

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO AUGUST 28, 2020 (8:30 a.m.)

Referred for Action

- (1) August 21, 2020, regarding Balcony Enclosures** (Referred for consideration and response)
- (2) August 21, 2020, regarding Construction Noise Complaint** (Referred for consideration and response)
- (3) August 25, 2020, regarding “Queens Avenue Concern”** (Referred for consideration and response)

Referred for Action from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Received for Information

- (4) August 21, 2020, regarding “Agenda ID2020 The Diabolical Agenda within the Agenda.”**
- (5) August 21, 2020, regarding “Neighbourhood Character Working Group Draft Recommendations”**
- (6) August 21, 2020, regarding “Second Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) Ban”**
- (7) August 22, 2020, regarding “Horseshoe Bay LAP”**
- (8) August 24, 2020, regarding “Re: Letter From a Concerned Family member”**
- (9) August 24, 2020, regarding “Option 1 – Art & Cultural Centre Building on Ambleside Tennis Court site”**
- (10) HUB Cycling, August 25, 2020, regarding “Bike to School Week earlybird registration ends August 32st!”**
- (11) August 25, 2020, regarding “the seawalk and Ambleside beach area”**
- (12) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, August 25, 2020, regarding “Upcoming Virtual Events - Save The Date!”**
- (13) Alliance of Beverage Licensees, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, and BC Craft Brewers Guild, August 26, 2020, regarding “Request for Support: Expanded Patio Permissions”**
- (14) North Shore Pickleball Club, August 27, 2020, regarding “New Parking Restrictions at 29th and Marine Courts”**

Received for Information from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

August 21st, 2020

2410-01

To The Mayor and all Councillors of the District of West Vancouver:

I am writing to each of you [redacted] s. 22(1) for my [redacted] s. 22(1) [redacted]. My complaint is about the lack of a cohesive plan to address a major bureaucratic issue and the specific implications on [redacted] s. 22(1)

[redacted] s. 22(1), first moved to West Vancouver [redacted] s. 22(1), still living in Dundarave. He and [redacted] s. 22(1) bought a house [redacted] s. 22(1). She is now [redacted] s. 22(1), and resides [redacted] s. 22(1) in West Vancouver.

My intent is to seek your assistance to address a significant issue that appears to be rampant throughout the condominium community in West Vancouver. The issue centres on the practice of enclosing exterior balconies and the related removal of existing weather walls without District approval and the inequities resulting from the unwillingness of the District to address the root problem.

The District Building Department will issue permits for enclosing certain condo balconies but will not allow removal of original weather walls, even though they become redundant legacies of the original structure. I understand this has to do with multiple issues, including fire safety access regulations in place when the buildings were originally built (this has subsequently changed), inclusion of added floor areas exceeding FAR, potential property tax implications (loss of revenue or the need to increase taxes on any work done to date for the added floor space),

[redacted] s. 22(1) operated an [redacted] s. 22(1) company on the North Shore for many years and was always adamant that work be done with high quality standards and ethics and always under permit where required. At the age of [redacted] s. 22(1) took [redacted] s. 22(1) moral standards to heart when undertaking the first renovation she'd ever done on her own. She hired a recommended contractor with instructions that he take out a permit for the work she asked him to do.

Even though the District does not issue permits for the removal of original weather walls, it is a well known and common practice of unit owners and contractors throughout the District to remove weather walls after final inspection of the original building permit or not to apply for a permit to do any of the work at all. This practice has existed for years and is now so pervasive that the District lacks sufficient resources or political will to tackle it. The only way any weather wall removals are addressed currently is through one of two methods: either outsider complaints to the District for work being done without a permit or through failure to close a valid permit prior to illegal removal of a weather wall once final inspection has taken place. [redacted] s. 22(1) story starts as a result of the 2nd circumstance and is compounded by the first.

[redacted] s. 22(1), when [redacted] s. 22(1) bought her condo at [redacted] s. 22(1) balcony had already been enclosed. The work had been done by a contractor who came highly recommended by the strata council, as he had already done upwards of 8-10 of these enclosures, presumably under permit. In [redacted] s. 22(1) [redacted] she engaged the same contractor to enclose [redacted] s. 22(1) balcony. She advised the strata council, in writing, of her intention to do the work and the District issued a Building Permit for the enclosure work. It clearly stated on the permit the weather wall was to remain. [redacted] s. 22(1) never saw the permit

application or the issued documents and assumed the contractor would only do the work as authorized. It would never have occurred to her to break the rules and, had she known what a weather wall was and that it was to remain, she would have acted accordingly. It appears the contractor failed to call for a final inspection to close the permit and proceeded to remove the weather wall anyways. The original permit then expired in December 2004 and there was no notification from the District to advise that it was still open.

In August 2010, the District received a complaint from the strata at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) about noise and work being done on [REDACTED] s. 22(1) without a permit. The District assigned a building inspector, who erroneously entered [REDACTED] s. 22(1) unit and, while there, noticed the centre weather walls had been removed. Even though it was obvious that there was no work being done in the unit at that time he issued an immediate stop work order. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) was fined for a bylaw infraction related to this incident, which was subsequently reversed. It would appear the inspector was made aware of his error because a separate stop work order was later issued for a different unit on the same floor. It would appear the one issued for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) unit was never actually rescinded. In October, additional discussions with the inspector took place at the apartment [REDACTED] s. 22(1) then received an email from the inspector in November of 2010, advising that he would be back in touch as soon as he'd spoken to his superior about how to proceed. **That was 10 years ago and that was the last communication from the District until April 2020.**

In March 2020 COVID hit and District Building inspectors stopped doing on-site inspections. As a way to keep inspectors busy, they were assigned the task of clearing up outstanding permits. **Eighteen years after the work had been done and 10 years after she was told the District would get back to her,** [REDACTED] s. 22(1) received a letter demanding action on the open permit. By this time she was [REDACTED] s. 22(1) live in her condo.

In my discussions with lawyers, real estate agents, planners, inspectors, district councillors, strata councillors and assorted condo owners, including in other buildings within the District, it has become painfully obvious that the removal of weather walls being done “under the table” in West Vancouver is a rampant and frequent occurrence. This is not an issue of a single building but an issue that is widespread across a multitude of buildings in the District.

It is very evident that the District, at both the political and operational levels, is fully aware of the uncontrolled non-compliance throughout the condo community. There appears to be little political will to confront and resolve the problem. Responsibility continues to be punted back and forth between District Council, who sets the rules, and the Planning/Building departments who execute those same rules with no measurable change to address the core problem.

The fact **it has taken 18 years,** so far, to confront a single (**ONE**) unit (and that it took COVID to make even this happen) speaks volumes to the dysfunctional nature of the current process. It seems the District ignores the bigger problem, choosing to act on individual complaints to stumble across past work done without a permit or deals sporadically with the low-lying fruit of open permits, randomly and sporadically. This is an extremely arbitrary and discriminatory process that has now ensnared [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED], in a bureaucratic nightmare; all while others who undertook exactly the same type of renovations but without a permit at all are ignored. A District employee was very open that the District “[has] a large hammer over [REDACTED] s. 22(1)”, a hammer that the District is employing in a very discriminatory manner. Many other unit owners who have knowingly done work illegally are not being made to comply

with the onerous demands the District has placed on s. 22(1) whose costs to remediate the problem are estimated to be in excess of \$25,000.00. This does not include the resulting devaluation of her unit in comparison to those across the District where work has been done “under the table” and is ignored by the District. **This is unconscionable, discriminatory and highly punitive.**

Going forward there are 2 options:

Option 1:

1. Subject to full disclosure by current owners, institute an amnesty for all existing non- permitted weather wall removal work.
2. Implement and administer stricter permitting rules tied to strata renovation rules.
3. Implement and administer strict penalties for non-compliant contractors, owners, developers and strata corporations.
4. Work with strata corporations on required adjustments to FAR and taxes. It is common practice for architects, homeowners and developers to request **and be granted** increases to this through the Board of Variance process.

OR

Option 2:

1. In order to level the playing field, knock on every door of every unit in every condo in the District demanding full and open access for inspection to confirm compliance with all District rules related to weather wall removal. This is regardless of a permit being in place or not.
2. For **all** units found not to comply, assess and administer penalties commensurate with those levied on s. 22(1) This includes hiring an Envelope Consultant and architect, applying for a Development Permit Exemption through the Planning department, paying to have new drawings done to conform to the original design aesthetic of the building (this is in case the newer enclosed balconies ever get removed), apply for a new permit to reinstall the original weather walls as per the new permit and, finally, hire a reputable contractor to do the work.

Who in the political arena wants that as an election issue?

This is a political problem, not a Planning/Building problem. There needs to be the political will brought to bear to address the problem once and for all. Its unfortunate that it takes a s. 22(1) resident of the District to bring this to a head.

s. 22(1) will thank you for taking the time to read this and she looks forward to hearing your positive suggestions for correcting the inequity she is faced with and resolving her issue. As you can imagine, time is of the essence.

s. 22(1)

Toronto, Ont. s. 22(1)

s. 22(1)

1605-04

West Vancouver, B.C.

21. 08. 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have reached the end of my tether, and this is the day that I am going to tell you why.

Firstly, some background. I will s. 22(1) a couple of months and have lived the s. 22(1) of those years on s. 22(1), West Van, so I know whereof I speak. The last 15 – 20 years seems to have been in a construction site with never-ending noise, beeps, toots, back-up noises, blocked roads (and I mean totally blocked roads, - you might check with the fire department about that) blasting, both legal and illegal, people shouting, loud music, dirty roads with trash thrown everywhere, parking all over God's half acre, chain saws, loud engines, bob cats, gravel making machines – need I go on?

The present abomination, on the 4000 block of s. 22(1), has been going on for two years – two years for an ugly monster of a house, taking up almost two lots, and completely out of place in our quiet neighbourhood, which is a leafy lane with no footpaths. s. 22(1) access road to Sandy Cove beach, but that is another story. Two years and counting, probably three, and to draw a comparison s. 22(1) s. 22(1) company built a 180 room Hotel in downtown Vancouver which was finished in just over two years. 180 rooms versus a private house? Two years versus three? Where is the control we expect from our Council? Who is looking after the rights of the local ratepayers? If you want to hear some mutterings, then come and talk to us.

To make matters worse, our Council in their general naivety have accepted the story over the years that "This will be my dream house", " I am building this for my Mother " (that was a good one) and so forth, then when the building is finally finished, with no building license and no commercial restrictions or respect for the neighbours inconvenience, the developer has a change of plans, and promptly sells said residence for a no-doubt healthy sum of money, and an "up yours" to both council and neighbours.

Do what you were elected to do and look after your constituents. Dispel the quiet underground mutterings of kick backs – do something!!!

I have put up with this nonsense for many years now, through good health and bad. I have paid taxes s. 22(1) years, and now at a healthy old age I would like some peace and quiet. If we must have new houses, then one year max for construction, to be strictly enforced with harsh penalties for not conforming. How many developers are taking their own sweet time to complete – running circles around our Council and local regulations?

For heavens sake and for me and my neighbours – please look at yourselves and DO SOMETHING.!

With hope,

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) 1805-02
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:05 PM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: Queens Avenue Concern

To Her Worship Mayor Mary-Ann Both and esteemed Councillors,

Thank you for spending your valuable time reading this email. I will keep it as brief as possible.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) block of Queens Avenue in West Van. We enjoy older, but comfortable homes with beautiful views of our amazing municipality and Vancouver.

In the past year there has been a sizeable increase in vehicle traffic, and a big increase in the speed at which said traffic travels along the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) block of Queens Avenue. We do not know why this is now taking place, but would like to find out and do something about it. Since COVID-19 there has also been an increase in pedestrian traffic, which makes the vehicle speed even more of a concern.

My combined neighbours and I have lived here through seeing our street go from a cul-de-sac, to a through street, and then have seen the entrance to the highway at 26th street closed, all bringing more traffic to Queens. However, it is only in the past year that it has become unacceptable, both from a safety (speed), and noise (motorcycles) standpoint. There are many solutions – one not being moving – that can rectify this problem, and we are interested in hearing from the municipality regarding their solution. Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, B.C.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) 0120-24
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Agenda ID2020: The Diabolical Agenda within the Agenda.
"Genetically Modified Humanity" - Global Research Global Research - Centre for
Research on Globalization

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/agenda-id2020-continued-diabolical-agenda-within-agenda/5721717>

More world nonsense: It affects the entire world, of which WVD is a part, away from SELF:

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/why-lukshenko-color-revolutioned-just-now/5721777>

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED], West Van

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) 0117-01
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 5:44 PM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: Neighbourhood Character Working Group Draft Recommendations
Attachments: Roofs in the 1200 block of Duchess Avenue 2020-08-21 IMG_3029.JPG; Germany - triplex rental home in Schuttertal 2016-09-26 IDSCN1958.JPG; 3-family multiplex rental home 2020 August.jpg; Triplex rental home 2020 June.jpg; hpscholefield.vcf

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

It seems to me that this concern about housing size and bulk first came up before the District adopted its 2016 Community Energy and Emissions Plan, the 2018 Official Community Plan and the District's climate emergency declaration in 2019. These policy impacting initiatives have made it clear to me that there are a number of shortcomings in our neighbourhood character that need to be addressed. I propose to prioritize them as follows:

1. housing affordability in our neighbourhoods;
2. lack of housing diversity in our neighbourhoods;
3. shortage of rental dwellings in our neighbourhoods;
4. too many single family homes in our neighbourhoods producing and resulting in excessive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
5. too many cars and related traffic congestion in our neighbourhoods;
6. not enough sidewalks and protected bike lanes to safely accommodate active modes of transportation in our neighbourhoods;
7. not enough families with young children in our neighbourhoods; and
8. too many unoccupied homes in our neighbourhoods.

I would include the size and bulk of some homes in our neighbourhoods among those aspects of neighbourhood character that relate to aesthetic values along with trees and the shape of roofs. The aesthetic and CO2-sequestering value of trees to neighbourhood character is already being addressed by a separate District initiative. Concerning the roof shapes in the Ambleside single family home neighbourhood where I live, I have noted a trend away from the traditional style homes with peaked roofs and attics to those new homes with shed roofs (Duchess Ave photo attached). From the aesthetic point of view, this has definitely changed the character of our neighbourhood. While I prefer the traditional style, I am getting used to this change in roof styles. Nonetheless, I think that I could support the proposed regulation on the height of shed roofs and side walls.

I feel that this report and some of its draft recommendations attempts to address one of the aesthetic values of our neighbourhood character to the detriment of addressing the important shortcomings listed above. For example, there are some very attractive architecturally designed large homes that can accommodate three rental families (see photos attached) and would help address neighbourhood character shortcomings 1 through 4 and 7. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) I, with [REDACTED] s. 22(1) children, lived comfortably for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) years in one of many triplex rental homes in [REDACTED] s. 22(1). However, such homes would not be allowed here under the proposed regulations. Furthermore, such regulations may discriminate against those with very large families, including multi-generational family living arrangements.

While the report focuses on building lot character, including boulevards, it ignores the very visible roadways between the boulevards with their parked cars and traffic. In this regard, I would like to say

that the District's recent initiative to implement "slow streets" on Bellevue Avenue and westward on the south side of the railway tracks to 31st Street is a welcome contribution to neighbourhood character. I hope that this initiative will be expanded to other residential streets.

I appreciate the work done by the working group to prepare this report. Despite my disagreement with some of the draft recommendations, there are some that I do support such as promoting secondary suites and coach houses. However, I believe both should be allowed on the same lot as in other districts in the lower mainland. I also support most of the landscaping recommendations but am against boulevard parking as it is not as attractive as landscaped boulevards and it is not conducive to creating much needed sidewalks and protected bike lanes. Boulevard parking where cars are parked perpendicular to the roadway (Duchess Ave photo attached) can be particularly hazardous to cyclists, pedestrians and even automobile traffic on the roadway. Finally, I support the recommendation to simplify and reduce permitting costs to encourage renovations, especially for retrofits that would improve the energy efficiency of homes, thereby reducing GHG emissions and addressing the climate emergency.

I believe that our building lot regulations need to be as flexible as possible in order to adapt to future population growth pressures, housing market conditions, technological advances, climate change and changing demographics.

Sincerely

s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, British Columbia,

s. 22(1)





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s. 22(1)

WEST VANCOUVER, BC, s. 22(1)

(6)

August 21, 2020
West Vancouver District Mayor and Council
750 17th St, West Vancouver, BC
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0120-24

Dear Mayor Booth and Council Members.

Re: Second Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) Ban

I write to you to express my concern for the continued use of SGARs in the District of West Vancouver and the need to ban their use. Almost fifteen years ago, the District of West Vancouver acted decisively to ban the use of pesticides on plants for cosmetic purposes. At the time, this was a bold and progressive move to stop the rampant use of chemicals which were having a deleterious and unintended impact on wild plants and on animals.

The use of SGAR anticoagulants such as bromadiolone and brodifacoum, poses significant threats to wildlife in West Vancouver. First, these baits are usually contained in traps that are accessible to many species in addition to the rodents being targeted, thus their effectiveness is inexact and kills unintended species. Second, even when consumed by a target rodent, death may take days during which the rodent returns to the bait and consumes much more than is necessary to kill it. When other animals such as owls, raptors, crows, coyotes, weasels, raccoons, snakes, cats, dogs, eat the dead rodent, the level of poison kills them too. There have been recent instances of owls on the brink of death due to the consumption of poisoned animals. Studies have shown that rodenticides remain in the environment in soil and the aquatic food web.

Pesticides in Canada are regulated by a multi-jurisdictional regulatory process that makes it difficult for municipalities to exert the control that is sometimes needed. Despite this, in June 2020, the District of North Vancouver adopted a ban for the use of all anti-coagulant rodenticides on all publically owned property and petitioned the Province of BC to ban their use. In July, the District of Saanich enacted a similar ban as did the District of North Saanich in August. I urge the District of West Vancouver to follow what other municipalities have done and ban the use of SGARs on all municipal property and to petition the Provincial government to ban their use in BC.

Yours truly,
s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC, s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Date: August 22, 2020 at 1:17:12 PM PDT
To: Mary-Ann Booth <mbooth@westvancouver.ca>, Craig Cameron <ccameron@westvancouver.ca>, Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>, Peter Lambur <plambur@westvancouver.ca>, Bill Soprovich <bsoprovich@westvancouver.ca>, Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>, Marcus Wong <mwong@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Horseshoe Bay LAP

Madam Mayor and councillors,

I would like to follow-up on the recent completion of the Horseshoe Bay LAP Phase 3 survey. I am concerned and underwhelmed so far by the LAP process and in particular the Phase 3 process. Please consider the following:

1. Diverging from OCP:

Based on OCP published numbers, the Horseshoe Bay LAP goal should be to add a total number of 42 to 142 net new units TOTAL by 2041!!! The LAP Phase 3 appears to aim at adding an order of magnitude more units than required. Why is that??

The OCP states on page 14 a need to increase the total number of units in W Vancouver by 5,000 net new units in the period of 2011 to 2041 — further broken down for Horseshoe Bay in section 2.1.13 c) with a goal of 200-300 net new units for Horseshoe Bay, over the same period of 2011 to 2041. Given the Horseshoe Bay Sanctuary (aka the “Sewell towers”) development of 158 units with a stated completion date of 2020, this should mean a net total additional number of new units of 42 to 142 units over the next 21 years (2041) in order to meet the stated OCP goal. Instead, residents are being misled into believing that Horseshoe Bay density must be increased dramatically in order to meet the West Vancouver requirements — this is misleading and inaccurate, only a very modest 50-150 units are in fact required over the next 20 years!

2. Density! Density! Density! — but no additional services and community infrastructure
Although over 90% of the Horseshoe Bay Village lots are targets to increased density in the LAP proposals, there is essentially no commitment to increasing community space and services. What are the plans for additional school space given this lofty goal of attracting young families? Where is a library, pool, etc? How much park space per target resident and per total residents + ferry visitors; and how does that compare to the rest of West Vancouver? Why is the community center located way outside the LAP area — how is this rectified? Why this half-baked proposal where HB village gets the density but not the services??

3. Loss of a quaint seaside village

No one wants to state the obvious: the proposed LAP plans mean the end of a quaint seaside village.

How can you preserve a quaint seaside village feel with waterfront buildings up to 11 storeys high, the center of the village made-up of 4-storey townhomes and multiplex buildings, while increasing density on single-family lots with 2-3 cottages per lot? All this, while proposing to lose park space by developing Tantalus Park (I don't see any rational thinking in believing that developing the park will enable purchasing a large swath of waterfront property — where are the numbers to make this credible??). Let's at least be honest and state clearly that the goal is to transform the quaint seaside village into an urban hub.

Please consider the sharp contrast in how Horseshoe Bay and Eagle Island are approached — the OCP specifically protects the latter's "small island character" in section 2.1.11 in the OCP. Why isn't Horseshoe Bay's "quaint seaside village character" protected in the OCP — it used to be protected in the previous version of the OCP? This is not done by accident, so why is it being so brutally dismantled in the LAP proposals? Who is benefitting from this destruction of a jewel?

4. Developer interference in process

Are LAP's a tool for developers to secretly shop their projects and influence results??

I was shocked to see that on Aug 14th, 2020 (2 days before the deadline for the survey) Mr. Peter Nilsson of Quma electronically distributed an email to a select group of survey respondents in an attempt to influence the survey and advance his interests in developing the controversial Tantalus Gardens on the St. Monica's church — email text attached below for reference — of note is Mr. Nilsson's proposed wording for inserting into the survey — no critical thinking required!! Is that what is really behind this LAP process: secret campaigns by developers to achieve their goals by manipulating the process??

5. Questionable timing and results:

The municipality should be embarrassed at the unprofessional approach being taken in what will likely shape the future of Horseshoe Bay — one of West Vancouver's jewels.

The timing for a questionnaire central to the future of Horseshoe Bay couldn't be more dubious: middle of summer during the Covid-19 crisis, with inadequate outreach efforts. I am surprised at how many residents I have talked to in the past few days, who were not even aware of the LAP Phase 3 questionnaire; could the questionnaire be filled-out by each resident or only one per household? This level of confusion is hardly surprising as the outreach for the survey appears to have been primarily through email distribution from a LAP distribution list. Why wasn't a mailed notification mailed to residents? Why wasn't a paper questionnaire made available to the non-internet-savvy residents? Doesn't the stakes in the LAP process warrant this small investment? I challenge the municipality to use the same distribution list and outreach strategy in collecting its property taxes and see what kind of results are achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to raise my concerns and I hope that you can help make this process more transparent and congruent with the OCP goals. Horseshoe Bay is a vibrant community, a jewel, and should be treated as such.

Regards

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Peter Nilsson** <info@tantalusgardens.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 11:10 AM
Subject: Tantalus Gardens - LAP Phase 3 Public Consultation
To: Peter Nilsson <info@tantalusgardens.com>

Good morning,

Just a friendly reminder that the survey deadline is **Sunday, August 16**. Please see the link below.

<https://www.westvancouverite.ca/plan-hsb>

If we can get your help to endorse Tantalus Gardens in the survey, we would greatly appreciate your input. Approximately 2/3 of the way through the survey is a section titled, "**Cottage and Small Home Infill**". If you choose "**Support with Modifications**", you could include a modified paragraph like,

"I support the opportunity for smaller detached homes that transition to the existing single-detached neighbourhoods on the edges of and outside the study area. Tantalus Gardens is a great proposal as it specially provides the desired housing form and it is located on the edge of the study area, transitioning into single-family home neighbourhoods. Not only that, Tantalus Gardens is on the most suitable section of Nelson Avenue, as it is the most gently-sloped portion with no rocky cliffs. It is one of the few parcels of land in the designated Cottage and Small Infill area, that can truly offer accessible, at-grade living suitable for families or residents who want to age in place."

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Peter Nilsson

Principal | Project Manager

Tantalus Gardens

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website: www.tantalusgardens.com

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:57 PM
To: bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca; premier@gov.bc.ca; educ.minister@gov.bc.ca; info@wvschools.ca; ckennedy@wvschools.ca; jordan.sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca; MayorandCouncil
Subject: Re: Letter From a Concerned Family member

(8)

Good morning,

s. 22(1) of two children in the West Vancouver School District, my children will be going into Grade s. 22(1) as September is approaching very quickly with so much uncertainty I feel the need to express my concern and let my voice be heard. I have noticed that many teachers and parents across BC and North America have similar concerns about school reopening plans. I feel that reopening is proceeding too quickly and will be likely to fail if rushed into place, and if we don't get it right, many teachers will take leaves.

After sheltering in place for several months, BC teachers and families are faced with expanding their bubbles twelve-fold and more. BC's safety plan for schools is vastly different and contradictory to the World Health Organization's Three Cs which represent "Crowded places," "Close-contact settings," and "Confined and enclosed spaces." We are told that risk is higher in places where the Three Cs overlap. We should be avoiding crowded places, limiting time in enclosed spaces, and wearing a mask if physical distancing is not possible.

I understand that some students and families depend on the support of their school community. I wish for a safe and supportive school environment for these families. Please review the reopening plan for schools in BC and consider allowing a choice for students to learn at home. We can keep many of our kids at home this year or even a portion of the year, and it will not ruin their lives and may potentially save others.

If some families can choose home learning (not home schooling or DLL) for the next few months, more physical space will be made available for a safer place for those who need it. Have you considered the plan they have in Alberta? I have included the link for your review. To me this is the best laid out plan I have seen for Parents and Teachers. <https://www.vancouverite.com/teacher-heres-a-plan-thatd-work-for-back-to-school/>

We all face different challenges and going forward seems insurmountable. There is no perfect solution; however, I am sure we can all agree that the health and safety of our children and those who care for them must come before all other concerns. Please allow families and educators to have options for a safe learning and work environment. In these difficult times we need to be flexible and empathetic towards others, and we need to have the space and time to provide care for each other. This is what will make us a stronger and more resilient society in the days and months to come.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

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West Vancouver, BC

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August 24th, 2020

0545-01

To: Mayor Booth & Council,

Re: Option 1 – Art & Cultural Centre Buliding on Ambleside Tennis Court site:

Dear Mayor Booth and Council,

This letter expresses our concerns for the ambience of Ambleside Park and the safety challenges surrounding this already heavily congested area. Parking is already at a premium around Marine Drive and 13th Street continuing up Keith Road to 12th Street often preventing home owners from parking their own vehicles nearby.

The tennis courts located at 13th and Marine are very popular and in constant use. The sports fields with games, tournaments, etc, including soccer, baseball, field hockey and lacrosse are very busy. These activities already bring a lot of people into the area encompassing 13th Street and Marine Drive as well as Bellevue and Argyle Streets adjacent to the Grovesnor buildings. These streets also provide the corridor in and out of busy Ambleside Park and the Sailing Club on Argyle. There is also the Shell gas station and convenience store traffic at the intersection of 13th and Marine. Our point is that this area cannot support the increased traffic the new Centre would bring.

There is also the question of putting a valuable West Van asset in or close to a flood plain. In the past when there was both a high tide and heavy rains raw sewage was discharged down 13th towards the ocean. We think that by locating the new Centre at a higher elevation would be a better option..

May we suggest instead the Klee Wyck property at the east end of Keith Road. Currently this site with its beautiful setting alongside and above the Capilano River is sitting idle. It has an abundance of space for both the proposed Arts and Cultural Centre and parking. Another possible site for consideration is the John Lawson parking lot behind Fresh St. Market. The Centre could be built there with parking underneath.

We have lived at [redacted] s. 22(1) years and observed an immense increase in activity over that period. We are not alone when we express these concerns, our neighbours have also expressed their concern over the proposed location of the new Centre on the Tennis Court site.

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[redacted] s. 22(1) West Vancouver

From: HUB Cycling <btsw@bikehub.ca>
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Questions?

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:01 PM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: the seawalk and Ambleside beach area

2160-03

I just want to commend the council for maintaining a wonderful space along the water; on a sunny weekend it was so nice to see families and other little groups social distancing on spaced logs and camp tables - gathering outdoors is so important these days. The Boat Shed, Savoury Island bakery etc are also a very nice addition.

Argyle is a bit crowded but I think everyone respects each other. Please do not remove the parking area.

best,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

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The COVID-19 pandemic has been a game changer for every business- requiring us all to adapt to unprecedented circumstances, new health guidelines and operating restrictions, along with ensuring the wellness and safety of business operators, staff and clients.

The West Vancouver Chamber team has spent much of the summer working to re-imagine what the coming year will be for 2020/2021. We have accepted that social distancing and limitations on group gatherings will extend into mid-2021 and as a result are shifting all of our beloved face-to-face gatherings to a virtual format until April. (This will change if things open up). We are committed to continue to provide opportunities for learning, networking, and building a robust West Vancouver business community.

Over the next several weeks we will be announcing a new series of virtual events focused on business learning, interesting and relevant discussions with leaders, and timely connections with elected officials. The goal is to give the WV business community direct access to the most up-to-date information and the opportunity to connect directly with business leaders in the community.

HOLD THE DATES - Here are some of the virtual meetings already confirmed.

September 17th, 10-11 am: Business Check-in with MP Patrick Weiler (via Zoom).

This is a chance to speak with MP Weiler about key WV business issues before he returns to Parliament in Ottawa.

Please submit your questions in advance to info@westvanchamber.com

October 1st, 3:00-4:30 pm: Leader to Leader- WV Exchange. Join **Mayor Mary-Ann Booth** for the first in a series of discussions with guest business leaders addressing a range of topics important to the growth and vitality of West Vancouver businesses. On October 1st hear from **Robert Barlett West Vancouver's new Chief Administrative Officer** and hear his thoughts about economic growth and recovery in West Van.

Please submit your questions in advance to info@westvanchamber.com

Stay tune for more details regarding leadership learning programs along with our annual AGM which will be held virtually this Fall.

Board of Directors

The West Vancouver Chamber is governed by a group of member-elected business professionals who live or represent business

across the community. Board members serve for a maximum of 3 2-year terms (6 years) and help the Chamber effectively provide a range of member services and support economic growth opportunities.

Interested? To be eligible, candidates need to have been in good standing with the Chamber for at least a year before the election. As part of the process, candidates will be interviewed by the nominations committee during early October. To express your interest please contact our office at info@westvanchamber.com

COVID-19 Updates

CERB Extension and Increased Access to EI and Recovery Benefits

The Government of Canada is continuing to take significant and decisive action to support Canadians and protect jobs during the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic. The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was an important and necessary temporary response to support Canadians who had to stop working due to the pandemic. As we safely restart Canada's economy, the Government will be transitioning to a simplified Employment Insurance (EI) program, effective September 27, 2020, to provide income support to those who remain unable to work and are eligible, and introducing a new suite of temporary and taxable recovery benefits to further support workers. While the Government prepares for this transition, and to ensure support continues for Canadians whose employment has been impacted by the pandemic, the CERB will be extended by an additional four weeks, providing a new maximum of up to 28 weeks of benefits...

Read more [HERE](#)



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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:23 PM
To: MayorandCouncil
Cc: jordan.sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca; ralph.sultan.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Request for Support: Expanded Patio Permissions
Attachments: COVID-19 Letter to Municipalities Fall 2020.pdf

Your Worship Mayor Booth and West Vancouver Council members,

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED PATIO PERMISSIONS

On behalf of the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the Alliance of Beverage Licensees, and the BC Craft Brewers Guild, we are writing to thank you for expanding outdoor dining in your municipality and to request that you consider:

1. Expediting applications for businesses to winterize patios in public and private spaces to provide operators with the opportunity to capitalize on the confidence of outdoor space
2. Approving temporary patios for Summer 2021 now so operators are able to plan ahead; and
3. Creating a program for designated pick up zones so that businesses can enhance contactless curbside pick up in the fall and winter months.

The incredible support and creativity municipalities have already offered makes a difference. We ask that you continue to think outside the box as it is essential to business success and keeping hospitality workers employed.

We would ask that you consider:

- Clear and uniform requirements for heating, ventilating and electrical (including specific product recommendations) that comply with BC building code.
- Pre-approving styles of canopies and heater units that meet the jurisdictional needs.
- Reducing red tape and cost where possible.
- Creating effective and coordinated communication to operators to let operators know next steps and how to apply for any new processes in your jurisdiction.

Our commitment is to continue to advocate with LCLB to get the extension on liquor service areas to ensure that any changes you make will be possible.

Full details attached.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or request for further information.

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Ken Beattie, Executive Director
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August 26, 2020

VIA EMAIL

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Outside dining has been a significant benefit to operators and customers. It has helped build confidence in dining out and activated streets in new ways that have helped keep patrons and employees safe amid this global pandemic. We hope that we can work with you to build on this positive messaging going forward.

The financial pressures felt by British Columbia's hospitality industry as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be substantial.

British Columbia's 14,000 restaurants and pubs employ over 190,000 people and contribute \$13 billion dollars to the economy annually. Our craft beer and wine industries also play significant roles in the vibrancy, innovation, and economic impact of our industry and the province. At this point in the crisis, 15% of hospitality businesses have already closed. With the end of summer approaching combined with the end of temporary layoff and CERB as well as the extended closure of the border, the potential for additional businesses closing is significant.

The COVID-19 crisis has driven devastating declines in both sales and guest-count in the hospitality industry.

- 51% of British Columbians surveyed by Leger Marketing at the end of July felt that just leaving the house was stressful. 64% remain afraid of contacting the virus.

- Datassential survey of August 7 reports that the number of people concerned about eating out is rising: 47% are definitely avoiding eating out and 34% are nervous but will still eat out.

In face of real threats of business closures across the province, we ask you to consider extending your permissive licensing for restaurant, pub, bar, and brewery businesses around outdoor spaces. Extensions of the incredible support and creativity you have already offered would make a significant difference to the hospitality businesses that operate and employ people in your community:

- Extend approvals for short-term patios in public and private spaces to provide operators with the opportunity to capitalize on the confidence of outdoor space and expand the businesses ability to create physical distancing between tables.
- Support expedited applications for businesses to winterize temporary spaces, including by preapproving styles of canopies and heater units that meet your jurisdictions needs.
- Renew the extended patio program for 2021 now. This will ensure that operators plan to keep materials and generates cost savings.
- Create a program for businesses to apply for curbside pick up zones. We suggest that these include standardized signage that lists the businesses using the pick up stop and phone number for curbside pick up.
- Ensure coordinated communication and reduced red tape to make these changes possible.
- Support expanded permissions in discussions with the Provincial Government.
- Practice Sympathetic Administration and set new ways of doing streamlined business.

Our industry has never faced a crisis of this magnitude. It is our sincere hope that we can work with your council to find material and hard-hitting measures to ensure this industry survives. It will require bold and quick moves to help industry restore itself. We are working with the LCLB to extend their liquor service regulations in conjunction with this request.

Thank you in advance. We remain at your disposal to offer advice and perspective on these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at any time.

Sincerely,

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From: heather fleming [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:20 PM
To: MayorandCouncil; Ian Haras; Andrew Banks; Corinne Ambor; Sarah Almas
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: New Parking Restrictions at 29th and Marine Courts

Hello West Vancouver Mayor and Council,
cc Ian Haras, Andrew Banks, Corinne Ambor, Sarah Almas,

I am writing on behalf of 100 + West Vancouver residents that woke up on Sunday, August 23 to discover the parking regulations in front of the pickleball courts at 29th and Marine in West Vancouver had changed and 3 individuals had a ticket on their cars.

When and why did these parking regulations change? And WHEN is there going to be a SIGN posted with the NEW parking restrictions so ALL parked cars will be aware of the changes? Here is an observation of how West Van Bylaw Officers were parking at 29th and Marine early summer of 2020:

*****"Early this summer I was playing at my usual time of M W F 1-3 with 3 other club members when 2 by-law officers came and parked their cars STRAIGHT on like we all have been doing along with MANY other parked cars, who are not using the courts. We were a little concerned because I parked my car on the paved area that has an entrance to the courts locked gate. Was about to leave the court thinking I could be possibly parked illegally, when they left their cars and walked down the road (we all thought they were going for lunch break) Upon returning one officer left and the other one remained a while in her car before leaving." By [REDACTED] s. 22(1), West Vancouver Resident

So even the West Vancouver Bylaw Officers were angle parking in front of the pickleball courts on 29th and Marine in early summer.

Please also read another account from [REDACTED] s. 22(1), West Vancouver Resident who plays at 29th and Marine courts regularly:

"Yesterday ([REDACTED] s. 22(1)) as a number of us were playing late morning, a West Van By-law vehicle arrived and parked. On questioning the officer, it appears that a local resident had complained about our parking on the shoulder and she was responding to that.

She informed me that only parallel parking was allowed. I pointed out to her that there was no sign indicating that, and surely this was a side road with little traffic and no real obstruction was caused. In addition parking in that way would dramatically reduce the number of cars that could park, causing an even bigger parking issue.

She insisted that any one present should move their car and parallel park and to my astonishment she fined about three cars where the occupants weren't present.

In my opinion this was entirely a response by the By-law office to satisfy a complaint from a local resident."

****And finally, words from [REDACTED] s. 22(1) who advocated for over 10 years and spoke to West Vancouver Council numerous times to get the pickleball courts at 29th and Marine in West Vancouver.

"We think it's ridiculous as we have been parking there like this for ages and not only us Pickleball players, others like tennis players, construction workers etc. Please see what needs to be done."

s. 22(1)

So this is just a sampling of West Vancouver's residents response to this New Parking Regulation Change.

My suggestion for these West Vancouver Resident's was to go directly to the Mayor and Council and ask them and staff to do a rethink on this parking regulation. So, you can probably expect many more comments about this in the near future. We hope that you will direct Staff to investigate and come up with a win/win situation for all.

Sincerely,

NSPC - North Shore Pickleball Club especially all those West Vancouver Residents.

Heather Fleming, President of North Shore Pickleball Club

s. 22(1)