

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JULY 5, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)**

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2023 12:54 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Cats out of control

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Dear Mayor and Council Members

According to experts many wild bird species are considered threatened and at risk and steeply declining in numbers.

According to the SPCA, each year in North American, "Hundreds of Millions" of wild birds and small mammals are killed by domestic and feral cats.

We don't have a big feral cat population in West Vancouver but we do have, according to the chat group next-door, an incredible amount of pet cats wandering around lost or found in people's yards.

Many, one must presume, just let out to their own devises (which means to hunt).

Other jurisdictions have taken steps and enacted bi laws to avoid the slaughter of wild bird populations. But for some reason WV has not.

I have written to council about this topic in the past and it was suggested by some council members that a bylaw "wouldn't be popular" that I "talk to my neighbours " about this issue.

I don't know most of who's cat are in my garden but I do see cats hunting in my garden.

My neighbours who I've talked to about this issue say they also see cats hunting in their gardens.

I have seen dead hummingbirds and other birds as well as dead Alligator lizards and one's with their tails missing.

I have gotten close enough to one cat that keeps coming back and actually held it's tag and made a note of the phone number and called and left voice mails and no one ever called back.

I have e mailed two nearby neighbours who's cats come in my garden, and sent e mails suggesting cat collars,

One neighbour makes an effort to keep the cats in and the other one clearly isn't interested in hearting from me because maybe in their mind they are not breaking any bi laws.

What else can i do? I want to be on good terms with my neighbours.

Would it not make sense to pass bylaw which states cats (as with dogs) are not allowed to run at large?

I'm sorry if this is not a popular topic and cat owners don't want to be restricted, but dog owners have to accept the law and by having a law it makes what is acceptable and what is not, clear.

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**From:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
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To the Head of Transportation

I am planning to make a presentation to the Mayor and Council of West Vancouver. Their assistant suggested that I talk to you first. I am introducing Autonomous Traffic Safety to cities on the West Coast. It is free and easy to use. It uses portable traffic cameras which you already own and then captures traffic sign compliance rates, which can be easily posted online. This should give the public some feedback on their behavior and improve the city. In June 2019, the Mayor of Victoria asked her staff to design, build and install some with reader boards around town, at my suggestion. The pandemic shut this project down. The Mayor of Sacramento loved the idea of Autonomous Traffic Safety, when I made a presentation in 2022. The Mayor of Surrey loved the idea of Autonomous Traffic Safety in 2022 and asked her senior engineers to meet with me and they promised to design, build and install reader boards connected to devices, to capture compliance rates and put some around town..

When I contacted the Mayor of Richmond BC in 2023, he asked me to talk to his Director of Transportation. Mr Lloyd Bie carefully explained that the public is not on board. He has been doing this for years. So now I am interested in his idea of portable traffic cameras. Less distraction.

Could I please have a meeting to discuss this with your senior staff, before I go to meet with the Mayor and Council?

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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Your Worship,

The single largest source of air pollution in West Vancouver is located at the BC Ferry Corporation terminal in Horseshoe Bay.

The Ferry Corporation has committed to replacing and upgrading its fleet's power plants to reduce noxious emissions on some of the Corporation's ferry routes. But not on the routes that regularly sail from and to the Corporation's terminal at Horseshoe Bay.

Corporation has adamantly refused to up grade the ferry power plants on those routes connecting Horseshoe Bay with Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and Bowen Island. Perhaps we are supposed to patiently endure the pollutant load that the ferry operations spread in this community. But, it is at times such as today when the wind is from the north and the exhaust fumes form the ferries sit close to the ground, that the ferry operations become obnoxious and the air poisonous.

If government can chastise us for emitting green-house gases from our home furnances, and our motor cars, then should not the government also abide by the aphorism, "Doctor, first cure thyself"?

Well, it never hurts to ask, though we have no expectation of an answer from Victoria.

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# JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am wishing you a very Happy Canada Day tomorrow, as we celebrate everything that we love about our great country and strive to create a more just and prosperous society for all Canadians. I'm looking forward to taking part in a citizenship ceremony in West Vancouver, meeting with new Canadians, and talking about the important values that underscore how lucky we all are to call this country home. Later on in this newsletter, we will have a short summary of the events that are happening tomorrow.



The end of June wraps up the spring parliamentary session until we reconvene on September 18th. After consistent sittings in the House of Commons for many weeks now, we were able to pass 15 key pieces of legislation (in the last 15 weeks) before breaking for the summer. These include the passage of Budget 2023 and the Budget Implementation Act, a modernized Canadian Environmental Protection Act, the creation of a Federal Beneficial Ownership Registry, a new Canada Disability Benefit and much more. Take a read below to learn about how this legislation will benefit you, your loved ones, and Canadians across the country.



Important national programs were launched this month including [Canada's National Adaptation Strategy](#), which is Canada's comprehensive strategy to work with all orders of government and society to adapt our country to a rapidly changing climate. Last week, we launched the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan](#), a

roadmap that Canada will follow to align our law and policies with the objectives of the UN Declaration.

While in the riding this June, I had the opportunity to welcome MP Rob Oliphant, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to visit West Vancouver for Community Days. It was also a pleasure to join the Squamish's Sikh community this month to take part in the 16th annual Sikh Parade and celebration of the Fifth Guru. It was a wonderful day of sharing food, knowledge, values, and culture. I also joined former MP John Weston, local Olympic Gold medalist Madison Mailey and others to take part in the annual Ride for Rotary fundraiser for North Shore Search and Rescue.

The [Whyte Lake forest fire](#) is a reminder that forest fire season is upon us, and in fact Canada is having its worst wildfire season of any year in history and it is only June. I am extremely grateful for our first responders that have been fighting fires across Canada, and that were able to swiftly bring the Whyte Lake fire under control. I ask that everyone be mindful of the threat of forest fires and follow local guidance to prevent human caused fires from occurring.

I hope that you had a happy Pride Month, and as well as took some time to learn about Indigenous History Month in June. Check out my explainer [here](#).

Stay tuned for Meet Your MP events and townhalls we'll be hosting across the riding. I'm looking forward to connecting with you over the next couple of months. As always, if you ever want to chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.



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## Parliamentary Updates

### Bill S-5: Modernization of CEPA

On June 13th, Bill S-5, the updated Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), received Royal Assent. This marks one of the most significant advancements in Canadian environmental law. Bill S-5 recognizes a right to a healthy environment and also mandates the federal government to safeguard this right and uphold associated principles, including environmental justice, non-regression, and intergenerational equity.

Within two years from the enactment of the amendments, Ministers are required to establish an implementation framework, outlining the approach for incorporating this law into the administration of the Act. This updated version of CEPA also includes my amendment to ensure a "right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment." Bill S-5 also included the following amendments:

- Requiring the government to create a fresh strategy for prioritizing continuous risk assessments of chemicals, including specific timelines,
- a strategy to decrease reliance on animal testing,
- the implementation of informative labeling to provide valuable information to the public, and

- consideration of cumulative effects of toxic substances and on vulnerable populations.

Read more about this landmark legislation in [my interview with Pique Newsmagazine](#).



*With Parliamentary Secretary Adam van Koeverden, Senator Stan Kutcher, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault and Parliamentary Secretary Terry Duguid*

## **Federal Beneficial Ownership Registry**

Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Canada Business Corporations Act and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts, completed its Third Reading in the House on June 22nd and was sent over to the Senate. Bill C-42 will implement a public and searchable beneficial ownership registry of corporations governed under the Canada Business Corporations Act. Creating a public and searchable registry will increase the transparency of beneficial owners of federally regulated Canadian corporations, thereby increasing corporate accountability and the capacity of the government to combat money laundering, tax fraud, financing of terrorist activities and other financial crime.

The implementation of the Beneficial Ownership Data standard will require corporations to disclose information regarding individuals who possess substantial ownership shares and control in said corporations. This requirement will empower law enforcement agencies, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), banks, journalists, and the public to accurately determine the actual owners of any given corporation. Consequently, this measure will aid in preventing criminals from utilizing anonymous numbered corporations as a means of concealing their identities.



On June 16th, in my remarks in the House of Commons about Bill C-42 (watch below), I highlighted the maximum penalties for those found to have failed to comply with the legislation, with fines now up to \$1 million. This, I argued, will ensure that there is a sufficient deterrent effect for individuals frustrating the important purpose of the legislation. Bill C-42 is now being considered by the Senate after passing through the House of Commons unanimously.



## Passage of the Canada Disability Benefit

Of the 6.2 million persons living with [disabilities](#) in Canada, 23% live in poverty. That is why we introduced Bill C-22, An Act to reduce poverty and to support the financial security of persons with disabilities by establishing the Canada disability benefit and making a consequential amendment to the Income Tax Act, which received royal assent on June 22nd. This groundbreaking legislation establishes the foundation for the development and implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), a new support system for working-age individuals with disabilities in Canada. The CDB will complement existing federal and provincial/territorial disability assistance programs.

It signifies a vital commitment and forms the cornerstone of the government's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), which was first introduced in the 2020 Speech from the Throne. The DIAP is a grand strategy aimed at promoting inclusivity for individuals with disabilities and acknowledges the broader societal benefits of disability inclusion. The plan will continuously develop, aiming to implement government-wide initiatives and targeted investments to bring about enduring and positive transformations.

## Bill C-18: Online News Act

A free and independent press is essential to our democracy. With social media, many of us now see a lot of our news coming up on digital platforms. Bill C-18 seeks to make these platforms, including Google and Facebook, actually pay the news publishers for the content that is posted to their sites, as well as negotiating fair compensation without government intervention. Critically, it includes protections to preserve our independent press. In the last decade, we have seen the number of news outlets in Canada plummet - 474 have closed

since 2008 and one-third of Canadian journalism jobs have disappeared in the same time. It is vital that independent journalism is supported across the country, and C-18 will help do just that with social media platforms from now on needing to compensate Canadian news businesses fairly.

This law was modeled after Australia introduced a similar law and, according to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, more than \$190 million has been paid to Australian media companies already since the law was enacted. While C-18 has received Royal Assent, it will take about six months for it to come into force, and we look forward to working with all partners to make sure this legislation meets the goals we have set out.

## **Bill C-35: Early Learning and Child Care**

Bill C-35: An Act Respecting Early Learning and Childcare, commits the federal government to supporting and collaborating with provinces, territories and Indigenous Peoples to both build and maintain access to an affordable, inclusive and high-quality early learning and child-care system, with primarily not-for-profit care. It includes long-term funding plans, a National Advisory Council and a Reporting system.

The existing investment of \$30 billion over five years to build a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System has already delivered real results for families from coast to coast to coast, by reducing child care fees in every single province and territory. By March 2026, our goal is for child-care fees to be regulated and be set to an average of \$10 a day. We are committed to building a system so that all families can access high-quality care, and this bill enshrines these principles into law so that kids will get the best possible start in life.

## **Budget 2023: Affordability + Healthcare Delivery + Investment in the Energy Transition**

We introduced Budget 2023 on March 28th and on June 8th, by a vote of 177 to 146, the Budget Implementation Act passed in the House. Measures in this legislation include:

# What the Budget Implementation Act mean for Canadians:

- **We're cracking down on house flipping** to keep homes more affordable for Canadians.
  - **We're making education more affordable** by increasing the withdrawal limit for RESPs.
  - **We're investing in skilled tradespeople** by doubling the Tradesperson's Tools Deduction from \$500 to \$1,000.
  - We're expanding the Canada Workers Benefit — **putting up to \$2,616 back in the pockets of a low-income family.**
  - We're taking the next steps towards **making the Canadian Dental Care Plan a reality.**
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- The grocery rebate provides targeted inflation relief for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families. The grocery rebate provides targeted inflation relief for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families.
  - Automatic tax-filing for low-income Canadians will ensure that those who need it will receive the benefits they are entitled to, including the Canada Child Benefit, the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), and Old Age Security (OAS). If you are unsure if you qualify for these or need help with CRA, please contact my office and we can help you out.
  - For young people, we have launched the new Tax-Free First Home Savings Account as well as removing interest for Canada Student Loans. This will save the average borrower \$520 a year, based on current interest rates.
  - \$198.3 billion in order to reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services and ensure that provinces and territories - who are responsible for delivering health care - provide the quality and timely health care that Canadians expect and deserve.
  - The new Canadian Dental Care Plan will be implemented by the end of this year and benefit up to 9 million Canadians, providing dental coverage for uninsured Canadians

with an annual family income of less than \$90,000 a year and no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000.

- \$357 million to tackle the opioid crisis and save lives, while protecting the health of those suffering from substance abuse.
- \$80 billion to accelerate the transition to the clean and green economy of the future, to not only fight climate change, but also create new opportunities for Canadian business and workers. This includes measures such as new clean electricity projects, major battery manufacturing, and clean energy projects, and targeted tax credits and investments in renewable energy, zero emissions manufacturing, and clean hydrogen.

## **Legislation to Support Canada's Official Languages**

Bill C-13: An Act for the Substantive Equality of Canada's Official Languages, updates the Official Languages Act, which had not undergone substantial reform for over three decades, and amends several federal laws, including the Official Languages Act—establishing new rights for French-speaking communities nationwide. The Bill received Royal Assent on June 20th.

The proposed changes would mark the inclusion of immigration in the Official Languages Act for the first time. It acknowledges the significance of immigration for the vitality of francophone minority communities outside Quebec. This [inclusion](#) would contribute to enhancing French-language childcare, education, and healthcare services throughout Canada, addressing the shortage of bilingual workers that affects various programs in these sectors.

## **Modernizing the First Nations Fiscal Management Act**

Reconciliation includes economic self-sufficiency by Indigenous communities across Canada. Under the First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA), First Nations have the option and authority to pass by-laws related to elements such as financial administration laws, local revenues and financing for infrastructure and economic development outside of the Indian Act. Bill C-45: An Act to amend the First Nations Fiscal Management Act implements new amendments that are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as well as the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Call to Action 44.

One critical element of the new amendments includes the creation of the First Nations Infrastructure Institute, which is an Indigenous-led initiative which will support Indigenous communities to plan, procure, own and manage their infrastructure assets on their lands.

These amendments are critical to reconciliation, economic self-sufficiency for Indigenous communities and aims to move to a nation-to-nation relationship and away from existing paternal ones, such as the Indian Act.

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## **Updates from the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee (ENVI)**



## ENVI Fossil Fuels Study

On June 20th, we presented our [9th report](#) on subsidies for fossil fuels at the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. According to the study, the Government of Canada “has been gradually eliminating certain fossil fuel subsidies for more than 15 years, but still offers a number of supports for the fossil fuel industry—which many witnesses consider to be subsidies.

Workers and communities are among those who will need to be consulted in the process of a transition away from those subsidies, and the impacts of public spending on the economy must be considered carefully.”

The report also highlighted several areas where Ottawa can explore potential options and consider implementing reforms. These changes will help fulfill our obligations to phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies and public financing for the fossil fuel industry by the end of 2023.

## Updates from the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee (INAN)



In Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee (INAN) we have been working on a land restitution/land back study. So far, we have heard from 16 witnesses about the topic of restituting land to Indigenous peoples, the efficacy and suitability of existing processes, and to better understand where the Government of Canada should go from here. If you are interested in reading more or watching INAN committee, [click here](#).

We also reviewed and approved new legislation to modernize the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, and to implement the self-government treaty for the Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Wapaha Ska Dakota Oyate/Whitecap Dakota First Nation from Saskatchewan is the latest Nation to obtain self-government status after ten years of negotiations. This allows them to move away from the Indian Act, expanding their independence and self-governance abilities. Among other things, it will ensure that they manage their natural resources, cultural matters, membership, language revitalization, education, financial management as well as social and health services. This is a strong step forward to Indigenous self-governance in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

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## **Community Updates: West Vancouver & Bowen Island**



On June 3rd, I was joined by Parliamentary Secretary of Foreign Affairs Rob Oliphant in West Vancouver. We had a couple of meetings with Iranian-Canadian families who have been impacted by the heinous actions of the Iranian regime. As always, it is powerful to hear directly from community figures and we remain committed to holding the Iranian regime accountable for their actions and helping Iranians as they fight for their human rights.

Later that day, we joined Mayor Mark Sager to tour the West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival. It was great to see the rich display of multiculturalism that West Vancouver has to offer, and meet with individuals and organizations that are proudly sharing that in our community.





The next week on June 10th, I joined former Member of Parliament John Weston and others at the annual Ride for Rotary! It was a rainy ride this year, which was very typical of BC, but was lots of fun nonetheless. This year we supported the North Shore Search and Rescue who provide immeasurable services to the community. We're over three quarters to the \$100k goal, with \$77,901 raised. Thank you to Kathy and the West Vancouver Rotary Club for organizing!

Apart from community events, I also took the time while I was home to meet with constituents to speak on a number of important issues and priorities. If you would like to meet with me, please get in touch with my office. I'd love to hear from you!

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## **Community Updates: Sunshine Coast**



I've had the great pleasure of attending the Sunshine Coast Canada Day celebrations over the last two years and although I will be in West Vancouver this year, I want to wish the Sunshine Coast community a very Happy Canada Day, filled with amazing activities and events. I also want to acknowledge the wonderful team and volunteers who organize Syiyaya Days. The range of activities from June 21-July 1 are incredible and the theme this year, "Every Child Has It in Them to Shine", is a powerful message of hope.

I wish to share my sincere best wishes to hiwus Lenora Joe and Councillors Philip Paul, Rochelle Jones, Raquel Joe and Shain Jackson for earning the privilege and the responsibility of leading the shishalh nation. I am looking forward to working with this leadership team in the spirit of collaboration to improve the lives of shishalh nation members, to promote shishalh language and culture, deliver on the priorities that the shishalh nation has and otherwise advance on the hard work of reconciliation. I also want to give a special acknowledgement to Councillor Philip Paul for the honour of receiving his traditional name xwa?.

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## Community Updates: Sea to Sky





Earlier this month, I had an amazing time participating in the 16th annual Nagar Kirtan organized by the Squamish Sikh Society to commemorate the martyrdom of the Fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji. I was able to tour the gurdwara (Sikh temple) with Constable Gary Sidhu, who then took me for a drive in his car leading the parade. It was great to be able to connect with the community, learn more about Sikhism and enjoy some delicious food.

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**Happy Pride Season!**



Happy Pride Season! This is a time to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in BC, in Canada and around the world. We will always celebrate love, equality and diversity. At a time of heightened hatred towards this resilient community, we reaffirm our commitment to our values of inclusivity.

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**Happy Indigenous History Month!**





June marks Indigenous History Month! I encourage you to use this time to learn about the diversity, history, cultures, languages and resilience of Indigenous communities across Canada!

More information and resources: [linktr.ee/Patrickweiler](https://linktr.ee/Patrickweiler)

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## Eid al-Adha Mubarak!

On June 28th Muslims in Canada and around the world celebrate Eid al-Adha, marking the end of the holy pilgrimage, Hajj. As you gathered with your community in prayer, to share meals and give charity, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous Eid! Eid Mubarak!

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**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Re: the sea wall walk and our piers

Dear Graham McIsaac,

Thank you for your email to Mayor and Council regarding the Ambleside and Dundarave piers and garden beds located along the Seawalk. Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

Parks staff have a trim and general clean up of the garden beds along the Centennial Seawalk scheduled for the second week in July. Maintenance of the Seawalk and dog walk areas are scheduled several times a year.

Please be advised that repairs are underway for the Ambleside and Dundarave piers and are anticipated to be complete early this fall. There was significant damage to the piers due to the January 2022 storm and structural and electrical assessments were required. An insurance claim was processed for this damage. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through the necessary steps and processes involved in such a project. Information and future updates can be found here: <https://westvancouver.ca/news/repairing-ambleside-and-dundarave-piers>.

Thank you for sharing your comments. I hope that the above-noted information is helpful. Please feel free to reach out directly if I can be of assistance.

Regards,

Jill

**Jill Lawlor** (she, her, hers)  
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

**From:** Graham McIsaac [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 7:22 PM  
**To:** Mark Sager; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Peter Lambur; lindawatt@westvancouver.ca; Christine Cassidy; correspondence  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Re the sea wall walk and our piers

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These are photos I took the other day of the weeds and out of control vegetation along our beautiful sea wall. This should be the pride of West Vancouver and is a great advert for our community as residents take visitors along this wonderful walk. I understand the challenges in keeping all our parks and gardens in top class shape- but surely our sea wall should be a priority? If gardens and borders in one of our prime walks is in such terrible shape- what does it say for the rest of our parks. Surely we can do better?

In addition it is now over two years ago two of our piers were damaged. They remain closed. Again these are prime and well used by our community and guests- should they not have been repaired as a priority? Again surely we can do better.?

Thanks in advance for reading and listening. I hope some action forthcoming.















Graham McIsaac  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1),  
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Please do not redact my name.

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**From:** Jessika Rahmberg  
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**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Response to Storage Lockers- [REDACTED] s. 22(1) West Vancouver

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

Please see the attached response to your letter to the District of West Vancouver's correspondence titled Storage Lockers- [REDACTED] s. 22(1), West Vancouver from Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, Jeremy Calder.

Thank you,

Jessika

Hello [REDACTED] s. 22(1),

Your correspondence to Mayor and Council dated June 26 regarding storage lockers has been referred to me for a response, in my role as Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

To provide clarification, the District has not introduced new bylaws related to parking garages. The British Columbia Fire Code does not allow parking garages to be used for storage of anything other than vehicles. This is supported by the Canada Fire Code and is not a new regulation.

The British Columbia Building Code has specific requirements for storage garages. It's important to note that storage rooms are a different occupancy classification than storage garages. Many multi-residential properties have separate storage rooms that comply with the British Columbia Building Code and the British Columbia Fire Code. Upon our most recent fire inspection of the storage garage [REDACTED] s.22(1), our Fire Inspector discovered that the installation of storage spaces within your storage garage is contrary to code and that this work was not completed with the necessary permits.

We realize it has come as a surprise to learn that your storage garages are both non-compliant with provincial regulations and pose a fire risk to your property. We empathize that some residents will incur costs to bring their storage garages into compliance, but this must be weighed against the potential liability that the strata may incur if compliance is not achieved. British Columbia Fire Code clearly provides that unless otherwise specified, "the owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Code."

West Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services is responsible for upholding the British Columbia Fire Services Act and the British Columbia Fire Code. The District of West Vancouver's Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021 provides for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings because municipal Fire Inspectors are required to ensure compliance with these provincial regulations (a multi-family residential building is classified as a hotel under the British Columbia Fire Code). This system of inspections and compliance enforcement is required by provincial regulations and therefore, not optional. This enforcement program is in place now because many West Vancouver strata have established the use of storage garages in contravention of the British Columbia Fire Code.

We recognize that many buildings have been using parking garages for storage for some time and will need time to make changes. That is why we have created a program that allows multi-family buildings until January 1, 2024 to remedy infractions. We continue to be committed to working with residents to assist them to become

compliant with provincial fire regulations and ensure that any new storage facilities comply with the British Columbia Fire Code and British Columbia Building Code. We will aim to help provide solutions in a manner that does not compromise egress and ingress, key components for fire safety. If you have additional questions about storage garage inspections please visit [westvancouver.ca/storage-garage-fire-inspection-guidelines](https://westvancouver.ca/storage-garage-fire-inspection-guidelines) or email us directly at [fireprevention@westvancouver.ca](mailto:fireprevention@westvancouver.ca).

I would also welcome the opportunity to visit [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and meet with residents, as I have done with other [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Buildings on my return to the office in August.

Regarding the Council's directives to staff on November 7, 2022, Fire Inspectors are respecting the Council's direction and addressing other fire inspections until an opportunity to report back on pausing inspections on storage has been provided. At this time we do not have a date when staff will be reporting back to Council.

Respectfully,  
Jeremy

**Jeremy Calder** (he, him, his)  
Assistant Chief | Fire Prevention  
West Vancouver Fire Rescue



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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 5:58 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Karin.Kirkpatrick.MLA@leg.bc.ca; s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Storage Lockers - s. 22(1) West Vancouver

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

We, the residents of s. 22(1), continue to be concerned regarding the proposed BC amendment to the Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163 2021. This subject has been a matter of discussion for some time but the recent decision by BC to remove all storage lockers in garages by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at multi-family residential buildings seems completely arbitrary in nature, centred on a one-size-fits-all basis and certainly not consistent with the needs of residents. Obviously, there is a substantial difference between residential buildings and their associated storage areas.

We at s. 22(1) are not aware of any increased fire risk arising from the storage lockers in our garages neither has any evidence been produced by any authority to show that this is the case.

s. 22(1) is a well-run and controlled community where the Strata Council and residents are acutely aware of the safety of its residents and property complying with all fire safety measures as outlined in the BC Fire Code and those of the Fire Chief. We have in place comprehensive systems and procedures regarding fire prevention which are assiduously applied through regular maintenance and effective communication with all residents.

The s. 22(1) Storage lockers in our garages, of which there s. 22(1) have been a feature since its inception. Storage lockers became necessary because of limited space within the buildings especially regarding such articles as sports equipment, summer deck-furnishings, tools, step ladders, etc. A further point to consider is that we are recommended by governments at all levels to keep fit, lead healthy lifestyles, and urge our young people to do the same. This all demands substantial amounts of expensive equipment which needs to be secured out of sight.

Could we respectfully ask for an update on where this subject stands following the November 7, 2022 West Vancouver Council directive to staff:

**“to prepare an amendment bylaw to repeal the current wording in the Fire Rescue Bylaw so that private storage garages in multi-family residential buildings can be used for the storage of vehicles and household materials. Council also directed staff to report back on the implications of the proposed amendment.**

**Council directed staff to pause enforcement of the storage usage of strata garages, with the exception of extenuating circumstances to be determined by the fire chief, until staff have had an opportunity to report back to Council”.**

Regards  
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**From:** Jessika Rahmberg  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2023 1:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s.22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Response to "Hwy 99 fire June 26 2023"

Hello Paul Hundal,

Please see the attached response to your letter to the District of West Vancouver's Correspondence titled "Hwy 99 fire June 26 2023" from Fire Chief Dave Clark.

Thank you very much,

Jessika

Hello Paul Hundal,

Thank you for your correspondence dated Tuesday, June 27, 2023. On behalf of West Vancouver Fire & Rescue, thank you for your positive comments as regards the response to the fire in the area of Whyte Lake. It has been a team effort, and we are extremely grateful to our partners in BC Wildfire Service, District of North Vancouver, and Metro Vancouver for their assistance.

As you are probably aware, the fire above Horseshoe Bay that was first reported around 1 p.m. on Monday, June 26 is now under control. Although the fire initially grew very quickly, since that time we have been very fortunate due to some key factors, namely:

1. The first officer on the scene was able to get water onto the fire immediately, slowing it's spread
2. Overnight, from Monday evening to Tuesday morning the area did not experience wind, which helped fire fighters hold the fire
3. Owing to the fact that it's still early in wildfire season in the region, we were able to get assistance and resources quickly, including water bombers and helicopters to drop fire retardant

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that was adopted in 2019 provides a framework to review and assess areas of moderate and high fire risk within the District. Our CWPP outlines 54 strategic recommendations to be utilized as a multi-faceted approach to improving safety and mitigating risks to the community from wildfires. This fulsome approach includes education, training, wildfire fuel management, FireSmart initiatives, and many more.

In closing, I would like to provide some clarification regarding the 2018 Whyte Lake fire that you also refer to in your correspondence. I can confirm that the fire was first reported on August 8, 2018, around 8 p.m. and our fire fighting crews were on-site immediately after those first reports. The fire fighters worked throughout the night battling the fire, and helicopters dumping water were assisting their efforts by the morning of August 9. Due to the time of year that this fire occurred, we were fortunate to receive the assistance we did so quickly, as resources are very limited during the peak of BC's wildfire season. I hope this clears up any misconceptions you may have had regarding the response and timing of the events of the 2018 wildfire.

Thank you,

Dave Clark

**Dave Clark**  
Fire Chief | District of West Vancouver



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**From:** Paul Hundal s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023 10:09 AM  
**To:** correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson  
**Subject:** Hwy 99 fire June 26 2023

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Excellent response time to Hwy 99 fire west of Whyte Lake

I would like to applaud West Vancouver Fire and Rescue and the BC Wildfire Service for their rapid and effective response to the fire yesterday (June 26, 2023) immediately above Hwy 99. Reports were received of the fire by 12:40 noon and by 2:30 p.m. multiple water bombers were seen dropping water on it. By the time I photographed the site after 6:00 p.m. (less than four hours later) there was no sign of smoke above the tree line (see photo below).

Last year I spoke to the last Council in May urging them to not pursue or rely on logging plans to manage the risk of fire, but instead focus on creating a system of "rapid detection and rapid response". That is by far the best and most effective way to protect West Vancouverites from wildfire. Yesterday was a model performance of that at work.



Photo taken 6:26 p.m. June 26, 2023

This response also stands in stark contrast to what happened during the previous Whyte Lake fire in 2018. s.22(1) a restaurant in Horseshoe Bay and they were reporting a fire all day on the first day of the fire but there was no response that first day. Overnight the fire grew considerably especially since there was absolutely no attempt to suppress it on the first day. When they did attack it the next day they were using a couple of helicopters with relatively small buckets. It was a pathetic response throughout but fortunately the moist nature of our local forests helped it to not spread far even with such a miserly response.

Yesterday's rapid and effective response with multiple water bombers, not just a couple of bucket carrying helicopters, made all the difference in the world as well as the quick two hour response time. I hope we have all learned from this what we need to focus on in the future. Rapid detection and rapid response is the best solution to protect public safety

going forward. Thinning our forest is not going to stop fires, fires will happen either way. It is the fast and thorough suppression response that stops fires. Thank you for being part of the solution.

Paul Hundal, [Do not redact name]

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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