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**DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER**  
750 17TH STREET, WEST VANCOUVER BC V7V 3T3

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Date:	January 19, 2026
From:	Alison Gelz, Senior Manager, Community Services
Subject:	Proposed Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026 (Permanent Youth Hub on Pound Road)

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT proposed “Youth Activity Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026” be read a first, second, and third time.

**1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a proposed amendment to the Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, by removing the minimum threshold requirement thereby making the full balance of the reserve available. The funds could then be used towards the development of a permanent Youth Hub on Pound Road in West Vancouver, which Council announced the approval of on January 12, 2026.

**2.0 Legislation/Bylaw/Policy**

The Youth Activity Fund was created as a statutory reserve by the Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995 (**Appendix A**) that regulates payments from the fund to programs or capital projects for the benefit of youth in the community.

**3.0 Council Strategic Objective(s)/Official Community Plan**

Council Strategic Plan

Council’s Strategic Objectives support the planning for a permanent Youth Hub as set out under Strategic Goal 6: enhance the social well-being of our community; and under Objective 6.7: select a permanent home for the Youth Hub.

Official Community Plan

The District of West Vancouver’s (District) Official Community Plan supports youth programs and services through policies 2.3.1, 2.8.1, 2.8.9, 2.8.12-2.8.13, 2.8.16, and notably the following:

- 2.8.3: Improve access to services and resources for youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities, including considerations for improved walking, cycling, and transit connections and shuttle services.

- 2.8.5: Provide services, programs, and facilities to support children, youth, and families in meeting their diverse needs and foster their sense of belonging.
- 2.8.11: Support the continual provision of community hubs (e.g. Child and Family Hub and Youth Services Hub) and explore the potential for neighbourhood hubs based on community partnerships.
- 2.8.17: Engage the community in planning for services, programs, and facilities, and municipal decision-making.
- 2.9.11: Explore opportunities with community partners including Vancouver Coastal Health, senior levels of government, schools, community organizations, and non-profit service providers to provide a full continuum of support services to address needs related to physical, mental, and social health, addictions, health services, emergency response, housing, homelessness, employment, and food security.

## 4.0 Financial Implications

The proposed Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026 (Amendment Bylaw) (**Appendix B**) will remove the “threshold value” requirement, thereby making the full balance of the reserve available to fund eligible projects. Eligible projects include capital projects, including buildings and land, machinery or equipment necessary for them, undertaken by the District for the benefit of youth in the community. For example, the development of a permanent Youth Hub in West Vancouver.

The current approved funding source for the Youth Hub is the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) – Community Serving Reserve. If Council authorizes use of the Youth Activity Fund for this project, the required draw from the CAC – Community Serving Reserve would be reduced accordingly.

## 5.0 Background

### 5.1 Previous Decisions

Council, at its January 12, 2026, regular meeting, announced the approval of a permanent Youth Hub on Pound Road in Ambleside Park, on the former Ambleside Youth Centre site.

### 5.2 History

The Youth Activity Fund Reserve was established in 1995 to support programs and capital projects that benefit youth in the community. The initial funding for this reserve originated from a court-awarded settlement resulting from law enforcement activities.

The Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962,1995, governing the Youth Activity Fund Reserve, includes a provision for a threshold amount. Under

this provision, the amount available for expenditure in any given year is limited to the portion of the reserve that exceeds the established threshold (adjusted annually by CPI).

To adjust or remove the threshold amount to access more funds, an amendment to the Bylaw is required.

## **6.0 Analysis**

### **6.1 Discussion**

The proposed Amendment Bylaw will remove the “threshold value” allowing more funds to be accessed from the reserve that could be utilized towards the development of the permanent Youth Hub in West Vancouver.

The following amendments are proposed:

Delete sections 6, 7, and 8.

Section 6: In this bylaw “Threshold Value” means, for 1994, the sum of \$350,000, and for each subsequent calendar year the product of the previous calendar year’s Threshold Value and the percentage change over the previous calendar year in the Vancouver, All Items, Consumer Price Index, which was 135.8 at December 1994, as determined by Statistics Canada, or such other body or index that replaces the same.

Section 7: The amount available to be expended as payments under Section 4 of this bylaw in a given year will be limited to the amount by which the value of the fund at the end of the previous calendar year exceeds the Threshold Value of the fund at the end of the previous calendar year.

Section 8: The Council may direct that monies paid into the fund under Sections 2 (c) and (d) will increase the Threshold Value of the fund as determined herein under Section 6.

These changes will allow more funds to be accessed in the reserve which could then be utilized for the development of a permanent Youth Hub.

#### Next Steps

If Council adopts the Amendment Bylaw, staff will bring forward a proposed Youth Activity Fund Expenditure Bylaw for consideration to be used towards the development of a permanent Youth Hub on Pound Road in West Vancouver.

## **7.0 Options**

### **7.1 Recommended Option**

THAT proposed “Youth Activity Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026” be read a first, second, and third time.

## 7.2 Considered Options

THAT the proposed recommendations described in the January 19, 2026 report from the Senior Manager, Community Services not be approved.


OR

THAT proposed “Youth Activity Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026” be modified by *[Council to provide direction]*.

## 8.0 Conclusion

Approving the proposed Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026 will remove the “threshold value” and allow the full funds in the reserve to be available. These funds could then be used towards the development of a permanent Youth Hub in West Vancouver. This directly supports youth in the community, who the fund was established for initially, and will reduce the overall amount of capital investment required from the District of West Vancouver’s other funding sources that have been allocated to this project.

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### Appendices

Appendix A: Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995

Appendix B: Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5436, 2026

## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

### YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND BYLAW NO. 3962, 1995

A bylaw to create and operate a reserve fund to be known as the Youth Activity Fund.

WHEREAS the District was awarded \$356,362 in 1993 by the courts as a result of law enforcement activities;

AND WHEREAS accounting for interest and a prior payment authorized by Council in the amount of \$12,000, this amount has increased to \$369,570 at the end of fiscal 1994;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate that these funds be set aside and invested to create a fund to finance future capital and operating costs of projects and programs benefiting the youth of West Vancouver;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. A reserve fund to be known as the “Youth Activity Fund” is hereby established under the provisions of Section 380.1 of the Municipal Act and is referred to as “the fund” in this Bylaw.
2. Monies from the following sources will be paid into the fund:
  - (a) the amount awarded to the District in 1993 by the courts as a result of law enforcement activities;
  - (b) all interest earned by the fund from the date proceeds were received by the District, less \$12,000 expenditure authorized by Council in 1994;
  - (c) other sources allowed under the Municipal Act, as Council may direct from time to time;
  - (d) donations by private individuals, groups or corporations.
3. Monies in the fund shall be held and invested as provided for in Municipal Act Sections 364 and 365.
4. Payments may be made from the fund by bylaw passed by 2/3 of all members of Council for the following purposes:
  - (a) Capital projects, including buildings and land, machinery or equipment necessary for them, undertaken by the District for the benefit of youth in the community.

- (b) Programs or projects undertaken by the District or community groups for the benefit of youth in the community, unable to be funded through the annual operating budgets of the District or community groups.
5. Project(s) eligible under Section 4 of this bylaw will be considered by Council on an annual basis.
  6. In this bylaw “Threshold Value” means, for 1994, the sum of \$350,000, and for each subsequent calendar year the product of the previous calendar year’s Threshold Value and the percentage change over the previous calendar year in the Vancouver, All Items, Consumer Price Index, which was 135.8 at December 1994, as determined by Statistics Canada, or such other body or index that replaces the same.
  7. The amount available to be expended as payments under Section 4 of this bylaw in a given year will be limited to the amount by which the value of the fund at the end of the previous calendar year exceeds the Threshold Value of the fund at the end of the previous calendar year.
  8. The Council may direct that monies paid into the fund under Sections 2 (c) and (d) will increase the Threshold Value of the fund as determined herein under Section 6.
  9. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995”.

PASSED by Council on 1995 October 23.

RECEIVED THE APPROVAL of the Minister of Municipal Affairs on 1995 November 10.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED by Council on 1995 November 20.

[Original signed by Mayor ]  
Mayor

[Original signed by Municipal Clerk]  
Municipal Clerk



District of West Vancouver

**Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995,  
Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026**

Effective Date:

District of West Vancouver

# Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026

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A bylaw to create and operate a reserve fund to be known as the Youth Activity Fund.

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver deems it appropriate that these funds be set aside for future capital costs of projects benefiting the youth of West Vancouver.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver enacts as follows:

### **Part 1 Citation**

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited as Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 5437, 2026.

### **Part 2 Severability**

- 2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

### **Part 3 Amendments**

Youth Activity Fund Bylaw No. 3962, 1995 is amended by:

- 3.1 Deleting Sections 6, 7, and 8; and
- 3.2 Renumbering Section 9 as Section 6.

READ A FIRST TIME on

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READ A THIRD TIME on

ADOPTED by the Council on

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer