

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JANUARY 10, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) January 2, 2024, regarding “FW: Traffic concerns 1500 Block of Kings”**
- (2) January 7, 2024, regarding “Rental zone Only”**
- (3) January 9, 2024, regarding “CBC News : As weather-related disasters mount, some Canadian homeowners can’t get insurance coverage”**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:25 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: FW: Traffic concerns 1500 Block of Kings
Attachments: Kings Ave.pdf

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Hello all and Happy New Year.

I wanted to send you all a note of thanks for listening to the concerns of residents of the 1500 block of Kings Ave. and by blocking off the access to 17th Ave (and to the WV Place for Sports construction project.)

While we understand that this is only a temporary measure, we are hoping that a more permanent traffic/parking solution can be arrived at before the construction project is complete. While parents are still using the end of Kings for drop off and pick up, traffic seems to be down quite a bit. We appreciate the 2 community information sessions that were also held.

Thanks again.

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West Van s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 4:05 PM
To: correspondence@westvancouver.ca; mark@westvancouver.ca; ccassidy@westvancouver.ca; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; plambur@westvancouver.ca; ssnider@westvancouver.ca; sthompson@westvancouver.ca; lwatt@westvancouver.ca
Subject: Traffic concerns 1500 Block of Kings

Dear Mayor and Council,
Please see the attached letter regarding traffic concerns in the 1500 Block of Kings.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

To: Mayor and Council

Cc: 1500 Block Kings Ave s.22(1)

Subject: Traffic concern – 1500 block of Kings Avenue – West Vancouver

Dear Mayor Sager and Councilors,

I am writing to express my concerns about the 1500 Block of Kings Avenue. As you may know, s. 22(1) is open to 17th Avenue. 17th (North of Inglewood) is the main entrance to West Vancouver Secondary School, and the large parking lots for the school, the fields, and Kay Meek Arts Center.

I would describe s. 22(1) as a side road – it is narrow (under 20 feet wide), with cars parked on the south side (and sometimes on the north side). Taking into account parked cars, Kings Ave has about 12 to 13 feet of width for cars to travel on. It's a one-lane street and certainly not designed for significant street traffic or as a main roadway to the school. There are obvious safety issues for neighbors, their children and pets.

During before and after school hours, s. 22(1) is used by parents, students, and staff to access the school drop-off and parking lots. It's a shortcut to using the main entrance to 17th off Inglewood. It is used as an access and egress to 17th Avenue (even though there is a no-entry sign on 17th). During these school hours, it makes trying to get out s. 22(1) difficult; furthermore, many of the cars drive fast down the street (likely as they are late for drop off).

We believe this issue is only going to get worse with the construction of the West Vancouver Place for Sport. Our fear is that dump trucks and other heavy equipment will find a way to use Kings Avenue to get to the job site. Once complete, users of the Place For Sport could use s. 22(1) to access the facility and/or use our street for parking (which is already tight).

Common Sense Recommendation

1. Block off Kings at 17th (even with removable bollards if you want to retain access for emergency vehicles)
2. Signage at 15th and Kings that road has no exit and for local traffic only
3. Move the No Parking Sign on the north-west side of Kings (near 17th) further east to allow residents a way to turn their cars around.

As mentioned, this is currently an issue and one that will only get worse with the construction of the Place for Sports.

I understand that you may need to study the issue; so as an interim step, for safety reasons, I would suggest the following happen ASAP:

- Move the school zone signage and speed zone back to the 15th and Kings. It was recently moved to 17th.
- Add speed bumps to Kings to force people to slow down
- Move the No Parking Sign on the north side of Kings (near 17th) further east to allow residents a way to turn their cars around.

I am happy to discuss this further with you.

Regards,

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:24 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Rental zone Only

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Dear Madam or Sir,

In view of the West Vancouver Council decision of November 27th to reject the passing of the above bylaw, I would like to express some points in favour of this bylaw.

First, a little background. We have lived in this community for s.22(1) and have been taxpayers s.22(1) those years. We now live in one of the rental buildings covered under the Rental Zone Only bylaw.

The rental only building we live in is a community of elders, empty nesters and young families. Some have lived in this building for over 40 years. We live, work and shop in this community, use the services of the library, community centres, parks and other services. We have paid taxes in the past, and still pay taxes indirectly through our landlord and through the mom and pop business we support in this community.

Rental stock in West Vancouver, and Greater Vancouver, in general, is scarce and is already at a premium, and for many unaffordable. Alternative housing for many is being pushed out beyond the fringes of our community. Next to disappear will be the many local businesses we support.

We and many others like us want to stay in this community and not be driven out by the conversion of our building to condos. Unless there is legislation to prevent these 30 older rentals buildings to be torn down, displacing residents and replaced by condos, we are helpless. Here's where you come in, as it is within your power to prevent the displacement of your community of residents.

What is in our power is the franchise to vote, and we will remember those who did and did not support this Rental Zone Only Bylaw.

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:10 PM
To: Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: CBC News : As weather-related disasters mount, some Canadian homeowners can't get insurance coverage

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/insurance-extreme-weather-1.7078544>

I thought you'd be interested in the cost effective proactive options for governments described here.

Warmly,

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