors keep the Community vibrant and moving forward.

Do the right thing!

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please do everything in your power to ensure that the District retains and creates as many rental housing options as possible.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Support rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to support the proposal to rezone the 30 apartment buildings in Ambleside, so that they cannot be redeveloped as strata condominiums.

We risk losing our rental stock to strata development, resulting in many current residents needing to leave West Vancouver to find affordable home elsewhere.

Once lost, rental homes are exceedingly difficult to replace.

Thank you, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:26 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As a long time resident I strongly urge you to retain the rental housing in West Van. My parents moved here [REDACTED] s.22(1). I went to elementary school and high school here. We still have a small bungalow. Diversity of community is critical.

Thank you

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We write in support of retaining all existing rental units in West Vancouver.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Anna M. [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Firstly, thank you all for your service. This is by far the best mayor/ council combination I have ever seen in West Van and I'm so grateful to see all of the positive and thoughtful changes you are making, particularly around climate preparedness and mobility.

Regarding the rental market in WV, I know that many of us who grew up in WV still have parent(s) who live there, and they are getting to that age now where they need a lot of care.

Personally, I would love to live near my mom and rent an apartment in WV but it is so far out of the realm of possibility for me - even though I earn a very decent salary working on [REDACTED] s. 22(1) (i.e., *still* not enough to rent an apartment in WV).

Please consider the needs of lower and middle class non-home owners, caretakers, teachers, first responders, and others who work, service the community, or for whatever personal reason, need to be in WV-- but end up having to commute from more affordable, neighboring jurisdictions. When that happens, this now becomes a matter of increased traffic and GHG emissions. Having a robust and affordable rental stock in WV makes good sense on multiple fronts.

Thanks for your consideration and for all you do, and please let me know if I can be of any assistance on this issue.

Best,
Anna Marandi
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I support affordable housing in West Vancouver. As we see homelessness on the rise, I believe it is imperative for the safety and health of our cities and our society to have affordable housing and rentals available for people to stay off the streets and to be able to live in West Vancouver.

I have heard from many businesses in West Vancouver and from our schools that it is hard to find people who can and will work in West Van because it is far from where they live.

I grew up in a West Vancouver where hardware clerks, Teachers, and grocery clerks could live and work in this city. Their kids then went on to become Doctors, Lawyers, and researchers.

I truly believe that the housing crisis in BC is what is causing the majority of our problems (crime, drug use, strains on our healthcare, and strains on other resources). In this way, affordable rental properties for people is pertinent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:07 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager; [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental Rezoning in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I wish to add my voice in support of the proposal to permanently rezone 30 apartment buildings in Ambleside as outline in the LAP. This would be a major step forward in ensuring that a significant rental supply in Ambleside remains available to new and existing West Vancouverites. Please support the measure at the Monday 20th Council meeting.

Thanks!

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**West Vancouver
BC, CANADA**

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As a rental apartment dweller for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) years, and as a senior, I would like to see more than thirty buildings protected as rental stock. in the Ambleside area. I would hate to be evicted in my senior years and loose my home and community.

AND
I am very concerned about increasing the apartment rental stock in West Vancouver. Lack of affordable rental housing affects young adults and young families who wish to stay in the community. It affects seniors who are downsizing and who also wish to maintain connections they have made over the years with their community. Rental housing is needed for service workers necessary for small businesses or for support of seniors.
Affordable rental housing is crucial for creating and maintaining the community.

Please develop more rental housing for West Vancouver. It is in our best interest as a community.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Ambleside rental resident

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Preserving existing rental housing AND adding new rental stock is imperative to the vitality and livability of our community. Affordability of the rental housing is also deeply important, but separate from the preservation issue.

Please vote ***in favour of rezoning 30 apartment buildings as rental-only*** and make every effort to increase rental and affordable housing stock going forward.

I consider myself very fortunate to own a home s.22(1), but when I moved to West Vancouver s. 22(1), it was into a rental unit which allowed me to get my footing and save towards buying my first home. It is important that we have rental housing for newcomers to the community, seniors who age out of their homes and for those who work within our shops and services.

Again, please vote ***in favour of rezoning 30 apartment buildings as rental-only*** and make every effort to increase rental and affordable housing stock.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Do support retaining current rentals in Ambleside zone as rentals only.

Do realize some owners feels this might curtail their highest potential for increased earnings but am sure none will be left in a negative position.

As we grow older we require more services available to citizens. Moderate rentals are currently the best solution.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I strongly support protecting existing rental apartment zoning and encourage you to allow for more rentals in West Vancouver.

There is a desperate need for a wider variety of housing in West Van and this would be one cornerstone for our community.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 5:03 PM
To: Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Mark Sager
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Rental housing in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This email is to register my support of the proposal to rezone 30 Ambleside apartment building so they are permanently rentable.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:32 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Evo / carshare spots in West Vancouver

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Good Afternoon,

Currently the only place in West Vancouver that is accessible by car sharing platforms is Park Royal. It is impossible to park anywhere within a walking distance to apartment buildings in which potential users actually live. For the vast majority of residents commuting to Vancouver, they would need to take the Vancouver bus, get out halfway there, to walk 5-10 minutes to the top floor of the parkade, and get into an Evo that would take them to the city. The journey back would be similarly impractical.

Car-sharing is essentially missing from West Vancouver. It is only practical on occasions where a longer trip is required somewhere that public transit does not go. In which case it is still not convenient, but at least an option exists through Park Royal.

While other cities are rightfully attempting to reduce rates of car ownership and encourage public transit or car-sharing, and Burnaby taking major steps to allow car sharing throughout the entire city, our city is significantly behind on progress in those departments.

We are blessed with locations like the West Vancouver Community Centre - with large, mostly empty parking lots. There are thousands of residents who live within a walking distance who could take advantage of more practical car-sharing if it was available there. Are car-sharing operators encouraged to designate parking zones in areas that are ideal for this purpose in West Vancouver? If not, is it feasible to start encouraging them to do so?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

Committee Members: E. Fiss (Chair), M. Avini, R. Ellaway, A. Hatch, S. Khosravi, and D. Tyacke; attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: J. Leger, N. Waissbluth, L. Xu; Councillors S. Snider and N. Gambioli.

Staff: L. Berg, Senior Community Planner (Staff Representative); E. Wilhelm, Senior Community Planner; M. Roberts, Assistant Planner; E. Syvokas, Community Planner; and N. Allard, Administrative Assistant (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 21, 2023 Design Review Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 20, 2023 Design Review Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION

- a. Introductory presentation by staff.
- b. Applicant presentation.
- c. Clarification questions to applicant by the DRC.
- d. Roundtable discussion and comments.
- e. Recommendations and vote.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Applications Referred to the Design Review Committee for Consideration:

5.1 Address: 6340 & 6344 Douglas Street (Resubmission)

Background: E. Syvokas, Community Planner, introduced the proposal and spoke relative to its context, including:

- Development permit application originally considered by Design Review Committee on May 18, 2023 and revisions have been made to address staff and committee comments.
- Subject site comprised of 2 lots in Horseshoe Bay neighbourhood; 1,136 square metres; Zoned RG3; duplex dwellings located to the north and west of site; BC Ferry Building to the east in right-of-way; right-of-way south, Great West Trail travels to the east and south of the site; Big Leaf Maple on boulevard to be retained.
- Design Review Committee requested for resubmission to address the following concerns:
 - Overall form and character including proposed materials and colours, roof forms, and trellis treatment;
 - Site design and landscaping, including proposed planting, usability of outdoor spaces, preservation of the Big Leaf Maple on boulevard, increasing permeability of the site including drainage;
 - Design as relates to daylight throughout units;
 - The locations of the pad-mounted transformer and garbage and recycling collection area; and
 - Request for more information on parking and vehicle access, permeability of driveway, coordination of plans and to clarify service agreements for sidewalk and boulevard.
- Revised proposal includes:
 - Site planning, building and landscape changes that are better aligned with Horseshoe Bay character;
 - Driveway lowered to be closer to street level to align with neighbouring building grades;
 - Pad mounted transformer moved to a less prominent location on the east side of the site with vegetative screening surrounding;
 - Variation in setbacks introduced for Building 'A' to improve unit identity and provide usable private outdoor space for the unit adjacent to the pad mounted transformer;
 - Distance between Building 'A' & 'B' increased to increase light and add privacy;
 - Private mailboxes replaced with community mailbox;
 - Garbage and recycling staging areas for each unit were replaced with a centralized garbage and recycling staging area off the lane;

- Confirmation was provided from the project arborist that the Big Leaf Maple on the boulevard can be retained with the proposed sidewalk and boulevard design;
- A turning radius plan was provided to demonstrate that parking and vehicular access is maneuverable;
- Design, materials, and colour scheme of the project revised to fit with the character of Horseshoe Bay and provide better unit identification;
- Revisions made to massing to add more differentiation between units, more light and privacy to upper floor bedrooms, and to reduce building heights;
- The usability of the private outdoor spaces was increased by limiting paving and stairs, eliminating guardrails and lowering units; and
- Wood frame gates added to identify pedestrian entrances from the Public Realm.

Project Presentation: M. Zolghadr, Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- The proposal is in the location designated in the Official Community Plan for rowhouses.
- Revised plan has kept original concept while attempting to address all concerns of committee; site grading, massing and material colours were key changes.
- A bike access that connects site to Horseshoe Bay has been included in the site design.
- Public transportation close by; assumption that car use will be minimal due to access of bike route and public transportation.
- Key Points for change on site plan:
 - Site design in connection with neighbours
 - Storm water catchment
 - Garbage collection
 - Relocation of pad mounted transformer
 - Separate mailboxes vs. a common mailbox
 - Increased privacy for upper stories
- Current proposal responds to site grading and context, siting of Building 'A' in relation to Building 'B' was revised; driveway lowered to be closer to street level to be better aligned with grade of neighbouring buildings.
- All garages are accessed from the courtyard; courtyard widened to be used by residents.
- Building 'B' is higher to respect privacy on upper floors.
- Buildings with direct access from lane no longer have stairs or guardrails.
- Site coverage is 43% which is less than the maximum permitted.
- Site permeability regulations in the zoning bylaw do not address row houses; this site has 3,008 square feet of permeability.

- Separation between Building 'A' and 'B' has been increased by amending massing and setbacks; daylight to courtyard is improved.
- With the amendments to the site grading, privacy of the units in both buildings has been increased.
- Connectivity has been better presented in site plan.
- Architectural characteristic amendments: various gable details included, mix of horizontal and vertical board and batten, contemporary design, flower boxes, sloping roofs with, heritage colors that provide harmony, materials include a variety of durable detailing, low sloped roofs on upper levels, and window detailing.
- Identity of units created through variation in design, colour and rooflines; individual pathways to each unit supported by a wooden gate; diversity in roof lines and shapes; vertical and recessed forms that distinguish units from one another.
- Bright colors to contrast units, softness added in wooden doors and flower boxes.
- Limiting exposure of upper levels by sloped roofs forms.
- Trellis at east side has been revised by adjusting elevation and extending trellis.
- A context plan showing the BC Ferry Building, hedge to the east neighbouring site, and the end units in relation to neighbourhood have been provided.
- Consultant has provided a report showing vehicular accessibility of site.
- Grades have been shown on the plans.

Project Presentation: C. Kavolinas, Landscape Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- Addition of gates and a hedge have replaced the wooden fence.
- New plan shows increased usability of flat grass areas with foundation plantings.
- All water now proposed to drain away from the buildings by way of swales.
- Trellis planting of Boston Ivy; trees planted in yards where possible.
- Permeable pavers in driveway can be used for holding of various events.

Committee Questions:

The Committee went on to question the presenters, with the applicants' and staff responses in *italics*:

- Is the paving in courtyard all permeable? *Yes.*
- I presume the turning radius plan included in the package is acceptable? *The proposal complies with the minimum zoning bylaw requirements for parking stalls and drive aisles. The turning radius plan demonstrates that the proposed garages can be accessed.*

Committee Comments:

The Committee went on to provide comments on the presentation, including:

- Better proposal than previous; relation of grade to street much better as well as usable private outdoor space; appreciate stepping facades; I like the individual expressions of units but needs work on the roof lines as they do not match the design; gable on east unit does not have bracing that matches other units.
- Great job on amendments; on the east and west elevations the two different materials should be differentiated by addition of windows or use of detailing to transition between materials; I like the addition of color to the units as it matches character of Horseshoe Bay; the shower in the bathrooms appear small, suggest adjusting; last roof line needs bracing.
- Design does not yet match Horseshoe Bay character due to the white color used; colour pallet looks busy; suggest decreasing large panels to align with Horseshoe Bay character; roof lines could be made less complex.
- Commendable job on addressing items noted in previous submission; materials appear appropriate; understand the reasoning behind the incorporation of the white colour; landscaping appears usable and defined; roof lines appear too complicated - suggest simplifying. Overall, I support this project.

Having reviewed the application for 6340 & 6344 Douglas Street (Resubmission) and heard the presentation provided by the Applicant:

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Design Review Committee support the 6340 & 6344 Douglas Street (Resubmission) application subject to the following further design development to consider:

- Suggest reviewing roof line and gable end details;
- Explore the cladding materiality and colour pallet; and
- Differentiate between different surfaces and avoid having different materials on the same planes on the end elevations.

CARRIED

5.2 Address: 2229 Folkstone Way (Resubmission)

Background: M. Roberts, Assistant Planner, introduced the proposal and spoke relative to its context, including:

- Initially reviewed by Design Review Committee on June 15, 2023; subject site located on Folkestone Way; site is 5,570 square metres; Panorama Village Development surrounding site as well as single family dwellings.
- Items to address include:
 - Breaking down of bulk; avoiding large blank walls;
 - Provide material pallet and landscape package;
 - Improve design development of the corner of site;
 - Reduce the amount of paving and use more permeable materials;
 - Reduce number of parking stalls and add pedestrian friendly pavers;
 - Create integration of building with grade;
 - Revisit parking spaces; add vegetation to screen; and
 - Add an outdoor amenity spaces.

- Highlights include: removal of parking stalls – now 46, green space amenity areas created, pavers added to cross walks and parking area, landscaping to corner site, improved signage, and planting islands in parking area.

Project Presentation: P. Mallen, Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- This proposal's design rationale aimed at responding to Committee comments, aligning with Official Community Plan and addressing issues of massing, building height and design.
- Site is at entrance to Panorama Village: series of mid-rise buildings along steep hill; this site has a large drop in elevation therefore, responding to grade changes and massing must be dealt with for this project.
- Intention to provide access by using the existing entrance off Skilift and Folkestone so as not to disrupt the existing road network, including pedestrian walkways.
- Landscape patterns are intentioned to nestle within existing environment; existing trees and ground cover created a landscape screen that add privacy to site, including the corner.
- Response to Committee was to work with residential and commercial aspects; intent to situate residential units on the west side of site.
- Restaurant has been brought closer to the parking area to provide residential units with better privacy.
- Issue of long blank walls addressed by breaking of restaurant into smaller bays; materials include timber and structural elements with glass and cladding on east side of building. Wall at parkade well below grade.
- Townhomes have been placed further west on site, away from public realm to create more privacy; residential building divided into two masses with some interruption; rhythm broken by a different bay at both levels and providing variety in colours.
- Material palette has been identified and all selections are congruent with OCP and residential area; use of natural tones and materials; townhomes use pedal system (wood grain system); real wood used for highlights and trellises; salmon house will have a more commercial feel with wood and slats used to disguise back of house areas, natural wood for soffit with mass timber and gray stucco that face public realm.
- A landscape package has been provided in this proposal.
- The site corner has been addressed by incorporating elements of building into the landscaping; corner signage to tie-in with modern look.
- Reduced amount of asphalt and pavement around the residential area on the northwest of site; reduced number of parking stalls by four spaces; addition of vegetated islands in parking area to soften appearance of pavement; manoeuvrability issues have been addressed; permeable paving on all parking stalls in residential parking area to make more visually pleasing.

- Consulted with a traffic engineer; advised not to reduce the number of parking stalls to less than what is proposed (46) to not place stress on the street network and parking along Skilift road.
- Entrance ways revised to create more privacy.
- Outdoor amenity spaces have been addressed by creating larger lawn areas along corners for residential use.

Project Presentation: M. Vaughn, Landscape Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- Use of pavers to enhance wayfinding; ground pavers differentiate commercial space from residential areas; wellness walkway standards used for sidewalks for access to all buildings and all areas on-grade and for the border surrounding the site; creates richness in pavers that was lacking from previous proposal.
- Planting within interior of site will be primarily perennials: lavender, astrals, yellow azalea and roses for colour; intent of planting to screen from public and commercial spaces.
- North side of site will be comprised of native planting.
- Some trees will be removed and replaced with spruce and ferns due to their location on site.
- Hedges to be planted around transformers and needle grass around entrance way to provide screening.

Committee Questions:

The Committee went on to question the presenters, with the applicants' and staff responses in *italics*:

- Was there consideration of bringing vertical fin system onto the residential component of project? *Wanted to make the buildings similar but not the same; fins are great but expensive and wanted use only to differentiate commercial building.*
- Is there is a long south elevation showing relation of buildings in relation to western townhouses? *Not currently. Are they the same elevations or do they differ? They are different and this will be an improvement to the neighbouring sites.*

Committee Comments:

The Committee went on to provide comments on the presentation, including:

- Preferred flat roof line; not sure if variation is necessary; overall I like the design; would like to see more trees along the residential buildings so that cars are not the first thing viewed by residence and to make less commercial; lawn areas could be used for dog runs; handy-cap parking should be closer to restaurant. *Yes, there is one right near the restaurant.*
- Overall grade improvements are much better; the commercial building is hidden by landscaping; I believe items from past meeting have been addressed.

- Don't think changes are aligned with what Committee asked for; portion in between frames of residential units needs to be improved; want to see more articulation to ensure joints sit nicely on south elevation; preferred simple material as opposed to gray material with flashing; appearance is busy; north elevation appears as an office and not a residence; suggest incorporating more articulation on north side; amenity space needs to be worked on, perhaps sitting area, barbecue area, etc.; paving in front of townhouses is not sufficient and asphalt should be replaced by pavers; parking could be reconsidered to add more separation from parking and façade on north side; perhaps angle parking stalls so they do not face townhouses; addition of terraces on restaurant could be added on the south side; I do not support this project as is.
- The corner of the site being used for garbage and transformer has not been addressed; more development of the corner entry sign could be worked on to make corner area appear special for residence and to the public as they leave and enter the site as this is the first area that people will see.
- Residential area appears as an industrial park; a bit more attention to landscaping to screen against parking area would benefit this project.
- Perhaps landscaping islands could be moved to create screening from entrance doors and parking area.
- Accessible access is from the side and not front entrance; would prefer all people could enter from same point. *East side entrance allowed for accessibility; address in this manner due to grade of site which posed a challenge; tried to provide accessible parking at all areas of site.*

Having reviewed the application for 2229 Folkestone Way (Resubmission) and heard the presentation provided by the Applicant:

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Design Review Committee support the 2229 Folkestone Way (Resubmission) application subject to the following further design development to consider:

- Suggest design development of landscape on the north side of townhouse area and parking area to improve privacy for the townhouses.
- Design development to coordinate articulation between the north and south elevations and roof lines.
- Design development to the entry site corner to provide signage that has more residential neighbourhood character.
- Revisit the materials of the front frames and façade for townhouse developments so they are more harmonized.
- Study adding more balconies to the north side elevation for townhouses.
- Suggest having paver stones continue in front of townhouses as it presently is asphalt.

CARRIED

S. Khosravi-Kermani left the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and did not return.

5.3 Address: 4430, 4450 & 4460 Woodcrest Road and 4504 Woodgreen Drive (Resubmission)

Background: E. Wilhelm, Senior Community Planner, introduced the proposal and spoke relative to its context, including:

- This is a resubmission for this proposal; site located in Upper Caulfeild.
- Bike and pedestrian areas and amenities including shopping, school and parks; surrounded by roadway and Upper Levels Highway on south.
- Comprised of four lots with an area of 1.27 acres; three single family dwellings presently on western lots; eastern lot is a District owned lot that would need to be sold to developer.
- Majority of site flat with higher elevation towards north end site; elevation creates a physical separation from neighbours; large evergreen trees on periphery of site.
- Original 37-unit townhouses proposal was reviewed at July 20, 2023 Design Review Committee Meeting whereby Committee provided items to address including. Changes to this proposal include:
 - Proposal no longer includes central townhouse building;
 - Improved circulation and access to parkade;
 - Retains more trees along periphery of site;
 - Improved design package provides more detail for review; and
 - Sidewalk has been reduced in width adjacent to Woodgreen Drive and Woodcrest Road.

Project Presentation: D. Siegrist, Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- Retention of the eastern trees along Woodcrest Drive to the north of site were addressed by decreasing the width of the sidewalk along the Drive to allow for tree retention.
- Confirmed the amount of soil volume for proposed landscaping.
- Cross sections displayed to provide more detail to Committee.
- Higher quality of building materials used in new proposal.
- Townhouses were on higher part of site along north; introduced a walkway along south; parking along lower part of southern site; there has been discussion about how to treat courtyard area.
- Ample dimension around courtyard that shares access to the parkways and parking; decided to remove the centre townhouse building and rearrange townhouse layout to create outdoor amenity space; repurposing of paths and play spaces to create a natural space with a vertical connection.
- Landscape plan has increased green space and light circulation throughout site; south walkway has not changed in location; have repurposed walkway to make it curvy with more seating areas and trees.
- Trees have been retained on the north.

Project Presentation: M. Patterson, Landscape Architect, provided a presentation on the proposal including:

- Site plan has changed with removal of building; new proposal allows for more planting and soil volume for trees.
- Confirmed that 22 trees along Woodcrest and Woodgreen are to be retained; 74 newly planted trees will be added to site.
- Visible connectivity to site addressed by redesigning courtyard to appear as a ‘stroll through the woods’; integration of benches for seating, outdoor amenity space and play area, units designed with generous patios that provide a safe feeling of community throughout development; trying to keep edge planters lower with articulating of landscaping in mid-plaza area.
- Play area to look like wood forest structure.
- Soil volumes displayed on plan; trying to keep volume low at edges and built up where trees will be planted; grade differential with a 2-foot differential; additional 200 metres of soil volume; gradual slope so that run off will not be excessive.

D. Siegrist continued with the presentation including:

- Addition of central stairs that serves access from courtyard area in response to better access for residents on the north side of site; elevators and exit stairs in amenity building incorporated; overall circulation increased throughout site.
- Improved access from parking to individual units has been addressed by incorporation of stairways for direct access from parking area to units.
- Atrium spaces have been increased on the front of building to allow for better light and livability and to address concerns of lighting; entrances aligned towards south; garden entry access provided.
- Reallocated the bedrooms and created dens; more windows have been added to units; overall better livability; shadow studies have been included in proposal package.
- Trees along south side of site are significant therefore, lighting is subject to shading by trees.
- Materiality concerns regarding vinyl being used; Sagiwall siding is product being used and is more durable than hardy-board; offers appearance of wood and sustainability; we decided on it due to multiple factors including supply.

Committee Questions:

The Committee went on to question the presenters, with the applicants’ and staff responses in *italics*:

- For units with den space there is no upper clear storey. Is that correct? *Building code does allow for den spaces and seeing them more often; has lack of light but it is being marketed as a 2 – bedroom flex units.*

Committee Comments:

The Committee went on to provide comments on the presentation, including:

- Exterior design is nice and good explanation on siding; appreciate higher-quality material; concerned about livability of units; window spaces are limited; overall I do not support.
- Overall like the project; good job pulling landscaping together; play structure is creative.
- Terrific job particularly with landscaping; site lines for vehicle access must be clear as Woodgreen Drive is a busy road and the main road to Caulfeild and Westridge Avenue; access to and from site must be considered especially towards north.
- Appreciate improvements to landscaping and sidewalk.
- Significant improvements have been made; no units were lost rather they were tucked into lower part of site; support project but suggest adding wall space to back study dens to provide daylight; trees on south side can be beneficial during hot days so appreciate the shade created by trees along south; support the sustainable siding.

Having reviewed the application for 4430, 4450 & 4460 Woodcrest Road and 4504 Woodgreen Drive (Resubmission) and heard the presentation provided by the Applicant:

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Design Review Committee support the 4430, 4450 & 4460 Woodcrest Road and 4504 Woodgreen Drive (Resubmission) application subject to the following further design development to consider:

- Design development to improve livability of units to provide direct daylight to all interior spaces that could be used as a bedroom.
- Confirm commitment to retain boulevard trees as proposed along the north side of site.

CARRIED

S. Khosravi-Kermani absent at the vote

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

7. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Design Review Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 21, 2023 Design Review Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

S. Khosravi-Kermani absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Staff Representative

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, A. Meysami, B. Milley, K. Rosin, C. Wang; and Councillor N. Gambioli attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: S. Tsangarakis, and E. Vaartnou.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 5, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

A. Meysami absent at vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 5, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

A. Meysami absent at vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

A new Terms of Reference for the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) was approved by Council on September 25, 2023. The new ACAC will come into effect in January 2024. Councillor N. Gambioli also informed the Committee that a response from Council to S. Swan's letter of July 14, 2023 requesting an update regarding the arts facility planning process will be coming shortly.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

A. Meysami absent at vote

5. Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Discussion

A. Meysami entered the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Council approved the revised Terms of Reference for the ACAC on September 25. The new committee comes into effect in January 2024, with the appointment of members to be approved by Council in December 2023. Any members of the current ACAC who wish to apply can do so to Legislative Services before October 31, 2023.

Staff reiterated that the new ACAC will focus on high-level strategic and policy issues. Residents interested in the operational focused tasks of the District's cultural services are welcome to join one of the Advisory Panels for either the Art Museum, Ferry Building Gallery, Community Grants Program or Public Art Program.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion involving Arts & Culture Related Committees of Council Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Arts & Culture Strategy Update 2024 Planning

The Committee reviewed the action items in the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Prioritization & Phasing Action Plan to prepare for an update to the West Vancouver Arts & Culture Strategy that will begin in 2024 in consultation with West Vancouver's cultural sector. To expedite the process; the Committee focused on the very high and high priority action items to review which items have been completed, are ongoing, or have not been dealt with for whatever reason. The Committee's notes are as follows:

- Item 1.1.3: The monthly Lunch & Learn events remain a key priority as the North Shore arts & culture groups have benefitted greatly from this collaborative information sharing program. These events were paused during the pandemic.
- Item 1.2.1: Staff are actively working on increasing internal inter-divisional District of West Vancouver collaboration related to arts & culture and this remains a priority.
- Item 2.1.1: It is unknown how many other organizations are actively working on employing or commissioning the involvement of a greater diversity of artists. The District's art institutions, programs and festivals have increased diversity in programming. The Committee noted that this strategy should be revisited in January with the arts and culture groups to discuss progress.
- Item 2.1.2: The Committee would like to include this item in the January discussions with the arts and culture sector.

J. Baxter left the meeting at 4 p.m. and did not return.

- Item 2.3.3: Chair suggested that a disconnect exists with the District's busking bylaws. Despite busking bylaws still being in place, it was suggested that the general public enjoys these events. An item to keep on the agenda for the workshops with the cultural groups in 2024.
- Item 4.1.1: The Culture Compass was developed with several North Shore arts groups, the tourism sector, and recreation providers and is an excellent tool for communicating the North Shore's cultural offerings. The District developed the

artsWEST monthly newsletter. However, this newsletter relies on subscribers and requires additional resources to advertise its existence to residents as well as smaller groups with arts programming to include in the newsletter. This item will be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts & Culture Strategy Update 2024 be received for information and the review of action items in the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Prioritization & Phasing Action Plan be continued at the next meeting.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at vote

7. Staff Update

Staff informed the Committee that Staff from the Planning Department will attend the October 17 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting to present a draft local area plan for Ambleside. Staff will forward a meeting invite to anyone on this Committee who would like to attend.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at vote

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 3 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

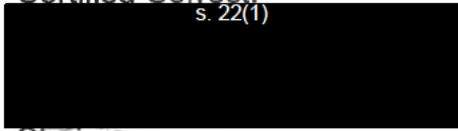
THAT the October 5, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at vote

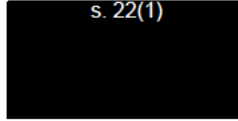
The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Certified Correct:
s. 22(1)



Chair

s. 22(1)



Committee Clerk

From: Jill Lawlor
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:07 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: FW: Eagle Creek Bridge Update

Dear s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email to Mayor and Council in regard to Eagle Creek Bridge. Your correspondence has been forwarded to me for response in my role as the Senior Manager of Parks.

I apologize for my oversight of a response to your email of September 7, 2023.

I'm pleased to advise that the District has received drawings for Eagle Creek Bridge. Work on the bridge will commence upon receipt of the required materials, and approval has been received. Updated site signage will be posted in the next few weeks prior to the project start.

The District's webpage will be updated as information is available <https://westvancouver.ca/government-administration/major-projects/eagle-creek-bridge> .

I hope this is helpful, please feel to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jill

Jill Lawlor (she, her, hers)
Senior Manager of Parks | District of West Vancouver
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:07 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement
Attachments: Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement.eml

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Mayor Mark Sager & Council,

It has been almost 7 weeks since I sent an email (attached) to Acting Senior Manager of Parks Jill Lawlor, enquiring about the Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement with no reply. So I am reaching out to you requesting a reply on how the bridge was allowed to deteriorate so badly resulting in a partial collapse.

As per the background explanation for the Eagle Creek Bridge project status , the Parks Department assessed that the age of the wooden bridge structure is approximately 15-20 years old. As a standard wood deteriorates over time becoming weak structurally so I enquired if the District of West Vancouver has "Wood Condition Assessments" performed by an Engineer as other municipalities do to ensure funding is in place to replace or repair before unsafe conditions occur such as this bridge collapse .

Many residents of the neighborhood have either emailed or phoned the contacts on the posted closed signs, emailed to individual council member that I have been informed . It has been 4 months since the bridge partially collapsed and it is estimated that construction will begin early 2024 which may bring the completion date well into next year.

Can the residents of Eagle Harbour and surrounding areas receive a more definitive time line? Such as, has an engineer determined if the existing bridge abutments can be reused? As this would show and provide progress from the last update on August 30, 2023.

Thank you for your time, review and hopefully directing staff for a reply.

Regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Jill Lawlor
Subject: Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement

Hi Jill,

In an attempt to get a better understanding of the Eagle Creek Bridge replacement plans I am reaching out to you as the website provides good but general information on this project.

In particular I wanted to enquire if the District of West Vancouver has a program to perform structural condition assessments on it's wooden structures in Parks periodically? It was surprising to read on this projects web page that there was no funding or resources planned for it's replacement after being 15-20 years old.

Many of the bridges post dates of the construction on them and there are other structures of substantial size that have been replaced such as the long staircase to Garrow Bay Park recently. As a result as a resident I would have assumed that this work would be a result of condition assessments that would be performed by an engineer as other municipalities on the North Shore use these condition assessments to ensure funding is in place annually to keep park infrastructure in good and safe repair.

Knowing there are environmental and engineering considerations I hope the bridges replacement can be expedited due to safety concerns as the winter months are approaching. Overall hoping that there is a program in place to assure other residents are not put in similar circumstances with restricting families from the beach and accessing the neighborhood.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

From: Cindy L. Mayne
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:28 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Council Correspondence: New Cell Tower Construction 2020 Bellevue Avenue

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for writing to Mayor and Council, your letter was forwarded to Planning & Development Services department for a response.

The cell tower work that was recently constructed at 2020 Bellevue Ave has received all the required permits from The District of West Vancouver. We have issued 2 building permits and an electrical permit for the recent installation of antennas. This installation follows the Federal exclusion criteria for the consultation requirement with local government. Therefore, the Wireless Communication Policy is not applicable, and the proposal only necessitates a building/electrical permit.

In regards to your question about safety and health of residents I would ask that you review the District of West Vancouver's Wireless Communications Policy, found here: <https://westvancouver.ca/government-administration/strategies-reports/strategies-plans/wireless-communications-policy>. Within the policy you will find that Health Canada has established federal standards for safe human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic energy, published as Safety Code 6, and local government has neither the authority nor expertise to comment on the standard.

Regards,

Cindy Mayne

Executive Assistant to the Director of Planning & Development Services | District of West Vancouver
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:33 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Christine Cassidy
Subject: New Cell Tower Construction 2020 Bellevue Avenue

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Hi,

s.22(1) once again today Bellevue is closed without proper notice to traffic while a huge crane loads more Cell tower equipment to the roof of this apartment building.

This is the second crane lift in recent months. You will note in the photos the new cell phone equipment attached to a new structural steel frame overhangs the east face of the building.

Was there a proper building permit issued by West Vancouver for such a large structure? We recognize the Federal Government and Health Canada regulate cell phone towers however we are concerned about the health of residents in our building plus those in the rental building immediately below the EMF emissions.

The visual impact of this structure is a distraction to the architecture of the building.

We await your response.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC
s. 22(1)

