

DELEGATION TO DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER COUNCIL

Designing for Longevity

Infrastructure as a Determinant of Senior Health in a Vertical City

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"The Clinical Perspective"



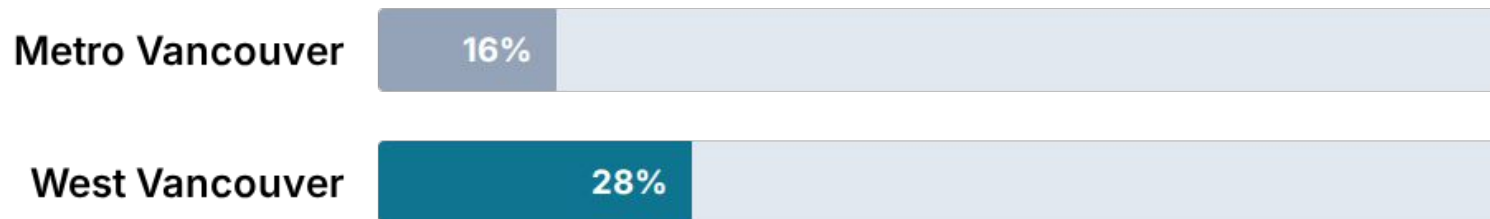
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"The Policy Perspective"

Canada's "Greyest" Municipality

West Vancouver isn't preparing for a future demographic wave. **The wave is here.**



Percentage of Population over 65 (Census Data)

The "Vertical City" Challenge

West Vancouver is beautiful, but its topography creates a unique risk: **"The Golden Cage."**

Seniors living in the British Properties or Upper Caulfeild who lose their driver's license face immediate isolation. Their "Last Mile" is often a steep grade with no sidewalk.



| The Cost of Isolation



| The Strategic Pivot

We cannot flatten the mountain.

Rebuilding the infrastructure of the upper residential zones is fiscally impossible.

We MUST perfect the lifeline.

We must focus our resources on the flat, commercial spine where social life happens.



"Our goal is to make West Vancouver a certified 'Blue Zone'—a place where the built environment naturally extends life expectancy."

— YAGHA Vision Statement

THE PROPOSAL

Marine Drive "Longevity Corridor"

Target Zone: Ambleside to Dundarave Axis.

Concept: A "Gold Standard" accessible route connecting the Seawall, Transit, Commercial, and Medical Services.



| The "Bench Theory"

500m
Max Walking Range (Frail Senior)



= INDEPENDENCE

If we place seating every 250m along the Longevity Corridor, we effectively double the range of our seniors.

| The Clinical Standard



Global Framework, Local Action

YAGHA's Role:

We provide the WHO "Age-Friendly Cities" Clinical Framework and conduct the initial "gap analysis" of the corridor.

DISTRICT STAFF's Role:

Engineering review and implementation of upgrades (lighting, curb cuts, benches) based on the data.

Request to Council



Direct Staff

Investigate the designation of the "Marine Drive Longevity Corridor" using WHO standards.



Endorse

A Letter of Support for our "New Horizons" Federal Grant application (Cost-Neutral to District).



Engage

Partner with YAGHA as a formal Youth Stakeholder for future accessibility planning.

Thank You

Let's build a District where we can all age in place.

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