

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO AUGUST 7, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

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- (7) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country), July 31, 2024, regarding “July 2024 MP Newsletter”**

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 4:29 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: CONFISCATED 29th Altamont Park Beach Access

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ATTENTION:

Mayor Sager and Councillors;

This sudden and backhanded confiscation of public beach access is nothing short of a crime.

How is it possible that a group of elected councilors and a mayor arbitrarily decided to sell off public land (owned by the citizens of West Vancouver) to a private landowner whose only wish is to expand his property value on Park Lane.

I do understand that the property was on the market for a long time without a buyer and the City was keen to get its hands on the money to use on the Ambleside redevelopment BUT that does not justify going into business with the potential buyer who was holding out purchasing the property until the City sweetened the pot by removing the public beach access for its citizens.

Who does West Van council and the mayor work for? It is self-evident that it is NOT in the interests of the tax paying citizens.

In a hurry to maximize the land value and potential sale of the property at 3000 Park Lane this council decided to steal/take from the West Vancouver citizens without due process or consultation.

Simply put: The mayor and this council do not have the right to undertake the selling of public land...PERIOD!

Sincerely

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 9:43 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: I object to the sale ...

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...of any public waterfront properties including access paths, to private individuals!
We have far too little public waterfront and access as is. It seems that now, while you have plans to increase the population of the Municipality, you intend to reduce public recreational amenities!
This is wrong headed planning, motivated by pure greed!

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 7:44 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Sale of beach access at Procter Avenue

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing about the quick sale of this beach access at Procter Ave. In my opinion, this is a very bad precedent and it seems that the whole process was very underhand.

The first I knew about it was walking by and seeing a sign, but now we have more information and it appears that there was already a buyer waiting in the wings to buy the property if the council voted to sell them the beach access. This is a very very bad precedent.

Additionally, you have misled the public when you state that there is plenty of other beach access in that stretch.

As you know, you closed the 29th Street access as you stated that the cost to maintain the access would be too expensive. This access had plenty of parking and accessed a long stretch of beach front. Then, the next one along at Altamont Park is almost impossible to access the beach except for the most agile due to a huge pile up of logs and debris. Then the next set of steps are new but extremely steep, again only for the most agile. Finally the access at 31st is useless as it's impossible and dangerous to cross the creek just to the east.

So much for "access for all". The access you are closing is the most accessible for all and gives the longest stretch of useable beach. It will be very lovely for the new owners of a multi million dollar home.

Regards,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 1:12 PM
To: correspondence; snider@westvancouver.ca
Subject: Sale of waterfront property
Attachments: To WV Council re house sale.docx

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Please find attached the wording of an email I sent to the Mayor and Council today. My apologies to Councillor Snider for mis-typing his address.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Comox, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

To the Hon. Mayor Sager and Council members,

I read that West Vancouver Council has decided to incentivize the sale of municipal waterfront property at the foot of 30th Street, with a bonus of the adjacent public access trail. Thankfully Councillor Cassidy had the foresight to oppose the decision.

Since the District has acquired a valuable waterfront asset beside an existing beach trail, it offers the perfect opportunity to return the land to the public commons for recreational purposes, now or in the future. History has proven Ambleside waterfront homes became essential for recreational reasons as West Vancouver's population grew. If the news item is correct, Council has agreed to sell this asset, without public consultation, for half the market value of some West Vancouver waterfront apartments. Does the anticipated revenue of approx. seven million dollars warrant the loss of a popular neighbourhood facility? Surely the house could be rented out until no longer viable before eventual demolition and the recreational needs of West Vancouver grow, especially if the District complies with provincial demand for increased housing density.

I sincerely hope Council listens to local citizens' dissatisfaction with this decision.

While Horseshoe Bay and the Ferry building have been recently upgraded, West Vancouver's most striking waterfront asset Lighthouse Park, with its historic landmark, greets visitors with pan-abode toilets and a neglected lighthouse viewpoint. The abandonment of its agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the care of the two houses and grounds of Point Atkinson Lightstation until 2026 is the most egregious example of West Vancouver's lack of attention to its community assets.

With respect,

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 3:15 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: To Mayor & Council - Proposal To Sell Altamont Park Public Beach Access to Private Buyer

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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: PROPOSED SALE OF ALTAMONT BEACH PARK ACCESS, WEST VANCOUVER TO PRIVATE BUYER
@ 3000 Park Lane

West Vancouver Mayor Mark Sager [REDACTED] s. 22(1) that the sale of the Altamont Beach Park access is a 'done deal'. I have since learned that this is not true. Another vote from Council is required before it can be considered sold. Mr. Sager also said that the reason that Mayor and Council have voted for the sale of this public land to a private buyer is because the highest offer the District received for the adjacent lot for sale (which the District owns) was 5 million dollars - not high enough in their opinion. They added the public beach access to the lot for sale to make it more appealing to the buyer who felt that the property was too narrow. In actual fact, all of the other waterfront properties on Park Lane are narrower than the aforementioned lot. Mr. Sager said that the additional monies (in the region of 1 to 1.5 million dollars) garnered by folding the beach access land into the deal would go toward purchasing the last remaining waterfront house in Ambleside. I call that 'stealing from Peter to pay Paul'.

As a West Vancouver taxpayer, I object to being manipulated in this manner. Why are our tax dollars not being used to fund the Ambleside project? Why are our public amenities that we pay dearly for, being taken away?

The property I own [REDACTED] s. 22(1) from Altamont Beach Park. Having lived here [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] s. 22(1), it would impact my life significantly to lose this beloved beach access forever. I use it for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) drawing and painting. We often swim here, take picnics and enjoy it as a place to relax - as do many other residents.

In my opinion, it is critically important to protect the culture of West Vancouver's waterfront community and precious areas of nature such as this one. Continuing to make real estate a priority over what remains of our beautiful landscape in West Vancouver is something that saddens me deeply.

I strongly oppose, in no uncertain terms, West Vancouver Mayor and Council's outrageous proposal to add this parcel of public beach access park land to the property that is currently for sale at 3000 Park Lane.

I encourage all West Vancouver residents to get engaged in this matter. If this sale proceeds, it will set a dangerous precedent for the future sale of public coastal land in West Vancouver and indeed British Columbia. I believe that this issue must be challenged as a matter of urgency.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 8:40 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Comment on sale of land - 3000 Park Lane

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Dear Mayor and Council ---

I have been a landowner and resident of West Vancouver for more than [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and have never found it necessary to write a personal comment about a decision of Council. However, I wish to express my strong disagreement with the decision to package City-owned public land to facilitate a private sale at 3000 Park Lane. I also appreciate that news media reports are not always the full story, but the quotes attributed to Mayor Sager that I have read demonstrate a poor appreciation of the role of elected officials to steward the rights of all citizens.

Specifically:

1. I do not agree with a decision that leads to a private owner gaining preferential access to public shoreland. Waterfront property is desirable in its own right, but even more desirable when the owner enjoys it with privacy. The message that any public right can be converted to a private right for money is not acceptable --- the Mayor argues it is a minor infringement, but a minor deviation from a moral principle means that the moral principle was not held in the first place.
2. The media reports that the offer for the enhanced price was made by the buyer with the condition that it include the public land --- the City accepted the buyer's offer but did not find it necessary to put the new combined property back on the market. If this is true, then this is not a transparent process that demonstrates that Council is acting in a way that meets their fiduciary obligation. If Council wishes to put City land up for public sale, fine, but please do so in a transparent way.
3. I don't agree with the Mayor's assertions that this is justified because the funds allow a different project to proceed. He is making an "the ends justify the means" argument that is unacceptable behavior.
4. The Mayor also asserts that there is a zero-sum game where residents should accept this decision because the alternative is to increase taxes by 2%. I would argue that this is actually a zero-sum political calculation that the political benefit of moving the Ambleside project forward with all 22

properties by giving away a public right is better than being forced to engage on the more difficult topic about whether the Ambleside project is really the best value for how tax dollars are spent.

5. Even if I agreed that it was ethically responsible to sell a public right of way in this manner, I would not suggest that the ends of achieving the full Ambleside project justify this approach. This project has been in development more than 50 years, and phasing the work to accommodate one last hold-out should not be a concern as the City works to raise the necessary funds in a more responsible manner. I argue that this does not require tax increases --- it is the perfect vehicle for a lasting philanthropic gift, even if such a donor takes years to identify.

I suggest that all councillors --- including the Mayor --- should carefully reflect on the ethical implications of the decision instead of being fixated on the short-term transactional outcome.

Sincerely,

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(I provide my contact information to support my statement that I am resident in West Vancouver, but prefer that this be redacted from the public correspondence record)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:38 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Bamboozled

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Good morning,
Taking away public beach access for the right reasons is disturbing. Selling public beach access for the wrong reasons is egregious.
Please add my name to the chorus of astute West Vancouver citizens who are protesting this maneuver.
Access to solace, serenity and a canoe paddle or two add to the privilege and magic of living in this neighbourhood.
Bamboozled is too nice a word.
I trust this will be resolved.

Regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 5:03 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fwd: 30th Street Beach Access

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Subject: 30th Street Beach Access

I reside at s. 22(1) Altamont Beach Park and not far from the 30th Street beach access.

There are two access routes to the beach through the park. There is also availability of parking adjacent to the park. The District recently constructed stairs to the beach at the western end of the park. These new stairs appear to provide favoured beach access to visitors. The new stairs are 200 paces east of the 30th street access in question. The 30th street access is not well used. There is no parking adjacent to it and it emerges at the crest of a hill. (a “blind” spot).

I believe Council is acting responsibly and in the best interests of West Vancouver taxpayers by creating a beach front lot at the foot of 30th street and selling it to benefit taxpayers and residents. The new access through the park, comprising an impressive stairway to the beach, is an improvement on the 30th street access which it replaces. Better still, proceeds from the sale of the lot created will benefit all West Vancouver taxpayers and the taxes from the new lot will be a gift that keeps on giving. Who loses?? The reporting on this transaction by CBC and Global has been, to say the least, poorly researched and deliberately provocative. Stick to your guns and proceed with the sale. In addition to me, s. 22(1) s. 22(1) also reside close to the 30th street beach access. I would be happy to walk the area with any councillor seeking reassurance about the correctness of Council’s decision.

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:12 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Altermont Beach

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To MAYOR AND COUNCIL

I am a s. 22(1) resident of West Vancouver. Had a house in the s. 22(1) in the 1970's.

Today i walked Park Lane to 30th.

I completely agree that the property in question should be sold with the path to the beach.

HOWEVER LETS BE FAIR, THE \$1.5 M REPRESENTING THE BEACH ACCESS PATH SHOULD BE PUT RIGHT BACK INTO THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD AND WITH THE SAME FACILITIES. OR BETTER....NOT AMBLESIDE.

ONE BLOCK AWAY IS BELLEVUE AND 29th.

A PERFECT LOCATION TO IMPROVE WHAT WAS BEACH ACCESS. NOW FILLED WITH BERRY BUSHES.

CREATE A PATH TO THE BEACH EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE BELLEVUE AND 21ST ACCESS. WHICH IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT TO WHAT WAS THERE,,,,, ESPECIALLY THE CONCRETE PLATFORMS WITH SEATING FOR RESIDENTS TO SIT AND ENJOY THE VIEW.....

I cant understand when you create an issue why you do not offer a solution. Better than the issue.....

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West Vancouver resident s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 6:15 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: URGENT: Please keep Altamont Beach Park Access open to public

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Dear Mayor Sager & WV Council

We voted for you to keep our city beautiful. Please don't take away our beloved forest nature path @ Altamont Beach Park. This land must be protected in its entirety. No compromise. This park land sits beside the large lot for sale currently owned by the District of West Vancouver @ 3000 Park Lane. If you advertise the land that's for sale to a wider market for a longer time period it will go - instead of taking a public amenity paid for by local taxpayers. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) have already reached out to local media outlets voicing their protest to the planned sale of above noted.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 8:45 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: To MAYOR and COUNSEL - Request for an Urgent Meeting ASAP regarding the Altamont Beach Park Access
Attachments: IMG_9424.heic; IMG_9429.heic; IMG_9430.heic

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Good Morning Mayor and Counsellors,

We are a group of concerned West Vancouver residents representing local taxpayers who are disturbed by the manner in which our beloved Altamont Beach Park access is being sold to a private buyer and being taken from us a public amenity.

We respectfully request an URGENT meeting with Mayor and Counsel ASAP (suggesting today/tomorrow) to discuss the above.

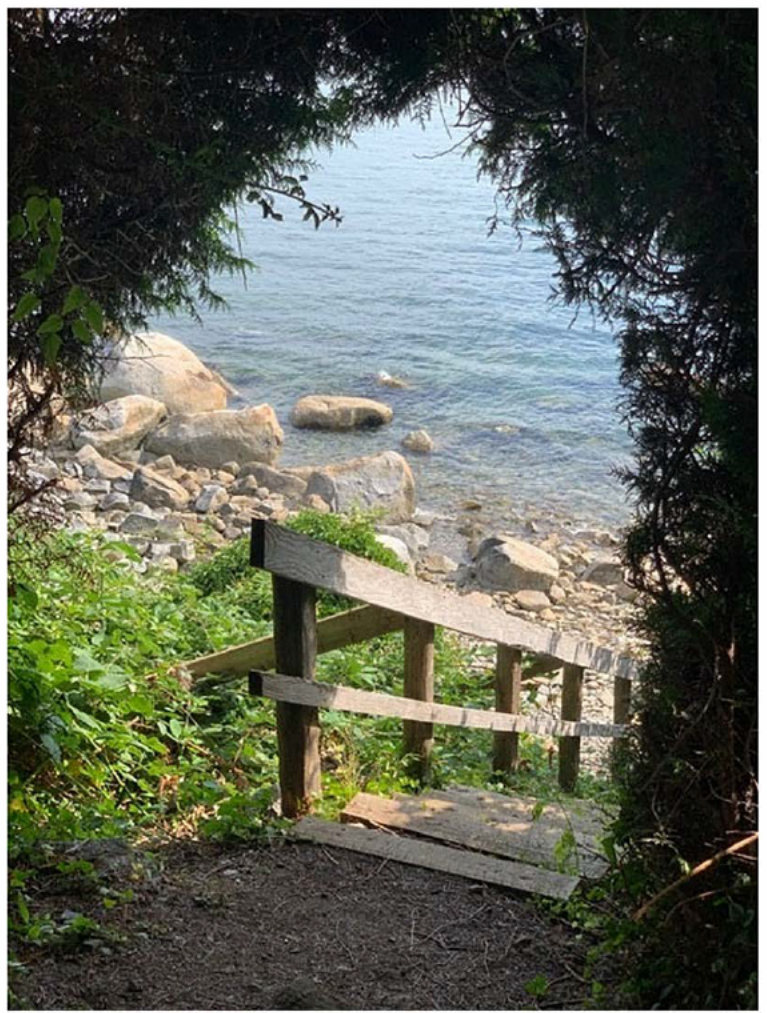
We look forward to hearing from you at the earliest opportunity - a response today would be appreciated.

Please scroll down for 4 photos of the forest path to the water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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





From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:50 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy
Subject: Fw: closure of beach access at 3000 Park Lane property

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: August 5, 2024 11:05 AM
To: mark@westvancouver.ca <mark@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: closure of beach access at 3000 Park Lane property

Dear Mayor Sayer,

I have lived in West Vancouver almost my entire life. I grew up here, my children grew up here and my grandchildren are now growing up here. I have raised millions of dollars for people in our community and the city of Vancouver throughout my life. I am committed to keeping our community available to all residents. I voted for you and I believe you want the best for West Vancouver too.

Having said that, I am disappointed that you would close off any beach access so that one West Vancouver builder could have a larger property. In doing this, you have set a precedent that anyone living on the beach may pay to have a larger property and close off access for everyone else. All residents of West Vancouver deserve easy access to the waterfront not just residents who are fortunate to live on the water.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:53 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Beach Access 30th St

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Dear Council,

I am a resident of West Vancouver, address below.

I write to express my objection to the District selling off access to the waterfront at 30th. Restricting community access to the waterfront for the benefit of the uber wealthy is unconscionable. Claiming there are alternative reasonable access points for this part of the beach isn't strictly true. Using the steps at 31st does not work if we're close to high tide, and at low tide there is a creek to cross. The staircase at Altamont Park is 90+ steps and not suitable for anyone that might struggle with health/fitness issues. And of course we've already lost the steps at 29th.

To sell this pathway and deprive the community of access to the waterfront for the benefit of the new landowner effectively creating a private beach is simply outrageous. To then learn through the Vancouver Sun that the buyer of the pathway is a friend of the Mayor and this buyer is getting preferential treatment is unbelievable. This is beyond sleazy.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 8:00 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Housing Policy Correspondence Previously Sent, Not Published
Attachments: Proud of WV Mayor/Council & Proposed Solution; Yesterday's July 29, 2024 Special Meeting

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Good Morning,

I happen to see a response from Legislative Services to another person inquiring why their correspondence wasn't published. The answer was that if you happen to put Mayor and Council in the To field and Correspondence in the Cc field, instead of vice versa, your letter is not published.

I trust there's a reason for this seemingly arbitrary rule, but if it has to be In place, perhaps the website instructions should point out this quirky rule for submitting correspondence, if not eliminate it?

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From:

s. 22(1)

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2024 2:49 PM

To:

Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli

Cc:

correspondence

Subject:

Proud of WV Mayor/Council & Proposed Solution

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing with continued appreciation and support for the housing decisions West Vancouver has made to date based on careful planning e.g. Cypress Village. and even so much new housing that some new homes appear available but unsold. e.g. Taylor Way/Marine Drive.

Based on the *Vancouver Sun* and *Global News* report last night, Mr. Kahlon pitched his necessity to use a sledge hammer on West Vancouver because:

“West Vancouver has 80 per cent of their employees that work for them coming outside of their community into town [by car, instead of by bus or bike], leading to more congestion, leading to more traffic challenges,” said Kahlon.

Workers have commuted to work over a hundred years all over the world, typically for 30 minutes to an hour or more every day, so it is a curious pitch in many ways.

However, Mr. Kahlon makes a good point that today we have to be very concerned of the effect of car congestion, exhaust on the environment, and the Lions Gate Bridge is a bottle neck.

I’m guessing Mayor and Council, who actively promote health and wellness in West Vancouver, have considered this easy solution to address Mr. Kahlon’s concern about traffic congestion created by car commuters; and allow West Vancouver to proceed with common sense housing development.

As you know well, many people, for the sake of the environment and/or to keep fit and healthy and stress free (saving health costs), commute to and from work by cycling or taking transit - instead of creating traffic congestion and polluting the environment with exhaust from their vehicles.

I know first hand because I commuted from [redacted] s. 22(1) and back Monday to Friday for years, rain or shine, and loved it, e.g. the view climbing up and then coasting down the other side of Lions Gate Bridge never gets old. **It’s great for the environment and it’s a great way to begin and end the day has tremendous physical and health benefits.** One just has to work out your commute on safe streets and it is great from there on. There is now even fence for protection on the Stanley Park causeway, and E-Bikes for those who get tired along the way.

If there isn’t already, I’m quite sure employers like Park Royal would provide shower and change room facilities. This will also save on gym fees since you get your daily work out for free.

For those who choose to work in WV even though they live out of reasonable cycling range or cannot cycle, the solution is what the government itself has been promoting: get out of your cars and ride the bus and or sky train. For those who do admin work, you can get a lot of work done during a transit commute; and almost all buses have bike racks now so that you can cycle part of the way and take transit when needed.

In summary, Mr. Khalon's pitch that he needs to take a sledge hammer to WV to try and get builders to build, in an economy without the necessary construction workers, and try to get builders to take on a risky if any profit margin, so that people who choose to commute by car and create traffic congestion is, with all due respect, hypocritical given the provinces concern for the environment and soaring health costs.

Our environment is being polluted with car exhaust because we have become a society addicted to driving around in cars and on phones.

The province should be promoting health and wellness (saving on health care costs as well) and encouraging people to get out of their cars and off their phones. Commute to work e.g. West Vancouver by: bike, E-bike or transit. This will also allow builders to build new homes when and where it makes sense as has been happening in West Vancouver, instead of destroying West Vancouver as we know it without sound basis.

Sincerely,

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s. 22(1)

, West Vancouver

From:

s. 22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:25 AM

To:

Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli

Cc:

correspondence

Subject:

Yesterday's July 29, 2024 Special Meeting

Good Morning Mayor and Council,

Thank you for all of your intelligent and hard work on behalf of the people of WV. The last years have required you to go well "over and above."

Clearly, as Mayor Sager laid out so well, Mayor and Council have been working very hard and doing all the right things to create as much or more housing as any other municipality using practical steps and common sense. The below are my opinions which I feel compelled to contribute to the conversation at this pivotal moment, and hoping others will use their voices to speak up.

In my view, this isn't, at the end of the day, really about housing, which is why it is all so irrational and inexplicable. Many great Mayor and Council comments were made on this point and I don't want to "put words in anyone's mouth" so I will say this in my own words and to my understanding: this is about principal and precedent. It is about provincial power politics and specifically socialist-communist aggression in BC and federally.

I am near certain that, as usual, Councillor Gambioli was well intended with her ongoing concerns to make sure that residents are fully informed on issues. This is very much appreciated. However, I must speak up and respectfully and strongly disagree with the view that Mayor and Council are "creatures of the province. You know, the province creates us...everything is controlled, really, by the province...our choice is to consider this zoning or have the province do it for us."

In point of fact, it is the people of West Vancouver, living in the free and democratic society of Canada, who "create" through *their* vote our federal, provincial and municipal politicians, councils, cabinets, etc.

If elected municipal governments really were the creations of the province, and the province had the unfettered right of a communist regime to toss aside municipal decisions as if municipal politicians were state puppets, the seats in the Council chamber would be filled with appointed administrators (e.g. Mr. Eby who was appointed to fill a required vacancy, but he must now face the voters in an election) and not yourselves.

Moreover, the people of BC can vote out any provincial government that attempts to thwart the will of the people, and the people can *create* a new provincial government. The people of BC need to do this before it's too late. As they say, "you can vote in communism, but you can't vote it out."

Also, this is not just about 381 lots. Borrowing from many of the great and reasoned comments from Councillor's yesterday, in my own words, it is about the impact on all the people for blocks surrounding those 381 lots, mainly seniors on pensions in the neighborhoods of Ambleside and Dundarave. All of those people will, over time, pay the price in a deterioration in quality of life: less hospital availability, (then even now) excessive noise and more stress, less groceries in the grocery stores with no one to work, more policing requirements (that goes with all high density living) etc.

Effectively this broad brush housing plan forced onto the unique situation of WV, with an over 50% population of seniors mainly on pensions, and bounded by water and mountains, into concentrated targeted areas in

Ambleside-Dundarave is to force the deliberate deterioration on the quality of their lives after they have lived and cared for their neighborhoods and paid taxes all their lives, by incentivizing developers to eek out the highest buck they think can make, and enticing those 381 individual lot owners to sell out their neighbourhoods.

Again it is the principal. Whether all 381 units materialize into the deterioration in the quality of life in the next five years, who knows. It is the principal. Once a government is given power it will not give it back. Next year it will be a 1000 units, and then 5,000 etc. We owe it to future generations to not let this moment pass.

Can we take the position in WV that since free speech is a federal right, a right which we as a people put in effect through the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (with some exceptions like hate speech and yelling fire, etc.) WV cannot legally enforce the provincially mandated restrictions on free speech on the benign and necessary topic of housing because to do so would put WV in the position of denying Canadian citizens their *Charter* rights?

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 1:27 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Parking problems in Whytecliff Park

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Hi,

This is the third time emailing about the parking issue at Whytecliff Park. Today I could not get Internet and when I did, I got an Error message 4 times when I tried to pay with my phone. I gave up and took a chance on getting a ticket. I have been diving there for many years. I do not mind paying, but you must make it inclusive for everyone to pay.

This is ridiculous and council should get Impark to put in a machine where we can just use a credit card.

Thanks,

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2024 12:18 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fw: West Vancouver Harmony Arts Festival - Noise, Toilets, Etc!
Importance: High

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Hello West Vancouver Harmony Arts Festival Organizers and Sponsors.

Last Friday, 2nd. August, evening, I was being intrusively disturbed by the sounds from the entertainment from the "Harmony Arts Festival" - hearing my television was impossible - I actually gave-up trying!

With this extremely hot weather, my windows are open for ventilation but, so too do the entertainment noises invade my living spaces. As I was feeling unwell, I wanted to go to bed early but, it was not possible to get any rest from the sounds emanating up from the Ambleside waterfront. If I can hear the singing/music so clearly, (and, I'm going deaf!) then, the audience present must be deafened! Surely, the surrounding neighbourhoods should be given due consideration by turning down the volume and the speakers faced towards the ocean?

Next, I heard [REDACTED] s. 22(1) that someone had defecated on the concrete just to the right of our building's front door in our garden and even left the used tissue paper! [REDACTED] s. 22(1) kindly cleaned-up this disgusting mess - what image does this display? Are there not sufficient signed public washrooms available? ("The Ferry Building" had toilets built, at great taxpayer expense, recently.)

The streets around us, [REDACTED] s. 22(1), were jam-packed with parked vehicles, several jutting out over yellow lines, until after 10 p.m. when the strong smell of marijuana wafted with people talking in loud voices (some double-parked while talking.) and the car door slamming commenced.

Added to all of the above, there are highly noisy back-firing vehicles and motorbikes speeding (racing?) along Marine Drive until the early hours of the morning on an almost daily basis.

Where are the Police and By-Law Officers when they are needed?

Please will you take notice of all of this and rectify these issues as we have yet to go another week of this above intolerable suffering!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, B.C.

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:15 PM
To: [REDACTED] correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Meeting Request to Discuss Youth Engagement and Vote-16 Initiative from 2 High School Students

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Hope you are all doing well and enjoying a restful and sunny summer! Our names are [REDACTED] s. 22(1). We are a pair of high school students studying at Mulgrave School in West Vancouver. We are so grateful to live in the vibrant community of West Vancouver and strive to give back to this wonderful place. Driven by our passion for politics, we aim to create meaningful changes that benefit our community members by volunteering at [REDACTED] s. 22(1).

However, throughout this process, we have noticed in our local community and Canada at large, there is often a lack of youth engagement and participation in politics that manifests in low youth voter turnout rates or less youth issues being pushed to the forefront of political discourse. To try to increase youth engagement within the political sphere we [REDACTED] s. 22(1) interview different MPs all over Canada to get their perspective on youth issues, gain their insight on how the different policies impact youth on a day to day basis. After interviewing more than 12 MPs and many more to come, one key point that countless MP's have emphasised is the need to lower the voting age to 16, to ensure young people's voices are heard and represented. The vast majority of MPs we have interviewed have expressed their support for this idea, including backing both Bill C-210 and Bill S-201, which propose lowering the federal voting age in Canada to 16.

It's not just our [REDACTED] s. 22(1) advocating for this idea; there has been significant national momentum behind it. For instance, Vote 16, an organization we are partnered with, is a movement gaining substantial traction. Increasingly, research shows that allowing 16-year-olds to vote can lead to greater political engagement, higher voter turnout, and more long term engaged voters. This is an issue that countless youth in West Vancouver are extremely passionate about but youth all over the country. In fact, many city councils all across Canada and BC have started to pass motions in support of extending voting rights to 16-17. For instance, Vancouver City Council, Victoria City Council, Whitehorse City Council, Penticton City Council, Edmonton City Council, and countless more.

Thus, we were wondering if it was possible for us to meet with the mayor and council in the upcoming weeks to discuss this matter in a little bit more detail and see if our amazing city council would be in support of lowering the voting age to 16.

We are looking forward to your response!

Thanks and have a great rest of your sunny day!

Warmly,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

s. 22(1)

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

Voting Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), K. Burnett, K. Hall, and S. Price attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: C. Monsef and M. Wilberg.

Non-Voting Committee Members: A. Krawczyk (Kay Meek Arts Centre Board of Directors); C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors); L. Yu (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board); and Councillors N. Gambioli and L. Watt attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: N. Brown (West Vancouver Board of Education).

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 20, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 16, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee provided an update on the work completed. Meetings with the Ambleside & Dundarave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) and the Horseshoe Bay Business Association (HBBA) provided good feedback.

The Executive Director from the ADBIA indicated the organization is in support of arts activity that will enliven the area and increase foot traffic. Also animating green spaces. The HBBA is interested in creating ways to bring people into the community, along with installing power and a covered area in Horseshoe Bay Park

as was originally planned for the park redevelopment for small events. Both groups also indicated a need for better wayfinding signage for both Ambleside and Horseshoe Bay.

The Subcommittee will not meet with donors and funding groups at this time. This action will be deferred as it is a tactic rather than a strategy and will be coordinated with the arts community if it becomes an emerging priority.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee Report be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Arts & Culture Strategy Update Discussion

To date, two workshops have been completed with the final workshop to take place on June 25, 2024. 40 individuals and 28 organizations have responded to the questionnaire. The attendance of the first two workshops has been low, the workshop on June 25 has the highest registration so far.

Concerns were raised by the Committee that not enough consultation has been done to meet the current strategy update timeline. Feedback from schools and teachers has been difficult to coordinate given the time of year. Consultation with Indigenous artists and cultural workers was scheduled for August. The Committee has not yet met with members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Council representatives suggested that the strategy update should proceed as quickly as possible to ensure any relevant budget and policy change requests are put forward for Council consideration for the 2025 budget process.

It was suggested that in lieu of meeting with schools, teachers, and students directly, staff and the Committee could work with a focus group comprised of S. Price, N. Brown, A. Krawczyk, and I. Vanderhorst (Education Coordinator with the West Vancouver Art Museum), who have expertise with school administration and students. A. Krawczyk suggested putting together a draft of the strategy update including the information about schools that is gathered from the focus group, and then consulting with actual teachers and students in September when school has resumed and request their review of the draft strategy update.

Council representatives suggested that Council needs to know what the priorities are, with a straightforward explanation of actions Council can take to support this.

The West Vancouver Memorial Library has also not yet been consulted. It was suggested that staff meet with the Director of Library Services along with a few board members for a focused meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts & Culture Strategy Update Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Annual Work Plan Review

Committee members reviewed the work plan and made recommendations on items that need to be deferred, as the Arts & Culture Strategy Update is a priority.

The following items on the work plan will be deferred:

- Item 2: Monitor and support the progress of Council's 2024-2025 Strategic Plan objectives:
 - Strategy 6.2 to develop an arts and culture centre adjacent to a waterfront park anchored by a combined new art museum and other multi-purpose program and studio spaces: Arts & Culture Advisory Committee suggested that Council identify a location so that next steps in the process could proceed.
 - Strategy 6.8 to develop a District vision, framework, and costing for the collection of historical objects and designation of historical sites, with a goal to identifying a clear path to achieving these goals. Deferred.
- Item 3: Support capacity-building efforts for the arts and culture sector initiated by District staff or other organizations across the North Shore (workshops, forums). Deferred.
- Item 4: Review District bylaws, zoning and policies that affect the sector and make recommendations for changes in content and approach (e.g. home-based businesses, allocation of Community Amenity Contributions, busking). Deferred to outcome of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update.
- Item 6: Develop plan for an educational initiative that increases the community and Council's awareness and value of the arts, culture and heritage sector and contribution to the health and economy of a community. Deferred.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Annual Work Plan be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

7. Updates from Committee Members

Members were instructed to limit their update to two minutes.

- Catherine Schachtel, West Vancouver Community Arts Council (WVCAC): The WVCAC is busy with summer programming and rentals. The WVCAC has also been completing an Human Resource review, reviewing existing documentation and policies with a consultant. The consultant will be presenting their review to the board at the end of June.
- Lorena Yu, West Vancouver Memorial Library: The West Vancouver Memorial Library team has been busy working with the West Vancouver Art Museum (WVAM) on West Coast Modern Week. The Library has also launched a new program, the adult summer reading club.
- Kim Burnett, North Shore Artists' Guild: There was no update.

- Kirsten Hall, West Vancouver Art Museum (WVAM): The Art Museum is ramping up for West Coast Modern Week and is focused on trying to increase donations and sponsorships.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal reports regarding Updates from Committee Members be received for information.

CARRIED

8. **Council Liaison Update**

There are important public hearings occurring on Monday, June 24, regarding the Ambleside Local Area Plan, and on Tuesday, June 25, regarding the Cypress Village plan. There were no updates pertaining to arts and culture.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 20, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024**

Voting Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), K. Hall, F. Pagani, S. Price, and M. Wilberg attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: K. Burnett, C. Monsef, and A. Repstock.

Non-Voting Committee Members: N. Brown (West Vancouver Board of Education), A. Krawczyk (Kay Meek Arts Centre Board of Directors), C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors); and Councillor N. Gambioli attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: L. Yu (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board); and Councillor L. Watt.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Chair introduced new members, F. Pagani and A. Repstock appointed by Council.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 17, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 20, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Confirm Appointments to Advisory Panels

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT:

1. F. Pagani be appointed to the Ferry Building Gallery Advisory Panel; and

2. A. Repstock be appointed to the Public Art Advisory Panel.

CARRIED

5. Arts & Culture Strategy Update Research Discussion

The Chair reminded the members that at the June 20, 2024 meeting, the members agreed that the new members of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee felt comfortable with knowing the history of the Committee's work since 2018, the details of the implementation of the Arts & Culture Strategy from 2018 to 2023, and the facility planning process and arts development that took place since 2018.

The members agreed that they will move forward quickly to update the Arts & Culture Strategy and meet the ambitious timeline of an Interim Report to Council on October 7, 2024 to be able to integrate Council approved action items into the 2025 budget and 2025 staff work plan.

However, at the end of the June 20, 2024 meeting, there was no clear resolution made by the members. In the interim, the members discussed the plan via email.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. the community input on the high-level review of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update received through to July 8 is satisfactory in scope and reach;
2. staff compile all received community input from the Arts & Culture Strategy Update questionnaire, workshop, and individual meetings held up to July 8, 2024 to develop the top four to five priority strategies;
3. at its July 17th meeting, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee review, confirm and rank the top four to five priority strategies of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update;
4. the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee confirm the policy and budget implications that relate to the confirmed top four to five priority strategies of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update;
5. staff then be directed to:
 - a. bring forward a report to Council outlining the priority strategies and the associated policy and budget implications for Council consideration on October 7, 2024;
 - b. incorporate any Council-approved priority strategies into the 2025 budget process and staff work plans; and
 - c. work with key Fee for Service providers and community arts groups to develop operational action and implementation plans as they relate to the Council-approved priority strategies and develop the Arts & Culture Strategy Update 2025-2028 by the end of 2024, and bring forward for Council's consideration in January 2025.

CARRIED

6. Arts & Culture Strategy Update Discussion

After consultation with individual artists and arts groups through questionnaires and workshops, the emerging priorities were compiled and provided to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee. The members reviewed the emerging priorities and identified the top priority strategies most with associated policy and budget implications that will be included in the Interim Report to Council on October 7, 2024. In order of priority, the following items were identified:

- **Develop an independent umbrella group for the arts** in West Vancouver that links and provides services for community arts groups and individual artists to help coordinate the arts community and provide one voice for the arts sector; to deliver services better suited to not-for-profit societies and able to advocate for the arts.
- Council to **confirm a location for a purpose-built arts facility** that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019), functional and dedicated to arts activities so that a Business Plan and Fundraising Plan can be completed to ensure it is affordable for taxpayers.
- Recommend District West Vancouver staff foster **internal cross-divisional support** for arts initiatives and infrastructure to facilitate arts activities in the community (e.g. less expensive models for street closures).
- Develop an **Artist in Residence Program** for available District-owned buildings.
- Ensure the availability of a variety of suitable indoor and outdoor arts spaces that are dedicated to or can accommodate arts activities including:
 - a) Install infrastructure in Horseshoe Bay Park and Ambleside Park to enable outdoor events for all sectors;
 - b) Ensure that the existing multi-purpose spaces for the arts are prioritized for dedicated arts use for District and arts groups programs: Art Studio at West Vancouver Community Centre and Music Box; and
 - c) Develop a database of other spaces suitable for arts activity (workshops, rehearsals, meetings) available across West Vancouver e.g. churches (Permissive Tax Exemption recipients), schools, other community spaces.
- Provide resources to assist the arts community with a **coordinated marketing campaign** for the arts and culture sector that builds upon current infrastructure (e.g. Culture Compass requires resources for marketing to the public, funds for four-sided cubes in busy walking locations to advertise events/programs).
- Implement **District zoning and bylaw changes** to facilitate arts activities in West Vancouver including review of the **busking bylaw**, ensuring the recipients of **Permissive Tax Exemptions** enable affordable access to community groups when spaces are available as outlined in the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, and zoning and other regulations to **encourage property owners to provide spaces** to animate when they are empty (e.g. empty storefronts), and develop

artist fee structures to align with nationally accepted fees (Canadian Artists' Representation/CARFAC).

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the emerging priorities related to policy and budget implications be reworded by staff to ensure they are appropriate for an Interim Council Report and report back to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee on July 26, 2024 for final approval.

CARRIED

7. Council Representative Update

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. An Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for July 26, 2024 at 1 p.m., and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall; and
2. The Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. be cancelled and rescheduled for September 27, 2024 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 17, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Certified Correct:
s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

From: Patrick Weiler MP <patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 8:01 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: [BULK] July 2024 MP Newsletter

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

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope you are enjoying the sun this summer and hopefully taking some time to explore the beautiful province we call home. I know I have, visiting every part of our riding this month, from the Sunshine Coast to the Sea to Sky and everywhere in between.

I had the pleasure of [welcoming Minister Anita Anand](#), Canada's President of the Treasury Board, and Minister Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, to our riding. We had a chance to visit some of our amazing Sea to Sky small businesses, participate in a Squamish clean tech roundtable, visit a Chinese tea house in West Vancouver, and much more.

I made four important infrastructure announcements in the Sea to Sky. Pemberton and Lil'wat nation are [receiving a combined \\$10 million in funding for critical water infrastructure](#). These investments will improve drinking water systems and protect from the risk of flooding to increase the resiliency of our communities while protecting the environment. An [investment of \\$7.8 million is being invested to retrofit Brennan Park Recreation Centre](#) to improve its energy

efficiency and reduce its operating costs, as well as to upgrade the Jimmy Jimmy (Judd) Slough Dike that will protect Squamish from flood risk.

On July 18, I [announced a significant investment of \\$50 million in projects that will conserve sensitive ecosystems in BC](#) that will move us closer to meeting our commitment of protecting 30% of Canada's lands by 2030. These projects are focused on protecting important stores of carbon so that we can leverage nature as our best ally to fight climate change.

I had a whirlwind couple of weeks on the Sunshine Coast, visiting community organizations, meeting with Canada Summer Jobs students, celebrating federal funding for seniors through the New Horizons program, including for Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre, the Legion, St Bart's Food Bank, and many more. I also visited the opening of the [new shíshálh Nation Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) that was the first example of the Canada Infrastructure Bank's investment in a wastewater project and third project working with First Nations. It was exciting participating in the second annual Slow Food Cycle in Gibsons to bike to many of the amazing small scale farms, cideries and cheese shops that are making healthy and nutritious foods on the Sunshine Coast.

This month, the Government of Canada also [announced the largest public transit investment in Canada's history](#), with a commitment of \$3 billion annually for projects across the country to build the public transit we need. These investments continue to be a game changer for Metro Vancouver as we seek to better connect communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This follows investments in public transit since 2015 that are over ten times more than were invested from 2006 to 2015 under the previous Conservative government.

Making life more affordable in an era of global inflation is the central mission of our government. While there remains much more to do, we are starting to see the results from our plan, with the IMF projecting that Canada will have the fastest growing economy in the G7 in 2025 and inflation back down to 2.7% in June. This has led the Bank of Canada to cut interest rates again, the first major advanced economy to do so twice in a row. As we approach the Fall Economic Statement, we are focused on supporting Canadians while building a growing economy that works for everyone.

Finally, as our eyes turn to the Summer Olympic Games in Paris, I want to congratulate all the incredible athletes that come from our riding, including Nicholas Zhang and Nathan Clement from the North Shore. We're all cheering you and all of Team Canada these next few weeks!



Federal Government Updates

Investing in the Canada Public Transit Fund

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has invested over \$30 billion in more than 2,000 projects across the country, supporting a variety of projects, such as the Millennium Broadway Subway Extension project in Vancouver.

This month, we launched the [Canada Public Transit Fund](#), the largest public transit investment in Canada's history. The fund will provide \$3 billion annually, on a permanent basis starting in 2026-2027 to respond to local public transit needs in communities across the country.

The new Fund will enhance capacity to meet demand for better transit services, especially in growing regions. This investment will increase access to modern and efficient public transit infrastructure, that improves affordability, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthens climate resilience.

Strengthening of Defence and Security Partnerships through NATO

[At the NATO summit this month](#), Canada joined our partners in celebrating NATO's 75th anniversary with a reaffirmed commitment to the alliance in promoting global security and stability. Canada's strategic focus highlights climate change, our role in the Arctic, and cyber defence.

We also announced that Canada expects to spend 2% of GDP on defence by 2032, doing so through a credible, responsible, and achievable target date, which will allow Canada to ramp up its spending and procurement capacity on a realistic timeline, in line with commitments by several allies who have made comparable pledges.

Constituency Updates

Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Biodiversity in British Columbia



On July 18, I was thrilled to welcome the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault for an important announcement at Whytecliff park in West Vancouver. This generational investment includes \$50 million for projects across British Columbia and will help meet our commitment of protecting 30% of Canada's lands by 2030. Investments in BC include:

- \$37 million for the BC Parks Foundation, to protect about 4,000 hectares of land across the province
- \$8 million for the Nature Trust of British Columbia, which will create 11 new protected areas and benefit several species at risk, including the Grizzly Bear and the Southern Mountain Caribou
- Over \$4 million for the Nuxalk Nation near Bella Coola; This Indigenous-led project will protect priority habitats

Protecting nature is one of the most effective tools we have to combat climate change and ensure environmental resilience. Partnering with Indigenous peoples and environmental leaders is vital as we seek to reach our environmental protection goals, and this investment delivers on that partnership.

Investing in Water Infrastructure in the Sea to Sky



On July 19th, I had the opportunity to announce a series of infrastructure funding announcements in the Sea to Sky. Through a combined investment of nearly \$10 million from the federal, provincial, and municipal funding, a new water treatment plant will be constructed

in Pemberton. The Village of Pemberton's Water Treatment Plant will address high concentrations of iron and manganese in the source water, improving quality for residents. The second project will support rehabilitative efforts for a fish-bearing stream on the lands of the Lil'wat nation. This project includes removing invasive reed canary grass, upgrading four culverts at two major crossings – Main Street and Highway 99 East – to improve water flow capacity, enhancing hydrometric monitoring, and restoring natural infrastructure to protect the salmon habitat.

These upgrades will safeguard infrastructure, preserve the environment, and mitigate the impacts on water quality and ecosystems during future flood events.

Infrastructure for Climate Resiliency in the Sea to Sky



I also announced funding for a project that will help make upgrades at the existing Brennan Park Recreation Centre to improve energy efficiency, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and improve indoor air quality. These retrofits will save money on the operations of this well used facility for the long-term.

The Government of Canada is also investing in the Jimmy Jimmy (Judd) Slough Dike Upgrade. The project will support raising approximately 900 metres of the Squamish River dike and add protection at hazardous locations.

Infrastructure upgrades like these are needed to accommodate growing populations in communities like Squamish, while ensuring they keep residents safe in a rapidly changing

climate. We are proud to work with all orders of government to make generational investments that build sustainable communities for everyone to enjoy.

Minister Anita Anand in Whistler



With Crankworx in town, you know I had to drop in to see the action! Thank you to Minister Anand for joining me in Whistler for a few business drop-ins and meeting with some incredible organizations here in Whistler. Thank you to the teams at Alpha Café, Picnic Whistler & Deli, The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, and Zero Ceiling for taking the time to meet with us.

Welcoming Minister Ng to Squamish and West Vancouver



Minister Mary Ng also dropped into town for a roundtable with our booming clean tech business community. Thank you Minister Ng for stopping by and sharing some insightful thoughts with this growing sector. Thank you as well to JoJo Das of SOARE for hosting this roundtable!

We ended the day back in West Vancouver where the Minister and I had the pleasure of visiting a Chinese tea house, drinking some delicious tea and chatting with the community on small business priorities. I want to thank all the organizations we met with for providing the Minister with important feedback she can take back to Ottawa.

Meeting Canada Summer Jobs Students on the Sunshine Coast & Sea to Sky



Canada Summer Jobs is supporting many young Coasters to get some quality work experience with organizations that are making a big difference in our community. I had the pleasure of meeting the Canada Summer Jobs students who are working at the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre marine science summer camps, and working at the Sunshine Coast Hospice Society on a range of free palliative, hospice, grief, and loss programs this organization offers for the community.

Throughout my visits in the Sea to Sky this month, I also got to check in with our Canada Summer Jobs students and the organizations they're working with. I'll be sharing a round up video of all the students I visited, so stay tuned for that on social media. If I did not have the chance to connect, but you would like to share feedback about the program (either as an employee or employer) please send feedback to our CSJ contact, Kiran Dhaliwal: kiran.dhaliwal.842@parl.gc.ca

Celebrating Federal New Horizons for Seniors Funding



At the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre, I had the pleasure of meeting recipient organizations who received funding from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program which helps seniors stay active and engaged in the community. From The Deer Crossing the Art Farm, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112 (Madeira Park), Gibsons Public Market, Town of Gibsons, St Barts Food Bank, Harmony Hall, Dial a Dog Canine Services, and Sunshine Coast Hospice Society, these organizations are offering incredible programs and services to help Sunshine Coast seniors feel a sense of belonging. I invite you to check them out.

Canadian Dental Care Plan Rollout



Earlier this month, I also hosted another information session about the rollout of the federal CDCP (Canadian Dental Care Plan), answering questions from community members. To date, 2.1 million seniors have been approved for coverage under the plan, and importantly as of July 8, dentists no longer need to formally enroll in the program, broadening access to all dental care practitioners. If you have any questions please send me a note.

Check out [this article in the Coast Reporter for a great summary on the CDCP](#) and to answer any questions you may have.

New shíshálh Nation Wastewater Treatment Plant



I had the pleasure of joining shishálh Nation to celebrate a new state of the art wastewater facility, the first wastewater project funded by the federal Canada Infrastructure Bank. The shishálh Nation Port Stalashen Wastewater Treatment Plant will service the community for at least the next 50 years. Thank you to the leadership of the nation in making this important project a reality.

Unveiling Ceremony of the shishálh Nation Reconciliation Pole



Early in July, I had the honour of joining the shíshálh Nation for the unveiling ceremony of the Reconciliation Pole. In 2019, master carver ?antuni Tony Paul started working on this pole, but unfortunately passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After five years and contributions from 14,000 people, here it stands. A beautiful commemoration and a gift that acknowledges a difficult history while playing a significant role in how we move forward and heal together. This project brought so many people together and gives us an image of what reconciliation can look like.

Visiting Gibsons Farm



My week on the Coast included an amazing visit to Gibsons Farm, where young people were participating in a variety of activities such as making pizza dough and cookies in the outdoor kitchen, and learning to do wood working.

Slow Food Cycle Sunshine Coast 2024



I was excited to participate in the Sunshine Coast Slow Food Cycle this year, where I had the chance to taste a range of delicious locally grown food while promoting cycling as a healthy form of active transportation. Thanks to all the incredible farms and small businesses that took part!

Protecting BC's Wild Pacific Salmon

I kicked off the month in Squamish at *Skwxwú7mesh Squamish Together: a celebration of community*. This event brought together all members of the Squamish community to celebrate our rich cultures through art, music, and food.

Congratulating Sentinel Grad Olivia Mendes on Loran Scholarship

Last month, a Sentinel Secondary graduate won the prestigious Loran scholarship award. Olivia Mendes is one of 36 recipients of this scholarship that were selected out of thousands

of applicants across Canada. Mendes is a co-founder of Sentinel's Truth and Reconciliation Committee as well as Sentinel's Gender and Sexuality Allyship. Mendes has also been deeply involved with our community, including formally with my Constituency Youth Council. Congratulations Olivia!

North Shore Representation at the Paris Summer Olympics

As the Olympics get underway in Paris, we're rooting for Team Canada and the incredible athletes from our community.

Nicholas Zhang, a 17 year old student at Sentinel Secondary School is youngest Canadian male fencer to ever qualify for the individual épée event.

Nathan Clement, a West Vancouver native, is a World Champion Para-Cyclist. Clement also competed in the Para-Swimming events at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.

We are thrilled that our riding will be represented by such fantastic athletes and are cheering them and all of Team Canada on this summer!

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From: Hope Dallas
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:41 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Housing Policy Correspondence Previously Sent, Not Published

Hello s. 22(1),

Thank you for following up on your letter to Mayor, Council and staff, dated July 31, 2024 (attached). To confirm, your original letter was received by Mayor, Council and staff but was not published on our website as it fell outside our correspondence policy. We recently updated the automatic response for correspondence sent to correspondence@westvancouver.ca to clarify this process. I am including an excerpt below.

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I appreciate your suggestion to update the website instructions and will endeavour to do so as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Hope

Hope Dallas, CMC (she/her/hers)
Senior Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer | District of West Vancouver
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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.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 8:00 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Housing Policy Correspondence Previously Sent, Not Published
Attachments: Proud of WV Mayor/Council & Proposed Solution; Yesterday's July 29, 2024 Special Meeting

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Good Morning,

I happen to see a response from Legislative Services to another person inquiring why their correspondence wasn't published. The answer was that if you happen to put Mayor and Council in the To field and Correspondence in the Cc field, instead of vice versa, your letter is not published.

I trust there's a reason for this seemingly arbitrary rule, but if it has to be in place, perhaps the website instructions should point out this quirky rule for submitting correspondence, if not eliminate it?

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From:

s. 22(1)

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2024 2:49 PM

To:

Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli

Cc:

correspondence

Subject:

Proud of WV Mayor/Council & Proposed Solution

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing with continued appreciation and support for the housing decisions West Vancouver has made to date based on careful planning e.g. Cypress Village. and even so much new housing that some new homes appear available but unsold. e.g. Taylor Way/Marine Drive.

Based on the *Vancouver Sun* and *Global News* report last night, Mr. Kahlon pitched his necessity to use a sledge hammer on West Vancouver because:

“West Vancouver has 80 per cent of their employees that work for them coming outside of their community into town [by car, instead of by bus or bike], leading to more congestion, leading to more traffic challenges,” said Kahlon.

Workers have commuted to work over a hundred years all over the world, typically for 30 minutes to an hour or more every day, so it is a curious pitch in many ways.

However, Mr. Kahlon makes a good point that today we have to be very concerned of the effect of car congestion, exhaust on the environment, and the Lions Gate Bridge is a bottle neck.

I’m guessing Mayor and Council, who actively promote health and wellness in West Vancouver, have considered this easy solution to address Mr. Kahlon’s concern about traffic congestion created by car commuters; and allow West Vancouver to proceed with common sense housing development.

As you know well, many people, for the sake of the environment and/or to keep fit and healthy and stress free (saving health costs), commute to and from work by cycling or taking transit - instead of creating traffic congestion and polluting the environment with exhaust from their vehicles.

I know first hand because I commuted from [redacted] s. 22(1) and back Monday to Friday for years, rain or shine, and loved it, e.g. the view climbing up and then coasting down the other side of Lions Gate Bridge never gets old. **It’s great for the environment and it’s a great way to begin and end the day has tremendous physical and health benefits.** One just has to work out your commute on safe streets and it is great from there on. There is now even fence for protection on the Stanley Park causeway, and E-Bikes for those who get tired along the way.

If there isn’t already, I’m quite sure employers like Park Royal would provide shower and change room facilities. This will also save on gym fees since you get your daily work out for free.

For those who choose to work in WV even though they live out of reasonable cycling range or cannot cycle, the solution is what the government itself has been promoting: get out of your cars and ride the bus and or sky train. For those who do admin work, you can get a lot of work done during a transit commute; and almost all buses have bike racks now so that you can cycle part of the way and take transit when needed.

In summary, Mr. Khalon's pitch that he needs to take a sledge hammer to WV to try and get builders to build, in an economy without the necessary construction workers, and try to get builders to take on a risky if any profit margin, so that people who choose to commute by car and create traffic congestion is, with all due respect, hypocritical given the provinces concern for the environment and soaring health costs.

Our environment is being polluted with car exhaust because we have become a society addicted to driving around in cars and on phones.

The province should be promoting health and wellness (saving on health care costs as well) and encouraging people to get out of their cars and off their phones. Commute to work e.g. West Vancouver by: bike, E-bike or transit. This will also allow builders to build new homes when and where it makes sense as has been happening in West Vancouver, instead of destroying West Vancouver as we know it without sound basis.

Sincerely,

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From:

s. 22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:25 AM

To:

Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli

Cc:

correspondence

Subject:

Yesterday's July 29, 2024 Special Meeting

Good Morning Mayor and Council,

Thank you for all of your intelligent and hard work on behalf of the people of WV. The last years have required you to go well "over and above."

Clearly, as Mayor Sager laid out so well, Mayor and Council have been working very hard and doing all the right things to create as much or more housing as any other municipality using practical steps and common sense. The below are my opinions which I feel compelled to contribute to the conversation at this pivotal moment, and hoping others will use their voices to speak up.

In my view, this isn't, at the end of the day, really about housing, which is why it is all so irrational and inexplicable. Many great Mayor and Council comments were made on this point and I don't want to "put words in anyone's mouth" so I will say this in my own words and to my understanding: this is about principal and precedent. It is about provincial power politics and specifically socialist-communist aggression in BC and federally.

I am near certain that, as usual, Councillor Gambioli was well intended with her ongoing concerns to make sure that residents are fully informed on issues. This is very much appreciated. However, I must speak up and respectfully and strongly disagree with the view that Mayor and Council are "creatures of the province. You know, the province creates us...everything is controlled, really, by the province...our choice is to consider this zoning or have the province do it for us."

In point of fact, it is the people of West Vancouver, living in the free and democratic society of Canada, who "create" through *their* vote our federal, provincial and municipal politicians, councils, cabinets, etc.

If elected municipal governments really were the creations of the province, and the province had the unfettered right of a communist regime to toss aside municipal decisions as if municipal politicians were state puppets, the seats in the Council chamber would be filled with appointed administrators (e.g. Mr. Eby who was appointed to fill a required vacancy, but he must now face the voters in an election) and not yourselves.

Moreover, the people of BC can vote out any provincial government that attempts to thwart the will of the people, and the people can *create* a new provincial government. The people of BC need to do this before it's too late. As they say, "you can vote in communism, but you can't vote it out."

Also, this is not just about 381 lots. Borrowing from many of the great and reasoned comments from Councillor's yesterday, in my own words, it is about the impact on all the people for blocks surrounding those 381 lots, mainly seniors on pensions in the neighborhoods of Ambleside and Dundarave. All of those people will, over time, pay the price in a deterioration in quality of life: less hospital availability, (then even now) excessive noise and more stress, less groceries in the grocery stores with no one to work, more policing requirements (that goes with all high density living) etc.

Effectively this broad brush housing plan forced onto the unique situation of WV, with an over 50% population of seniors mainly on pensions, and bounded by water and mountains, into concentrated targeted areas in

Ambleside-Dundarave is to force the deliberate deterioration on the quality of their lives after they have lived and cared for their neighborhoods and paid taxes all their lives, by incentivizing developers to eek out the highest buck they think can make, and enticing those 381 individual lot owners to sell out their neighbourhoods.

Again it is the principal. Whether all 381 units materialize into the deterioration in the quality of life in the next five years, who knows. It is the principal. Once a government is given power it will not give it back. Next year it will be a 1000 units, and then 5,000 etc. We owe it to future generations to not let this moment pass.

Can we take the position in WV that since free speech is a federal right, a right which we as a people put in effect through the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (with some exceptions like hate speech and yelling fire, etc.) WV cannot legally enforce the provincially mandated restrictions on free speech on the benign and necessary topic of housing because to do so would put WV in the position of denying Canadian citizens their *Charter* rights?

Sincerely,

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