

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JULY 21, 2021 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Referred for Action**

- (1) July 14, 2021, regarding “CN trains.” (Referred for consideration and response)**
- (2) July 15, 2021, regarding “Council's Strategic Plan 2020-2021 - Mobility - Development of Local Area Plans” (Referred for consideration and response)**
- (3) July 16, 2021, regarding “Complaint about lack of response to rowdy behaviour in Pauline Johnson Field” (Referred for consideration and response)**
- (4) July 20, 2021, regarding “Proposed art centre” (Referred for consideration and response)**

### **Referred for Action from Other Governments and Government Agencies**

No items.

### **Received for Information**

- (5) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Heritage Advisory Committee meeting May 27, 2021**
- (6) 6 submissions, July 10-19, 2021 and undated, regarding Proposed Subdivision of 5826 Eagle Island**
- (7) Surfside Towers Strata Council, July 12, 2021, regarding “Proposal development @ 22nd and Bellevue Avenue”**
- (8) Women Transforming Cities International, July 14, 2021, regarding “Truth and Reconciliation Commission Survey”**
- (9) 6 submissions, July 15-18, 2021, regarding Preliminary Development Proposal for 6404 Wellington Avenue and 6403-6407 Nelson Avenue (Tantalus Gardens)**
- (10) 5 submissions, July 15-20, 2021, regarding Proposed: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 5135, 2021; and Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 5122, 2021 (Implementation of the Neighbourhood Character Working Group’s Recommendations) (Referred to the July 27, 2021 public hearing)**
- (11) 14 submissions, July 15-21, 2021, regarding Proposed Arts & Culture Facility**
- (12) July 15, 2021, regarding “Re: Collingwood School Rubbish Shed. Morven Campus.”**
- (13) July 16, 2021, regarding “Horse Shoe Bay Park Experience and Suggestions”**
- (14) 2 submissions, July 16 and 18, 2021, regarding Proposed: Council Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 5112, 2021; and Respectful Communication Bylaw No. 5141, 2021**
- (15) Hub Cycling (2 submissions), July 16 and 20, 2021, regarding Cycling Events and Advocacy**
- (16) 2 submissions, July 16 and 20, 2021, regarding Non-Medical Cannabis Retail**
- (17) D. Marley, July 17, 2021, regarding “2195 Gordon Avenue Project Update - July 16, 2021”**

- (18) July 19, 2021, regarding “Tweet by Martin Pelletier on Twitter”**
- (19) July 19, 2021, regarding “4310 Marine Drive, West Vancouver” (Preliminary Development Proposal for 4310 Marine Drive)**
- (20) West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society, July 19, 2021, regarding “July 19, 2012 - Streamkeepers Letter to Mayor and Council” (Lawson Creek Restoration Project)**
- (21) July 20, 2021, regarding “Keep West Van Active”**
- (22) 2 submissions, July 20, 2021 and undated, regarding Dundarave Road Reallocation**
- (23) J. Chalmers, July 21, 2021 regarding “Fwd: Kelowna resuming in-person council meetings | News | pentictionherald.ca/ Arts Facility Survey/ Neighbourhood Character Working Group recommendations”**

**Received for Information from Other Governments and Government Agencies**

- (24) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), July 16 and 20, 2021, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

**Responses to Correspondence**

- (25) Manager of Environmental Protection, July 19, 2021, response to Urban Tree Alliance regarding “Typo correction re. REPLY REQUESTED - Re. District-wide Ecological Education”**
- (26) Manager of Bylaw & Licensing Services, July 20, 2021, response regarding “Complaint about lack of response to rowdy behaviour in Pauline Johnson Field”**

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** CN trains.

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We live above the train tracks [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in West Vancouver and given the dry weather, we are worrying about sparks setting off fires along the tracks, the very thing that may have caused the catastrophe in Lytton. The areas on either side of the railway and the gardens beyond are tinder dry, as is Lighthouse Park and other parks nearby. Is the municipality talking to CN? The trains coming by our property don't seem to have slowed down any. What is CN proposing to do that will mitigate the possibility of a fire along its tracks?

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West Vancouver

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Council's Strategic Plan 2020-2021 - Mobility - Development of Local Area Plans

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Mayor and Council:

As you know at the beginning of the term, in early 2019, Council worked together to set strategic goals and objectives to accomplish in the first two years, to be reviewed annually.

In March and April 2020, Council reviewed and confirmed the major Strategic Goals from the previous 2019–2020 plan and reviewed and updated the objectives for the next two years. On May 25, 2020, Council formally adopted the Goals and Objectives, Major Project Priorities and Process for Amendment as Council's Strategic Plan, 2020–2021. One of those Strategic Goals was: "To Improve mobility and reduce congestion for people and goods with the following objectives:

- Collaborating with the North Shore municipalities, First Nations, and Regional, Provincial and Federal agencies to reduce traffic congestion and improve transit options on the North Shore.
- Updating the District's Strategic Transportation Plan dated March 15, 2010 to create a Mobility Plan.
- Diversify, expand, and improve the safety and appeal of active transportation options.

To my knowledge we have heard little or nothing on the progress achieved on reaching this overall objective of the Strategic Goal of Mobility since the "2021 - Mayor's Year in Review" dated Jan 26/21 when we were only advised that the Mayor is the Chair of the Steering Committee of NXSTEP and promised to do a better job of communication with the public on a variety of issues. At that time she also advised there was a drastic decrease in traffic for the first several weeks of the pandemic, but that didn't last long and congestion had returned at even higher levels, largely due to decreased use of public transit. What we do know through the report of The Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP) via its processes and extensive transportation analysis, are the following five key access and mobility challenges that were identified:

- Land use is largely car oriented

- Transit and alternative modes of travel aren't competitive with travel by car
- Measures are lacking to manage road use
- Road use exceeds capacity at key times and pinch points
- The road network has gaps that reduce choice and increase congestion

**We are now half way through 2021 and I am writing today to ask for an update/progress report on meeting each of the above three objectives. I am hoping that the work so far will have revealed potential initiatives and/or actions that, if put in place, would have a positive bearing on Mobility issues in the whole District and the North Shore but importantly be of real value with the development of the remaining two LAPs (Ambleside Town Centre and Taylor Way Corridor) for the reasons set out below. Your comments in that latter regard would also be much appreciated and are requested.**

**Could you kindly also advise if the District would consider making changes to the current Local Area Plan - (Lap) development process to accommodate, in addition to the "Land Use Component", a "Mobility Component". I believe based on the following facts such a change is clearly required in the case of the last two Laps. It would cover off those issues that may be affected by current/future planned changes within a Lap and/or have effects elsewhere in the District and beyond as well as how current or planned changes in the District or elsewhere will affect an individual Lap.**

While Local Area Plans are constructed based on a "Land Use Component", considering the above five key access and mobility challenges identified in the District and the North Shore, it would seem that consideration and/or action on these "Mobility" issues should take place either prior to or concurrent with the development of the remaining two Local Area Plans, namely "Ambleside Town Centre and Taylor Way Corridor based on the following:

a) Each of these Local Area Plan locations is bisected by one of the most busy roadways in the District - Marine Drive OR Taylor Way.

b) The "Ambleside Town Centre Lap" with its draft borders extending from the shoreline north to basically Inglewood Avenue and from 13th Street in the east to 23rd Street in the west, carries the OCP (2.1.13) estimated increases of 1,000 to 1,200 new residences. I am satisfied that residents within and neighbouring the Lap are more able than I to speak to their concerns related to Transportation and Mobility given just the current mix of single family, multi-family and commercial businesses, Churches, Schools, the Library, and municipal services and venues (Police, Fire, City Hall, Community Centre, Ice Rink and Seniors Activity Centre) as well as importantly those to be considered involving for instance, traffic volumes of all types from other parts of the District and venues and/or from other parts of the North Shore and elsewhere travelling through local streets to get to local or other locations, and/or just to use available limited parking to visit shoreline attractions, restaurants, and retail business establishments. Then there are concerns surrounding the projected rising shoreline water level to be considered. To add to the mix, recently District residents have been made aware of the suggested placement of a new multi-use 25,000 sq. ft. Arts and Culture Centre on one of two locations at Marine Drive and 13th Street just outside (east) of the Laps draft border which would, no doubt, draw increased travel of all types to the area.

c) The "Taylor Way Corridor Lap" straddles the already heavily travelled and congested Taylor Way, a Provincial road which according to the Engineering Department, is technically known as "Arterial - (Non-

Freeway). Its draft borders include a western section extending from the north side of Keith Road north to the Upper Levels Highway and from Taylor Way in the east extending west to include a narrow corridor which takes in the two Seniors Homes, a Synagogue and its Hebrew School and 20 single family homes. The eastern section extends from Duchess Avenue north to the Upper Levels Highway and from Taylor Way in the west to Margaree Avenue in the east taking in 120 single family homes, 2 Schools and a Church.

While the District of West Vancouver is not responsible for road maintenance "curb to curb" on Taylor Way, it does accept certain full or joint responsibilities for sidewalks, boulevards and intersections. Importantly it is the only road access to the eastern portion of the Taylor Way Corridor Lap but also the only access to the rest of the Cedardale neighbourhood located to the east. To recap there are currently 126 single family lots within the draft boundary of the Lap (Cedardale has 106 and Sentinel Hill has 20). Cedardale already has a local well known vehicle volume/congestion problem at the two entrances from Taylor Way at Keith Road and Inglewood Avenue due to acknowledged increasing am and pm and other sporadic congestion on Taylor Way but importantly due to the fact that its streets must serve not only its 485 homes from which a 2019 traffic study indicated daily volumes of 2,000 vehicles not including the twice daily return trips to drop off and pick up children at the two elementary schools which have a total enrolment of 450 children. The (2018) OCP (2.1.13) estimates increases of 500 to 600 new residences for the total Lap which would, but did not include, the newly proposed substantial enlargement of the Inglewood Care Centre in Sentinel Hill located in the northwest portion of the LAP, which would increase its beds from 230 to 701 and add new (additional) housing for staff included in massive 10 and 11 story buildings to add to the traffic at the Inglewood Avenue and Taylor Way intersection. Additionally however I am advised there are several land assemblies in play within the Lap borders on both sides of Taylor Way. This year (2021) one in Cedardale (Canderel), if approved, would have replaced 5 single family homes with 52 residences or a 940% increase located at Inglewood Avenue and Burley Drive while another in 2019 also in Cedardale (Taylorwood Place) located at the corner of Keith Road and Taylor Way would have increased 21 single family strata homes to 390 units or a 1,757% increase. Thankfully both were set aside by Council pending development of the Lap as obviously such an extrapolation in density including the Inglewood Care Centre expansion would result in many many more than the mentioned OCP estimate. As you may appreciate, traffic at Inglewood Avenue and the joining/connecting Burley Drive on the west side of Taylor Way and the Inglewood Avenue and Taylor Way intersection are already substantially used as an artery for travelling to the east and west in the District. In this regard, ICBC reports 19 and 12 motor vehicle crashes in 2019 and 2020 at that intersection and 16 and 5 at the Keith Road and Taylor Way intersection in 2019 and 2020. Both of these intersections were mentioned for upgrading for safety reasons in the Pedestrian Network Study approved by Council July 17, 2017? Incidentally I was advised in January 2019, by the Engineering Department, that the Study had not been updated but that the District was still working on its identified priorities but there were no current plans to update the study as there was still quite a bit of work to complete?

From a Mobility standpoint Taylor Way, aside from being often congested, is very steep especially the section north of Clyde Avenue to Keith Road, and its sidewalks, largely constructed of asphalt, are narrow and in fact, in one place, on the east side, south of Duchess Avenue, is only two feet wide. They also are not maintained to District standard year round, with line of sight views at some intersections obstructed making them unsafe for both pedestrians, cyclists and drivers (eg. the south east corner of Keith Road and Taylor Way). Despite the growth of cycling and vehicle volume in the District, Taylor Way has no cycling path resulting in cyclists resorting to the use of the narrow sidewalks. In this regard the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure advise that as the right of way width varies all along Taylor Way between Marine Drive and the Upper Levels Highway the ability to accommodate changes is restricted.

Even though Taylor Way is a Provincial roadway, responsibilities and maintenance are covered by "Province of British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Highways Classified Highways - Part 3 Highway Act Responsibility and Cost Sharing Guide". While the District is not responsible for the road "curb to curb", it does accept certain full or joint responsibilities for sidewalks, boulevards and intersections. Considering Taylor Way is not only the entrance to arguably the most affluent location not only in Canada but British Columbia, it is also a District of West Vancouver street which serves the adjoining neighbourhoods of Sentinel Hill and Cedardale, and as such hopefully Council will, at an early date work with MoTI and take action to establish a higher level of respect and yes pride for the road way and arrange for a more appropriate level of overall updating and maintenance of the road, boulevards, sidewalks and intersections and also seek ways to reduce congestion all of which I feel has been

severely lacking over the years. This is West Vancouver, given the topography, the aging population, and for the reasons revealed by INSTPP not everyone can/will take a bus or ride a bicycle in the course of their busy lives!

You may be interested to learn that the Operations Manager, Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) recently advised me that "the Ministry recognizes that Taylor Way, Marine Drive and Lions Gate Bridge, when viewed as a single corridor in that it is part of Highway 99, sees congestion during the am and pm peak periods. Expanding Taylor Way is constrained by property and by the limited capacity of Lions Gate Bridge", and that the Ministry does not have any plans to expand or upgrade Taylor Way".

He also provided the following link to a Ministry Document that provides some insight as to what the ministry considers when reviewing developments mandated within 800 meters (1/2 mile) of a provincial highway. He did caution it is only a guiding document and development applications are considered on a case by case basis. Unfortunately he was not forthcoming as to any firm limiting traffic volume or other issue that would result in rejection of a proposed development (which has not happened in sometime) but more to the point, residents must ask, does the District of West Vancouver??

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In closing, I must say, while acknowledging their individually expressed concerns for Mobility issues in the District and the North Shore, I find it difficult to understand how both the District and the Province (MoTI), who have obviously reviewed these issues in some depth, can and have continued for some years, to approve, (I am told, by MoTI who have continued to approve them without exception), the professionally assessed and District approved incremental increases in density and traffic. Such increases will or have resulted from proposed developments above the Upper Levels Highway as well as the growth of all forms of traffic from continual expansion of Park Royal Mall over many years, the Evelyn (Onni) Development (still not completed) and Amica Seniors Home projects on Keith Road and Taylor Way (addition still to be completed), the proposed and/or approved high rise projects which are also either not started, not yet completed or significantly unoccupied both in the District of West Vancouver and North Vancouver from Capilano Road to Marine Drive and Taylor Way. Incidentally all of these projects will in addition to putting more vehicles on the roads include literally hundreds of bicycle stalls. Do not forget the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal will now be able to load and unload two ships at the same time adding heavier sporadic congestion of all types in the District on a more or less regular basis throughout the day and add to the vehicle traffic which continues to increase on the Upper Levels Highway, Taylor Way and on the Sea To Sky? In the circumstance would it not be reasonable from a total District perspective that before adding more density to the remaining Local Area Plan neighbourhoods and increasing the already substantial and projected flow of traffic of all types from all mentioned sources, that the LAP development process be updated to include a "Mobility Component" to better complete/define and complement the "Land Use Component" and clearly document a plan for how proposed changes over its future life (of say 10 to 20 years) would affect not only the relative neighbourhood but those next door and/or the District but how a relative neighbourhood would be affected by planned changes in the District and surrounding area over the same period?

Regards,

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West Vancouver, BC

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P.S. In addition to the above mentioned projected growth in Traffic in the DWV and the whole of the North Shore, it would seem consideration should also be given to Councillor Soprovich's long time concerns as to the impact on particularly Marine

Drive and Taylor Way and the Taylor Way Corridor of the planned First Nations residential project below Park Royal Mall as well as the changes in traffic patterns and flow that would occur should the long discussed Lower Road be put in place and connect via Marine Drive and beyond.

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 1:08 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Complaint about lack of response to rowdy behaviour in Pauline Johnson Field

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To Mayor Mary-Ann Booth and Council

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1) (Do not publish publicly please)  
 [REDACTED] s. 22(1) West Vancouver BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
 [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s.22(1) both Pauline Johnson Sports Field on 22nd Street, and the parking lot behind the District School Board on 21st Street.

Between 2015 and 2019 [REDACTED] s.22(1) complained to the police and bylaw departments about the rowdy, beer-drinking behaviour of several softball teams who play nightly with the Slopitch League of West Vancouver between April and July of each year.

Some players bring dogs who bark, often for the duration of the game; some players use the hedge and behind the District school building as a public bathroom.

Then kids at school and summer camp play in th hedge the next day.

Disease concerns?

[REDACTED] s.22(1) complained to the Slopitch League in 2019, and the behaviour improved.

Yet the same drinking and rowdy behaviour occurs again in June and July 2021. [REDACTED] s.22(1) [REDACTED], and observed what we assume to be beer drinking for hours during the game, and then more drinking and vaping by about 10 players after the game around 21:30, players who had moved chairs and coolers next to the playground and school yard. One player in the group [REDACTED] s. 22(1) shouted constantly as he sat on the grass, tried to get up, and then finally reeled across the field toward the parking lot. Fortunately he got into the passenger side of the car.

[REDACTED] s.22(1) called the Bylaw Department around 7pm to inform them of the drinking. The agent who answered the phone said they were short-handed and shutting down early. Then on the morning [REDACTED] s.22(1) [REDACTED] the bylaw office called and said next time we should call the police who could better handle a "large group."

How large a group is bylaw talking about? Do we have to count the number of people breaking bylaws before deciding to call either bylaw officers or police?

Why can't the bylaw office call police to respond if the group is too large?

Why do they "close early" instead of responding to our call, or notifying police of a problem?

Why can't bylaw officers enforce existing West Vancouver bylaws about drinking in a sports field, vaping in a sports field, dogs on a sports field?

Why after years of complaining still no police car patrols in the area? Or why no community police officers who walk the area? Why no law enforcement, period?

We are frustrated at constantly trying to have laws enforced, so we can have some peace [REDACTED] s.22(1) .  
What are the problems for not enforcing the law/?

Is it a lack of resources? Is it a lack of communication between departments? Is it a lack of proper structuring of departments to meet needs and demands of residents? Is it a lack of knowledge of receptionists who answer our calls in the bylaw department or the police department?

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) , we are tired from the noise as we try to enjoy evenings [REDACTED] s.22(1) where the noise carries to the extent that even in the heat we have to close [REDACTED] s.22(1) door and windows.

We would like answers and action.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:42 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Proposed art centre

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With the pending council meeting pertaining to the proposed art centre coming up, I am hoping that some sober second thought is being considered.

Everyone I speak with in the community about the proposed centre is at a loss as to why council would be looking to spend that kind of money for a large project most don't deem necessary, even if the district is successful in getting alternate funding for the project. On top of that, the two suggested locations would be to the detriment of recreational activities, or parking for recreational activities. We already lost tennis courts when those at the community centre were replaced by parking (rather ironic). Was there ever any consideration given to simply take down the Silk Purse and Music box buildings, and rebuild on the same site with a slightly larger footprint, but with upgraded amenities?

In light of the budget necessary for this scale of project, I would like to know where we sit with regards to the current upgrades to the municipal hall. Has there been any results published as to where the project sits compared to the original budget?

Please reconsider the art centre. These are financially difficult times, and perhaps the municipality should lead by example and tighten the purse strings rather than pursuing a large scale project which brings added operating costs for many years into the future.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
ELECTRONIC MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021**

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Committee Members: P. Grossman; P. Hundal; M. Geller; D. Parr; H. Nesbitt; J. McDougall; B. Clark attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.  
Absent: J. Mawson; L. Anderson (absence due to technical issues)

Council Liaison: S. Thompson

Staff: M. McGuire, Senior Manager of Current Planning & Urban Design; E. Syvokas, Community Planner; C. Mayne, Recording Clerk via electronic communication facilities.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

It was Moved and Seconded:

WHEREAS the May 7, 2021 Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Gatherings and Events ("order") prohibits members of the public from attending committee meetings in-person until the order is rescinded or replaced;

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver is required to prohibit in-person attendance at committee meetings pursuant to the order; and

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver has enabled public participation at committee meetings via electronic means to ensure openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability, including via the use of live streaming (video and audio) for public viewing, and electronic communication facilities (video-conferencing software) for public participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 27, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be held without in-person public attendance.

CARRIED

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 27, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A member introduced proposed changes to the minutes that were discussed and not included in the amendments.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 28, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted with the following amendments:

- Under the "Public Questions section, in the last sentence, change "on" to "to".
- Add page numbers to the minutes.
- Update the workplan document (the section with Item/Actions) with the correct Title name.

CARRIED

## REPORTS / ITEMS

### **4. Welcome to new staff liaison, Erika Syvokas**

Staff would like to officially welcome Erika Syvokas, Community Planner as the new staff liaison to the committee. Her position will be dedicated to heritage initiatives for 50% of the position and the remaining 50% of the position will be continuing to work on development projects

### **5. Appointment to Lower Caulfeild Advisory Committee (LCAC)**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

Paul Hundal be appointed as a representative of HAC to the Lower Caulfeild Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

### **6. Heritage Project Updates**

Staff will be bringing a Heritage Alteration Permit to the committee for review for the infill house at 2069 Queens Avenue (the "Hill House"), which was permitted under the HRA for the Toby House. The proposal is to revise the originally approved design of the "Hill House". Staff will be looking for comments on how the proposed new design for the "Hill House" relates to the Toby House.

### **7. Workplan Update**

The draft workplan was forwarded to committee members for discussion. Staff received written comments from a couple of members who could not attend the meeting. Staff will update the plan with the comments received to date and any other comments received from this meeting and will bring the updated work plan back to a future committee meeting to prioritize and determine timing of the individual work plan items.

Discussion followed regarding the following work plan items:

#### Case Study Development

M. Gellar will start working on case studies and requested information on whether anyone was aware of a good template to use.

### Unidentified Heritage Resources

What is the process for adding heritage properties to the Heritage Register?

Staff commented that there is not a lot of information on heritage support buildings. To be added to the register we would need more information to understand their heritage merit. Additions to the Heritage Register would have to be warranted to be eligible for a HRA.

Can a member of the public nominate? Are there resources within the District to do this process?

Staff clarified that evaluations of heritage resources can come from 1) community members who could nominate resources but research would have to be done to confirm heritage merit or 2) a consultant would do the research and present to staff.

Consideration should also be given to adding landscape and non-building resources (plaques etc.), or if not added to the register, could be a separate list.

Staff indicated that the Community Heritage Register does include other resources than just buildings (e.g. landscape, monuments, etc.).

### Letter to heritage register owners (completed)

Staff received responses to the letter at the beginning which opened up a dialogue with owners. Staff receive heritage inquiries on a routine basis and provide information and comments and feedback on proposals.

### Letter to Real Estate Community

The realtor and owners of the Dawson House circulated an information sheet outlining alternatives to demolitions, very positive. Suggest that in drafting communication to the real estate industry that we draw on a few resource people that know the target group to ensure the message is delivered effectively.

Staff will start drafting a letter.

### Coordination/outreach with local heritage groups, other municipalities and staff departments

Staff have reached out to various groups to schedule presentations to the Committee from representatives to share information and discuss coordination of work (e.g. West Coast Modern League, North Shore Heritage Preservation Society, etc.).

### Assessment of Support Category Resources

This item ties into the discussion around unidentified heritage resources.

### Educational Sessions:

Suggestion of updating the website with the benefits of heritage retention, the HRA process, useful links, and case studies. Could include an overview of the process which might direct interested parties, and provide thorough information all in one place. Maybe not a live education piece but a one stop shop that will reach a wider audience than in person educational workshops/sessions.

### District owned heritage assets:

M. McGuire sent the list of District owned heritage assets to the committee. These assets are managed by Facilities and Park, Culture and Community Services staff. Staff will liaise with these departments to get more information on these assets.

### Tri Municipal Heritage Meeting:

Staff will reach out to colleagues in District and City of North Vancouver.

### Other Suggestions

A municipal scan of relevant policy tools was suggested to investigate successful tools and policy levers including funding opportunities. It could also be added as an agenda item to Tri Municipal meeting to gain insight on what the other North Shore municipalities are doing.

A member asked if there might be benefit or interest in review of the Hollyburn Cabins.

## **8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

C. Reynolds recommended that the public be able to see draft minutes to follow along with committee discussions.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 27, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

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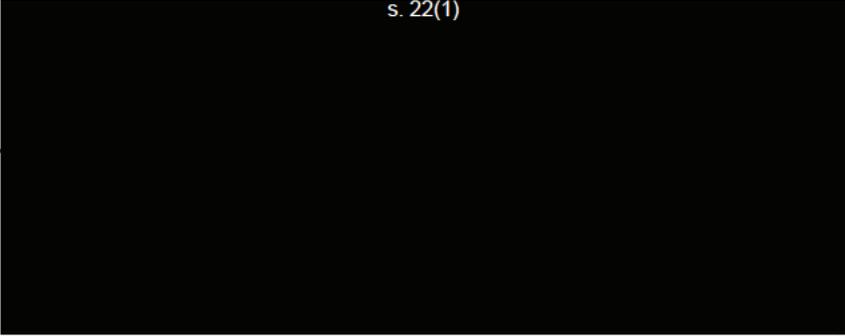
Staff Liaison

July 10, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council

 s. 22(1) proposal for subdivision at 5826 Eagle Island is well thought out with viable solutions for parking and barge issues.

We fully support the subdivision.

 s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 9:01 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Support

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Dear Council members,

I support the proposed subdivision at 5826 Eagle Island-

I believe increasing barge and parking options as proposed are necessary however I do think better solutions can be found. My support would be contingent on a final and confirmed agreement of solutions for car parking and barge parking and delivery of the proposed funding by [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for the service dock. I believe better solutions can be found and these can be implemented to help future pressures on the islands parking, barge and general life when the island grows whether through other subdivisions, coach houses (if a subdivision is viable I believe a coach house could be too) or other. I look forward to having the opportunity to propose some ideas when the appropriate time comes.

I'd also like to add that if the intended subdivision were to happen I would not rule out making an application at some point to subdivide my own property which is also [REDACTED] s.22(1) that has a potential to subdivide. I am not interested in doing this at this time however circumstances may change.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2021 6:29 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Say Yes - 5826 Eagle Island

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 5826 Eagle Island

I am writing to support the subdivision application for 5826 Eagle Island, which is almost one acre of land. I understand that the homeowners have come up with several viable solutions to parking/boat issues.

West Vancouver Council should be encouraging and celebrating innovative ways to create land for homeownership. It is in character with the district's history of small cottages versus monster homes. Eagle Island is a special place, and property with excess land that is buildable should be made available to others who would like to call the Island home

This particular lot will be over 15,000 ft.2, which is 50% larger than existing lots on Eagle Island. The application to subdivide will enhance this unique community, and I hope Council will look at the greater good and make a motion to approve.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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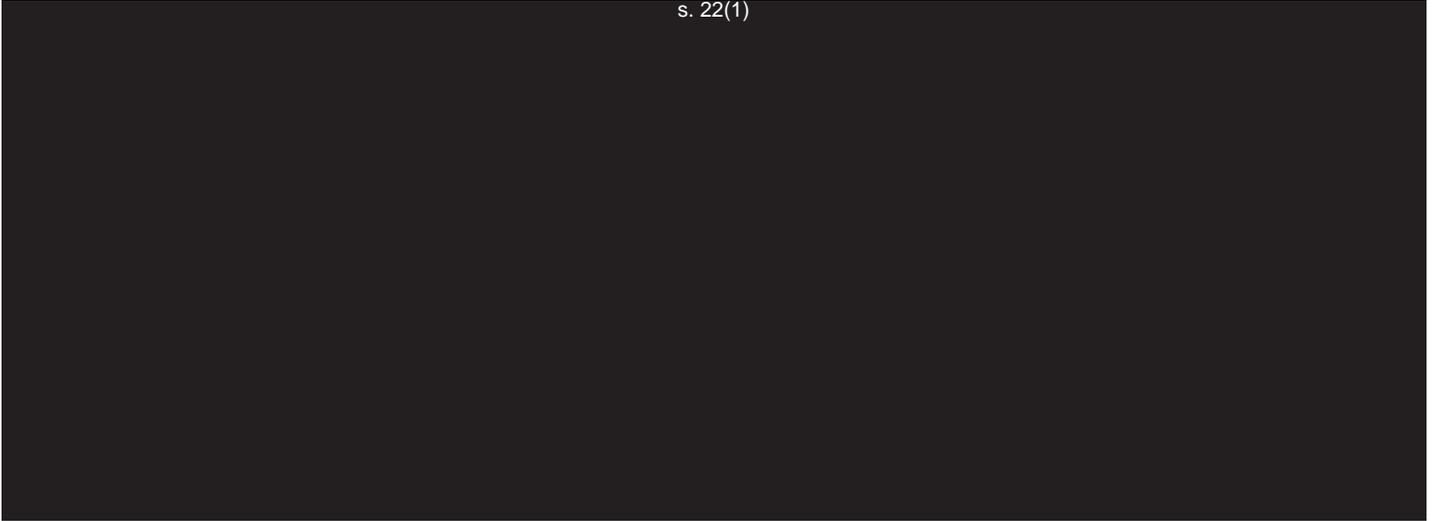
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West Vancouver, B.C.

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** Jim Bailey; Michelle McGuire; David Hawkins  
**Subject:** Opposed to Subdivision of 5861 Eagle Island

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am the owner and resident of s. 22(1) and I am opposed to an OCP amendment that would reverse the prohibition on subdivision that is being considered for 5826 Eagle Island. I request that Mayor & Council vote NO if there is consideration of advancing this matter to a public hearing.

OCP Policy 2.1.11 Prohibits Subdivision on Eagle Island

“Over the course of 2017 and 2018 through a four-phase public engagement process, staff worked with the community to develop a plan for the future of West Vancouver. After four phases of community engagement, including over 100 events and meetings, over 1,000 surveys and submissions, and a review process that included approximately 4,500 instances of engagement, the Official Community Plan was adopted by Council on June 25, 2018.” [from the [westvancouver.ca](http://westvancouver.ca) website]

OCP Policy 2.1.11 reads: “Support the small island character of Eagle Island by continuing to prohibit subdivision and attached or detached secondary suites (i.e., basement suites or coach houses).”

While it may be said that the OCP only provides high level, strategic guidance to Council and staff, there is no ambiguity whatsoever in the wording of Policy 2.1.11. There is nothing in the OCP that indicates that the other policies listed in Section 2.1 take precedence over Policy 2.1.11.

Policy 2.1.11 was included in the OCP and adopted by Mayor & Council for reasons that were supported by the community and staff. Since 2018, there has not been a substantial change in the makeup of the Mayor & Council nor in the management of the Planning Department nor in the West Vancouver community as a whole. One should therefore conclude that the prohibition of subdivision on Eagle Island is still supported by the community, by Staff and by Mayor & Council.

Putting the OCP prohibition aside, why I am opposed to the subdivision?

I feel that the resident parking zone, the dock systems and the garbage/recycling bins currently provided by the District for the use of EI residents are not sized to allow for an expansion of households. I feel that these facilities are operating at a manageable level but at or near their capacity. Even a single additional household created through subdivision will have an incremental impact.

If an OCP amendment is approved allowing subdivision of 5826 EI then I believe it is inevitable that other proposals for OCP amendments will follow for either subdivision, secondary suite development or duplex development. The addition of just a few more households will require substantial changes to the infrastructure needed to support the expanding community. Extending the size of the RPZ,

docks and garbage/recycling area should not be viewed as solutions to support property development on EI. Rather, expansion of these facilities should be viewed as potential problems for the greater Eagle Harbour neighborhood due to their further encroachment of public space.

Could I support the subdivision proposal of 5826 EI if it was a one-off variance and District policy would then firmly prohibit future subdivision on EI?

No. The question seems to imply that it is somehow reasonable and fair to support the subdivision of 5826 EI in isolation but it is then equally reasonable to oppose of all future subdivision and secondary suite development proposals.

There is a great irony in even considering this question since the OCP already prohibits subdivision.

In conclusion, I can not support an OCP amendment that would allow the subdivision of 5861 EI.

Regards,

s. 22(1)



Dear Mayor and Council

Congratulations on approving the Dufferin subdivision  
Now lets get the Subdivision at 5826 Eagle Island  
approved. Thanks for giving folks more choices on places  
to live. It sounds as though any issues for parking and  
barges have been addressed.

I support the subdivision on Eagle Island and hope council  
will do same

s. 22(1)

West Van, B.C.

s. 22(1)

Dear Mayor and Council

We need to have more homes for small families available.  
Please approve the subdivision on Eagle Island.



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**From:** Eva-Marie [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 6:27 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Proposal development @ 22nd and Bellevue Avenue

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Dear Mayor and Council -

The duplex zoned property is a very nice piece of land.  
The development is understandable as the duplex is no longer in good condition.  
There is a caretaker who lives in the house, and it is still well taken care of.  
The area here is becoming more densely populated, with less room for pedestrians, bikes, and cars.

The developer understandably want to make money ( that's what it's all about ).  
A Four Plex - low profile - would suit the property quite well - there was one built on Argyle, and it appears to 'fit' quite well.  
The developing company would DOUBLE it's money. I suggest this would suffice !

The proposal to construct a 9 story 'tower' is not in the LAP's interest at all. The residents have enjoyed their homes here.  
Construction has been happening all around, as permits were granted to Hollyburn Properties and Bosa.

Please consider the neighbourhood as if you and your's were living here, consider this a neighbourhood at capacity please !

Best Regards

Eva-Marie Trebell  
Strata President  
Surfside Towers  
[REDACTED] s.22(1)

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**From:** Trudi Goels [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Truth and Reconciliation Commission Survey

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Hello Mayor & Council,

I'm on the board of [Women Transforming Cities](#) and we are doing a province-wide survey of how municipalities are doing with the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

There are 9 calls to action and we have a short survey about them here:

<https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=a08cc380-053f-4efb-9eab-411c7b65800c>

The results of this survey will be compiled and analyzed and shared publicly. Our aim is to understand the barriers to this work and the resources needed for every community to be successful.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Trudi Goels  
Director at Large  
Women Transforming Cities Intl.  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
Vancouver BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 7:50 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Tantalus Gardens Project support

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To the esteemed Mayor and Council of West Vancouver,

Both my wife s. 22(1) and I would like to express our full support for the proposed Tantalus Gardens project - the redevelopment of that particular is long overdue and we are happy to see some fresh designs and new, more affordable houses in the area. Also we are happy to see the developers listened to the community and now with 10 units only (instead of 14) looks also even nicer and brighter.

We really need this type of new development to refresh and invigorate the area, without a doubt. So the new project will bring a long-awaited breath of fresh air in our community, and potentially attract younger families in the neighbourhood.

So we fully support the Tantalus Gardens project!

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West Vancouver s. 22(1)

Thank you kindly!

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Tantalus Gardens Support

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To Mayor and Council,

Regarding the development of Tantalus Gardens, I support this development and hope the Mayor and Council can support as well. Slowly but surely West Vancouver is losing young families due to housing costs. This project is an ideal option to attract young families back to West Vancouver.

Thanks for your time,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:05 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Tantalus Gardens

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am [Redacted] s. 22(1), the owner of [Redacted] s. 22(1), West Vancouver. My property [Redacted] s.22(1) the site of land assembly for Tantalus Gardens project.

I participated in their virtual preliminary public information meeting on July 15th. I noticed that the front yard setback from their Rosebery avenue property line is 8 ft on their proposed plans, despite the 30 ft setback regulation for front yards in West Vancouver. I asked them how they expect their plans to get approved by the District of West Vancouver, and they said that it will get approved because 8 ft setback is consistent with the setback of cottages down the Nelson avenue.

I worked with [Redacted] s. 22(1) Architects on a plan of renovation and extension [Redacted] s.22(1) before their closure last year. We could not get less than 30 ft setback [Redacted] s.22(1). I would expect the municipality to accept an 8 ft setback [Redacted] s.22(1), if accepts it from Peter Nilsson.

Best Regards,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)

Property address: [Redacted] s. 22(1) West Vancouver, BC. [Redacted] s. 22(1)

[Redacted] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:39 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** St Monica's Church

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Dear Mayor and Council

It has come to my attention that a developer wants to demolish Saint Monica's church and turn it into housing.

I think this is not a good idea as we are rapidly losing any sort of sense of community and having a community building available for its members is very important, far more than 10 houses!

Please do not re zone that land.

Please instead purchase or lease it and have it available for members of the public.

As we have been thru allot of self isolation for the past 18plus months, community gathering places are very much needed to bring people back together !

Instead of that housing proposal how about the development of a community program ?

Thanks for reading my e mail.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver B.C.  
Canada [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Tantalus Gardens

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

Dear Mayor and Council

My husband and I have lived [REDACTED] s.22(1) and love the fact that this area is still a lovely community.

We both feel that the Tantalus Gardens project would be a wonderful addition to this community. The thought that has gone into the project is lovely and the landscaping will only enhance the area. The care that has gone into the design of the homes to accommodate older and people with disabilities is outstanding.

It's a wonderful opportunity for for young families and older residents to be in a position where they are within easy walking distance to transit to The Bay and Park Royal and Downtown. Also to schools. West Vancouver has a lot of large single family homes so this would be a very different project and help to keep Horseshoe Bay the very special village that we all love.

I know there is resistance to the project as it's taking away a community space but have an amazing Community Centre at Gleneagles for those who need those facilities. The concern about more cars seems a bit silly as with 10 homes the most additional cars would be 20 !!!

We do hope that you will grant the use of the land for this beautiful project.

Your sincerely  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2021 7:56 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** info@tantalusgardens.com  
**Subject:** Tantulus Gardens  
**Attachments:** Tantalus Gardens.pdf

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**Dear Sir / Madam**

**Please find attached my submission to the Planning Committee dealing with the Tantalus Gardens proposal.**

**Your most sincerely**

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

Mayor & Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 17th St,  
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

June 119<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Tantalus Gardens

Dear Sir / Madam

As a resident of Horseshoe Bay for more than s. 22(1), I have watched, with some concern, the progression of property development in the area. What was a very "local" community, some distance from Vancouver, has been caught up in the property explosion of recent years, and now comprises of mainly what has become multi million dollar homes, beyond the reach of the young families that every community needs to evolve.

A proposal was submitted for the redevelopment of this same site in 2019, to provide 14 smaller homes that would have been affordable for young families and elderly residents wanting to remain in Horseshoe Bay, rather than move to Condo a development further east. This was opposed mainly by a group now calling themselves "The Roundabout Team" on the basis that it should not be re-zoned from its previous use as a community center [Church], and various other objections were lodged, including having unobtrusive underground parking.

The owner, who is an architect, has now carefully revised the proposal, together with feed back from the community, ensuring that this is now in full compliance with the requirements of the now completed Local Area Plan. This has produced a very attractive and sustainable project that meets all the Districts planning requirements, and will still offer the opportunity to younger families, and the elderly / disabled [ being fully "Accessible" ] to grow with Horseshoe Bay.

Unfortunately "The Roundabout Team" again appear to opposing any development of this site, and recently, at a Public Information Meeting, now complained about "At-Grade Parking", also again voicing their concerns about loosing the "community facility" that appeared to be based on a wish **NOT** to use the Districts excellent facilities at the Community Centre and adjacent Gleneagles Golf Course facility – both within walking distance - because they find that they are more expensive !!

I am also dissapointed to see the same group is now desperately resorting to a "**Miss-information**" policy, and apparently deliberately alledging to Horseshoe Bay residents, that these homes will be 40% bigger than the proposal that has recently been submitted to the District. [ the Application shows an average size of 1,775sf, and "The Roundabout Team" state 2,500sf.] Lying to people to create fear about others inpingment on their space, seems to have become a political strategy in too many areas of society, and I sincerely hope the District will not allow those who adopt this policy, to benefit from it.

I whole heartedly support this project, that I see the Tantalus Gardens project will make a valuable contribution to the future of Horseshoe Bay, and urge the Council to approve the re-zoning, and the project as presented.

Yours sincerely

s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** NCWG Public Hearing 27th July. Our Submission

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FAO Mayor and Council,

The world is changing rapidly. Adaptation and evolution of housing ideals will help our community succeed and thrive. We thank the hard work of the members of the NCWG and support any ideas that help to improve the access to and liveability of our neighbourhoods.

With respect, our only comment would be to remember that we need to consider the accommodation for families 50 years ahead and not 50 years behind when we implement new regulations. We also hope that as new regulations are added, superfluous regulations will be removed. A quagmire of "red tape" is of no use to anyone.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
West Vancouver

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** OCP AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 5135 2021 and

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OCP AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.5122, 2021

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Dear Madam Mayor and Council;  
In response for input to the above OCP Amendments;

Firstly, as long time residents of West Vancouver and our love for our Municipality we were very heartened with the Working Group for neighbourhood character particularly in light of what has been allowed with regards 'out-of-place monster homes', some with out of scale cement walls & largely unlive in for the majority of the year.

Regarding Amendment Bylaw No.5135, 2021; we are not in favour of coach houses being Two storeys. This will lead to the lot being too bulky and will also impact the neighbourhood to a far greater degree; it negates what you are trying to do in reducing bulk.

Regarding Amendment Bylaw No.5122; we are very pleased with the improvement of Regulations related to landscaping – please have some true gardeners on the decisions for Plantings, we have observed some very generic, boring and repetitious plantings in new

Homes.

Fences & retaining walls need to be unobtrusive and give consideration to an adjoining

Neighbour (as observed, this sometimes has not been the case & impacts the whole

character of the street).

On another note, the design of the development at Park Royal, at the entrance to our beautiful seaside community, is ugly. Someone commented that it looked like a penitentiary. We wish you, our Council, would be more proactive and show more leadership in design for a development of this scale.

We thank you for your consideration,

Yours,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, B.C.

s. 22(1)

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** Michelle McGuire <[mmcguire@westvancouver.ca](mailto:mmcguire@westvancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: proposed implementation of neighbourhood character working group recommendations

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Dear Ms. McGuire, I writing to log my support for the proposed implementation of neighbourhood character working groups recommendations.

West Vancouver has become a wasteland of wealthy and elderly. As a senior planner I am not sure how you have rationalized this as good planning for a community. I [REDACTED] s. 22(1) generation British Columbian. I was born and raised in West Vancouver. I moved to the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) to raise a family and worked in community development for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) years. I worked with [REDACTED] s. 22(1) to develop a community foundation and to do benchmarking. I have attended many workshops on creating healthy sustainable communities and moved back to West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1).

West Vancouver is an incredibly beautiful place and unfortunately the Municipality has allow the movement of funds to invest and build large project housing, 10,000 square feet to 14,000 square feet single resident homes. No where have I ever read that this creates a healthy, diverse, sustainable community. Who will live in these homes in the future? How does this help the middle class? The environment?

I [REDACTED] s. 22(1), have a vegetable garden, live in neighbourhood where I talk with the neighbours and share my garden. I am very disappointed in the development of West Vancouver. There are NO bike lanes, just bike signs, very few walking paths so the planning department has encourage large homes with gates that are often empty or for sale and driving to every convenience rather than walking or sharing. Vancouver has limited plastic. I can't go on. It is so disappointing to see how West Vancouver has been abused by money and development I hope someone in the planning department has some sense of remorse for what you have all done to the future well being of this area.

I fully encourage the promotion of laneway housing, coach houses, smaller single residence with landscaping to promote bees, birds and butterfly's. If there are no bees humans will only last 4 years. Anyway I said I wouldn't go on.

Thank you for reading this letter. I don't want a reply. I have read the community plan and as well as the updated environmental plan. It looks like Greta Thornberg calls "petty games". Yes the world is changing and no where will not feel the effects of climate change.

Regards [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** Raeanne Steele <raeannesteele@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong; Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron  
**Subject:** Two Thumbs Up for Coach Houses

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I was delighted to see the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4985, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 5135, 2021 5.

Coach houses provide a perfect way to gently densify West Vancouver, in my opinion.

They foster community, encourage the growth of the young family demographic and enable the elderly to age in place.

Great job!

Best Regards,

Raeanne

[Raeanne Steele](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Expression of Support for Neighbourhood Character Working Group Recommendations

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1), I am a resident of [REDACTED] s.22(1). I am writing, in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for July 27, to express my support for the adoption and implementation of the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Character Working Group.

My family has lived in West Vancouver, at the above address, [REDACTED] s. 22(1). I attended both elementary and secondary school here in West Vancouver ([REDACTED] s. 22(1)), and I recently moved back to West Vancouver to live with my family after having spent [REDACTED] s.22(1) living and working [REDACTED] s.22(1).

I would love to remain in West Vancouver long-term, but as we know, housing diversity and affordability is a significant issue in West Vancouver, which means that many young people and families of my generation (I am [REDACTED] s. 22(1) old) need to move out of West Vancouver in order to find affordable housing. I believe this is a loss for our community, given that many such young people made outstanding contributions to the West Vancouver community during their high school years and I'm sure would love to continue to do so during their adult years if they were able to remain living in the community.

I write to support the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Character Working Group as I believe that the more diversity and affordability we have among housing options in our community, the more we will be able to attract and retain young people and families who wish to live in our wonderful community, which would benefit our community's already rich social fabric and bolster its economy.

I appreciate your consideration of my feedback, and commend you for taking steps on multiple fronts to ensure this community's ongoing vitality.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

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**From:** Jennifer Webb [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:47 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Support for Arts & Culture Centre Planning to Proceed

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July 15, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am co-chair of the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee but am writing as a private citizen to urge you to support the recommendation coming before you on July 26 regarding the next phase of planning for a new Arts & Culture Centre.

As is obvious to any casual observer, and as you and the citizens of West Vancouver well know, our current arts facilities are deteriorating fast, are largely inaccessible to those in wheelchairs or with canes, and are wholly inadequate to the kinds of activities taking place in them now.

Cramped and overcrowded “bedrooms” and “living rooms” in repurposed old houses being used as rehearsal, performance, and workshop spaces cannot properly accommodate the needs of performers, programmers, arts educators, and students now, let alone sustain growth for the next 20 years. Some works in the collection of the West Vancouver Art Museum (which includes works by luminaries such as Gordon Smith, Emily Carr, Jack Shadbolt, B.C. Binning, Joan Balzar, and Pierre Coupey) are even housed in a garage.

How can we expect potential donors to consider leaving their legacies to West Van if their artworks only end up in a shed? How can future artists, architects, actors, musicians, media arts designers and educators be allowed to flourish if all we give them are closets and kitchens in which to learn, practice, and produce? How can we enhance the lives of the elderly through concerts and talks or workshops and classes if our facilities don't even allow them access to the buildings?

Our District—our kids, youth, adults, and seniors—deserve much better and yes, progress has a cost. The WV Community Centre was fought tooth and nail by some when the plan was proposed years ago; now it's one of our most successful and beloved community assets. More than just passion, vision, and business acumen, that project took exceptional leadership from WV Council. It took recognition from elected officials concerned for the health, well-being, and future of our community to push for change and to serve our citizens better.

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One last thought: if you don't approve the recommendation, then what? Will the Silk Purse be allowed to flood one too many times, and then have to close forever, leaving the West Van Community Arts Council and the many arts organizations who offer concerts, classes, kids camps, and visual arts and literary events there without a home? Will the Music Box just continue to rot from the inside, until it, too, has to be shut down? Will the WV Art Museum have to continue to decline significant collections due to lack of space and a leaky building?

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Thank you,

Jennifer Webb

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West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

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**From:** A Jopson [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Arts and Culture Centre

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I would once again like to express my wholehearted support for this project.

West Vancouver urgently needs an arts facility that is economically available for this community. Although Council gives considerable financial support to the Kay Meek Centre, this facility has become more and more an outlet for professional performance groups and the cost of rental for local non professional groups is now out of their league.

As a long standing member of West Vancouver's only community theatre group, Theatre West Van, I can attest to the need for an affordable space for us to rehearse, perform and store items. Costs of rental at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre, while affordable initially, have now become far beyond our capabilities. This year marks our 75th anniversary, and instead of being able to celebrate this, we are once again forced to postpone any productions.

In order to trim our expenses we have severely culled our small collection of props and furniture so that we only have to rent one garage - and we have to build our sets there too.

I also find it unacceptable that the wonderful art collection which has been donated to West Van over the years by various prominent artists, has no space where we can all enjoy them as intended by the donors.

On behalf of Theatre West Van and all the other arts organizations in West Vancouver, I would urge Council to assign the required funds to further explore the proposed site for this Arts Centre, so that we can ensure the work be continued to create a first class Centre based on the arts sector's needs for the next 20 years and more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alison Jopson, President, Theatre West Van  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1) West Vancouver, BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Arts centre upcoming discussion

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Hi,  
My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1).  
I am an avid supporter of the construction of the new arts center that is being discussed at the upcoming meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please count this email as a "yes"!  
[REDACTED] s.22(1) who actively participates in the arts and would benefit greatly from this space. As well, the remainder of our family is very interested in supporting arts in West Vancouver. The cost of rehabilitating the old neglected buildings does not seem worthwhile, and the proposed space would benefit West Vancouver tremendously. Arts bring communities together. We have a big project with the track at WVSS being undertaken. Let's balance this athletic venue so there is something for everyone to enjoy and a legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 8:58 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Support for Arts and Culture Centre Funding

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Please accept this email as confirmation of my approval and support for the funding allocated so far for a Arts and Culture Centre. The existing outdated and deteriorating facilities West Van citizens and their children have been forced to use need to be replaced.

I was actively involved on the [REDACTED] s.22(1) and, unfortunately had to experience the eventual removal of replacing our [REDACTED] s.22(1) studio when the community centre was replaced. I would hate to see the West Vancouver government, again deviate from supporting and ensuring the continued development of facilities appropriate for the arts.

West Vancouver needs to fund the next stage of the project identified three years ago as a priority; the funding of public consultations of the chosen sites.

Sincerely,

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

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Support for Arts & Culture Centre Planning to Proceed

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I encourage Council to take positive action on July 26 and approve the recommendation to go to the next phase of planning for an Arts & Culture Centre, including developing a business plan, fundraising plan, and governance model.

Vibrant art and culture is an integral part of any healthy community and our facilities are woefully lacking. One merely needs to look at our neighbours in North Vancouver, and the establishment of the fabulous Polygon Gallery to realize the vast and exciting opportunity before us.

In the face of the usual opposition that seems to only focus on downsides and pessimism, I urge to you show vision and decisiveness in approving the next phase of planning for a new Arts & Culture Centre.

Thanks for listening.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver.

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:31 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Proceed with planning for a new arts centre

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Dear Mayor & Council,

If your child or grandchild's in a wheelchair, don't bother putting them in any classes at the West Vancouver Art Museum unless you can carry them up there yourself. And if your dad walks with a cane, sorry, he can't go upstairs for the reception when he attends an opening. Not in West Vancouver anyway.

If you have art and architectural treasures of West Coast Modernism in your family, and you hoped they could stay in West Vancouver, forget it. We're just inches from putting a freeze on collecting because we have no more space. And if we did take it, we'd be cramming it into a closet or putting it out in a shed in the backyard. It's hard to watch West Vancouver squander its nationally significant cultural heritage in this way. And who wants to have to go to Calgary or Montreal to be able to see these things?

Why spend money on a new arts centre? For the same reason, we replaced the community centre a decade ago. It was years past the end of its useful life. It's also the reason we're starting to think about replacing the seniors' centre. Because it's shabby and insufficient.

For years now, Gertrude Lawson House, home of the West Vancouver Art Museum, has been minimally maintained with tarps and patch jobs. And it was never an appropriate space to begin with.

Please approve the staff recommendation on July 26<sup>th</sup> so that we can move forward, because the status quo is not acceptable. West Vancouver can't keep offering its arts programs in tiny rotting houses. Two of which are in a flood zone.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Arts Facility Proposal

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed arts facility at Ambleside Park. I am not opposed to new and upgraded Arts facilities for West Vancouver, however the scale and the proposed location strike me as wrong for any number of reasons. I don't imagine the proposed site and size is in keeping with the wishes of most West Vancouver residents. We wouldn't know because there has been no serious attempt to actually comprehensively consult with members of the community.

I am appalled at the lack of process, at the lack of communication with the public, with the lack of respect for the constituents, and the complete lack of consultation with the neighbours most directly effected in this endeavour. At a recent AFAC meeting, I was stunned to hear a councillor say to the committee folks who are proponents of the proposal that "process is not your friend".

What process, may I ask? (And not rhetorically). The councillor seems to hold the citizens who disagree with the AFAC's vision in some degree of contempt. "Fearful, angry and negative". Really? After the little I have heard and seen wrt the proposal, it would be surprising if some of us were not fearful, angry and negative. I am still astonished by the misinformation and disrespect towards the public from some members of that committee.

I believe that there has been an epic fail on many levels. Before any further money (taxpayer or otherwise) is spent (wasted), your so-called "process" needs a complete rethinking. I strongly urge you to reject the proposal outright and start with comprehensive meaningful consultation with the people you are elected to serve.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Jennifer Webb  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] s.22(1) re Support for Arts Centre planning to proceed

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July 19, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

You've heard me make this plea many times before: please do the right thing and support the recommendation coming before you on July 26 regarding the next phase of planning for a new Arts & Culture Centre, a centre our community so badly needs and so richly deserves.

As Jennifer Webb, who, along with others in our community, has devoted so many volunteer hours to shepherd this vision and project, says so eloquently below, "Every great city in the world makes space for the arts, celebrates the arts, and encourages education and participation in the arts; our District should be doing the same."

In her letter Jennifer Webb makes the specific case for the Arts & Culture Centre better than I can, so I'm enclosing it here in full by way of endorsement and emphasis. And to emphasize that it is often easy to say no to progress and the future, and stick to the mediocre status quo, and often difficult to say yes to digging down and to go beyond the status quo to do something to make lives better, to enrich our community.

The spirit that that takes is stated well by the late great American civil rights activist and Congressman John Lewis, who never gave up in his struggle to contribute something of lasting good: *"You must be able and prepared to give until you cannot give any more. We must use our time and our space on this little planet that we call Earth to make a lasting contribution, to leave it a little better than we found it, and now that need is greater than ever before."* "Do not get lost in a sea of despair," Lewis tweeted almost exactly a year before his death. *"Do not become bitter or hostile. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in*

*good trouble, necessary trouble. We will find a way to make a way out of no way.”*

I once again urge you, as Mayor and Council, to sustain your will "to make a lasting contribution," to leave our little patch of Earth "a little better than we found it." *Find a way to make a way out of no way.*

Yours sincerely,

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West Vancouver BC

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Canada

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## **Support for Arts & Culture Centre Planning to Proceed**

July 15, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am co-chair of the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee but am writing as a private citizen to urge you to support the recommendation coming before you on July 26 regarding the next phase of planning for a new Arts & Culture Centre.

As is obvious to any casual observer, and as you and the citizens of West Vancouver well know, our current arts facilities are deteriorating fast, are largely inaccessible to those in wheelchairs or with canes, and are wholly inadequate to the kinds of activities taking place in them now.

Cramped and overcrowded “bedrooms” and “living rooms” in repurposed old houses being used as rehearsal, performance, and workshop spaces cannot properly accommodate the needs of performers, programmers, arts educators, and students now, let alone sustain growth for the next 20 years. Some works in the collection of the West Vancouver Art Museum (which includes works by luminaries such as Gordon Smith, Emily Carr, Jack Shadbolt, B.C. Binning, Joan Balzar, and Pierre Coupey) are even housed in a garage.

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Thank you,

Jennifer Webb

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West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:26 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Arts Centre- Yes!!

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Dear Mayor & Council,

West Vancouver needs an Arts Centre.

We have talked about it, visioned about it, consulted about it, workshopped about it, and planned about it for years, so let's just do it!

Please proceed to the next step.

Respectfully yours, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s.22(1)

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

**From:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:12 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Support the next phase of the Arts Facility

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Dear Mayor and Council

Next Monday, you face a decision whether to support the next phase of research for the proposed Arts Center. This phase is necessary to understand **what it will take to make this facility economically feasible and sustainable** both financially and from a governance perspective.

I'm feeling concerned about your continued commitment to giving the due diligence on this facility its due, to be honest. The pressure from the naysayers is considerable and they have already *assumed* it's not feasible. One cannot make sound assumptions at this early stage as are so many variables and options to consider. The next phase will look at all of those.

I respect that you need to consider residents' opinions and feelings. In the same way that the Federal and Provincial governments have relied on *real* data to get us through the pandemic, I urge you to do the same with this significant proposal.

You already have considerable hard evidence that we need a new facility and that our existing facilities are falling apart. I urge you to do right by the process and support the due diligence phase before coming to a final decision.

Previous Councils stuck to a vision, in the face of enormous opposition, that delivered us a jewel....the Community Centre. The Arts Center will be no less. Even for residents who don't give a fig about the arts....it will still be a destination to enjoy and it will enrich their community at large (I need not remind you that the Economic Strategy frequently looks to the arts to enliven our local economy).

It's time to do the right thing: Support the next phase of the proposed facility.

In good faith, I look forward to a "yes" next Monday.

Thank you again, for listening.

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**From:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Why Doctors Think Art Can Help Cure You | Frieze

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The arts are not only essential in and of themselves, they contribute powerfully to the economy in a variety of ways, and now we increasingly understand how they also contribute powerfully to our health. Here is an article about how much benefit the arts bring to our individual and collective well-being.

Imagine: "... a trip to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts [is] now part of the [prescribing options](#) for members of Médecins francophones du Canada, art and wellness are increasingly being talked about in the same breath. As MMFA director general Nathalie Bondil put it last year when the Montreal scheme was announced: 'In the 21st century, culture will be what physical activity was for health in the 20th century.'"

As many have noted, the West Vancouver Community Centre, which meets many of the physical activity needs we have, was opposed by all sorts of people who now enjoy it immensely, and who would fight tooth and nail if it were threatened.

By the same token, a West Vancouver Arts & Culture Centre that fulfills our cultural activity needs will also become a cherished destination. Please take the time to read the article attached below.

With best wishes,

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West Vancouver BC

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[https://www.frieze.com/article/why-doctors-think-art-can-help-cure-you?utm\\_source=FRIEZE&utm\\_campaign=12a0304acf-](https://www.frieze.com/article/why-doctors-think-art-can-help-cure-you?utm_source=FRIEZE&utm_campaign=12a0304acf-)

## Why Doctors Think Art Can Help Cure You

With art lessons and trips to museums on prescription, the links between culture and health are being reconsidered

The forthcoming [World Healthcare Congress, Europe](#), which takes place in Manchester in March, will ‘have an arts, health and social change agenda throughout’ explains Clive Parkinson, head of Arts for Health at Manchester Metropolitan University, the UK’s longest established arts and health unit. Parkinson, who has co-programmed the conference with Manchester Museum director Esme Ward, describes the arts focus of the conference as ‘telling’. Bringing together medical professionals, academics and policy makers, and including a keynote speech from Arts Council England CEO Darren Henley, it signals how the arts and health agenda is moving from the periphery to centre-stage. With initiatives such as doctors being encouraged to [prescribe art lessons](#) as part of a GBP£1.8 million UK government strategy, and a trip to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts now part of the [prescribing options](#) for members of Médecins francophones du Canada, art and wellness are increasingly being talked about in the same breath. As MMFA director general Nathalie Bondil put it last year when the Montreal scheme was announced: ‘In the 21st century, culture will be what physical activity was for health in the 20th century.’

The recent [Calm and Collected](#) report by Art Fund is yet another example of the foregrounding of cultural consumption as a healthy lifestyle option. The report’s key finding was that those under 30 are twice as likely to visit a museum or gallery at least once a month in order to ‘de-stress’. These visitors are, it would seem, turning to art galleries and museums as a therapeutic third space. Stephen Deuchar, director of Art Fund, says of the report: ‘We thought we should commission some proper research to investigate how regularly engaging with museums and galleries can contribute to an individual’s sense of wellbeing. The outcomes of the *Calm and Collected* research clearly confirm that visiting museums more frequently does indeed have a positive effect on one’s overall sense of personal balance and fulfilment.’



Tate Britain, 2010. Courtesy: Getty Images; photograph: Oli Scarff

This is, of course, no great surprise to many of those working in museums and public art galleries who have been promoting the health and wellbeing role of cultural institutions for some time. Their work goes far beyond exhibition making and can include everything from workshops for the elderly to outreach activities in local communities. Yet while the role of arts and culture in terms of physical and mental wellbeing is increasingly being recognized, it is also under threat. Many galleries and museums rely on local authority funding, and as the effects of austerity in the UK continue to be felt, more cuts to already tight budgets are expected. Research by the County Council Network, for example, states that almost GBP£400m has been cut from annual local authority spending since 2010. A report by the Centre for Cities think tank, meanwhile, has also highlighted the drop in city councils' culture funding. Paradoxically, just as the social benefits of the arts are being championed, a legal obligation to provide social care services is in turn leading to a reduction in councils' arts spending.

Although arts and health funding may not be joined up, the thinking increasingly is. In November last year for example, the annual conference of the UK gallery education network,

Engage, was titled [‘A Social Prescription’](#) and entirely devoted to the ‘intersection between arts, health, wellbeing and education’. Parkinson delivered the conference’s keynote address in which he made specific reference to the All Party Parliamentary Group On Arts, Health and Wellbeing Inquiry (launched in January 2014) and its July 2017 report, [Creative Health: The Arts for Health and Wellbeing](#). This comprehensive study presented the findings of two years of research exploring the role of the arts in health and social care, in order to make policy recommendations. Parkinson describes it as ‘an important report at a very critical time’. He adds: ‘As the NHS prepares to roll out social prescribing we could be on the brink of a step-change in the way public health is understood, and how the negative factors that influence health and wellbeing might be mitigated against.’ He is, though, keen to stress that ‘the arts aren’t a panacea for all life’s ills, and one size does not fit all. Context is everything.’



Courtesy: Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Parkinson believes that research such as the 2015 Arts For Health report *Exploring the Longitudinal Relationship Between Arts Engagement and Health* provides compelling international evidence of the long-term benefits of engagement with the arts, including its impact

on mortality. And while you could argue that the findings of the Art Fund research are, although useful, at the light-touch end of the spectrum when it comes to the intervention of arts and culture, Parkinson cites research done by the [‘Dementia and Imagination’](#) project led by Bangor University’s Dementia Services Development Centre as an example of the sharp end of practice. ‘We found that working with 271 people affected by dementia who took part in visual arts appreciation/art making sessions over a couple of years, not only reduced depression and anxiety but significantly improved wellbeing.’ He adds that the data revealed that 37% of the participants had never previously engaged in art. ‘In other words, it was the condition of dementia that brought them to the arts for the very first time. This is powerful and significant.’

- [\*Designing Wellness: What Influence Does Architecture Have on Health?\*](#)

Speaking when the Montreal initiative was announced last year, Dr H  l  ne Boyer, vice-president of M  decins francophones du Canada and head of the family medicine department at the city’s McGill University, explained that there is ‘more and more scientific proof’ to support the benefits of the arts for physical and mental health. ‘It increases our level of cortisol and our level of serotonin. We secrete hormones when we visit a museum and these hormones are responsible for our well-being.’ Parkinson, though, is wary of over-medicalizing the conversation. ‘It would be very easy to believe that we somehow need to evidence the impact of the arts in the language of bio-medical science,’ he says. ‘My experience tells me the arts do something more nuanced and subtle than that.’

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 12:47 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Arts Centre

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Dear Mayor Booth, and members of West Vancouver council,

I am writing to you as a relatively recently settled newcomer [REDACTED] s. 22(1) to West Vancouver from [REDACTED] s. 22(1), about the proposed Arts Centre.

I have no doubt at all that an Arts centre would be an asset to West Van particularly in mind of the resources at its disposal and the engaged citizens - young and old - making up the community.

Yes we will have NIMBYs concerned about building work and traffic. And low-tax evangelists who don't care that the tax burden is not remotely as high as many other places in North America. And there will be people who do not trust government or representatives regardless of the issue at stake. And of course there are people who automatically assume that they will be on the hook for the cost of the project, absent any evidence that that is the case.

But as a former resident of a diverse, vibrant city with a world-class arts scene I can only encourage everyone to imagine how wonderful it would be to have our own arts facility fit for the future.

I personally enjoy theatre, modern art, live literature events, innovative music, and avant-garde cinema. You don't have to share my tastes but I know that there are thousands of people in our community who are similarly passionate about the arts. While it's not a pre-requisite, having a majority of university-educated people in our community is likely to bolster the cause.

I know that next year is an election year and already people are muttering that this will be some kind of legacy, or vanity project. But we are very far from having the arts centre in place - and anyway there's nothing wrong with signalling your support for a fantastic new asset which our community will cherish for years to come.

So I urge you to approve the proposal to move the arts centre on to the next planning stage.

With thanks for your attention,

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** NO! NO! NO! Do not build an Arts & Culture Centre in Ambleside Park! - PART 1

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Dear Major and Councillors,

**PART 1**

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**LACK OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

If you were to ask any non-arts affiliated person on the street, here is the typical reaction you will receive. First, they are shocked because they had heard nothing about this project. Second, they are vehemently opposed to the Ambleside Park location. Third, when told the 2019 estimated price tag of \$38.1 million, they find the cost absolutely ridiculous (and even more outrageous, when factoring in how much construction costs have since skyrocketed over these last 2 years). Fourth, they have serious concerns regarding the annual operating costs and the certain deficit such a facility will run (similar to all facilities of this nature).

If the person has heard about this project, more than likely it's thanks to Trevor Lautens' Letter to the Editor in Jun 16th/21 North Shore News, titled 'Ambleside? No.No.No.'. If you have not seen it, here's the link. Be sure to read the public comments too.

<https://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letter-a-new-arts-centre-in-west-vancouver-no-no-no-3880065>

By the way, here's the sarcastic rebuttal (to Trevor Lautens) Letter to the Editor in Jun 17th/21 North Shore News, titled 'Yes, Yes Yes to a New Arts Centre'. This was written by a Sharon Habib also known as [REDACTED] s. 22(1), who Council appointed to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee of which she is currently the Chair and, as well, sits on its Communications Subcommittee. I am not sure if this is appropriate behaviour for a committee member but judge for yourselves. If you have not seen it, here's the link. Can you spot her misinformation? Be sure to read the public comments too.

<https://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letter-the-proposed-west-vancouver-arts-centre-will-have-something-for-everyone-3885492>

If the lack of community awareness doesn't shock you, then this should. Those most negatively impacted by this proposal, i.e. the Marine Drive and surrounding area residents north of the Rutledge Field/Tennis Courts were neither aware of this project nor the survey until a concerned citizen knocked on their doors on Sat, Jun 12th/21! This was too late to attend either of the two info meetings but, luckily, there was time still, to respond to the survey and, for those who could, also attend the next AFAC meeting on Tues, Jun 22nd/21 to learn the survey results.

## **LACK OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

It's not like the District doesn't know when and how best to engage the community. It even has a **West Vancouver Community Engagement Committee** to help it do just that. Here are 6 examples from the past where the District has provided its residents both proper notification and opportunity for dialogue and public consultation. The first 3 are under your helm, the last 3 are previous councils.

1) Dear Resident letter delivered to front door. Dated Jan 21/19. From Engineering & Transportation, namely Vanessa Garrett, Manager of Roads and Transportation. RE: North Shore Portable Digital Message Sign Pilot Project. Alerting recipients of a proposal to place a Portable Digital Message Sign on south side of 1200 block Marine Drive for 12 months.

2) Dear Resident letter delivered to front door. Dated May 8th/21. From Engineering & Transportation, namely Mariano Cusano, Superintendent Utilities Construction. RE: New Watermain Construction on Taylor Way. Alerting recipients of the impacts to traffic disruptions and noise. Directed residents to the designated website for more info and a signup for email updates.

3) Dear Resident or Business Owner letter delivered to front door. Dated Jun 17th/21. Received Jun 25th/21. From Special Events, namely Christie Rosta, Cultural Services Manager. RE: Canada Day in West Vancouver. Alerting recipients of the rooftop performances in Ambleside and minute of silence at 7 pm. Directed recipients to the designated website for truth & reconciliation.

Note: It was not lost on us residents that the above Christie Rosta is the same manager that sits on AFAC as the assigned District staff representative, yet Cultural Services' duty to door deliver any notice regarding this particular project seems to have completely eluded that department.

4) 2007/2008 project spearheaded by the Engineering department with some involvement from Parks. RE: Ambleside Town Centre gateway. There was regular open dialogue and consultation between 1100 and 1200 block Marine Drive residents with Brent Dozzi of Engineering and Colette Parsons, Urban Design Planner, regarding the beautifying of the Marine Drive stretch from Park Royal Towers to 13th Street to create a sense of entry to Ambleside town centre (the results of which, WV still enjoys today).

5) Dear Resident letter delivered to front door. Dated Mar 23rd/07. From Special Events, namely Angela Hogan, Special Events Co-ordinator. RE: Open Letter to Ambleside and Sentinel Hill Residents. Alerting area residents of change to the location of the 3rd annual Iranian picnic from the lagoon to the all weather field (now Rutledge Field) due to nesting green herons and the impacts to traffic disruption and noise.

6) Dear Resident letter delivered to front door. Dated 1st half 2013. From Engineering & Transportation. RE: Clyde/Keith Traffic Calming. Alerting area residents to an Open House to receive public input. Attendees then able to signup to receive further information by email. Followup email duly received Sep 25th/13. From From Engineering & Transportation, namely Emily Willobee, Engineering Outreach Coordinator. RE: Invitation to a followup Clyde/Keith Traffic Calming Open House on Oct 10th. Alerting recipients to come view and provide feedback on the two proposed options, which were developed with public input collected at the earlier open house.

Need I provide more? You no doubt see the obvious pattern here. The District engineering department does an excellent job of properly notifying affected residents and conducting Open Houses. Even Christie Rosti, when wearing her Special Events hat, can be commended for proper notifications of events.

Yet projects of this magnitude, costing tens of millions of dollars and involving the destruction and rezoning of our precious parkland does not warrant any kind of front door notice delivery to all citizens of West Vancouver, let alone to those residents most negatively impacted by this? As much as it likes, the District can publish Newspaper articles, distribute notices to various District facilities, send out emails from its plethora of lists, and post to social media but the only method of certainty to reach the nearby residents and the wider community is with good old fashioned Canada Post!

Furthermore, projects of this magnitude do not warrant an Open House/Town Hall style meeting for public input and feedback? Instead, a handful of elite people on the AFAC committee are charged with deciding our fate, facilitated by Cornerstone Planning Group (Cornerstone) who, let's face it, have a monetary interest to keep pushing this project along? Seriously? Here I was thinking that I lived in a democratic society.

Curiously, AFAC formed a Klee Wyck Subcommittee to study the arts & culture possibilities at that location. It met 4 times between Nov 2019 to February 2020. It also hosted a blue-sky workshop facilitated by Human Studio and Cornerstone on Dec 1st/19. Additional members of AFAC participated. **Members of the public attended the meetings and workshop and provided their comments and feedback.** Not only that, Christie Rosti's 'Arts Facilities Advisory Committee/Klee Wyck Subcommittee - Klee Wyck Site 2020-2029 Plan Recommendations' report goes on to state 'consult with the local {Klee Wyck} neighbourhood to determine the interest for community gardens and a heritage plant staging area at the Site.' How nice for these residents! I am curious, what's the per capita spend to build and maintain this as a park versus the select few neighbourhood residents who will be using it? But I digress.

Excuse me, but why then wasn't an Ambleside Park Subcommittee formed and the area residents afforded an opportunity to give their comments and feedback on the Ambleside Park location? The wider community has been cheated out of this whole process too! Why did Cultural Services sidestep the District's own Official Community Plan Bylaw 4985,2018 here re: Promoting an engaged community? Specifically, 2.8.17 Engage the community in planning for services, programs, and facilities, and municipal decision-making.

## **AFAC**

Do not for a minute think that our attendance at the Jun 22nd/21 AFAC video meeting afforded us any comfort. Cornerstone presented its interpretation of the survey findings. I was pleased to hear of the 50/50 result, considering even those in favour had expressed some of the same concerns with an Ambleside Park location. Lead by Cornerstone, the consultant had them all believing it was as simple as solving the tennis court conundrum and educating the public on "no loss of parking". I observed how he cleverly was only telling them what they wanted to hear. I was amazed, how each of those committee members just swallowed what they were fed - hook, line, and sinker.

instead of admitting defeat, the committee members simply dismissed the results and the public's feedback, and expressed the desire to push forward regardless, keeping their eyes on their prize i.e. Dupe Council to move the project to its next phase. Here, I was thinking to myself what happened to the AFAC Terms of Reference, which states 'qualifications for those seeking membership on the AFAC are to include: individuals with an **ability to look beyond personal interests for the benefit of the community and residents of West Vancouver.**' I observed no evidence of this and, in fact, I found AFAC to be self-serving and its attitude towards the general public quite appalling. I was now seeing for myself why the Arts community in WV does have a serious image problem and perhaps they should be working on first improving that!

The resounding message amongst them was unanimous and stunk of 'There's no need to convince the public {us little guys}, we only need to convince Council and, to do that, all we need to do is find ourselves a wealthy individual to help with the capital costs in exchange for giving them naming rights'. Is this true? Is our Council so easily bought at the expense of its own values, those of the District, and those of its citizens?

Kudos to the one senior District staff member who dared to suggest that perhaps more public engagement was necessary only to be shot down by the attending Councillor's declaration of 'Process was not going to be our {yeahsayers} friend'. In other words, we need to muzzle the naysayers? Surely not! By now, you should be as gobsmacked as us public were at the conclusion of that meeting.

## **CONCLUSION**

No, process has certainly not been our {WV citizens} friend, in fact it has been non-existent! I am requesting Council to now right this wrong and, on Jul 26th/21, reject an Ambleside Park location and any further expenditure on it. It's time to direct staff to now go back to that drawing board and this time conduct proper and effective community engagement.

Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely,

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West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

**PART 2**

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Referencing the WV Arts & Cultural Strategy 2018-2023 Report, I am most perturbed how the District/AFAC has somehow gone from what began as 'Determine which facilities are to be retained. Identify other spaces that could support Arts and Culture activities. Ambleside area being the main hub, with potential satellite locations like Klee Wyck.'. Gone from replacing Silk Purse/Music Box/Gertrude Lawson (Art Museum) with one massive 25,000 sq ft structure located in West Van's jewel, Ambleside Park! The District/AFAC would be hard pressed to find any WV neighbourhood that could support an imposing facility such as that! This whole 'space needs' determination and 'site selection' process has been very suspect. Is this Cornerstone Planning Group's (Cornerstone) doing? In AFAC minutes for Jan 8th/20 (last year!), Cornerstone is already stating that 'Ambleside Park - Tennis Courts site is their preferred site.' Huh! Perhaps, instead of creating this Frankenstein, if all parties had kept to a more modest ambition, we would have shovels in the ground and at more suitable location(s) by now.

**IT'S A PARK / IT'S A BEACH**

I quote Cornerstone from its own presentation material: 'Ambleside Park Challenges = Decreases parks land!'

My initial thought was, the AFAC site proposal must be a belated and cruel April Fools joke because nobody in their right mind would want to build this in our cherished Ambleside Park. What happened to the District's pledge to manage our **valuable** parks systems i.e. 'Maintain and care for the District's valuable parks and open spaces with the following values...':? Why would you want to steal from our green, open park space and beach? Parks are for people to recreate in the great outdoors! Someone at the District should take another look at the park map in the Park Dedication Bylaw No. 4922,2016, specifically the mass of grey indicating the area 'dedicated as Ambleside Park'. Rezone for this facility? Absolutely not!

An Arts & Culture facility would NOT complement surrounding uses and users as Cornerstone suggests. It would be in total conflict with existing park users and interests, impose on visitors relationship with the park, disrupting and crowding them out and, in the process, destroying dwindling valuable recreation space. Ambleside Park is the crown jewel and gateway to West Vancouver, not some out of place building. In 2007/2008, the District spent hundreds of thousands of tax payer money beautifying this gateway, specifically to “open up the views to the water for pedestrians, park users, and passersby”, so please keep it that way and show us that parkland and open spaces are truly valued now by our current Council as it was by our Council all those years ago.

## WATERFRONT

I quote the District sign currently posted along the Argyle waterfront 'The District has been working to create open park space and public access to the waterfront since the mid-1950's. The District **bought and removed cottages and houses to create Ambleside Park** and, then in the 1970's, began buying properties along Argyle Avenue...'. .

So, on the one hand, tearing down buildings from the Argyle waterfront and, in the other hand, building a 25,000 sq ft structure in the Ambleside Park waterfront? Robbing Peter to pay Paul, so to speak, and rejecting the vision of every Council that came before you. NO!

## FLOOD PLAIN

I quote Cornerstone from its own presentation material: 'Ambleside Park Challenges = Located within flood zone, adverse soil conditions!'

Putting valuable District assets (i.e. Art) in a flood plain. This is bound not to end well. Even the Public Arts Advisory Committee noted in its May 19th/21 minutes item 7 'issue of sea level rise would impact the placement of public art pieces!. It is concerned about a few art pieces. The District is contemplating putting up a whole building here filled with art pieces!

Not to mention, all the extra cost due to building in a location known for unstable soil and prone to flooding, knowing full well that sea levels are rising and extreme weather events are becoming more common place. Seriously?

## TREES

I quote Cornerstone from its own presentation material: 'Tennis Court Site Challenges = It's **our belief** we'll be able to keep **virtually** all those {3 iconic} trees.' Well, 'virtually' (and 'probably' as I've seen them use elsewhere in reports) just doesn't cut it! No pun intended.

So, there is no guarantee of the saving of any of those 3 iconic trees along 13th Street. How can you squeeze in a building of this size in such a small space without damaging those roots? Also, see the CN Rail item below. The Tennis Court site also contains lots of other trees that would be lost too.

What Cornerstone refers to as 'loss of existing landscaping' on the South Parking lot site is actually 28 mature trees (I counted them!) plus 4 iconic trees just east of the indigenous sculpture.

## CONGESTION

I quote Cornerstone from its own presentation material, regarding access to the park space itself 'We don't expect that there will be any additional challenges.' Laughable to say the least!

We don't need expensive traffic studies to tell us that the entrance to Ambleside Park is already severely congested. Just stand there for 15 minutes and observe the goings-on. We do not need any more gridlock and traffic jams in this already busy park, not to mention the safety concerns. More traffic would not be supportable.

There is the 13th Street & Marine Intersection with 4 crosswalks, then pedestrians walking along both sides of 13th Street, then the entrance to the Grosvenor parkade, then the pedestrian crossing from the tennis court parking lot to Bellevue, then the entrance to the tennis court parking, then pedestrians crossing that entrance and Bellevue (i.e. both the east and west sides of the railroad crossing) to enter the park, then pedestrians/bicycles crossing between Argyle and the Spirit Trail, and the constant vehicles streaming in and out of the park, and the CN trains of course. Isn't Marine Drive a designated emergency route too?

Anyway, Jennifer Webb, Chair of AFAC, seems to have already done the traffic study for us. In her Letter to the Editor in Jun 16th/21 North Shore News, titled 'Klee Wyck Not Suited For Arts Centre', she states that when Klee Wyck was considered there was "input from neighbourhood residents" and that location dismissed because "such a centre would **attract users and audiences of all ages every day of the week from morning to night, leading to constant traffic ... and high noise levels in the neighbourhood.**"

## **NOISE**

See Jennifer Webb's comment immediately above. I can assure you that residents of the Ambleside Park area do not want this constant traffic and high noise level any more than the Klee Wyck residents do.

## **PARKING**

Cornerstone's claim is that there will be no loss of parking spots. If you build that \$10 million parkade (2019 costs), parkers will come alright and, in no time, fill up those extra spots. Now, you'll have two user groups competing for the same spots. As well, the employees of the next door businesses will thank you too as will the Spirit Trail users and waterfront walkers as they park and go about their business. In other words, there's no means to control who is parking there. Don't even think about charging for parking. Street parking is already at a premium for the nearby residents and their visitors. The locals shouldn't be made to fight for spots with the Ambleside Park overflow crowd even more frequently than they do now.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Imagine for a moment, if you lived immediately north of Rutledge Field/Tennis Courts. When you bought your house, it was overlooking a cherished park but now you learn you'll be literally living in the Ambleside Business District! Because that's what this proposal will do! It extends the commercial area into the park and what was your residential neighbourhood. A horrifying thought so how could anyone justify forcing this on others!

Referring again to Jennifer Webb's statement above, now these residents will also be subjected to the high noise levels, increase in traffic congestion, air pollution, litter, loss of privacy, loss of through light (admitted by Cornerstone in its video), loss of sea breeze, loss in market value (and whose even going to want to buy their houses in the future), increased traffic on local roads, reduced street parking, etc.

What of the new Neighbourhood Character Working Group, tasked with developing policies that respect neighbourhood character and minimize impacts of new development in single-family residential areas! Does it not apply here?

## **CN RAIL/TSB**

The District would already be well aware of this. An added complexity. The CN's Proximity and Development group would need to be contacted for comments and recommendations for any project proposed within 300m of CN the right of way, which both Ambleside Park sites would fall under. Recommendations would normally be to provide a **30 metre setback for vehicular property access points from at-grade railway crossings**. Cornerstone's drawing failed to mention or be concerned about the parking entrance proximity to the at-grade railway crossing. By my calculation, this means the entrance to the facility parking cannot remain where it currently is but, rather, it would need to start at about the trunk of that first iconic tree. So that's the first and possibly second of the three trees destroyed for sure!

The safety challenges surrounding this already heavily congested area are going to be even more of a concern when factoring in the at-grade railway crossing. The District best gets the Transport Safety Board involved because an at-grade railway crossing so close to 13th/Marine/Bellevue/Argyle/pedestrian crossings)/Grosvenor parkade in such a condensed and high-traffic vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian area is a serious accident just waiting to happen.

## **GROSVENOR**

Has anybody at the District looked into the possibility of instead leasing some space in the Grosvenor building? They have had For Lease signs up for months, one space on the Marine Drive side for up to 3700 sq ft and another space on the Bellevue side for up to 4300 sq ft. They are already hosting an artist, Benjamin Lumb. Heirloom has moved out and I understand the barber's lease is not being renewed. So lot's of space there! The Meinhardt space has been looking for sublease too.

## **CONCLUSION**

It belies belief as to why either of the Ambleside Park locations were ever contemplated for an Arts & Culture facility. The survey results clearly indicate that the citizens of West Vancouver do not want it there. I am requesting Council to respect the conclusive results and, on Jul 26th/21, reject an Ambleside Park location and any further expenditure on it. It's time to direct staff to now go back to that drawing board and this time conduct proper and effective community engagement.

Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Sheryl LeBlanc; Kevin Spooner; Jim Bailey; lchristensen@nsnews.com; publisher@nsnews.com  
**Subject:** Re: Collingwood School Rubbish Shed. Morven Campus.  
**Attachments:** 115.07.2021.jpg

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Mayor and Council,

The conclusion of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) email (see below) is a gross understatement. Besides Mayor Booth this madness was also fathered by Nora Gambioli, Craig Cameron and Bill Soprovich.

While the next civic election is still one year away, my neighbours and I would like to know where newer elected officials Peter Lambur, Sharon Thompson and Marcus Wong stand on the issue of Collingwood's illegal garbage shack and why it is not demolished yet.

To recap in a nutshell:

- Collingwood's garbage shack is as illegal today as it was when the "permit" for it was questioned for the first time, but the District did not answer and did not react.
- As a result, for six years, Collingwood used their illegal facility, at the expense of their neighbours.
- Two and a half months ago I finally extracted from the District the admission that this structure is illegal.
- However, Collingwood continues to use it (see photo taken today). In other words, contrary to multiple official announcements and pledges, Collingwood School continues to be everything else, but a good neighbour and continues to take full advantage of the District habitual favoritism and protectionism.

West Vancouverites deserve to know about that. Thank you to all who help with it.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

On Mon, Jun 28, 2021 at 9:25 AM [REDACTED] s. 22(1) wrote:  
Dear Ms. Booth,

It is highly disappointing to be ignored by you, the Mayor of our municipality, in not responding to my email dated June 13 (enclosed below).

The illegal garbage shed at Collingwood School is still used. The truck collecting the rubbish came again this morning making a tremendous and protracted noise, certainly waking up some of [REDACTED s.22(1)].

We are again asking you to order the School to tear down the shed and move the garbage containers to their underground parking lot.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

West Vancouver BC

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED s. 22(1)]  
**Date:** June 13, 2021 at 12:08:19 PM PDT  
**To:** MayorandCouncil District of West Vancouver <[MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca](mailto:MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Kevin Spooner <[kspooner@westvancouver.ca](mailto:kspooner@westvancouver.ca)>, Sheryl LeBlanc <[sleblanc@westvancouver.ca](mailto:sleblanc@westvancouver.ca)>, Jim Bailey <[jbailey@westvancouver.ca](mailto:jbailey@westvancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Collingwood School Rubbish Shed. Morven Campus.

To: Mayor Booth and Council,

I am representing neighbours residing near Collingwood School on [REDACTED s. 22(1)] and [REDACTED s. 22(1)] as their Neighbourhood Block Watch captain.

We have an ongoing and highly irritating issue with the School's garbage shed. The shed is merely meters away from our homes. It is visited daily by wildlife, including rats, raccoons, crows and black bears. It is an unsightly site and it creates potential danger to us, the residents, particularly due to recent aggressive visits of the bears.

We have just learned that the garbage shed was constructed illegally, without a permit from the District. With due respect we are asking the District to order the School to tear down the shed and to move their rubbish containers to their underground parking lot. This would be in accordance with the permit issued by the District for the new Morven Campus.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

Neighbourhood Block Watch Captain

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

West Vancouver BC

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

[REDACTED s. 22(1)]

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 1:23 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Horse Shoe Bay Park Experience and Suggestions  
**Attachments:** Letter to West Vancouver Mayor and Council REgarding Dog Poop in H S Bay Park.pdf

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Greetings Members of Council.  
Please see attached letter sharing our experience and making suggestions.  
Thanks for acknowledging receipt of our letter.  
Best Regards

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

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca

From [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Email: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

TOPIC: Horse Shoe Bay Park Declared an Animal Toilet or A People Park

Greetings Mayor and Council.

Although many who have heard our story suggested that writing to the mayor and council of West Vancouver was a total waste of time, because nothing will happen, made us think, "that is more correct if they have no knowledge of a situation!"

And therefore, decided to share our experience

Picture this in the theatre of your mind!

Sunday June 27, 2021 approximately [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) I have our hot fish and chip lunch in hand and settle on the grass for a sumptuous meal.

As we are just within the first few bites, a dog, approximately 4 feet away takes a dump on the grass and then with hind legs kicks up the dirt and grass not exactly at us but in our general direction.

The owner is trying to pull the wonderful animal while it is trying to complete its dump. The owner I believe was also caught by surprise and as we scrambled to get up (consider this, we are OB's (Old Buggers) and it takes considerable effort

to get into a position to actually get up and off the sitting position on the grass.

Yes, the person did attempt to gather up the feces, and then left quickly.

Were we “put off our fish and chip lunch?” You bet, and into the garbage it went.

Why are we mentioning this very disturbing incident?

Because we took notice of a few astounding things, while surveying and considering what we had just experienced.

1. There are miniature signs around the perimeter of the park, stating “no dogs!”
2. We counted seventeen (17), yes, seventeen (17) dogs in that park.
3. Two dogs, one after the other urinating on the sawdust children’s play area and another doing its business and kicking up the sawdust with its hind legs spreading whatever around where the children were playing.

#### SUGGESTIONS:

1. Declare that park, with many appropriate LARGE SIGNS, as AN ANIMAL TOILET PARK! Thereby warning people of the health risk involved in the use of that park, because of feces, E. coli and urine.

2. Or, declare that park, with many appropriate LARGE SIGNS, as A PEOPLE ONLY PARK- NO DOGS ALLOWED- and the Amount of the FINE for non compliance.

This will only work as a people only park if two other things are in place.

One that there is a bylaw officer available to issue the tickets.

And, there is an alternative place designated as an animal toilet.

3. These wonderful pets, companions, and helpers (dogs and cats) of humans can be trained to do just about anything, so the following deserves some consideration.

The problem is NOT the animals it is their human owner/handler that is the problem, and therefore if the owners/handlers are encouraged by fines and other financial incentives to train their animals to defecate and urinate, on their own property, in their home and vehicle ( Yes, you are reading correctly) and not on private and public areas, such as gardens, parks and just about anywhere where the animals feel the urge, that would be the start of controlling, a health, safety and disease control problem!

Yes, this is a health, safety and disease control issue.

Thanks for the opportunity to share our experience.

Sincerely

s. 22(1)

July 16, 2021 12:28 Hours.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 7:10 PM  
**To:** editor@nsnews.com; MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Code of Conduct and Respectful Communications By Laws

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Dear Editor: Further to Sharon Habib's published letter, I don't understand why Council members who asked the District's solicitor (2018 and 2020) to research and develop two new By Laws, then proceeded to vote against them last week. That in itself is a breakdown of process.

These four Council members have sent a message to staff that is bound to affect morale. Moreover, this should have been treated as an ethical issue, not a political one. I don't buy the argument that it will muzzle people or prevent free speech. We're talking about protecting "free", civil speech and making those accountable for using "free" rude, abusive speech.

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** editor@nsnews.com; MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** RE:Political discourse has deteriorated in West Van. A new bylaw could have helped.

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RE:Political discourse has deteriorated in West Van. A new bylaw could have helped.

Dear Editor:

I was deeply disappointed in the West Van Councilors' Soprovich, Thompson, Wong and Lambur who indicated their vote was **no** even before hearing any presentation of the bylaw proposals for Respectful Communication and Code of Conduct.

The action is deeply disrespectful to the staff they work with daily and to the community they serve.

I am fearful that these Councilors are driven by personal/political gains rather than what principles of honest, respectful diligent work that supports a democracy in West Vancouver.

Sincerely

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

**From:** Cathy, HUB Cycling <membership@bikehub.ca>  
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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Advocating for Slower Speeds, Safe Passing & Increased Fines

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It's no secret that the faster a vehicle is travelling, the more likely a collision involving a person cycling or other vulnerable road users will result in a serious injury or fatality.

**The risk of severe injury to a person cycling (or other vulnerable road users) depending on how fast a vehicle is going, jumps exponentially from 10% at 25 km/h to 90% at 74 km/h.**

HUB has been steadily advocating for safer streets for people cycling and other vulnerable road users including:

- **Safe speed limits** of maximum 30km/hr on neighbourhood streets (local streets with no centre line).
- **Safe passing distances** of minimum 1 - 1.5 m for vehicles when passing people cycling.
- **Increased fines for dangerous behaviour** on the road, including aggressive driving, and motorist negligence causing injury or death of vulnerable road users.

**Join HUB as a member and help us push for safer streets**

***We've seen an appetite for change from individual Metro Vancouver municipalities.***

The City of North Vancouver recently passed unanimous support for a safe passing law. The City of Vancouver launched its first pilot project that will test 30 km/h speed limits in residential streets.

But these are small strides and we **NEED to apply pressure on the Provincial Government** who is ultimately responsible for passing legislative changes to the outdated BC Motor Vehicle Act.

**The time to act is NOW.**

[Join HUB as a member](#) and throw your weight behind our efforts to reduce vehicle speed, safe passing laws, and increased fines for dangerous road behaviour.

The more members we have the greater our voice when we push to create a safer place to bike for all ages and abilities across Metro Vancouver.

Best wishes,

Cathy Acuna  
Membership Manager

***PS: Already a HUB Member? Consider supporting us by [making a donation](#) to support our advocacy work. All donations receive a charitable tax receipt.***

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**Our mailing address is:**

HUB Cycling  
312 Main (2nd Floor)  
Vancouver, BC V6A 2T2  
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## Bike to Shop returns to 20 Neighbourhoods from August 7-20!

Hey HUB Supporter!

Our popular Bike to Shop event returns this summer from August 7-20 and it's the biggest one yet!

More than 70 local businesses in [20 neighbourhoods](#) across Metro Vancouver are offering amazing freebies and sweet deals for people biking to their businesses.

Get on your bike and come join the Bike to Shop movement with us! As always, registration is 100% free. **Register before July 30 for a chance to win a \$50 Compass Card from TransLink so you can explore even more Bike to Shop neighborhoods this summer.**

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Don't forget to [RSVP on Facebook](#) and invite your friends to ride and shop with you!

**REGISTER NOW**

**VIEW SCHEDULE**

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## Get Freebies and Sweet Deals from 70+ Local Businesses



Your FREE registration scores you access to redeem promotions at participating businesses like:

- [BierCraft](#) Wesbrook Village is offering free appetizers
  - [Coffee + Vanilla](#) in Coquitlam are offering free brownies
  - [Steveston Bakery](#) is offering free cookies
  - [Chez Christophe Chocolate & Pastry](#) in Burnaby is offering free americanos
  - [JJ Bean](#) is offering free coffee at select locations
  - [Strathcona Brewing](#) is offering a free order of garlic bites when you buy a pint
  - [Yellow Dog Brewing](#) in Port Moody is offering \$1 off pints
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- [Stickys Candy](#) in Langley is offering 2 for 1 ice cream cones
- [The Bike Doctor](#) is offering free bike check & quick fixes, cliff bars, and goodie bags (for adults and kids!)
- [JamJar Canteen](#) in The Shipyards District is offering free pieces of pistachio baklava

Check out [the schedule](#) for the full list of participating businesses, locations, and terms and conditions. More businesses are being added weekly!

**REGISTER NOW**

## Visit 12 Knowledge HUB Stations



In-person events are BACK! Stop by one or all of our 12 Knowledge HUB stations during Bike to Shop for free basic bike maintenance, snacks, cycling information, giveaways, engage with your local community, and enter to win great prizes. Come visit us in Vancouver, Burnaby, West Vancouver, North Vancouver, Langley City, Port Moody, and Coquitlam. Each Knowledge HUB has different deals - check them out on [the schedule](#)!

## How do I bike to shop?



If you're entirely new to biking to shop, don't fret! Follow HUB Cycling on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for tips and tricks on how to easily make cycling to shops a part of your routine, or check out [The Commuter Bike Shopper's Checklist](#) or [How to Shop by Bike](#). Be sure to check out these other great resources too:

- [Marketing to Cyclists Guide](#)
- [Small Businesses are Learning to Love Bike Lanes](#)
- [Are Bike Lanes Good for Small Business](#)
- [Article: I turned my office into a cycling cafe](#)
- ['Part of an evolution': Downtown business partners with cycling group](#)

To get "warmed-up" for Bike to Shop, try challenging yourself this week to do one errand, trip, or activity by bike that you'd normally do by vehicle or transit!

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## Bike to Shop Businesses

Be a participating business in Bike to Shop and HUB Cycling will bring customers directly to you! All you need to do is offer a small free promotion. Stipends are available for businesses needing financial support. If your business is in one of the [20 neighbourhoods](#) then you are eligible to take part.

Register for free [here](#).

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## Park your bike at one of TransLink's New Bike Lockers

Cycling and multi-modal transit trips just got easier in Metro Vancouver! As part of TransLink's goal to make it easier for people to combine cycling and transit into their everyday travel, on-demand bike lockers are now available at select transit hubs across the region!

Visit [translink.ca/bikeparking](https://translink.ca/bikeparking) to find a location near you.

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## Your Cycling Connection

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We acknowledge that HUB Cycling, through our various projects, operates on the traditional unceded territories of many First Nations in British Columbia. Learn more about the distinct languages, economic background, and First Nations communities in regions across British Columbia on [this interactive map](#).

**Our mailing address is:**

[events@bikehub.ca](mailto:events@bikehub.ca)

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**BY HAND**

July 16, 2021

Mayor & Council  
West Vancouver Municipality  
750 – 17  
West Vancouver, B. C.

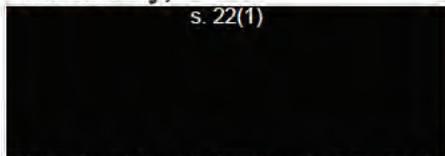
Dear Sirs,                      Re: Application for a Cannabis Retail Store at 1443 Clyde Avenue

I am the manager and president of the strata building encompassing the addresses 1441-1469 Clyde Avenue and I am writing to express my opposition to licensing the above application at 1443 Clyde Avenue.

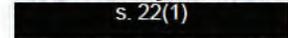
Our strata building consists of 5 commercial stores and 8 residential townhouses. The two-storey front of the building faces south. The residential townhouses are situated immediately above the stores and the sidewalk on Clyde Avenue. Whereas the stores may have no objection to whatever business is carried on in their strata or adjacent stores, the residential townhouses do object and our existing bylaws reflect this concern although we do not have a specific bylaw dealing with cannabis. The consensus of our residential occupants is that we do not wish to have a business such as cannabis sales occupying our building.

In addition to probable objections and reasons given by others regarding this application, I do not believe it is proper to inject this type of business operation into what is basically a residential building where young children are living..

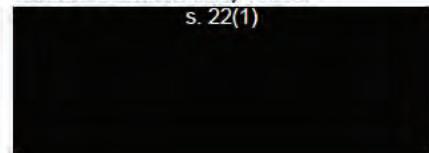
Yours truly,

s. 22(1)  


Charles Crymble, Strata VR 1262

s. 22(1)  


West Vancouver, B. C.

s. 22(1)  


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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** support for Weather Cannabis store 6412 Bay Street Horseshoe Bay.  
**Attachments:** Attention Mayor and Council.docx

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Attention Mayor and Council.

Subject...Support for Weather Cannabis Store at 6412 Bay Street Horseshoe Bay.

I would like to pledge my support for the Weather Group's proposal to open a Cannabis Store at the above address.

I'm a strong proponent of the need to have a locally owned and managed store in Horseshoe Bay. The location at 6412 I believe is ideal. I particularly like the fact that it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor location, discrete but accessible. No need for large unattractive blanked out windows on the main street in Horseshoe Bay. As you are well aware Horseshoe Bay is a community of residents and businesses that care about the appearance of the village.

I know first hand that the principals of Weather Cannabis share that view and have demonstrated their commitment by taking the time and effort to consult and engage the community. Making the effort to survey, ask questions and respond to residents and business owners demonstrates to me the commitment of the group to understand and engage with the community.

The principals of Weather Cannabis have contributed to the community through their active involvements with community groups and associations promoting both safety and cleanliness of the village and beach area. Taking an active role in the community is a key element to their business model. This I believe is crucial component for a successful business in Horseshoe Bay.

This Team has taken the time to use their Health, Wellness and Creative experience to implement best practices from industry and consulting professionals to assemble an impressive concept. I know that Weather Cannabis will be a professionally locally run artisan style shop that will compliment the village without being intrusive at street level.

In closing I would like you to ratify their application, they have demonstrated the ability to implement the right concept for the Bay area and most importantly have a great 2<sup>nd</sup> floor location that will not attract the attention of younger teens that have tendency to gather around store front locations.

Regards,

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West Vancouver s.22(1)

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**From:** David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 11:52 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong; News NS  
**Subject:** 2195 Gordon Avenue Project Update - July 16, 2021

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The District is making a big mistake by proceeding with this project on the basis of pre-pandemic criteria. With the closing of both West Van Care Centre and Capilano Care, and given the demographic composition of our community, the need for a new state-of-the-art, and financially- accessible, care facility is as urgent as it is blindingly obvious.

The District-owned Gordon Avenue property is the logical site upon which to build such a facility. The proposed project ought to be re-purposed, in part, to include a care facility. Forget about the 'Maginot Line', build something that will meet the community's pressing need.

I hereby request that my name and contact information be left on this communication.

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

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**To:** [domarley52@gmail.com](mailto:domarley52@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** 2195 Gordon Avenue Project Update - July 16, 2021  
**Reply-To:** [communications@westvancouver.ca](mailto:communications@westvancouver.ca)



The 2195 Gordon Avenue project began in 2018, with a goal of creating housing, increasing rental supply and improving affordability with no ongoing cost to the District.

Council rezoned the property last year to provide for below-market rental housing, market housing, and an Adult Day Centre. Earlier this year, the District issued a Request for Proposals seeking proposals to accomplish the project's objectives.

The District is pleased to announce that it is currently in negotiations with:

- Kiwanis North Shore Housing Society, for the development and operation of the below-market rental housing;
- Darwin Properties, for the development of the market housing; and
- Kiwanis and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, for the development and operation of the Adult Day Centre.

Negotiations are currently underway on the basis of long-term leases for both the below-market rental and market housing developments. The parties are now working together on preparing the legal agreements.

For more information on this project, visit [westvancouverite.ca/gordon](http://westvancouverite.ca/gordon).

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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Tweet by Martin Pelletier on Twitter

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 **Martin Pelletier**  
@MPelletierCIO

Hey Canada, a friendly reminder ↓ [#cdnecon](https://twitter.com/53k0HWwlxK)  
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2021-07-18, 7:33 AM

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

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 9:27 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** 4310 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We were very upset to hear about the proposed development at 4310 Marine Drive. We live s.22(1) the lot in question, s. 22(1). The frontage of the proposed building would be s. 22(1) with all three floors of windows s. 22(1), completely destroying s.22(1) the peace of our retirement years.

The traffic in the area will increase considerably with the addition of the 22 parking spots proposed. As the transit frequency in this area is low, cycling lanes are nonexistent, and there are no essential services such as grocery stores within walking distance, the residents of the proposed building would have to drive everywhere, contributing to traffic and pollution.

s. 22(1) is a narrow, no-exit street with no street parking or sidewalks. People walk on the road with their children and dogs. There are eagle and heron nests on our street, all creating a park-like environment. It is simply not a suitable area for increased density, and rezoning will create a very unwelcome precedent affecting the whole neighbourhood.

If I understand the present OCP correctly, multi-family developments were planned for bigger hubs like Ambleside and Horseshoe Bay, rather than indiscriminately throughout West Vancouver. People should be given a clear choice of whether to live in a high or low-density area. We moved here s. 22(1) from s. 22(1) because of the development there, expecting to live in a low-density neighbourhood, and we are not prepared to move again. It is naïve to think that the new development will bring affordability to the area, since the current prices of townhouses rival and even exceed those of detached homes. After selling our house on s. 22(1) we were not able to afford a unit in the new development there.

We hope that the Mayor's Office will consider the negative impact of the proposed development on the residents who would like to maintain the peaceful nature of this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

s. 22(1)

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 2:10 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** Mark Chan; Andrew Banks; Matthew MacKinnon; Mark Panneton; s.22(1)  
**Subject:** July 29, 2012 - Streamkeepers Letter to Mayor and Council  
**Attachments:** July 19, 2021 - Streamkeepers Letter to Council.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find the attached letter to Mayor and Council from West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society.

This is in response to the Report to Council prepared July 14, 2021 by Mark Chan with regard to Navy Jack House and the proposed restoration of lower Lawson Creek.

Regards,  
John Barker, Director and Past President  
West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society



PO Box 91166  
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3N6

Mayor and Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 -17<sup>th</sup> Street,  
West Vancouver, BC.  
V7V 3T3

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Subject: Lawson Creek Restoration Project**

West Vancouver Streamkeepers would like to take this opportunity to update Council on our recent meetings with the District. We have concerns with delays to the project timeline which will impact our ability to meet the required deadlines for grant applications and in particular, our ability to meet the mid-February 2022 deadline for an application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) which is anticipated to be a major source of funds.

At our meeting with the District on June 29<sup>th</sup> it was agreed that it would be imprudent to move ahead with detailed engineering design and costings until the public engagement process was complete. The District identified that it would take 1 – 2 months for the public engagement process and ISL Engineering has previously identified that up to 2 months would be needed to provide the detailed design and cost estimates required to support the grant application to the PSF. The design phase will not commence before the District have reported back to Council on the public engagement process. When complete, the detailed design will be referred back to the District for approval. The process from commencing public engagement to District approval of final design and costings is expected to take 5 - 6 months.

At a further meeting with the District on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the need to commence public engagement without delay was discussed. Streamkeepers urged the District to target completion of the process by the end of August 2021 and return a report to Council in September.

Streamkeepers are very concerned at the District's recommendation in the Navy Jack House Report dated July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 that public engagement proceed by the end of September and also at the notion that staff report back to Council "as soon as practicable". A 5-to-6 month process which does not commence until the end of September we feel will compromise our ability to deliver the project in 2022.

We respectfully ask that the public engagement process be advanced accordingly.

Yours very truly,

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John Barker, Director and Past President  
West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society

s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Keep West Van Active

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Hello,

My family and I recently moved to West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Everyone told us that we should move to North Vancouver because of the great community of young families. After looking for several months we decided West Van was too beautiful to pass up. Beautiful beaches and practically living ski-in ski-out was a huge draw. We saw that we would be able to live an active life here.

I was very sad to see the shape of the community running track. I understand a group is trying get a new facility built but are short on funds. This should be a priority for West Van to support.

I also understand that there is a proposal to build an art facility over the Ambleside tennis courts?? These courts are in the sport field lane with the many fields. I believe this would be a huge mistake. These courts need a new surface but definitely should not be taken away. We need to attract more young families to the area not take away the amenities that we enjoy.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:15 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Keep Dundarave Safe, Retailers & Restaurants Profitable - Multiple Signatures  
**Attachments:** Keep Dundarave Safe.pdf

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Mayor and Council,

Please see attached multiple votes to make the temporary set-up permanent in Dundarave. Lots of reasons for this!!  
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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## Keep Dundarave Safe, Retailers & Restaurants Profitable

**Attention: Mayor Booth and the West Vancouver Council**

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**One way traffic and expanded dining space for the restaurants.**

This temporary solution needs to stay:

- The slowed traffic is **safe** for pedestrians, bikers and vehicles
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- The expanded dining space **gives diners more options to socialize**
- The expanded dining space **supports local small business owners and promotes our local economy to thrive**

**Please consider making this temporary solution permanent!**

Name:

s.22(1)

Address:

West Vancouver

s.22(1)

Email:

Signature:

**Submit to:**

Mayor and Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 17th Street  
West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3  
MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca

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Name

Address

Email:

Signature:

Submit to:

Mayor and

District of

750 17th Street

West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3

MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca

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Name: [REDACTED] s.22(1)

Address: [REDACTED] s.22(1) Surrey, BC

Email: [REDACTED] s.22(1)

Signature: [REDACTED]

### Submit to:

Mayor and Council  
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750 17th Street  
West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3  
MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca

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Address:

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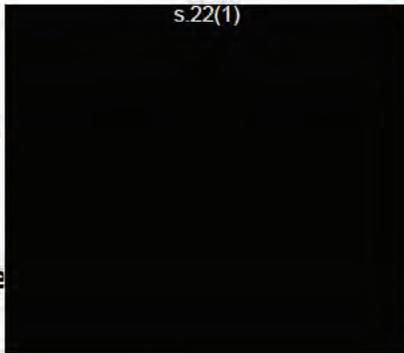
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**From:** judy c [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil; Mary-Ann Booth  
**Cc:** Bill Soprovich; Craig Cameron; Marcus Wong; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Robert Bartlett  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kelowna resuming in-person council meetings | News | pentictonherald.ca/ Arts Facility Survey/ Neighbourhood Character Working Group recommendations

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It is very disappointing that with almost a month's notice to prepare to open up the Council Chamber to in-person meetings, that the last Council meeting and Public Hearing before the August break ( July 26 and July 27) is still being held only electronically. I have included with this email my inquiry to Mark Panneton at Legislative Services, and his reply to me.

It is also surprising to me that the Council Agenda and Public Hearing have two extremely important issues that Council will be voting on, at the last meetings in July, when so many residents may be away on summer vacation now that travel has opened up after the Covid restrictions were changed.

These two issues on the agenda ; the consideration of approval of the Arts Facility Site Identification Analysis on the Council meeting agenda, and the Implementation of the Neighbourhood Character Working Group's recommendations on the Public Hearing agenda, will both directly affect and impact the residents of West Vancouver. It would be appropriate and respectful to wait until Council returns in September, and also because in-person meetings will resume, to discuss these two items.

The Covid 19 pandemic has placed many challenges for people wishing to stay engaged and be part of any community consultation, committee meetings, Council meetings and Public Hearings if they don't have access to a computer or mobile device.

Transitioning to virtual meetings at the beginning of the pandemic did allow for most to stay connected, but it could have been a hardship for some. I realize that this may not be an issue on a large scale, but it still is an issue for inclusiveness in our community.

One example I would like to give is regarding the site selection survey.... It was on-line only, when in the past anyone who didn't have a computer could pick up and return a paper copy at Municipal Hall. Another example could be those that can only attend and give their opinion in-person at a Council meeting because they do not have a computer.

I sincerely hope that you will consider moving the above two agenda items to September when people are home from vacations, have had more time to read the information, may wish to give their views to Council, and we

can once again meet in person. The pandemic delayed many things, a delay on these two extremely important issues should not be an inconvenience, and would certainly show the public that Council is willing to be flexible to engage the whole of the community.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Chalmers ( do not redact my name )

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark Panneton <mpanneton@westvancouver.ca>  
**Date:** July 15, 2021 at 11:38:30 AM PDT  
**To:** judy c s.22(1)  
**Subject:** RE: Kelowna resuming in-person council meetings | News | pentictionherald.ca

Good morning, Ms. Chalmers.

Thank you for your email. The District is working towards re-opening Municipal Hall to the public in September 2021. Prior to the announcement that the state of emergency was being repealed on July 1, all communications with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs suggested that the state of emergency would remain in effect until September 2021. Although the state of emergency has now been lifted, the District must first develop a COVID-19 safety plan that allows for members of the public to return to municipal hall in a manner that both protects them and staff. Development of this plan is ongoing, and staff anticipate that in-person Council meetings will return in September accordingly.

Sincerely,

-Mark

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From: judy c s. 22(1) >  
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 5:59 PM  
To: Mark Panneton <mpanneton@westvancouver.ca>  
Subject: Kelowna resuming in-person council meetings | News | pentictionherald.ca

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Good afternoon Mr. Panneton,

I am reading with interest that many municipalities are returning now to in-person Council meetings.

Would you please advise why the District of West Vancouver is not?

Thank you very much, and I look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,

Judy Chalmers

[https://www.pentictonherald.ca/news/article\\_b64564fe-e34d-11eb-9883-1fb50fd5b131.html](https://www.pentictonherald.ca/news/article_b64564fe-e34d-11eb-9883-1fb50fd5b131.html)

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**From:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P.  
**Subject:** Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Call for Applications for Stream 1 of the Canada Digital Adoption Program  
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from MP Weiler regarding the call for applications for stream 1 of the Canada Digital Adoption Program.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hemmat  
Office of Patrick Weiler  
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*Patrick Weiler*

Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

July 16, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

This week, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, **announced the launch of a call for applications for the [Canada Digital Adoption Program's \(CDAP\) first stream, Grow Your Business Online](#)**. Announced in Budget 2021, the CDAP is an investment of \$4 billion and will be comprised of two streams, with stream 2, Boost Your Business Tech, also including \$2.6 billion in zero-interest loans to help Canadian businesses adopt new technologies.

The first stream will award funding of up to \$336.8 million to not-for-profit organizations to support small businesses as they adopt digital technologies such as digital storefronts and e-commerce platforms, and expand their digital presence.

The call for applications for the first stream targets organizations with expertise and experience in helping local and regional businesses adopt digital technologies as well as experience in working with educational systems. The latter experience includes recruiting, training and mentoring students who will support small businesses as part of the CDAP as they bring their products and services online. **More details can be found on the [Grow Your Business Online](#) page.**

The Grow Your Business Online stream is targeted at customer-facing businesses such as small-scale retail and service operations that have not made significant investments in digital technologies and are looking to reach more customers online by digitizing their businesses. These businesses are eligible for microgrants of up to \$2,400 to adopt e-commerce capabilities and increase their digital presence. This stream will also support up to 11,200 jobs for students who would act as digital advisors to small businesses.

**The call for applications closes on August 6, 2021 at 5:59 p.m. PT.**

More information on the CDAP's second stream, Boost Your Business Tech, as well as more details for small businesses and students, will be available in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We stand ready to support your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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July 20, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Infrastructure failures from natural hazards and extreme weather events can result in threats to health and safety, interruptions in essential services, significant disruptions in economic activity, and high costs for recovery and replacement.

An increasing number of Canadian communities have experienced significant weather-related disasters triggered by climate change, impacts our region knows all too well. The Government of Canada is making important investments to construct, rehabilitate and expand critical public infrastructure susceptible to these risks.

Today, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, **launched a new intake for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)**. Communities across Canada are invited to submit projects that will protect and strengthen their communities by increasing their resilience to the socio-economic, cultural and environmental impacts of natural hazards and extreme weather events when considering current and potential future climate change impacts.

The Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund [received an additional \\$1.375 billion in Budget 2021](#) to support projects such as wildfire mitigation activities, rehabilitation of storm water systems, and restoration of wetlands and shorelines. Under this program, \$670 million is being dedicated to new, small-scale projects between \$1 million and \$20 million in total eligible costs. The remaining funding envelope is allocated to large-scale projects above \$20 million in total eligible costs. In addition, a minimum of \$138 million of the total funding envelope is being dedicated to Indigenous recipients. Together, this funding will help small, rural, remote, northern, and Indigenous communities adapt to climate change impacts.

Through DMAF, the Government of Canada is making sure Canadian communities are better able to withstand damage caused by climate change and extreme weather events. These investments help keep Canadians safe, protect local businesses, and support strong local economies.

**The DMAF program will be open on July 20, 2021 to accept applications for the Large-Scale and Small-Scale Project Stream.** All eligible applicants have the option of submitting their completed applications forms by the specified submission deadlines as follows:

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**Large-scale project stream**

Projects with Total Eligible Costs of \$20 million and above

- Applications are open on **July 20, 2021**.
- **First assessment period:** Applications are closed on **October 15, 2021** at **7:00 PM EST**.
- **Second assessment period:** Applications are closed on **July 20, 2022** at **7:00 PM EST**.

**Small-scale project stream**

Projects with Total Eligible Costs between \$1 million and \$20 million

- Applications are open on **July 20, 2021**.
- **First assessment period:** Applications are closed on **November 15, 2021** at **7:00 PM EST**.
- **Second assessment period:** Applications are closed on **July 20, 2022** at **7:00 PM EST**.

**For more information and to apply for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, [please visit this webpage](#).** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We stand ready to assist your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,



Patrick Weiler, MP  
*West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country*

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**From:** Heather Keith  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** Jim Bailey; Mayor and Council; [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** FW: Council correspondence - week ending July 14, 2021

Dear Ms. Jones,

Thank you for your inquiry. It is great to hear your feedback on the effectiveness of these types of materials that the District sends out to residents. For your information, staff anticipate the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan in 2021/2022, which we expect to include a public engagement piece as well as the preparation of materials to educate the public on tree management. Therefore, it is useful to receive this feedback around communication tools that are effective.

Following the completion of the plan, staff could follow up with members of the Urban Tree Alliance to discuss the development of education materials for the public and would be happy to work with you on this initiative.

Best Regards,  
Heather

**Heather Keith**, M.Sc., R.P.Bio  
Manager, Environmental Protection | District of West Vancouver  
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**From:** Lucinda Jones [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 10:25 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Typo correction re. REPLY REQUESTED - Re. District-wide Ecological Education

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 Councillors:  
 Sharon Thompson, Nora Gambioli, Marcus Wong  
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 District of West Vancouver

Dear Mayor Booth and Councillors,

Kindly take note of the typo correction in relation to the date of my oral presentation:

" Transcript of spoken words, by telephone, to Council on Monday evening July 12, **2021**, not 2012 - "

With thanks,

Lucinda Jones  
 Director Urban Tree Alliance

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

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**From:** Lucinda Jones [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM  
**Subject:** REPLY REQUESTED - Re. District-wide Ecological Education  
**To:** MayorandCouncil <MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Mayor Mary-Ann Booth  
 Councillors:  
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 Bill Soprovich, Craig Cameron, Peter Lambur  
 District of West Vancouver

Dear Mayor Booth and Councillors,

Transcript of spoken words, by telephone, to Council on Monday evening July 12, 2012 -

" I would like to acknowledge and compliment the District for the attractive 'grass watering advisory' postcard, which I imagine has been received by all those who could potentially have a lawn to care for.

This tool, I am sure, is a very effective means by which to educate residents - the layout is fresh and appealing and it is able to be read most efficiently.

And so I believe a replication of this same format could be used to educate beyond lawn watering, and illuminate the expansive world of trees we are so fortunate to live within: their intrinsic value as well as the natural services they provide to this community, to the Lower Mainland, to the globe; as well this responsible action of the District would outline the fundamental need to protect trees and their habitat, including their interdependent, vital waterways; reference to the governance provided by way of the tree bylaw, would clarify the objective of a secure co-existence between trees, humankind and other precious species.

**The Urban Tree Alliance** refreshes our offer to assist in the creation of this by way of review, or alternatively we are pleased to participate in the drafting thereof.

If our previous offers have been interpreted that we ourselves would create, print and distribute this, I would like to clarify here that our intention is for the District to draw down, from perhaps the same departmental budget as the lawn watering advisory. The cost would be extended due to this distribution reaching the whole of the West Vancouver residential population, and the format being larger (say 7" X 11" - 17 X 27cm). Important to include in this communication are commercial enterprises, particularly of landscaping, tree removal, real estate, land development and architectural focus.

As confirmed by Mary Gamel, who is one of the Urban Tree Alliance Directors and a member of the former Interim Tree Bylaw Working Group, education was a major theme of that working group and to this end it was one of the recommendations made by the ITBWG and which is understood as adopted by staff. "

**Kindly advise at your early convenience to which staff member(s) this communication should be directed.**

Sincerely,

Lucinda Jones  
Director Urban Tree Alliance

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**From:** Sheryl LeBlanc  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Noise Disturbance- Field Use Pauline Johnson

Good afternoon [REDACTED] s. 22(1),

I am sorry to hear about the ongoing noise disruptions you have experienced from the Pauline Johnson sports field and adjacent parking lot. I looked into the details of the file initiated from your phone call on [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and spoken to the staff on duty at that time. Unfortunately, we had an unanticipated absence that evening, which meant we did not have an officer who could attend the site at the time of your phone call around 7 p.m.

If a bylaw officer determines that there is a need for assistance when responding to large groups of people or if it is suspected that the group of people are consuming alcohol or appear to be intoxicated, it is standard procedure for us to reach out to the West Vancouver Police Department directly and coordinate their attendance. Bylaw officers will use their discretion when responding to these types of complaints, and public safety is always our top concern.

As we were not fully staffed at the time of your call on [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and the officer who took your phone call was ending their shift, they suggested contacting the West Vancouver Police Department Non emergency line for response. Matters of public indecency (urinating in public, intoxication, etc.) should be directly reported to the WVPD non-emergency line at 604-925-7300.

Please continue to report bylaw contraventions to our department, and we will assess the next steps as to whether or not support is needed from external agencies such as the WVPD. In the meantime, we will reach out directly to the slo-pitch league advising them of the ongoing concerns and requesting their voluntary compliance with our bylaws.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

**Sheryl LeBlanc**  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 1:08 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Complaint about lack of response to rowdy behaviour in Pauline Johnson Field

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To Mayor Mary-Ann Booth and Council

**From:** s. 22(1) (Do not publish publicly please)  
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s.22(1) both Pauline Johnson Sports Field on 22nd Street, and the parking lot behind the District School Board on 21st Street.

Between 2015 and 2019 s.22(1) complained to the police and bylaw departments about the rowdy, beer-drinking behaviour of several softball teams who play nightly with the Slopitch League of West Vancouver between April and July of each year.

Some players bring dogs who bark, often for the duration of the game; some players use the hedge and behind the District school building as a public bathroom.

Then kids at school and summer camp play in th hedge the next day.

Disease concerns?

s.22(1) complained to the Slopitch League in 2019, and the behaviour improved.

Yet the same drinking and rowdy behaviour occurs again in June and July 2021. s.22(1), and observed what we assume to be beer drinking for hours during the game, and then more drinking and vaping by about 10 players after the game around 21:30, players who had moved chairs and coolers next to the playground and school yard. One player in the group s. 22(1) shouted constantly as he sat on the grass, tried to get up, and then finally reeled across the field toward the parking lot. Fortunately he got into the passenger side of the car.

s.22(1) called the Bylaw Department around 7pm to inform them of the drinking. The agent who answered the phone said they were short-handed and shutting down early. Then on the morning s.22(1) the bylaw office called and said next time we should call the police who could better handle a "large group."

How large a group is bylaw talking about? Do we have to count the number of people breaking bylaws before deciding to call either bylaw officers or police?

Why can't the bylaw office call police to respond if the group is too large?

Why do they "close early" instead of responding to our call, or notifying police of a problem?

Why can't bylaw officers enforce existing West Vancouver bylaws about drinking in a sports field, vaping in a sports field, dogs on a sports field?

Why after years of complaining still no police car patrols in the area? Or why no community police officers who walk the area? Why no law enforcement, period?

We are frustrated at constantly trying to have laws enforced, so we can have some peace [REDACTED] s.22(1) .  
What are the problems for not enforcing the law/?

Is it a lack of resources? Is it a lack of communication between departments? Is it a lack of proper structuring of departments to meet needs and demands of residents? Is it a lack of knowledge of receptionists who answer our calls in the bylaw department or the police department?

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) , we are tired from the noise as we try to enjoy evenings [REDACTED] s.22(1) where the noise carries to the extent that even in the heat we have to close [REDACTED] s.22(1) door and windows.

We would like answers and action.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)