

**Presentation to  
the West Vancouver City  
Council  
March 10, 2025**

**Subject:  
30 years of Nowruz Fire  
Festival at Ambleside Park on  
March 18**

**Presented by:  
The Iranian-Canadian  
Congress of Canada**



# Overview of the Nowruz Fire Festival

The **Nowruz Fire Festival (Chaharshanbeh Suri)** is a centuries-old tradition that marks the arrival of **Nowruz (Persian New Year)**. It is a **celebration of light, renewal, and community gathering**, bringing together thousands of attendees each year in a spirit of inclusivity and cultural appreciation.

West Vancouver has been home to this event for **30 years**, making it one of the most significant and cherished cultural festivals in the region.

# Historical Photos From The Past Celebrations













# A SUMMARY OF OUR RECENT MEETING WITH MAYOR MARK SAGER ON DECEMBER 12, 2024



# KEY ISSUES & REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

## 1. Venue Space Extension

- Due to ongoing construction at Ambleside Park, the available event space has been significantly reduced.
- To ensure the safety and comfort of attendees, we request an extension of the current venue boundaries to accommodate the anticipated crowd effectively.

## 2. Site Improvements

- Sections of the event site become muddy and difficult to navigate, posing safety hazards for attendees.
- We respectfully request the addition of gravel to improve accessibility and enhance the festival experience.

## 3. Lifting Restrictions on International Artists

- In recent years, multiple groups have started organizing Persian Fire Festival events in North Vancouver and the Tri-Cities on the same date—March 18, 2025.
- Attendance at the West Vancouver festival has declined due to restrictions imposed on the event, leading to financial challenges in covering costs.

# COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

- We recognize that **public safety** is of utmost importance and have consistently prioritized security at this event.
- To maintain a **safe and well-managed festival**, we have implemented a **three-tier security system**, which includes:
  - 1. West Vancouver Police Department officers**
  - 2. CENERGY Security Group personnels**
  - 3. Hundreds of trained volunteers**
- These efforts have ensured that the **Nowruz Fire Festival remains a safe, family-friendly event** for all attendees.

# Volunteers' tent





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