

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO AUGUST 14, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 28 submissions, August 3-13, 2024, regarding Proposed Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 5342, 2024**
- (2) August 7, 2024, regarding “Eagle Island dock by law”**
- (3) August 7, 2024, regarding “Re: Grassqawtch - take part in Community Art ! Plus more Exciting Arts Events!”**
- (4) August 7, 2024, regarding “Parking”**
- (5) August 7, 2024, regarding “Resident suggestion”**
- (6) August 12, 2024, regarding “Whyte Lake Parking”**
- (7) 3 submissions, August 12 and 13, 2024, regarding Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 5351, 2024 (Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing)**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

- (8) Senior Manager of Cultural Services, August 8, 2024, response regarding “Klee Wyck Park”**
- (9) Senior Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, August 8, 2024, response regarding “Meeting Request to Discuss Youth Engagement and Vote-16 Initiative from 2 High School Students”**
- (10) Acting Director of Parks, Culture & Community Services, August 9, 2024, response regarding “Re: Grassqawtch - take part in Community Art ! Plus more Exciting Arts Events!”**
- (11) Manager of Bylaw and Licensing Services, August 13, 2024, response regarding “Whyte Lake Parking”**
- (12) Cultural Services Manager, August 13, 2024, response regarding “Fw: West Vancouver Harmony Arts Festival - Noise, Toilets, Etc.!”**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:11 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Public Beach Access

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To whom it may concern,

I am saddened to hear that the West Vancouver District Council has sold off the public beach access at Altamont.

I beg you to reconsider the decision.

I am speaking on behalf of my grand parents, whom all four of them immigrated to West Vancouver, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) my parents who both were born and raised in West Vancouver, myself who was born, raised, and while I live in [REDACTED] s. 22(1) now, I still often [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and my son. We have all enjoyed access to West Van public benches immensely.

Public beach access is a resource that should be preserved for the public to enjoy in perpetuity for generations upon generations to come.

There are more than enough single family homes on the waterfront.

Again, please reconsider.

Thanks for your time,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:41 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Altamont Beach Park Access

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To whom it may concern,

We actually cannot believe you are considering selling this beach access to a private owner. It's beyond our comprehension why this current government would allow that to happen. Access to our beaches is limited as it is and restricting them even more makes absolutely no sense. It's unfair to the local neighbourhood and to people like us who like to take walks down there once in a while... using that very trail to do so.

Totally unacceptable on every level.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 3:33 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Objection to sale of Altamont Beach Park Accessway

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Mayor and Council.

I understand that contrary to the Mayor's statement to [REDACTED] s. 22(1) on July 29 that the sale of the Altamont Beach Park accessway is a 'done deal,' this is not the case, and that one more Council meeting is required before such a claim can be made.

Given community objections to the sale – my own included – resulting in the denial of access to a much-used and taxpayer funded site, it is incumbent on Council to follow due process on this issue.

The proposal for sale of this property to fund another in the face of such opposition, without due consultation, and effectively to shut down communication by lying concerning the facts of the matter, is one more example of the arrogance of the Mayor and some members of Council who would rather make unilateral decisions about community issues than to respect the will of its citizens. (Another is your failure to follow the BC Housing Minister's order to create more housing until finally being shamed into doing so – or at least I hope you were shamed, because the rest of us were already embarrassed.)

I oppose your proposal to add this parcel of public beach access parkland to the property at 3000 Park Lane, and the precedent it sets for the sale of future waterfront lands. I also look forward to hearing the matter debated further at another Council meeting.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 3:33 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Public beach access path at the foot of 30th Street

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Dear Mayor and councillors,

I urge you to unequivocally end this proposed sale of the public beach access path at the foot of 30th Street in Altamont. Your fiduciary duty to the citizens of West Vancouver demands better of you. Your duty is to serve the needs of the greatest number of local West Van residents, rather than the private desires of a single individual. You should act in the best interests of West Vancouver itself, and preserve the integrity of the Mayor's office.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

A resident for over [REDACTED] s. 22(1) at
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver BC
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:24 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: FW: Right of Way sale
Attachments: Notice of Disposition September 27, 2023 by North Shore News Features - Issuu.html

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Although it appears that I addressed the email correctly to correspondence@westvancouver.ca, it appears my letter was missed.

I am therefore, resubmitting it.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 6:28 PM
To: mark@westvancouver.ca; Nora Gambioli; Linda Watt; ccassidy@westvancouver.ca; ssnider@westvancouver.ca; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; jwong@westvancouver.ca; Scott Findlay; correspondence
Subject: Right of Way sale

Dear Mayor and Council, Mr. Scott Finlay and Mr. John Wong,

I am Opposed to the sale of the Right of Way to the prospective owners of 3000 Park Lane. Public lands, especially waterfront access should not be sold to the detriment of citizens and to the advantage of private entities.

On August 10, 2023, the *North Shore News* reported on the proposed sale of 3000 Park Lane.

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The article stated, "According to the District, the path will likely remain after the lot is sold, but might be adjusted slightly." What changed?

In the Sept. 27, 2023 edition of the *North Shore News*, a Notice of Property Disposition was posted.

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

In accordance with section 26 of the Community Charter, the District of West Vancouver (the "District") hereby gives notice of its intention to dispose of the fee simple interest in a parcel of land located at 3000 Park Lane, West Vancouver BC, legally described as:

PID: 030-375-207
 THAT PART OF DISTRICT LOT 556 GROUP 1 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT SHOWN ON PLAN EPP60531 (the "Lot").

The Lot is a vacant residential parcel, approximately 9,020 square feet in area, and zoned RSA. The location of the Lot is approximately as indicated in blue on the map. All measurements are approximate, and the Lot will be sold "as-is, where-is".

The Lot is available for acquisition by the public. The listing price is \$7,388,000. All inquiries may be directed to the District's realtor, Holly Calderwood (Royal LePage Sussex), at 604-561-9699, and offers must also be submitted to Holly Calderwood. The District may elect to accept an offer at any time. The highest or any offer may not necessarily be accepted.

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And, in the July 17, 2024 edition of the *North Shore News*, a Notice of Road Closure was made. Upon reading the fine print, one would see that the right of way was actually going to be added to the property at 3000 Park Lane. No mention of sale. If this was not part of the property identified in the original Notice of Disposition, the property has changed. Is a new notice not required to be issued?

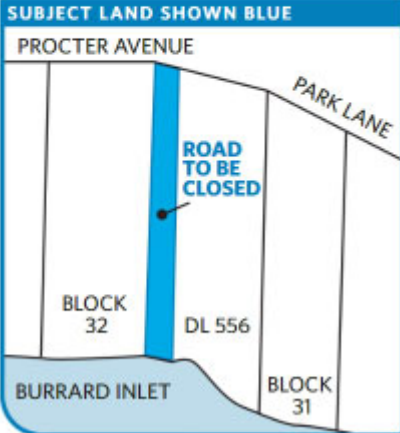
NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE & REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY DEDICATION BYLAW NO. 5342, 2024

WHAT: An opportunity for public input will be held for proposed Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 5342, 2024.

WHEN: The opportunity for public input will be held during Council's regular meeting on July 22, 2024 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Municipal Hall Council Chamber, 750 17th Street, and via Webex electronic communication facilities. Attend in-person or via Webex (visit westvancouver.ca/webex); or watch the meeting at westvancouver.ca/tc.




SUBJECT LAND: The portion of District highway adjacent to 3000 Park Lane shown as "ROAD TO BE CLOSED" on the adjacent plan (the "Closed Road"). The area of the Closed Road is approximately 234.8 m² (2527.37 square feet).

PURPOSE: In general terms, the purpose of the proposed bylaw is to enable the District to raise title to the Closed Road and consolidate it with the parcel located at 3000 Park Lane, which is currently owned by the District. The Closed Road would no longer be available for public use.

COUNCIL WELCOMES YOUR INPUT: All persons who consider they are affected by the proposed bylaw will be given an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions to Council. To participate in person, please attend the Municipal Hall Council Chamber at the time listed above. To participate by electronic communication facilities, please call 604-925-7004 on July 22, 2024 to be added to the speakers list. Instructions on how to participate are available at westvancouver.ca/ph.

PROVIDE YOUR SUBMISSION: via email to correspondence@westvancouver.ca; via mail to Municipal Hall, 750 17th Street, West Vancouver BC V7V 3T3; or address to Legislative Services and place in the drop box at the 17th Street entrance of Municipal Hall. Please provide written submissions by noon on July 22, 2024 to ensure their inclusion in the public information package for Council's consideration.

MORE INFORMATION: The proposed bylaw and other relevant documents that Council may consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposed bylaw and dispose of the subject lands may be inspected at westvancouver.ca/notices and at Municipal Hall from July 10 to 24, 2024, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays).

QUESTIONS? John Wong, Acting Director, Corporate Services
jtwong@westvancouver.ca | 604-921-3420 

Who makes these connections almost a year apart? Is that the motivation of the District – to mislead the public and bury the process?

In my opinion, the price offered is not enough. What is the rush? Has there been an appraisal on this Right of Way? This appears to be misleading and totally lacks transparency. Frankly, the whole process is appalling and needs to be stopped.

Yours truly,
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West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 1:02 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: beach access

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Hi, I would like to oppose the closure of the beach access path at the foot of 30th St in West Vancouver. This is a public path and should stay that way. To close this path to appease a wealthy buyer, and I believe an acquaintance of the mayor, is just wrong. Just because someone has money and connections to decision makers should not mean that they can get everything they ask for. I ask that you reconsider closing this popular beach access path. I have lived in West Vancouver for over [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and use it often.

Thank you for listening,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 1:29 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider
Subject: Altamont Beach access path

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Mayor and Council,

I am beyond horrified that this precious beach access point is about to be sold off. I had always thought that a mayor and councillors should have the community's interests at heart, not that of private individuals. By selling off an access route such as this, you are creating a coastline exclusively for the rich. This is the ultimate privatization of an exquisite environment that every taxpayer in West Vancouver has participated in maintaining. I do not believe you could not have found an alternative arrangement to purchase a property in Ambleside. This stinks of self interest I'm afraid.

Please do the right thing by the community - this is not the sort of legacy you would like to be remembered for.

Sincerely,

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

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 3:05 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Altamont beach access: Not how we do things in West Van

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Mayor and Council

Like every other West Van resident I know, I am appalled at the underhanded way you made this decision to sell off our public land and access to our public beach, without consulting the tax-paying residents.

You are aware that one more Council vote is required before the sale of the Altamont Beach Park accessway is closed. You are more than likely aware that **once a material change happens to a lot for sale and an accepted bid, it must be made available in its new configuration for sale to the public, instead of as a private deal** which is happening in this case.

You are obliged to follow due process.

I do not approve of your apparent lack of transparency and hush-hush approach so that you can push your agenda on this issue through to avoid public resistance. I am fully against your proposal to add this parcel of public parkland to the property at 3000 Park Lane.

I am seriously concerned that this Council feels it can make decisions behind our backs without due consultation or transparent communication. This kind of approach undermines our municipal democracy and our trust. You have a responsibility to the residents.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 3:59 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Public Beach Access sale
Attachments: Public Beach Access sale.pdf

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August 8, 2024

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Councillor Sharon Thompson, sthompson@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Linda Watt, lwatt@westvancouver.ca

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment about the recent decision of the Mayor and Council to sell public beach access land at the foot of 30th Street, adjacent to 3000 Park Lane in West Vancouver. This decision seems short-sighted and opportunistic, running counter to the notion that city hall should protect a rare and valuable "public good". Once this access point is sold, it is lost to the entire community -- forever.

Rather than sell the beach access, a visionary and forward-thinking Council would be looking for ways to expand public access to West Vancouver's rare waterfront. **Why not convert the entire property at 3000 Park Lane to public beach access, creating an enhanced community amenity?**

Media reports indicate that Council intends to use the proceeds of the sale of the 30th Street beach access to finance a purchase of waterfront property in Ambleside Park. **Why has Council not considered using the financing available to it through the BC Municipal Finance Authority to finance this purchase?** The MFA website indicates that a 30-year long-term loan can be secured at a current interest rate of 4.5%. Assuming the District requires \$6M to purchase the Ambleside property, the financing cost would be approximately \$384,000 annually, equivalent to less than **0.08% of the annual municipal budget**. This is a small price to pay to protect rare beach access for future generations.

I encourage the Mayor and Council to change their decision to sell public beach access in West Vancouver. The electorate is looking for strong leaders that understand Council's important stewardship role in protecting and enhancing the community's public assets today and for the future. Our public amenities should not be for sale.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, BC

cc: correspondence@westvancouver.ca

August 8, 2024

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West Vancouver, BC

cc: correspondence@westvancouver.ca

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 6:04 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: 3000 Park Lane Support of sale and road closure from [REDACTED] s. 22(1) their Realtor is CC'd in this email and this was sent to me from [REDACTED] s. 22(1).
Attachments: LettertoDistrict-[REDACTED] s. 22(1) sale&Pathwayclosure (1).pdf

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Dearest Council,

See attachment letter from the owner [REDACTED] s. 22(1) supporting the Sale and Pathway sale at 3000 Parklane and Pathway closure. Original PDF also attached signed by owner.

LettertoDistrict-3008Proctersup... 1 page

August 2 2024

Dear District of West Vancouver,

I am [REDACTED] s. 22(1) the registered owner of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) of 3000 Park Lane and pathway. I am writing on behalf of my family that we fully support the closing of the pathway to the public and the sale of 3000 Park Lane and road closure as per the notice that was set out near our home and in the North Shore Newspaper.

We have heard and seen all the comments and the News coverage and are quite appalled that a few entitled neighbours and their kayaks have the nerve to say what they have said. They are wrong. There are two other waterfront accesses for them on either side [REDACTED] s. 22(1) at 31st and a newer one just a few houses down to the east

This pathway is not very well used or used often. We are fed up quite frankly with all of the noise and or nuisance that this dark old pathway causes to us and to our quiet enjoyment. Our [REDACTED] s. 22(1) of people trespassing [REDACTED] s. 22(1) the frequent smell of marijuana coming from the kids and vagrants who seem to only occupy this pathway or below near the rocky shoreline. The drinking going on in the hidden tree covered pathway, teenage kids sneaking in drinking and having sex on the beach and numerous other issues - including an older man who bathes at the bottom of the beach pathway on the waterfront [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and is naked from the waist down, hence why we are fed up [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

We also do not support any new public pathway stairs being moved [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] s. 22(1) the District of West Vancouver. If that situation should arise from the District doing so then we may proceed with legal action as it would be a deterrent to the [REDACTED] and it [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for the future owner.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this time sensitive issue. My family can be reached for comment if needed [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

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Owner of

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC

s. 22(1)



From: David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 6:14 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Public access to West Vancouver beachfront

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The pending sale of waterfront property by the District, one which will apparently involve the loss of a rare public access route to the beach, strikes me as being wrong-headed and the manner in which this matter is being handled sets off alarm bells. I believe Councillor Cassidy is right in her views as quoted in the accompanying Vancouver Sun article.

As general principle, public access to the waterfront, a scarce and valuable asset in our community, ought never to be sacrificed. In the exceptional instance where this may be necessary there must be a fullsome explanation offered and plenty of opportunity for debate. The transaction in question appears to involve undue haste and is being pursued during the summer doldrums when few local residents are likely to be paying attention. And a sole purchaser? This doesn't pass the 'smell test'.

I hereby request that my name and contact information not be redacted from this communication.

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

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From: [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:10 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: support the sale of 3000 Park Lane and closure of beach access

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to you to say that I fully support the sale of 3000 Park Lane and the sale of the addition of the road closure for the following reasons. We are long-time West Vancouver residents and we support The Ambleside project which all of us in West Vancouver will benefit from and can now start after all of these years!

I am reading the correspondence submitted online and it's so obvious who is behind these foolish rant emails and the same angry neighbours from above. The one lone councillor and her 2 disgruntled neighbours - the same one that is trying to get everyone to write in and say stuff like nothing short of a crime and land confiscated - come on. The top of the concrete stairs and the bottom of the concrete stairs actually sit on 3000 park Lane Lot as does most of the pathway on that lot line if you watched the meeting. The land was on the market for a year and there was no secret deal. The district has every right to sell this.

The public waterfront in front is not being taken away or stolen from anyone as you can access it from either side of 31st or the other pathway to the east just a short stroll away also one on 27th and 28th. I have lived in West Vancouver for over 40 years. I am also tired of council meeting after meeting the one lone council member that's fighting any issue that benefits all of West Vancouver. Time to vote out anyone who keeps opposing everything that comes up in council to benefit her own agenda.

No one is stealing the shoreline. The waterfront rocky beach belongs to everyone and it can still be accessed from two other pathways from either side of this property on 31st and a brand new pathway built to the east of this property at Altamont Beach Park a few steps away. We are in a global financial crisis and to get someone from a local west van family to decide to build their family home we should all be lucky now we can focus on the Ambleside waterfront project.

It is funny one of the neighbours is crying foul that her Pathway will be gone, then she is talking about selling it for more money my friend sent me on facebook? She will lie and say whatever to try to destroy all of West Vancouver's Dreams of a brand new family filled waterfront park that everyone goes to. The Land is sold and she was very lucky to have used that road closure for all these years but now it's sold and that's why Waterfront Buyers pay the premium. Most of that old pathway sits on 3000 Park Lane.

She and her other Kayak friend have 2 other access points a few feet away on either side and 31st is a beautiful flat access right to the water. There is also access on 27th and 28th. I would agree with these 3 neighbours if there were no other access points to the beach and water but they have 4 in total within a 4 block radius and 2 beach accesses directly outside their homes to the left and right of them.

This is District who owns the land and are selling it to fund a Waterfront project in Ambleside Beach that they have been working on for 40 years that all of West Vancouver will use not just one guy who is fighting this because he lives behind this land and is mad that he can't carry his Kayak down from directly out from his house behind the tracks and he will now have to carry it a few feet over to the east or to the west where there are 2 other beachfront accesses for him to use. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) mentions he [REDACTED] s. 22(1). My family and I have lived in the neighbourhood for over 40 years. Myself, my [REDACTED] s.22(1) do not use that old beach access that's known for kids to frequent that pathway as it's dark and covered. It's not a very nice beach. It's very rocky with big rocks so elderly or young children can not enjoy it compared to Ambleside or Dundarave which is a nice safe sandy beach and a short stroll away. This is a rare sale to help benefit another sale. No one is stealing anything from anyone and there are plenty of beach accesses nearby. I think it sets a dangerous precedent if 2 people can try to block something because of their own selfish intentions and won't stop at

any cost where the benefit is all of West Vancouver Families. Signs up everywhere, the endless lies to neighbours, the endless drama.

The Real Truth is 1-3 neighbours from behind 3000 Park Lane will lose their direct access from their semi waterfront homes and now feel devastated that they will have to walk a few steps now to get to 4 other beach accesses available to them.

Thank you to the council for all of your great work.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

From: Val Grimes [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 9:08 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: WestVan Council & Mayor has No Mandate to Sell Beach Access adjacent to 3000 Park Lane
Attachments: 2024 Aug 09 re sale of beach access 3000.pdf

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VJ Grimes

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Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Waterfront Access at 30th

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Hello Mayor, Council and Residents of West Vancouver:

Following is a high-level summary of the facts around the 30th Street waterfront access and the proposal to sell that access to a private individual. A more comprehensive and fully documented report will follow. It is vital that the Mayor and Council have a full picture of the situation around this public access, that they are aware of the strength of the group opposing it and that this information is entered into the public record.

A Cherished Path

The path at the foot of 30th Street, which connects Park Lane to the waterfront, provides an active and well used access to the waterfront. The waterfront is public property and access to that public property is a long-standing West Vancouver principle.

It should be clear to Council by now that this path is cherished in this neighbourhood. The path has been used for public access for more than a century.

It is naïve (at best) to pass off this proposed closure with the tone-deaf comment that there are other access points. Those other access points do not have the special character of this path and this piece of waterfront. Access at 31st Street is a little piece of rock with a storm drain outlet, cut off in one direction by rock and the other by a stream. The access to the east consists of a very steep set of 91 stairs. Regardless of whether or not there are other ways to access the waterfront, it is shocking that Council would take away a century-old amenity for the sake of a momentary expediency.

The Official Community Plan

Trails and public access to the waterfront has been a priority since the founding of this community. That is well documented in the Official Community Plan. There is a clearly stated policy to continue to **acquire** trails and waterfront access. This proposal directly opposes a century-old policy which is enshrined in the Official Community Plan.

The Way This Matter Was Handled

The manner in which the Mayor and Council handled this matter raises concerns about the objectivity of the Mayor and certain members of Council.

- There was a very short notice period before the July 29 council meeting: A sign advising that the matter would be dealt with at a Council meeting was posted only a week in advance of the meeting at which the matter received first, second and third reading.
- There were letters submitted to Council in support of the proposal that were so completely detached from reality as to beg the question of authenticity and objectivity.
- The report at the Council meeting from Mr. Wong was clearly skewed towards supporting a position that had been decided in advance (eg, contrary to his comment, there is no safety concern; the steps are **not** dilapidated).
- Councilor Gambioli stating that, by accepting this proposal “access to the waterfront is not impeded”. That is just plain wrong.

- The argumentative and unprofessional response from the Mayor to the residents speaking about this matter at the council meeting leads one to further question his objectivity.

Sale of 3000 Park Lane

The rationale for taking away public access was stated by the Mayor was that it would result in a higher sales price for that lot.

The lot at 3000 Park Lane is already the second-largest lot on Park Lane. Waterfront lots are highly sought after and that lot would certainly sell at the market price in the fullness of time without tacking on a public amenity. The Mayor stated that there was an offer, but that the price would be higher by taking away the access and including it in the lot. So, taking the Mayor at his word, let's accept the basic price and keep the public access.

At the Council meeting, there was discussion around floor area ratios, which could be an elegant solution to the situation.

We congratulate Council on being fiscally responsible. However, being fiscally responsible does not justify selling off a highly treasured waterfront access for the sake of expediency in this moment.

The cost in moving the path onto the preserved right-of-way would constitute a tiny amount in relation to the amount that West Vancouver has spent to provide waterfront access in Ambleside.

Proposed Use of Proceeds

The Mayor stated in the July 29 meeting that proceeds from the sale of 3000 Park Lane would be used to purchase a waterfront property in Ambleside. Other than the Mayor's personal desire to do that deal, there is nothing to support that use of proceeds. That one private lot has no impact whatsoever on the public's enjoyment of the Ambleside waterfront. That is, the public can walk a few meters either side of that one lot to access the waterfront. Speeding up the acquisition of that lot does not in any way justify the long-term harm in taking away this access from this community.

The citizens of West Vancouver would be served far better if 3000 Park Lane was sold as is (with waterfront access retained by the community) and the proceeds used for any number of other high priority items.

Legal Considerations

The following is a high-level interpretation and will soon be formalized with professional legal expertise.

Under the Community Charter and the Local Government Act, in order for West Vancouver to sell a property designated as a highway, special procedures are required. Among those procedures is the requirement to provide suitable public notice. Posting a sign a week before the meeting does not seem to be adequate notice.

A further provision is that if a deal is already in place, the notice must identify the buyer. The Mayor stated that there was an offer and specified that including this access would lead to a higher price. The public has not seen details of that deal. The fact that there may be a personal connection between the buyer and the Mayor makes it all the more troubling.

When there is a conversion from a "dedicated property", as this is, there are additional provisions, including the need for an appraisal and that the property must be tendered to the public. None of those legal principles have been followed. This is a behind the scenes negotiation with an undisclosed party who may have a personal connection to the Mayor.

Under the Provincial Land Titles Act, s75 specifies that "access must be given by highways 20 m wide to the body of water ... at distances not greater than 200 m between centre lines". Maintaining the 30th Access is necessary to comply with that principle of the LTA.

The spirit of the law is straightforward on both the Community Charter and LTA matters.

We understand from various discussions that legal counsel for West Vancouver may seek exemptions from these basic legal principles. That is, Council may seek legal manipulation to circumvent legal responsibilities in what clearly appears to be an illegal act in selling this waterfront access.

We intend to oppose any efforts to circumvent what are straightforward legal principles.

Implications for the Buyer

By now it must be apparent that this neighbourhood is strongly opposed to taking away our waterfront access and that we will continue to aggressively defend this public amenity. Forcibly taking away a century-old public access will lead to lasting resentment. We intend to continue to fight this, with every possible approach.

Public Perception of This Matter

One individual who is very well acquainted with municipal affairs stated:

“The way this piece of valuable public land is proposed to be disposed of is shocking, unethical, and is out of step with everything previously done in our community. I know of no other sale in which a member of Council did not recuse themselves if they knew a purchaser.”

(Details of that individual will be included in the more comprehensive report.)

It is extremely troubling that this matter is being rammed through in the face of clear opposition and in spite of being in contravention of well-established policies and legal principles.

It is shocking that the Mayor and the Acting Director, Corporate Services appear to be negotiating in an opaque manner. It is especially shocking that the potential buyer may have a personal connection with the Mayor.

In addition to vehemently opposing the removal of this waterfront access, this group and the entire community demand an investigation into the circumstances around this matter.

In view of the publicity around the Mayor over the past couple of years, it is not surprising that the media has taken a keen interest in this matter. It is a compelling story line which will continue to attract media attention: The mayor is spearheading an initiative to take away a beloved waterfront access and sell it to an individual with a personal connection to the Mayor.

This situation reflects poorly on the Mayor, on the Councilors who support him and on West Vancouver.

Next Steps

As this group expands and comes together, there is a growing resolve to protect this century-old public amenity. As other people in West Vancouver become aware of this matter, they are lending their support. Our group is growing exponentially.

Our group is now discussing fundraising alternatives and is in the process of securing formal legal representation. We will ensure that this story continues to generate media attention.

We will do whatever it takes to protect our cherished waterfront access.

And, we are demanding an inquiry into a situation where the Mayor is negotiating the sale of a public amenity to a personal contact, without public tender and in a manner that contravenes various policies and legal principles.

On behalf of the Save 30th Access Group and other citizens of West Vancouver,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 4:41 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: PUBLIC PETITION REGARDING THE ALTAMONT BEACH PARK PUBLIC ACCESS

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Hello Mayor and Councillors,

Attached below, please find a public petition that is being circulated regarding the Altamont Beach Park Public Access that is under threat of being sold to a private buyer.

Regarding the petition commentary from taxpayers, please click on the link below. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Best regards,

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Sign our petition to protect West Van's public beach access.

West Van Council recently voted to **sell our public beach access path at the foot of 30th Street** in Altamont. It is so disappointing that Council would contemplate selling off such an incredibly valuable public asset, and one that is a vital part of West Van's special character and beauty. Do we all have memories of the delight in making one's way on a quiet residential street, through the brambles, and emerging into the magic of a west coast shoreline?

(1) Please **sign our petition** to get the attention of Council and halt this sale. We aim to gather 4,000 signatures.

(2) Contact one of the four Councillors who support the sale, and let them know why preserving this public access matters to you:

Mayor Mark Sager - 604-925-7001 - mark@westvancouver.ca.

Coun. Nora Gambioli - 604-653-8823 - ngambioli@westvancouver.ca.

Coun. Sharon Thompson - 604-209-4621 - sthompson@westvancouver.ca.

Coun. Scott Snider - 604-218-2597 - ssnider@westvancouver.ca.

(3) Let all your West Van friends, acquaintances , and complete strangers know that we need to stand up and protect this land from being sold into private hands. Talk about it over dinner tonight!

Details:

District's Public "[Notice of Road Closure](#)"

[Council Report](#) outlining the proposed closure and sale, with detailed maps.

Video of July 22nd [Council meeting](#) discussing the sale - Item 8

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:49 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Mark Sager hears what he wants to hear - Altamont beach access is part of WV Character - stop the sale!

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Dear Council,

After reading former Mayor Smith's comments I hope he runs in the next election... Mark Sager only hears what he wants to hear and his morals are clearly questionable.

Selling the amenities that make up the character of West Van for eternity to make a few bucks all while the surprise money for pay parking is beyond what was expected is callous.

I've sent this email from a new email address as my recent emails to correspondence haven't been going through as usual.

The fact that only 2 letters about this issue have been published in the last 2 weeks have me greatly concerned about a conspiracy.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Maple Ridge BC
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 9:17 AM
To: correspondence; Christine Cassidy; Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: 3000 Park Lane Sale

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To: Mayor Sager and Council,

Re: Sale of 3000 Park Lane Lot and Adjacent Pathway.

I would like to record my support for the approval of the sale of the District owned waterfront lot at 3000 Park Lane, and the attached pathway to the waterfront.

There are currently 3 access points to the waterfront between 29th and 31st. I don't believe the loss of the pathway adjacent to 3000 Park Lane will have any negative impact when accessing the waterfront. Over the years I have run or walked by the pathway many times without even realizing there was a pathway to the waterfront. The pathway looked like overgrown shrubs and trees. I first became aware of the pathway when showing the waterfront lot to prospective buyers. In every case, the client questioned whether the adjacent pathway could be included in a purchase of the lot.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 12:23 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Opposed to closure and sale of Altamont public beach access

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I'm also concerned that this action puts all our public assets at risk and that this sale will set a precedent. I'm opposed to this.

I have included another email from a West Van resident below - I agree with his points.

Sincerely,

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From: David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>
Date: August 8, 2024 at 6:13:46 PM PDT
To: Council DWV <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>, "Sager, Mayor Mark" <mark@westvancouver.ca>, Cassidy Christine <ccassidy@westvancouver.ca>, Gambioli Nora <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>, Lambur Peter <plambur@westvancouver.ca>, Snider Scott <ssnider@westvancouver.ca>, Thompson Sharon <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>, Watt Linda <lwatt@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Public access to West Vancouver beachfront

The pending sale of waterfront property by the District, one which will apparently involve the loss of a rare public access route to the beach, strikes me as being wrong-headed and the manner in which this matter is being handled sets off alarm bells. I believe Councillor Cassidy is right in her views as quoted in the accompanying Vancouver Sun article.

As general principle, public access to the waterfront, a scarce and valuable asset in our community, ought never to be sacrificed. In the exceptional instance where this may be necessary there must be a fullsome explanation offered and plenty of opportunity for debate. The transaction in question appears to involve undue haste and is being pursued during the summer doldrums when few local residents are likely to be paying attention. And a sole purchaser? This doesn't pass the 'smell test'.

I hereby request that my name and contact information not be redacted from this communication.

David Marley

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[West Vancouver, BC](#)

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Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 12:51 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: We are opposed to the sale of Altamont public beach access!

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In addition to opposing the sale of public asset. I am abhorred at the way council is addressing this issue. There having been no public consultation, and trying to sneak this issue through during a time when there usually isn't a meeting all behind closed doors. This is shameful.

Sincerely,

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, West Vancouver,

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To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli
Subject: 3000 Park Lane

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Dear Mayor Sager and DWV Councillors,

3000 Park Lane and Public Access to Altamont Beach Park

I was very surprised that selling public access to a public park/beach was considered at the July 22nd council meeting. I had previously seen the announcement in the NSN with regards to a road closure. I glossed over it, not stopping to read the details. I am still very confused what a notification for road closure has to do with selling public access to a public beach/park.

Watching the council meeting on the evening of the 22nd, I was even more surprised at how the item was handled. How - towards the very end of the meeting, Mayor Sager called an in camera meeting to discuss information regarding the vote. Why was there a need to discuss this in private? What did Mayor Sager say to Councillors in private that couldn't be said to the public? Were Councillors given time to consider the details before a vote was taken or were they pushed into a decision at the close of a long, late meeting? Councillors should have been given time to think about public interest. Closing public access to a public beach/park is an extremely important community wide issue.

Since that time, I have felt overwhelmed by the emails received with comments and questions regarding the procedure that has been followed for selling a public access to a public beach/park. Since that time, many articles have appeared in mainstream media and social media. In general, I would summarize that few, if any, feel selling public access to a public beach/park is for the good of the public. This all seems to have happened in undue haste.

It is difficult to understand Mayor Sager's point of view: Use the funds from the sale of 3000 Park Lane combined with sale of the public right of way to buy the remaining Argyle waterfront property? 3000 Park Lane has not been sold although listed for a year and therefore making it necessary to sell the property as well as the public right of way as a combination because that is the only offer that has been received? Likely, the realtor is pushing to close this deal (there must be large commissions involved?), and seems to consider the property "Sold."

The community hasn't been made aware why the buyer will only close on the property's sale if the public right of way is included. Surely, a fence or wall will maintain the property owner's privacy as on the west side of the public walk way. Surely owning a waterfront lot, no matter what size should be enough? These words continue to circle in my thoughts: "I will only buy the waterfront lot if the public access to the beach is removed and that parcel of land included." Really - owning waterfront isn't enough? Maybe the buyer should wait until a larger, more private lot becomes available?

It goes without saying that waterfront property is very limited in supply. Perhaps, changing real estate agents might improve the chances of selling the property? Does it matter if the property doesn't sell for another year or two? What does matter is maintaining public access to a public beach/park.

I read that Councillor Cassidy commented: "It should not have been an exclusive offer to one buyer who asked to acquire the beach access," she said. "If we joined the two lots, then we should have opened up bidding to the public so other buyers could make offers too." Surely, all should be reconsidered and if the public right away is to be included, a new listing and price is in order. The sale of the public right of way to the public beach should not be part of a decision to sell the property. The two decisions are separate and should have been considered before an in camera meeting to make the decision. Closing/selling the right away should be an independent decision and one where community input is given. It should definitely be a decision not tied to sale of 3000 Park Lane.

Public access to the beach at the foot of 30th is very special. It is part of our community as a whole. Not all of us prefer the beaches of Ambleside or the parks along Bellevue. Very few of us have our own personal waterfront. We live here because we chose a waterfront community with waterfront access available to the public.

Some of the information I have been sent included the following sign. Is shows Altamont Beach as a park? How is right to close/sell an access to a Park?



I agree with the following which was sent to me:

"As a West Vancouver taxpayer, I object to being manipulated in this manner. Why are our tax dollars not be

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."

Justification to sell the public access to Altamont Beach Park, is that there are other nearby access points. Some have written that these access points are not so easily used. Some have written that parking is not available. I respond that the more access points the better, especially if other access points are not so easily used. No parking?.....Don't we want users to be able to walk to the beach/park? Isn't it the very best to have that possibility? One correspondent in favour of the sale wrote that the access is not well used at Proctor. That's only a personal opinion. How has that correspondent determined that it is not well used? What does well used mean?

Please reconsider how you vote at the August 12th council meeting. Please vote against any motion that will continue the sale of the Altamont Beach Park public access at the the foot of 30th.

Thank you for your consideration.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:28 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Beach Access sale

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to correct our mayor who was quoted in the North Shore News as saying:

“It’s a narrow, steep, long, difficult access that the neighbours would like to close up,” he said.

This is pure Trumpian nonsense. It is the widest beach access along that stretch and arguably the least steep. Has our mayor even walked down the others?

The steps at 31st St give very little beach access as there is a creek just east of the steps, which is impossible and dangerous to cross in all months except August, when water flow is low. The wooden steps to the east of the proposed sale are indeed the steepest and narrowest. After that, there are the steps at Altamont, which have a similar width and grade, but are not straight. Then, as you know, the access at 29th St was closed several years ago, and now all that is left is a very steep, dirt pathway which is inaccessible (and indeed closed off) except for the very few who can clamber up and down under the rails.

So, please do not spread misinformation. And of course, the neighbours want it closed up so that the public don’t sit in front of their houses and they get a private beach.

The proposed land for sale is indeed very wide and it would be far more transparent if the public could see any proposal to both keep a beach access, albeit a little narrower, yet still take some back some land from it to sell. That would be working in the interest of citizens. But the outright sale of a public beach access, which will never be gained back is wrong and not working in the public interest.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 10:29 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: 30th St Beach Access

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I am a West Vancouver resident, address below.

Do I have this right? Our Mayor has had his law licence suspended by the BC Law Society for professional misconduct, a charge he has admitted to. He has been investigated by Port Moody police at the behest of Elections BC and the police have now passed their findings to the Crown Prosecutors. And now he's rail-roading through the preferential sale of beach access district land to one of his mates. And everyone is ok with this?? This man is an embarrassment to our community and if he had any morals he'd resign. Oh wait.....we know from the Law Society that he doesn't.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Van

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 11:24 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Altamont Beach Access/3000 Park Lane

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I have lived in West Vancouver for over s. 22(1) and enjoyed our public beach access all the way from Ambleside to Horseshoe Bay.

I have followed with interest the discussion and decisions that have been taken with respect to the sale of the Altamont Beach Access at 3000 Park Lane. The Mayor's response to the objections of WV residents is appalling, and I am surprised that a majority of Council support the sale of beach access. To state the obvious, PUBLIC beach access is a very rare commodity that should be safeguarded. I find it ironic that one piece of public beach access is being traded off for another when the waterfront Ambleside piece is already secure and it is only a matter of time before it is purchased. There is no new beach access being created to trade for, and given the growing effects of rising sea levels due to climate change we may have less accessible beach access in the future.

The lot at 3000 Park Lane will eventually sell, and the waterfront lot at Ambleside will be bought as have been all the other Ambleside lots in due course.

Please keep our public beach access intact and do not sell it off under these circumstances.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

s. 22(1)

Please redact my name and personal contact info.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 11:53 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Nora Gambioli
Subject: 30th Street Beach Access

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I would like to make a few additional comments about the proposed closing and sale of the 30th Street community beach access.

I find the revelations about this deal and comments made by the mayor over the past couple of weeks somewhat troubling. As [REDACTED] s. 22(1), a usual, loyal defender of the mayor and his slate has said, "This doesn't pass the *smell test*."

I should start by thanking Councillor Cassidy for her work on this issue and for standing up for what is right and for what needs to be protected and preserved in our community. Hopefully, now, other councillors will see the importance and desire for more, not less, access to the public waterfront.

The current DWV Parks Master Plan (3.4 Waterfront Activities) states that:

The long, spectacular waterfront is one of the District's most unique and treasured assets. It is also very well used, as indicated in a telephone survey. Protecting, enhancing, celebrating and ensuring access to the waterfront was among the key themes of focus groups. (p.19)

It continues:

The primary need expressed by the public is for more access to the waterfront. A proposal was recently made to Council to review road-ends/trails to identify opportunities to improve shoreline access. (p.20)

The potential closure of the 30th Street beach access trail is taking us in the wrong direction. Once the access is closed and sold, it is gone.

Unfortunately, one councillor has even suggested that having less access to the waterfront is okay, since the funds available for maintenance are limited.

I should point out that over the past few years the trail located on the undeveloped McKechnie Avenue roadway has received up to three substantial trail clearings per year when it seems mostly unnecessary. Last year, DWV Engineering also came by to clear the area around the trail. Is this money well-spent? Perhaps money for more trail maintenance would be available if it was more reasonably applied.

(Could it be that the ill-fated investigation into setting up a pickleball and a tennis complex at Hugo Ray Park has left a sizable hole in the Parks budget?)

The DWV Parks Master Plan also recommends that the district continue and increase partnerships with members of the community and stewardship groups to help maintain Park/natural assets like trails. This, of course, already happens, often on an informal basis, with trail users, but if resources are limited, then it makes sense to encourage those who use the trails to help maintain these natural assets. In most cases they are willing to do so.

When needed, we clear debris that has gathered on the undeveloped McKechnie Ave path and at West Bay Beach Park and I believe that the frequent users and residents around the 30th Street beach access do the same.

Maintaining public access to beaches, trails, and municipal lands is a cornerstone of equitable use of natural resources. Upholding this access is not only about recreation but also about preserving the public's right to experience and enjoy shared environments, fostering a sense of community and stewardship for the environment. Ensuring that the 30th Street beach access remains open to all is crucial, not just for fairness, but so **everyone** can enjoy the great outdoors and the spectacular waterfront.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:02 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Preserving West Vancouver's waterfront

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It was with great disbelief that we heard that Mayor and Council are planning to approve a land sale that would see public access to the waterfront that belongs to all, be sold off for a small profit. The waterfront should be accessible to all, this administration and the previous one has been chipping away at the public access to the water in West Vancouver in favour of wealthier residents who want to secure the waterfront for their own private access. This is wrong. And it sets a dangerous precedent for other property developers. We are very much against selling of access to the water that we all share. This is especially important as we experience hotter and drier weather and with more frequent and prolonged heat domes.

We urge you to reconsider selling off our valuable waterfront to private developers as ALL West Vancouver residents deserve to have access to the water. The additional \$1.5 M is a small sum to forego to maintain the wonderful legacy of clean and accessible water here in our beautiful district.

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:03 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fwd: Altamont beach access: Not how we do things in West Van

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am using the body of a letter sent to you from a good friend of mine. Though the words are hers, I fully and totally agree with all that she has said.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Mayor and Council

Like every other West Van resident I know, I am appalled at the underhanded way you made this decision to sell off our public land and access to our public beach, without consulting the tax-paying residents.

You are aware that one more Council vote is required before the sale of the Altamont Beach Park accessway is closed. You are more than likely aware that **once a material change happens to a lot for sale and an accepted bid, it must be made available in its new configuration for sale to the public, instead of as a private deal** which is happening in this case.

You are obliged to follow due process.

I do not approve of your apparent lack of transparency and hush-hush approach so that you can push your agenda on this issue through to avoid public resistance. I am fully against your proposal to add this parcel of public parkland to the property at 3000 Park Lane.

I am seriously concerned that this Council feels it can make decisions behind our backs without due consultation or transparent communication. This kind of approach

undermines our municipal democracy and our trust. You have a responsibility to the residents.

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 8:58 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy
Subject: Altamont beach access

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Mayor and Council:

there's nothing quite like a bone-headed municipal move to energize the voters.
In this case they see you quietly trying to sell off beach access for quick cash.

They believe, quite rightly, that access isn't really yours to sell:
you hold it in trust. It belongs to us all equally and to our children's children, as do the beaches themselves.

I understand you need money. You will always need money and want more. But liquidating a legacy asset for profit is political suicide: you can't support one part of our heritage by destroying another and expect to get away with it.

Especially when you've had forty years to find a better way. Now would be a good time to begin working harder and smarter to develop a sensible solution.

Best,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:07 AM
To: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>; Mark Sager, Mayor <mark@westvancouver.ca>; Christine Cassidy <cassidy@westvancouver.ca>; Linda Watt <lwatt@westvancouver.ca>; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; Scott Snider <ssnider@westvancouver.ca>; Peter Lambur <plambur@westvancouver.ca>; Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Fwd: To MAYOR and COUNSEL - Request for an Urgent Meeting ASAP regarding the Altamont Beach Park Access

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Hello Mayor Sager and Councillors,

As promised, here is the letter I sent to www.westvancouver.ca on August 6th requesting an urgent meeting.

As per my more recent emails I have understood the importance of including everyone's email addresses in future correspondence.

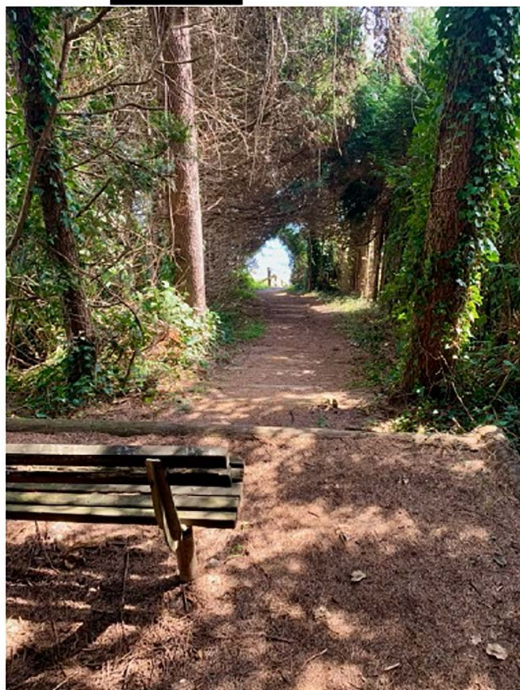
Thank you for listening to our concerns at yesterday's Open Meeting.
We look forward to engaging further with you on this important subject.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)





Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: To MAYOR and COUNSEL - Request for an Urgent Meeting ASAP regarding the Altamont Beach Park Access
Date: August 6, 2024 at 8:45:08 AM PDT
To: correspondence@westvancouver.ca
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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.

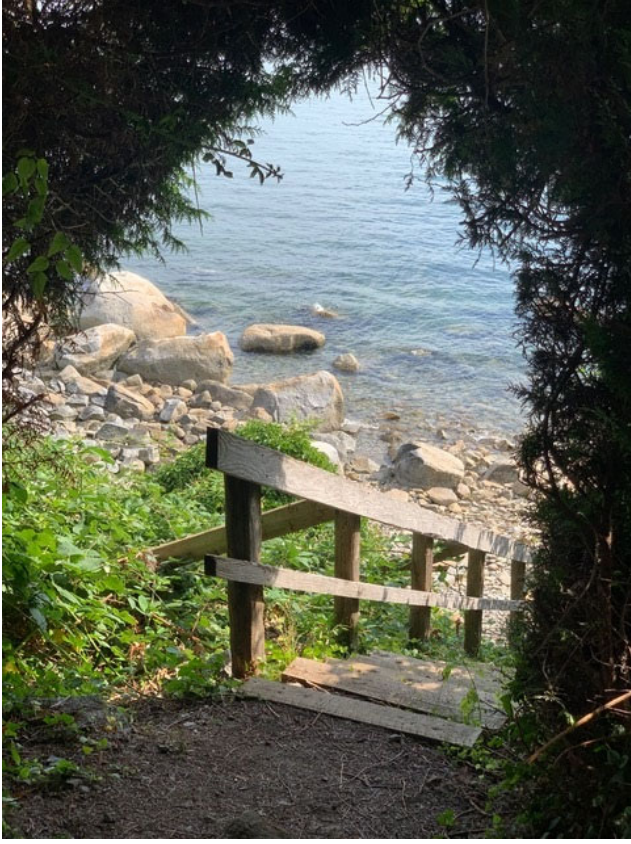
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:57 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Eagle Island dock by law

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Dear Mayor and Council,
My name is [Redacted] s. 22(1) I have been living on Eagle Island for [Redacted] s. 22(1)

For years I've been observing all the drama at Eagle Island. But never got part on it, since I always thought it was neighbours bickering, waisting precious time in life with ridiculous stuff.

Anyhow, I never would think that the City of West Vancouver would take part on this neighbours bickering and create more problems instead of solve them.

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
[Redacted] s. 22(1) I would be inconvenienced more than anybody on the island by these new rules which are completely unnecessary.

If the barges are such a problem, why don't we just get a bridge?

Best Regards,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
[Redacted] West Vancouver - [Redacted] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:29 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); correspondence
Subject: Re: Grassqawtch - take part in Community Art ! Plus more Exciting Arts Events!

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The Grassqatch is spectacular.


Please keep it as a permanent piece. So much could be done with this piece considering our very distinct 4 seasons - I can see it with Fall leaves, snow and new buds indicating a rebirth - heaven knows we need this in these days.

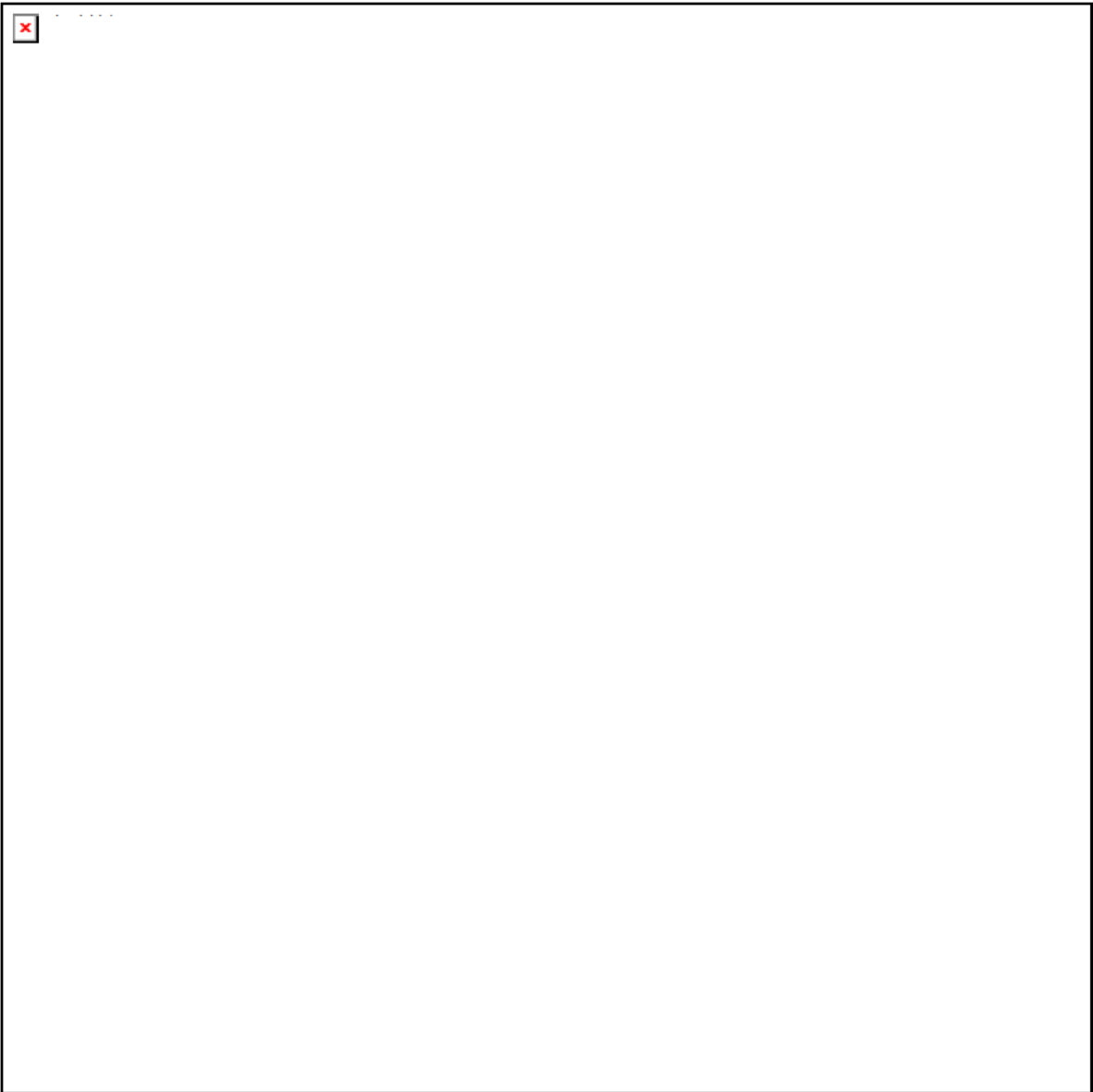
OUR municipal Council should be spending OUR money much more wisely than they are currently doing and, for a change, start listening to those people who elected them - and, by the way, who may not reelect them.

You only have to spend 5 minutes with that art piece and watch and listen to the comments, laughter and support for that artwork. I suspect there are many thousand photos on hundreds of iphones today of that piece with family, friends, etc

The WV Council has grown suspiciously silent about our new Arts Centre - so at least can we not support 1 piece of work that people love?

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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 Outlook, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:41 AM West Vancouver Community Arts Council <Wwarts@wildapricot.org> wrote:



WVCAC EVENTS & NEWS AUGUST 6 - 11

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HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL HOURS

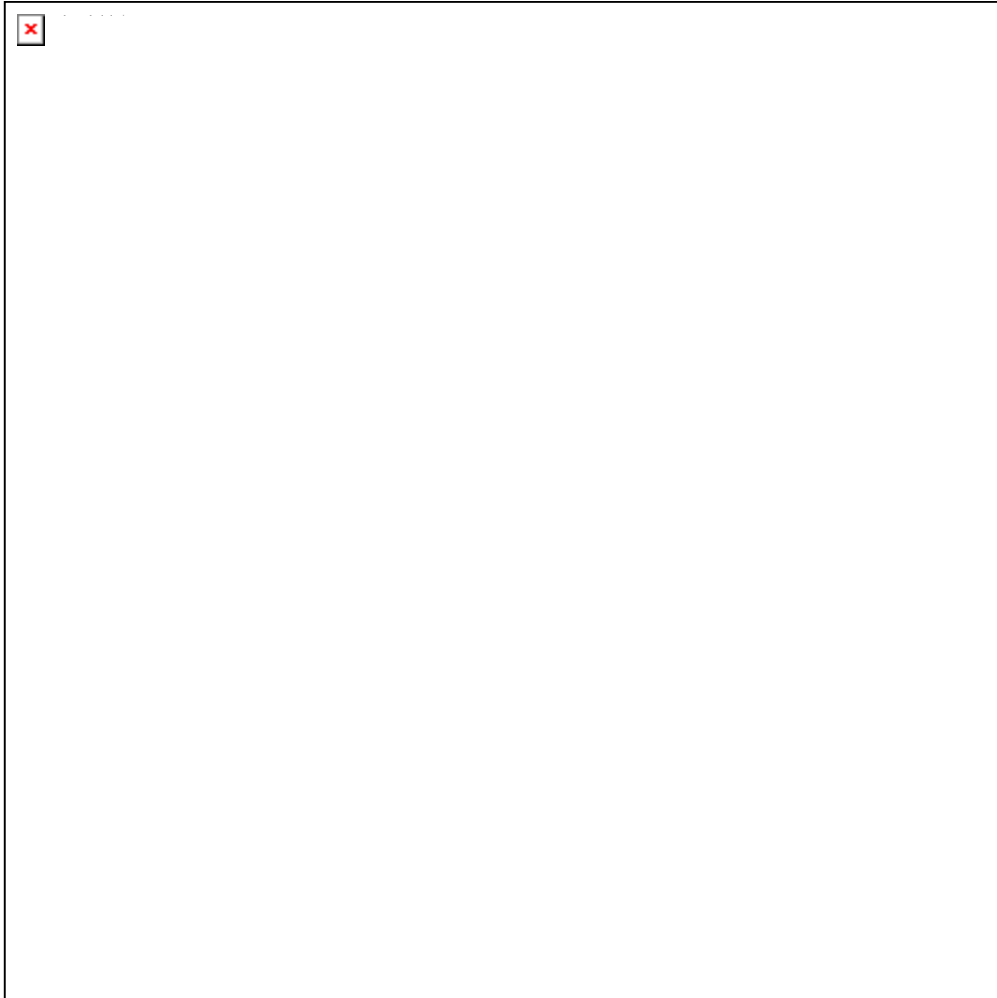
During the festival the Silk Purse Gallery & Art Box Shop will be open extended hours - even more opportunities for you to visit & experience all the amazing work by local artists & artisans! The 2024 Harmony Arts Festival runs from August 2 - 11.

Tues, Aug 6 – Sat, Aug 10: 11 am – 7 pm

Sun, Aug 11: 11 am – 6 pm

Argyle Ave. will be closed to vehicle traffic until mid August.

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



Support the WVCAC & take the opportunity to win some amazing prizes!

1. Sunshine & Smiles Package - Enjoy the summer with some colourful & unique items created by local artists & artisans!!

- A) Tote bag by artist [Dana Huhn](#)
- B) Scarf handcrafted by Xiao Lin Jia
- C) Butterfly notebook by Zentangle artist Natasha Dash
- D) Hummingbird greeting card by watercolour artist [Sonia Mocnik](#)

2. Music Lovers Pass - Experience the magic of live music!

- A) Classical Concert Series Pass. 6 tickets to the Classical Concert Series @ the Silk Purse Arts Centre to use from Sept. - Dec. 2024!
- B) Individual Membership fro 1 year.

3. Plein Air Painting on the Waterfront Workshop - Learn to paint with confidence in this one-day plein air workshop with artist Sheree Jones!

Registration for 1 participant. Sun. Aug. 25, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Meet at the Music Box, 1564 Argyle Ave, then paint along the beautiful waterfront.

Tickets on sale July 24 - Aug. 18, \$3 for \$5 @ The Silk Purse Arts Centre

Draw: Sun. Aug. 18, 3 pm

ART EXHIBITION AT THE SILK PURSE



Take Yourself There

July 24 - August 18

Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave.

Take yourself to a moment, a place, a feeling that lives somewhere out of time & yet inside raw emotion - a state full of possibilities. The striking & evocative artwork on display presents us with

intimate reflections on the past, the nature of memory & possibilities for the future; inviting us to take a journey into the heart of the artist.

Patti Henderson & Katarina Thorsen have collaborated as artists for over 25 years. Their latest work *Recapitulation* is a series of intricate mixed media pieces combining photography, stitch, collage, text & painting to create absorbing & layered images. Recapitulation - retelling the main points of a subject - serves as a tool for introspection & growth. Weaving together snippets of memory into cohesive narratives through these ephemeral collages, the artists rewrite their own stories, reshaping old wounds into sources of wisdom & resilience - paving the way for growth & transformation.

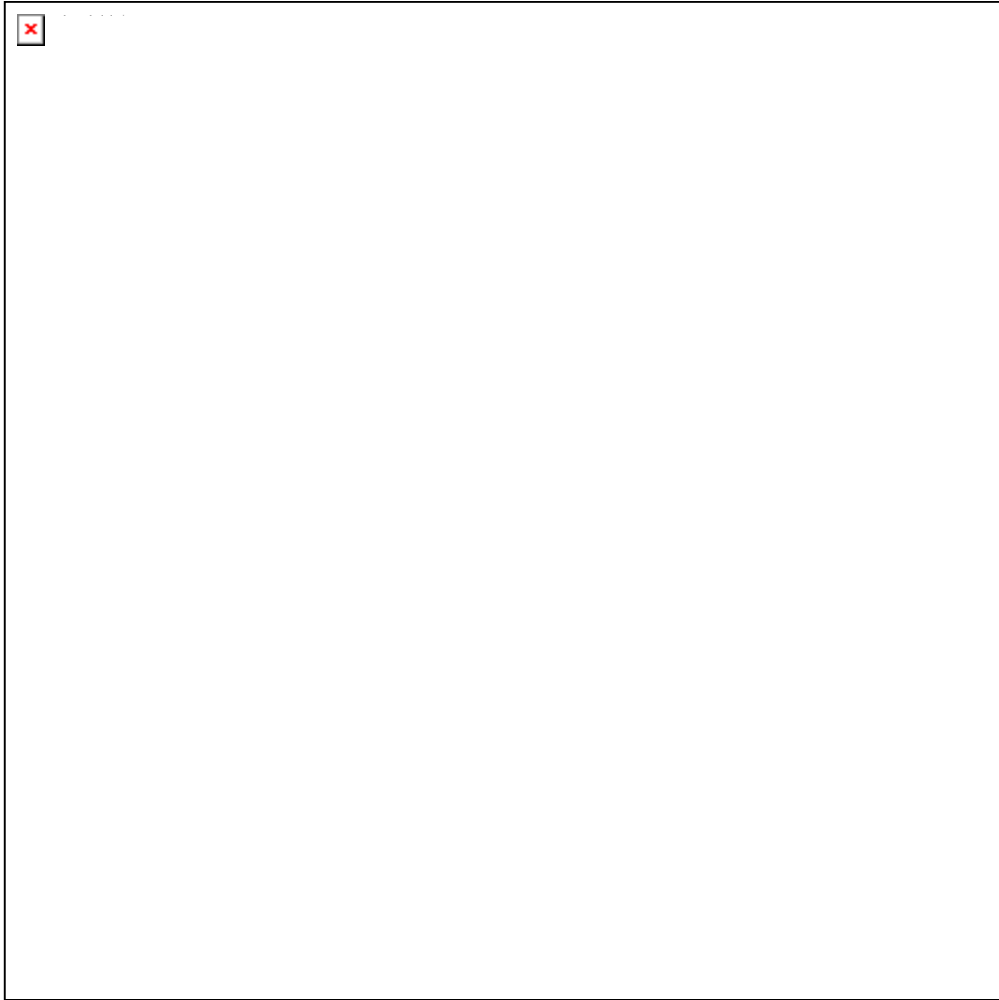
Amber Nordstrand 's hauntingly beautiful gouache paintings of abandoned houses pay tribute to these silent, forgotten witnesses of the past. Her architectural portraiture blurs realism with a painterly touch, honouring the stoicism of all things left behind & documenting their quiet decay, reclaimed by time & nature. Nordstrand's work also highlights the never-ending development, housing inflation, & displacement crisis that lingers over the West Coast. By documenting these liminal spaces on the edge of existence, she hopes to spark discussion of ecological, economical & cultural change.

Emily van Lidth de Jeude's works on display are concerned with parenting - trauma, growth & hope - through striking, expressive portraiture. Detailed graphite drawings of children are encompassed in swirling masses of colour & texture in oil paint as they strive to grow into themselves; alternately they are delicately rendered on a christening gown surrounded by symbolic chains of generational burdens & hopes. As a parent herself, van Lidth de Jeude explores the roles & impact of parents, as both warnings & beacons of promise.

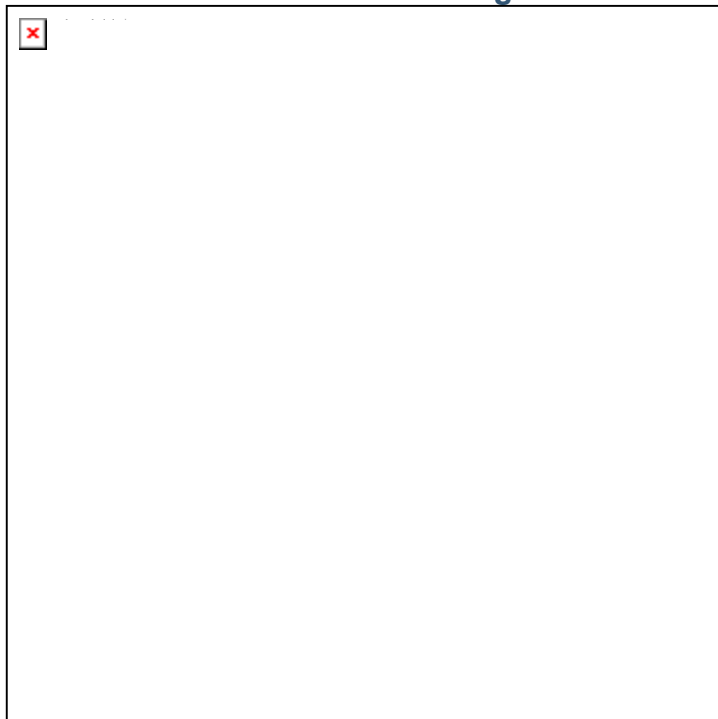
Artists Talk

Watch an engaging livestream conversation with the artists as they share insights into their inspirations & process, & take a tour of the exhibition.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



We're excited to share with you Grassqawtch our 2024 Collaborative Community Art Project, taking place in **John Lawson Park** next to the Silk Purse from **August 2 - 25!**

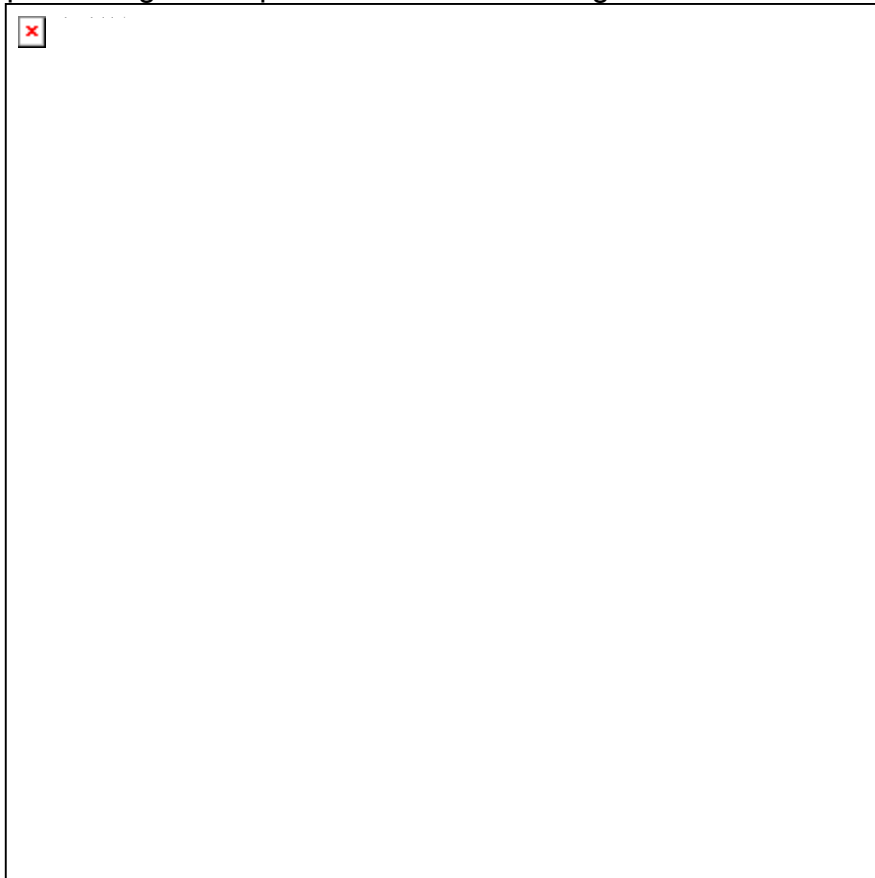


We're excited to share with you Grassqawtch our 2024 Collaborative Community Art Project, taking place in **John Lawson Park** next to the Silk Purse from **August 2 - 25!**

North Shore artist Robert Turriff conceived & designed this work of interactive temporary public art to inspire dialogue on the impacts of climate change & the importance of environmental stewardship & restoration through a collaborative planting process.

A friendly creature of the land, the *Grassqawtch* is a large, expertly crafted sculpture composed of steel, shade cloth & pockets of soil, who needs our help growing their 'hair'. Throughout August, the community is invited to plant native grasses into the sculpture's soil pockets, covering the *Grassqawtch*. As the project progresses, the *Grassqawtch* will come to life, becoming fuller & vibrant as it is covered in grass/hair.

The grass used, *carex pachystachya*, is a drought tolerant grass that grows naturally throughout the West Coast in a variety of grassland & forest habitats. Participants will have to opportunity to learn about native grasses suitable for sustainability in light of climate change - raising awareness of the benefits of using & preserving native plants - all while creating a work of art!



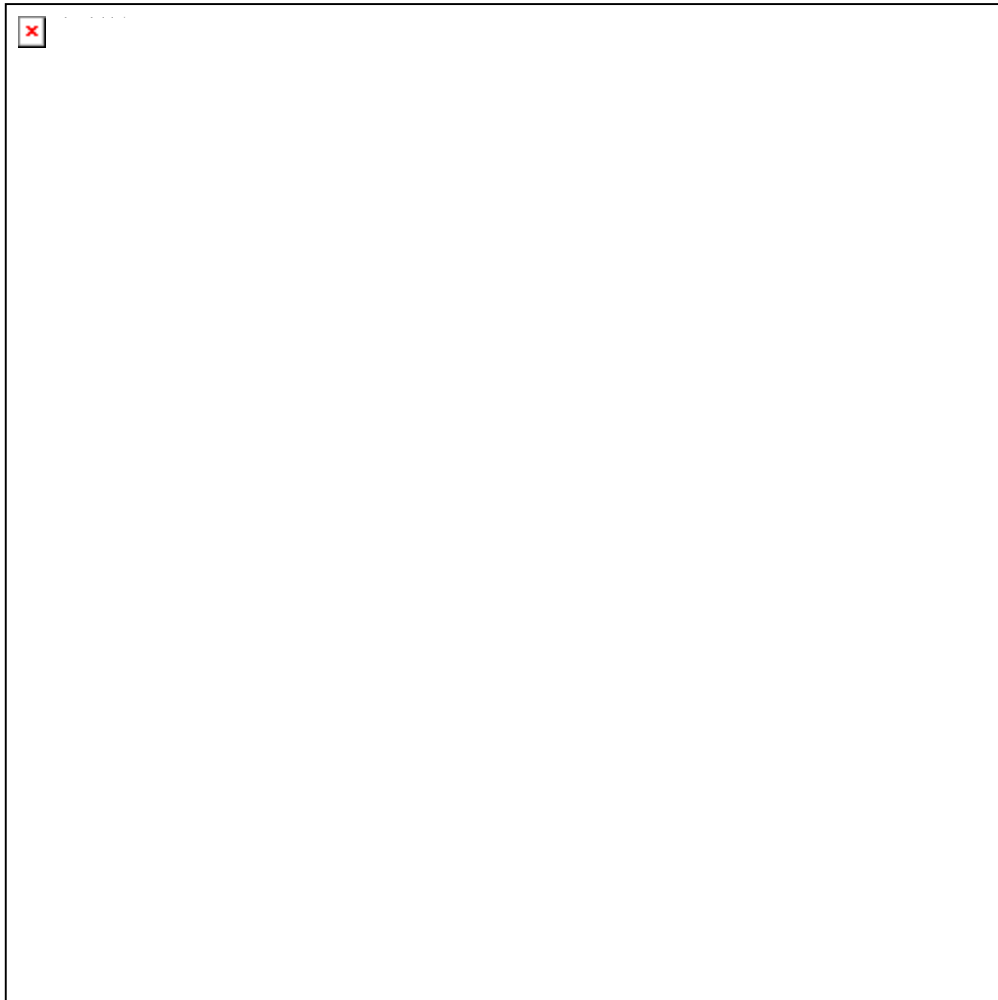
Community Collaborations

Weekends in August from 2:30 - 4 pm

Be a part of the creative process by adding more grass to help *Grassqawtch* come to life, contemplate our impact on the environment & connect with our community!

For all ages! Free!

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP



Plein Air Painting on the Waterfront with Sheree Jones

Sun. Aug. 25, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Music Box, 1564 Argyle Ave.

Learn to paint with confidence in this one-day plein air workshop with artist Sheree Jones. Sheree will guide us through simple steps to making a good plein air study - from choosing your subject to creating a solid composition.

Sheree will share her tips & techniques for painting outdoors:

- How to pack light - the essential equipment (the dos & don'ts)
- Working with a limited palette
- The importance of a thumbnail & value sketch (keeping it simple)

- How to keep your sense of humour in the field

Paint in your preferred medium (oils, water soluble oils or acrylics) & open yourself up to new and exciting possibilities.

What better location for plein air painting than the beautiful Ambleside waterfront! Workshop will start at the Music Box, then participants will find a spot in the park or on the beach to paint. Since the workshop is outdoor; bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, folding chair, bottled water & lunch, & wear comfortable clothing.

Artist/Instructor Bio

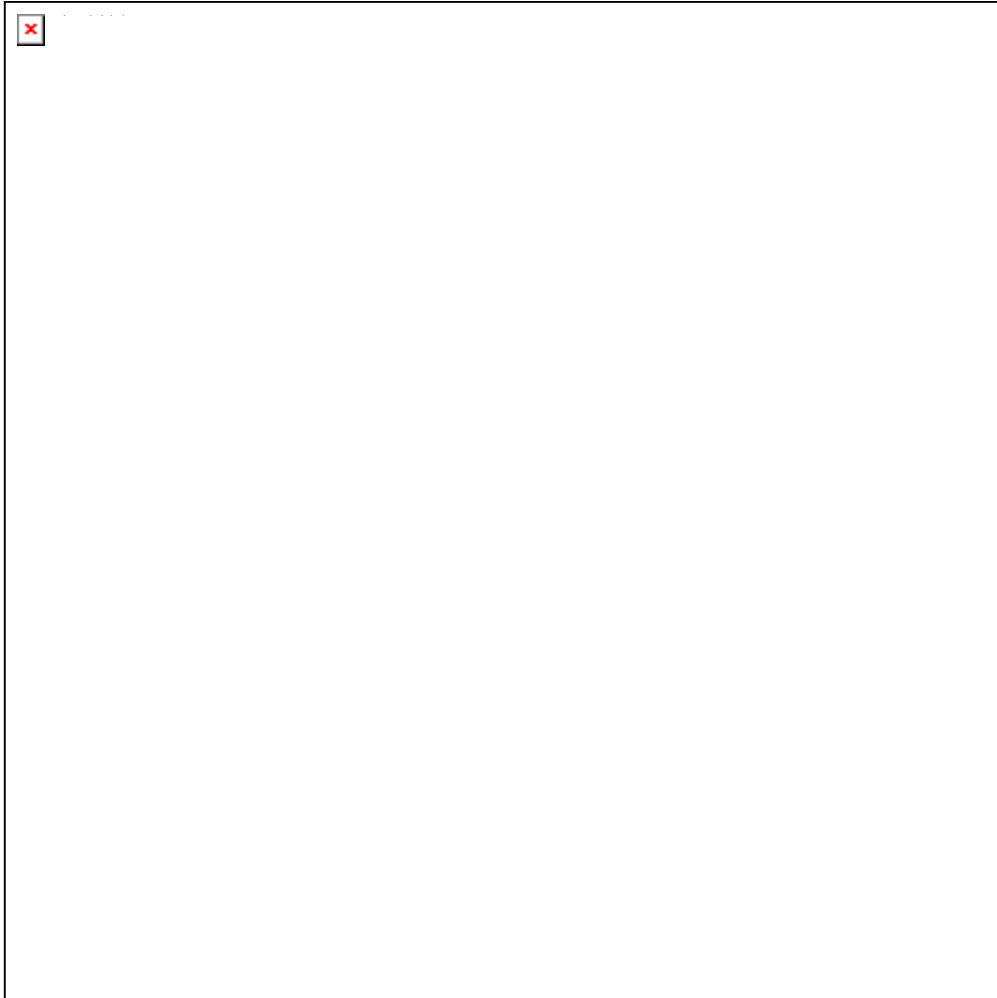
Sheree Jones, an artist & oil painter based in North Vancouver, has been passionate about her art since “the age of crayons”. A member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, Oil Painters of America & Plein Air BC, her work is featured in global collections. She teaches in her studio on Pemberton Avenue & offers online mentoring & plein air workshops. Known for her enthusiastic & inspiring teaching, Sheree loves plein air painting, capturing landscapes & still life from life during her travels across North America & Europe.

Presented in partnership with the North Shore Artists' Guild.

Register NOW!

\$120 WVCAC Members \$120 NSAG Members \$135 Non-Members

**CALL FOR ARTISANS:
GIFTED HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET**



This holiday season we are inviting submissions from artists, artisans & makers for our **Gifted Holiday Artisan Market** to be held in the Silk Purse Gallery from November 13 - 24, 2024!

We are looking for unique, handmade, artisanal quality jewellery, handbags, pottery, candles, soaps, fashion items, cards, woodwork, leather goods & other special items.

Selected items will be displayed & sold in the Silk Purse Gallery during the Market dates & potentially in the Art Box shop afterwards.

WVCAC volunteers & staff will process sales. We take items on consignment, & keep a 25% commission on sales. Payment for sold items will be issued in January 2025.

All selected artisans will be required to become WVCAC Members at either the Senior (\$15) Individual (\$20) or Artist (\$35) level.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submissions Open: Tuesday, August 30

1. Visit the Call For Submissions site & select the *Register for this event* button.
2. Complete the Submission Form which includes uploading:
 - **Artwork Submission** 6 hi-res images of the items you are submitting for consideration. Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, TIF, TIFF. Each file should be less than 20 MB.
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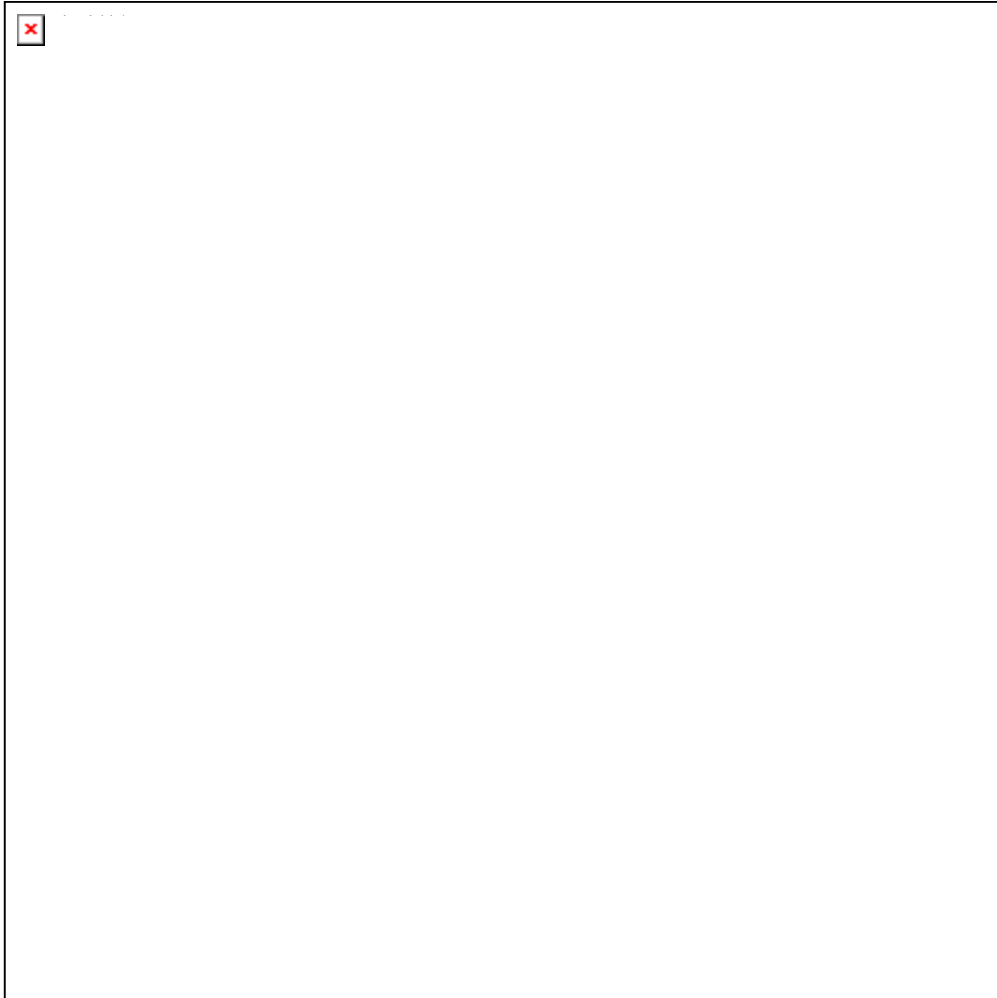
Submissions Close: Friday, September 13 at 4pm

Results: Artisans/makers will be advised by late September if your work is selected. Selected items to be delivered by October 12 during gallery hours at the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave. West Vancouver. Delivery arrangements & instructions will be confirmed post acceptance notice.

If you have any questions please contact Art Box Coordinator Dana Huhn dana.wvcac@shaw.ca

We look forward to seeing your work!

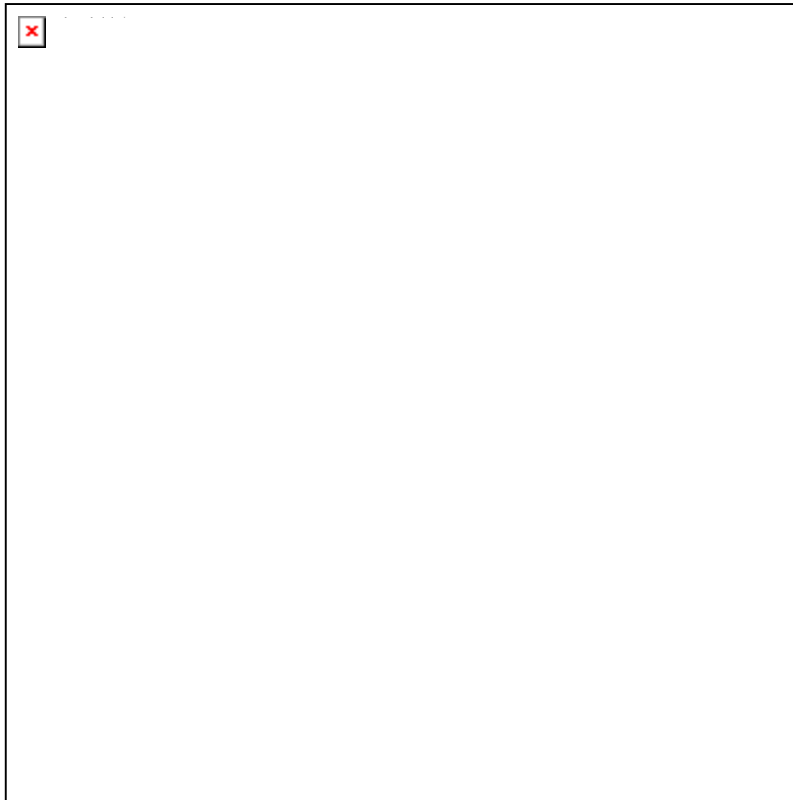
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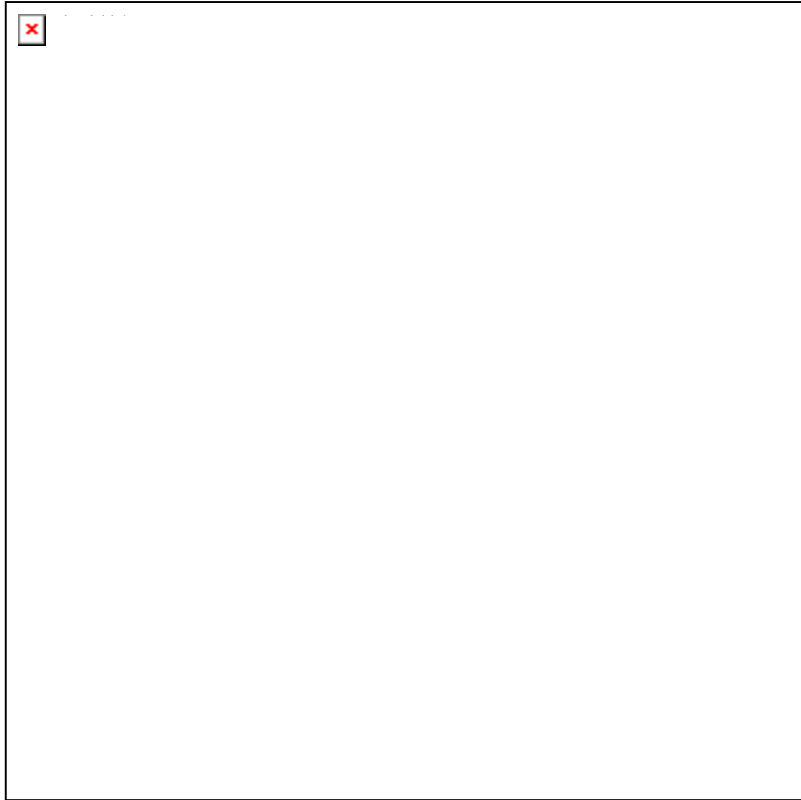
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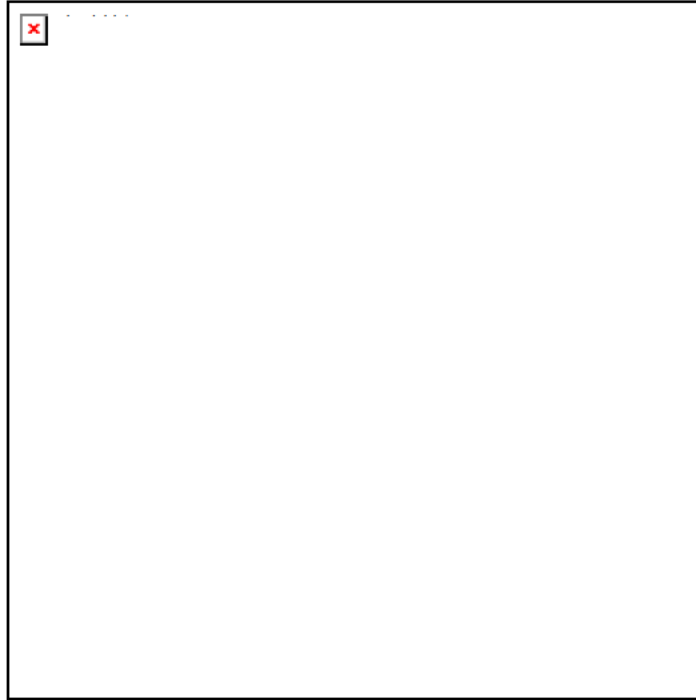
ARTIST MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Tawney Fremont grew up in Squamish B.C., currently resides in Calgary, Alberta, & studied fashion design at Kwantlen College. Fremont's art medium is natural plant & flower dyes on silk, usually sourced locally & seasonally from her garden. Fremont uses both the ecoprint process & full colour dye techniques.

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HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL



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(Musqueam) Nations.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:50 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Parking

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of West Vancouver and, first, would like to thank you for being the stewards of our beautiful community.

I am writing to you because I am very concerned that some of the best recreation areas in West Vancouver are becoming inaccessible to community members and visitors. Specifically, this past long weekend (and other hot weekends this summer) at the main beaches in this community; Dundarave and Ambleside, the parking situation was impossible.

These beaches are such community gems and it is a shame to witness the deterioration of being able to enjoy them. There appeared to be no monitoring of parking (ie monitoring the 2-4 hour time restrictions) so as a result no movement in space availability. With events and extended patio capacity at the Beach House and so many huge gatherings at the beach and park, it really was a parking nightmare.

Would it be possible to consider extending the pay parking restrictions that are in effect (see below) at WV parks to these two popular beaches? This would ensure that there would be parking movement so more accessible for everyone and a tangible source of revenue for West Vancouver. Also, leading to an increase in the number of potential customers for local merchants, instead of like this weekend where the lack of parking overall must have deterred patrons to the businesses on Marine Drive. Or, at the very least have bylaw officers on site at peak times (weekends and evenings).

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal to improve accessibility for all and West Vancouver revenue.

Best regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails/destination-parks-pay-parking>

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 10:23 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Resident suggestion

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Dear Worship and Councillors,

I am resident in West Vancouver, working professionally as [REDACTED] s. 22(1). I work mostly from home, and deeply enjoy my ability to stare at the trees, mountains, and ocean, for which I work so hard to savour.

An issue that is quite severe in my neighbourhood is the constant noisy construction. Every day I am awoken to trucks wailing their backup sirens; all-day grinding and vibrating machines; jarring slams; yelling crew members; and an army of contractors with vehicles parked dangerously through our narrow residential intersections.

Presently, I am surrounded by this construction every weekday, all day; it is happening on 4 properties in my immediate radius. I cannot open my windows to allow fresh air, sit on my patio, conduct video meetings for work, or have any degree of stillness during the days. My peaceful enjoyment has been expropriated by (a) the piecemeal and excessive granting of construction permits and by (b) the lack of controls on construction projects.

a) I strongly believe that permitting of construction projects must take into account the following:

- Duration of project
- Intensity of sound and commotion
- Proximity to other construction projects
- History of construction in that neighbourhood

The above considerations adopt measures to avoid sacrificing enjoyment of residents by managing the amount of construction in a more holistic and calculated manner. There must be breaks in which residents can sit on their patios in peace, and have some periods in which there is no construction.

b) Construction varies in its complexion, and can be mild and unnoticeable or intense and intolerable. It can also be brief, or lengthy. The construction in the immediate property has lasted over 1 year, and has been intolerable. Coupled with other construction projects for months and for weeks, cumulatively it has rendered the neighbourhood unlivable.

Our society prioritizes peaceful enjoyment, and has nuisance laws to prevent unreasonable interference with enjoyment. By permitting indefinite construction of severe intensity, the Honourable Council has subordinated the right to peaceful enjoyment to ambitious homeowners. Enduring this intrusion endlessly is unreasonable and is a sacrifice no resident should accommodate. Our neighbourhood is so sensitive to disturbance that it employs staff on weekends to control excessive parking for Whytecliff Park, yet it fails to protect productive, hardworking residents from having their peace deeply disturbed all day every day.

To this end, construction must be limited, and the construction that is permitted cannot be allowed to disturb residents as continuously as it does. Forced breaks must be instituted, controls on noise, controls on vibrations, and other measures so that residents are not prejudiced from using their own properties lawfully and peacefully. Frankly,

disturbances should compensate those that experience loss, which is a principle well established in our legal system, and injunctions should moderate what is excessive and unlawful.

I strongly urge the Honourable Council to seriously address the pervasive issue of rampant and unregulated construction, to adopt far greater measures to uphold the characteristics and peace of our home, and to prioritize lawful and peaceful progress over unbridled building at the expense of all others.

Yours truly,

s. 22(1)

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 12:29 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Whyte Lake Parking

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Mayor and Counsel,

Several weeks ago I was distressed to find that Whyte Lake now had parking fees. But more distressing was that the parking can only be paid by cell. I do not own a cell. Neither am I a resident of West Vancouver (I live in North Vancouver), so cannot get a resident pass. What alternatives do you suggest?

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

From: Richenda [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 7:58 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Nora Gambioli
Subject: Bill 44

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Kindly redact my personal information EXCEPT MY NAME - thank you

Dear Mayor and Councillors

I have been following this saga and so I watched the Council Meeting on August 12th with special interest. I'm thankful that this Bill only affects a very small portion of the place I call home. But I ask myself what if hadn't - what if it affected a larger portion? What then? it doesn't bear with thinking about.

For folks with strong principles this was an almost impossible position to be put in.

As I sit here after watching the meeting - I still don't know how I would have voted. Scylla and Charybdis comes to mind.

However I do believe that, like myself, others will reflect on how this Bill was forced upon us and rethink their voting choices in October.

Thank you for your service and it's too bad that this had to interfere with your well deserved summer break.

Richenda Heaton

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 8:02 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Creatures of WV voters or Creatures of the province

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The argument that municipal councils are creatures of the province was used again today this time in Councillor Lambur's argument for conceding to the provincial government to override a municipal housing decision. I understand that it is a very common phrase and I understood it being used today to simply say "our hands are tied", but with all due respect this article by the **Centre of Excellence on Canadian Federation** makes many good points about it. Below are the opening and closing paragraphs:

A common refrain among Canadian political and legal analysts is that municipalities are "creatures of the provinces." This odd and disparaging way of describing an order of government in the Canadian federation downplays the democratic and constitutional significance of municipalities. It disengages citizens from their municipal institutions and therefore lessens the scrutiny of municipal decisions and the accountability of municipal decision-makers. **(emphasis added)**

The phrase also perpetuates the notion that municipalities are administrative arms of provincial governments. It downplays their fundamentally political nature. It implies that municipal responsibilities are unimportant local matters that require pragmatic, apolitical responses. The debate about systemic racism in policing is an obvious example of the political nature of municipal authority. Municipal laws and their enforcement also have enormous consequences for who wields power in cities. Although zoning formally regulates land use, it also governs people by indirectly controlling who can use land and for what purpose.^[1] Municipal law-making could reflect and contribute to the inclusion of the diversity of urban populations in a variety of areas of jurisdiction that are fundamental to everyday life, such as property standards bylaws. However, they are not currently meeting this potential.^[2]...

...It is time to abandon the *notion* of municipalities as "creatures of the provinces" and to embrace them as institutions to channel democratically legitimate, equitable and effective responses to today's highly diverse urban challenges. (emphasis added)

I disagree with the notion that municipalities are correctly thought of as creatures of the province for the above reasons, and as The West battles for democracy against communist/centrist one-government forces. Thank you to Councillors Watt, Cassidy and Thompson for their comments and for voting against the motion, and to Mayor Sager and others, while I disagree with your not voting against it, for stating your distaste in making the decision for the record.

I continue to appreciate your very hard and difficult work at this time, now even working through the summer months.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 5:15 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Zoning Amendments for Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing

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I am relieved that council adopted the zoning amendments in order to comply with the provincial requirements for small-scale multi-unit housing. I don't agree with the requirements, but also note they are of no great consequence for West Vancouver. I am however disappointed that a majority of council members initially took a position that was so pointless, risky, and disrespectful of the legal institutions that they are part of.

As a creature of the province, the District actually does have to comply with provincial legislation. Failure to do so would have risked the imposition of higher densities and unknown penalties by a government that may be only too happy to make an example out of West Vancouver's taunt.

There is plenty to criticize about the province's policies on housing and many other issues, and mayor and council should make their concerns known using normal political channels. But disagreements over provincial policy, legislation or leadership don't justify non-compliance with provincial legislation. Residents don't get to choose which District bylaws they comply with either.

Council's previous position had no legal merit, nor was there any chance that by West Vancouver saying "no" the province would have seen the error of its ways and stood down. So what was the point? It just looks like muddled thinking and empty posturing that wasted time, resources, political capital and reputation.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: Doti Niedermayer
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:58 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Klee Wyck Park

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email of July 29, 2024.

Parks staff strive to maintain District of West Vancouver parks to a high standard. The cool, damp spring was especially challenging in 2024 as grass and vegetation in all parks grew quickly. Parks staff have been doing their best to attend to the over 100 mowing locations under the District's care and have needed to play catch up in several areas. With growing conditions slowing down, staff can allocate time to other required maintenance tasks in the park, such as attending to shrub growth on the perimeter and around the residence at Klee Wyck. While the Parks Department has been addressing a number of emerging issues this year, we look forward to working with Council and the community to address the community needs at Klee Wyck Park in the coming months.

The structure under the totem pole at Klee Wyck has collapsed and staff are working to connect with the family of the carver to determine next steps. This pole has been resting in this spot for a number of years and will most likely be laid to rest in the woods on the property as is the cultural practice with aged totem poles.

With respect to your request to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting, we are not able to fulfill it as our practice is to allow speakers to add their name to the list on the day-of the Council meeting either in-person in Council Chamber or via phone to 604-925-7004. There is a special open Council meeting next Monday, August 12, 2024 at 3 p.m., and the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. You are welcome to attend either this meeting, in-person or via electronic communication facilities, to speak under Public Questions and Comments section of the agenda.

If you have further Parks-related questions, please contact Jill Lawlor, Senior Manager of Parks, at jlawlor@westvancouver.ca.

For questions regarding Council meetings or protocol, you may contact Hope Dallas, Senior Manager of Legislative Services at hdallas@westvancouver.ca.

Regards,

Doti

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 2:40 PM
To: West Vancouver Parks (westvanparks); correspondence
Subject: Klee Wyck Park

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To The Council & West Vancouver Parks Department.

I am writing to The Council and Parks Dept. of West Vancouver regarding Klee Wyck Park.

You all should be ashamed for not looking after this land and structures over the years.

I'm sure Dr. Trapp would be horrified and is rolling over in her grave knowing how well the West Vancouver Council & Parks Department has looked after the parcel she donated to the community.

The Parks department can't even keep the lawn mowed on a regular basis. Grass can get a foot high before it is mowed and is a horrible job to say the least. Trust me, I use this park [REDACTED] s. 22(1).

The Parks department can't even decently keep up the little house area where [REDACTED] s.22(1). (Quit the eye sore).

The Totem pole has fallen down off the wooden horses it was laid on. Now it's on the ground and part of the totem pole is broken.

This 6.2-acre property was donated to the District in **1960** by Dr. Ethlyn Trapp, under an agreement that the District would use the property for recreation, nursery garden, playground, or other community use.

So in 63 years West Vancouver Council and Parks Dept. have done nothing. You just let this parcel deteriorate.

Location and history

Klee Wyck is a park located at 200 Keith Road, in the Cedardale neighbourhood. This 6.2-acre property was donated to the District in 1960 by Dr. Ethlyn Trapp, under an agreement that the District would use the property for recreation, nursery garden, playground, or other community use. Dr. Trapp lived on the property until her death in 1972. Dr. Trapp named the property "Klee Wyck" in honour of her friend, the renowned artist Emily Carr.

The property has heritage significance for both the extensive gardens and the house. The house was significant for its association with Dr. Ethlyn Trapp and Emily Carr. The property is significant for the rustic estate setting, the mature landscape, proximity to Capilano River, and the landscape design that includes many unusual introduced plant specimens.

Please put my name on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Regards, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

[REDACTED]

From: Hope Dallas
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 11:15 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Meeting Request to Discuss Youth Engagement and Vote-16 Initiative from 2 High School Students

Hello s. 22(1),

Thank you for taking the time to write to Mayor and Council and for providing background information on your initiative. In follow-up to your request to meet with Mayor and Council, August is Council's summer break where no meetings take place, except where time sensitive items arise. We would be more than happy to have you both appear before Council as a delegation at a regular Council meeting in early fall.

If you would like to proceed with a delegation request, please complete the attached application and return to me at your earliest convenience. Your request will be included in the next Council meeting agenda (Sept 9) for consideration of approval, and then we can proceed with scheduling your delegation at a subsequent Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Hope

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Name of Organization (if applicable): _____

Lead Presenter Name/Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

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Co-Presenter Name/Title (if applicable): _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

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Co-Presenter Name/Title (if applicable): _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Have you worked with District staff regarding this topic? Yes No

If 'Yes', please provide the name and division of the staff member(s):

Name: _____ Division: _____

Particulars of the presentation: _____

Will you be providing any of the following? (Check all that apply):

- PowerPoint presentation (if so, the digital file must be received by Legislative Services no later than noon on the Friday 10 days prior to the delegation date)
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Rules for Delegations:

1. Any person or organization wishing to appear as a delegation before Council must submit a completed Delegation Request Form for Council’s consideration.
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3. Only one delegation is permitted per Council meeting (pursuant to Council’s procedure bylaw).
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5. **Delegations regarding the following matters are not permitted:**
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 - an issue which is before the courts or on which Council has authorized legal action;
 - a matter in respect of which a District-led public consultation process is planned or is in progress;
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 - a request for funding; or
 - a purpose or subject that is beyond the jurisdiction of Council.
6. Persons invited to speak at a Council meeting may not speak disrespectfully of any other person or use any rude or offensive language or make a statement or allegation which impugns the character of any person.

I understand and agree to these rules for delegations:

Name of Delegate or Representative of Group

Signature

Date

From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:15 PM
To: 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)

From: Doti Niedermayer
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 9:44 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Grassqawtch - take part in Community Art ! Plus more Exciting Arts Events!"

Hello s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email of August 7, 2024 regarding *Grassqawtch* outside the Silk Purse Arts Centre in John Lawson Park.

The *Grassqawtch* sculpture is intended as an interactive temporary public art piece presented by the West Vancouver Community Arts Council. There was no request or plan to make this a permanent piece of artwork in West Vancouver.

The Public Art Advisory Panel works with the District to develop locations and projects for permanent public artworks, as well as temporary works and art murals. All of them have a place in the Public Art Program to encourage participation, dialogue, and an appreciation of temporary and permanent public art.

We really appreciate your support for arts and culture in West Vancouver!

Best regards,
Doti

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:29 PM
To: [Redacted] s. 22(1); correspondence
Subject: Re: Grassqawtch - take part in Community Art ! Plus more Exciting Arts Events!

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The Grassqatch is spectacular.

Please keep it as a permanent piece. So much could be done with this piece considering our very distinct 4 seasons - I can see it with Fall leaves, snow and new buds indicating a rebirth - heaven knows we need this in these days.

OUR municipal Council should be spending OUR money much more wisely than they are currently doing and, for a change, start listening to those people who elected them - and, by the way, who may not reelect them.

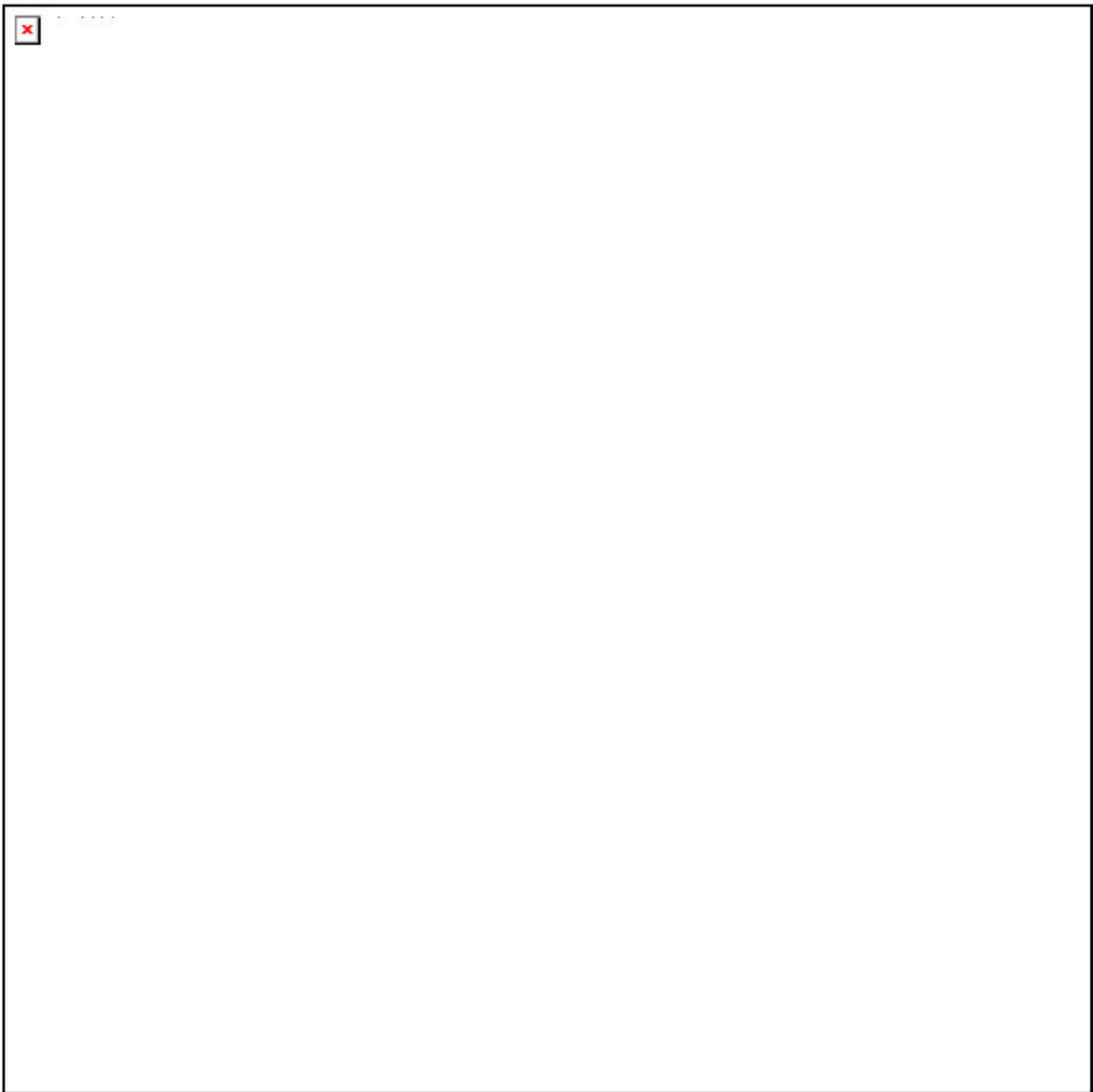
You only have to spend 5 minutes with that art piece and watch and listen to the comments, laughter and support for that artwork. I suspect there are many thousand photos on hundreds of iphones today of that piece with family, friends, etc

The WV Council has grown suspiciously silent about our new Arts Centre - so at least can we not support 1 piece of work that people love?

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 Outlook, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:41 AM West Vancouver Community Arts Council <Wwarts@wildapricot.org> wrote:



WVCAC EVENTS & NEWS AUGUST 6 - 11

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HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL HOURS

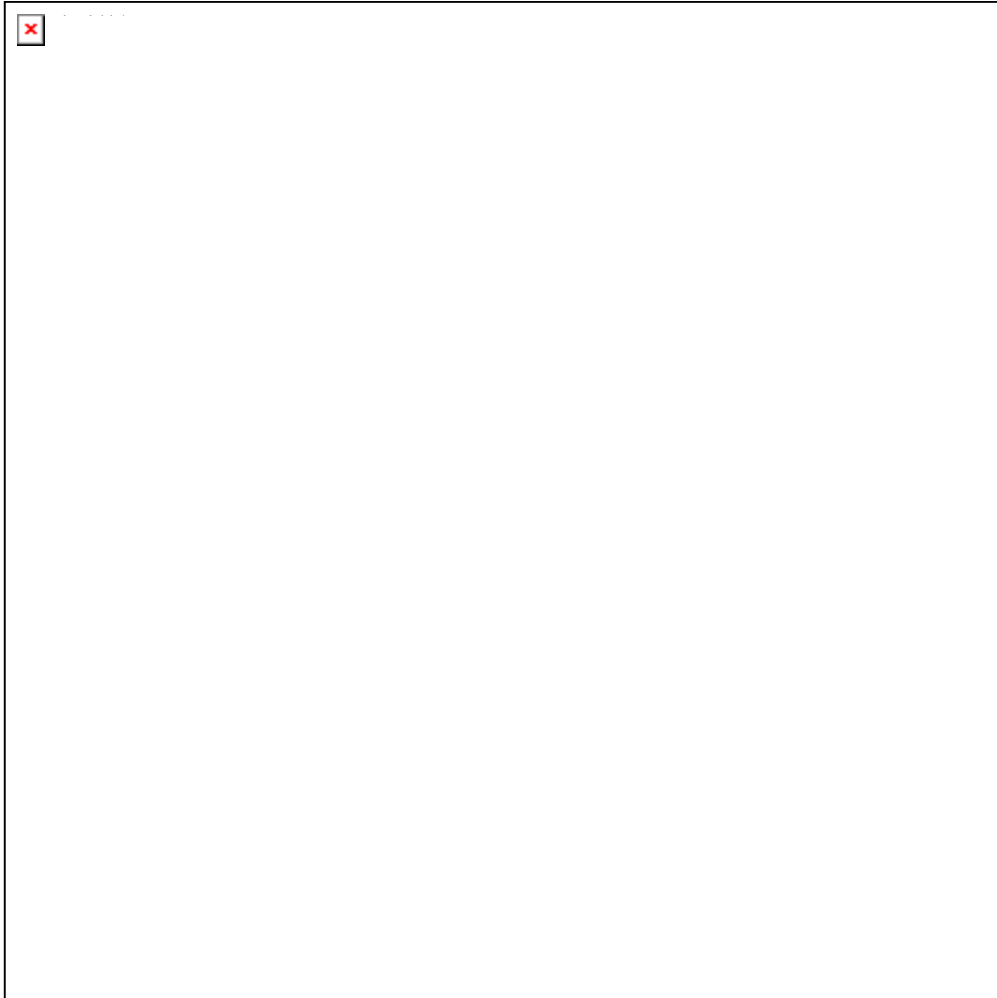
During the festival the Silk Purse Gallery & Art Box Shop will be open extended hours - even more opportunities for you to visit & experience all the amazing work by local artists & artisans! The 2024 Harmony Arts Festival runs from August 2 - 11.

Tues, Aug 6 – Sat, Aug 10: 11 am – 7 pm

Sun, Aug 11: 11 am – 6 pm

Argyle Ave. will be closed to vehicle traffic until mid August.

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



Support the WVCAC & take the opportunity to win some amazing prizes!

1. Sunshine & Smiles Package - Enjoy the summer with some colourful & unique items created by local artists & artisans!!

- A) Tote bag by artist [Dana Huhn](#)
- B) Scarf handcrafted by Xiao Lin Jia
- C) Butterfly notebook by Zentangle artist Natasha Dash
- D) Hummingbird greeting card by watercolour artist [Sonia Mocnik](#)

2. Music Lovers Pass - Experience the magic of live music!

- A) Classical Concert Series Pass. 6 tickets to the Classical Concert Series @ the Silk Purse Arts Centre to use from Sept. - Dec. 2024!
- B) Individual Membership fro 1 year.

3. Plein Air Painting on the Waterfront Workshop - Learn to paint with confidence in this one-day plein air workshop with artist Sheree Jones!

Registration for 1 participant. Sun. Aug. 25, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Meet at the Music Box, 1564 Argyle Ave, then paint along the beautiful waterfront.

Tickets on sale July 24 - Aug. 18, \$3 for \$5 @ The Silk Purse Arts Centre

Draw: Sun. Aug. 18, 3 pm

ART EXHIBITION AT THE SILK PURSE



Take Yourself There

July 24 - August 18

Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave.

Take yourself to a moment, a place, a feeling that lives somewhere out of time & yet inside raw emotion - a state full of possibilities. The striking & evocative artwork on display presents us with

intimate reflections on the past, the nature of memory & possibilities for the future; inviting us to take a journey into the heart of the artist.

Patti Henderson & Katarina Thorsen have collaborated as artists for over 25 years. Their latest work *Recapitulation* is a series of intricate mixed media pieces combining photography, stitch, collage, text & painting to create absorbing & layered images. Recapitulation - retelling the main points of a subject - serves as a tool for introspection & growth. Weaving together snippets of memory into cohesive narratives through these ephemeral collages, the artists rewrite their own stories, reshaping old wounds into sources of wisdom & resilience - paving the way for growth & transformation.

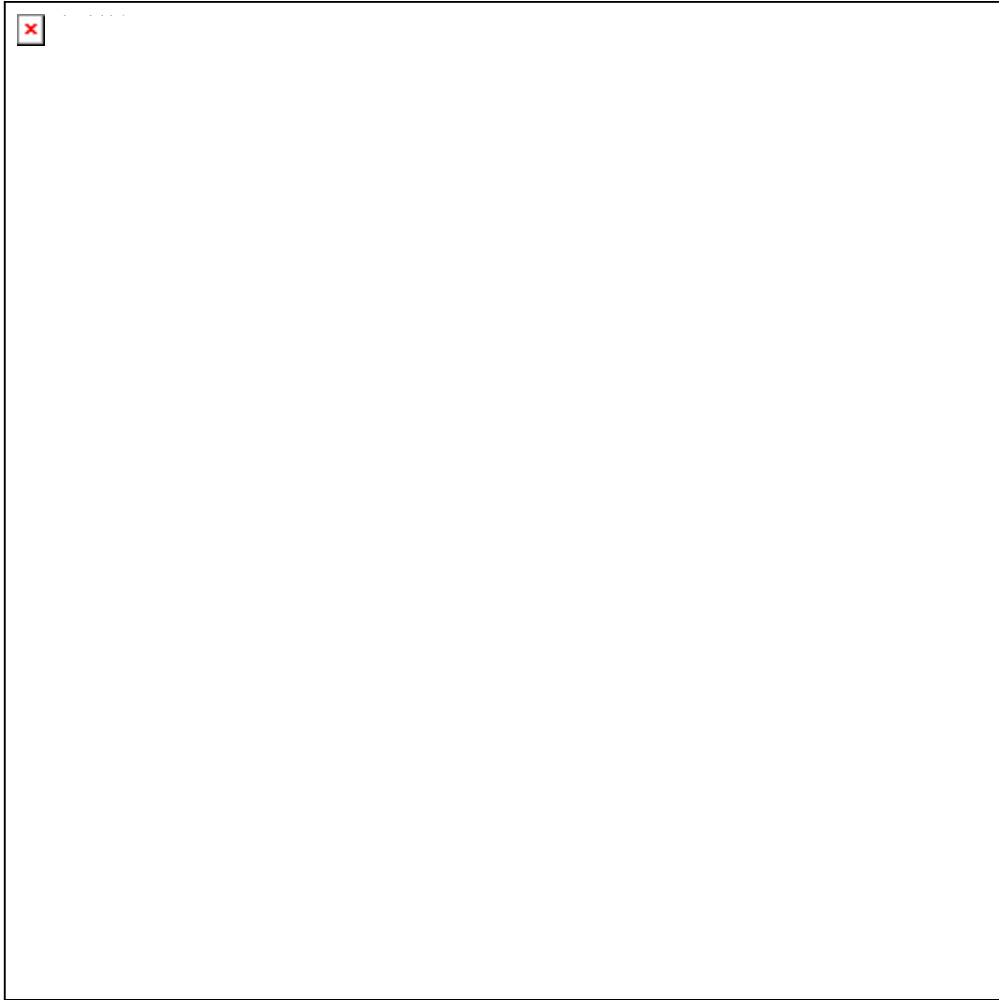
Amber Nordstrand 's hauntingly beautiful gouache paintings of abandoned houses pay tribute to these silent, forgotten witnesses of the past. Her architectural portraiture blurs realism with a painterly touch, honouring the stoicism of all things left behind & documenting their quiet decay, reclaimed by time & nature. Nordstrand's work also highlights the never-ending development, housing inflation, & displacement crisis that lingers over the West Coast. By documenting these liminal spaces on the edge of existence, she hopes to spark discussion of ecological, economical & cultural change.

Emily van Lidth de Jeude's works on display are concerned with parenting - trauma, growth & hope - through striking, expressive portraiture. Detailed graphite drawings of children are encompassed in swirling masses of colour & texture in oil paint as they strive to grow into themselves; alternately they are delicately rendered on a christening gown surrounded by symbolic chains of generational burdens & hopes. As a parent herself, van Lidth de Jeude explores the roles & impact of parents, as both warnings & beacons of promise.

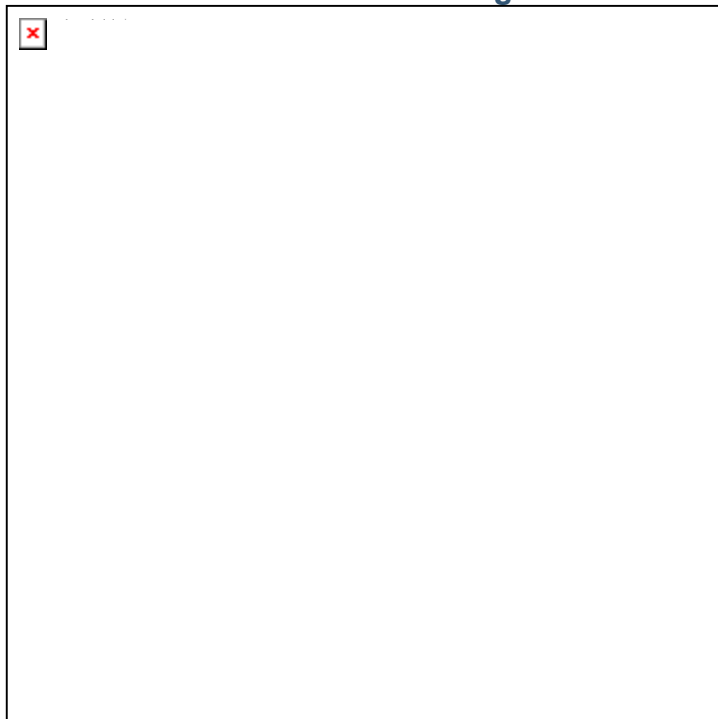
Artists Talk

Watch an engaging livestream conversation with the artists as they share insights into their inspirations & process, & take a tour of the exhibition.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



We're excited to share with you Grassqawtch our 2024 Collaborative Community Art Project, taking place in **John Lawson Park** next to the Silk Purse from **August 2 - 25!**

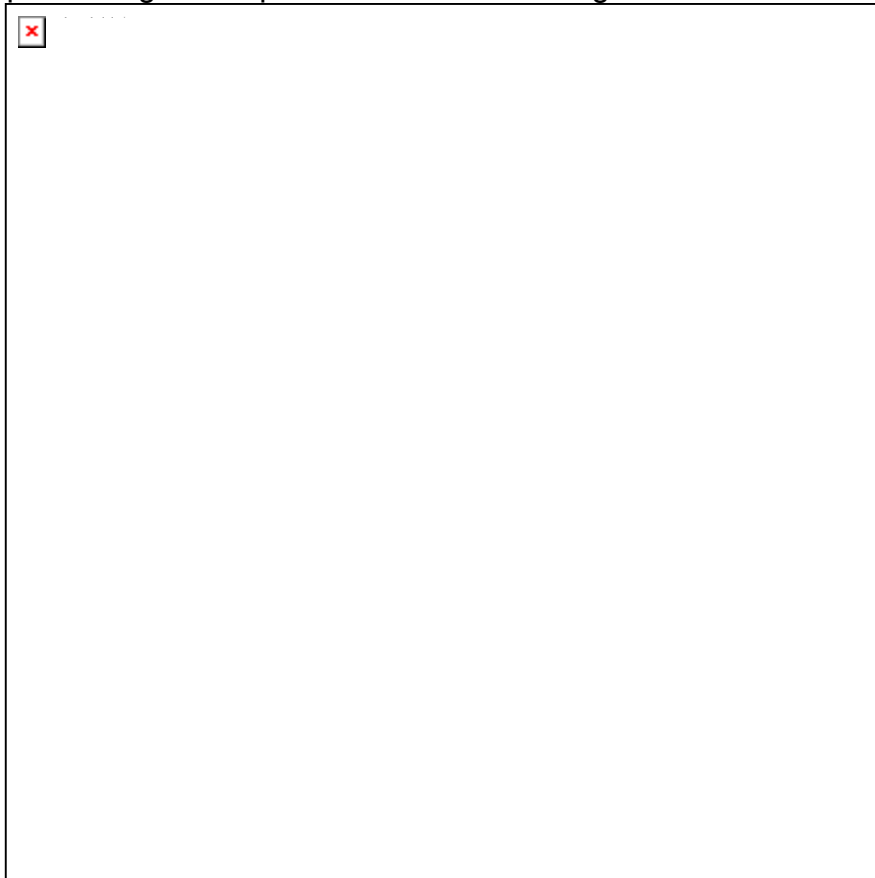


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North Shore artist Robert Turriff conceived & designed this work of interactive temporary public art to inspire dialogue on the impacts of climate change & the importance of environmental stewardship & restoration through a collaborative planting process.

A friendly creature of the land, the *Grassqawtch* is a large, expertly crafted sculpture composed of steel, shade cloth & pockets of soil, who needs our help growing their 'hair'. Throughout August, the community is invited to plant native grasses into the sculpture's soil pockets, covering the *Grassqawtch*. As the project progresses, the *Grassqawtch* will come to life, becoming fuller & vibrant as it is covered in grass/hair.

The grass used, *carex pachystachya*, is a drought tolerant grass that grows naturally throughout the West Coast in a variety of grassland & forest habitats. Participants will have to opportunity to learn about native grasses suitable for sustainability in light of climate change - raising awareness of the benefits of using & preserving native plants - all while creating a work of art!



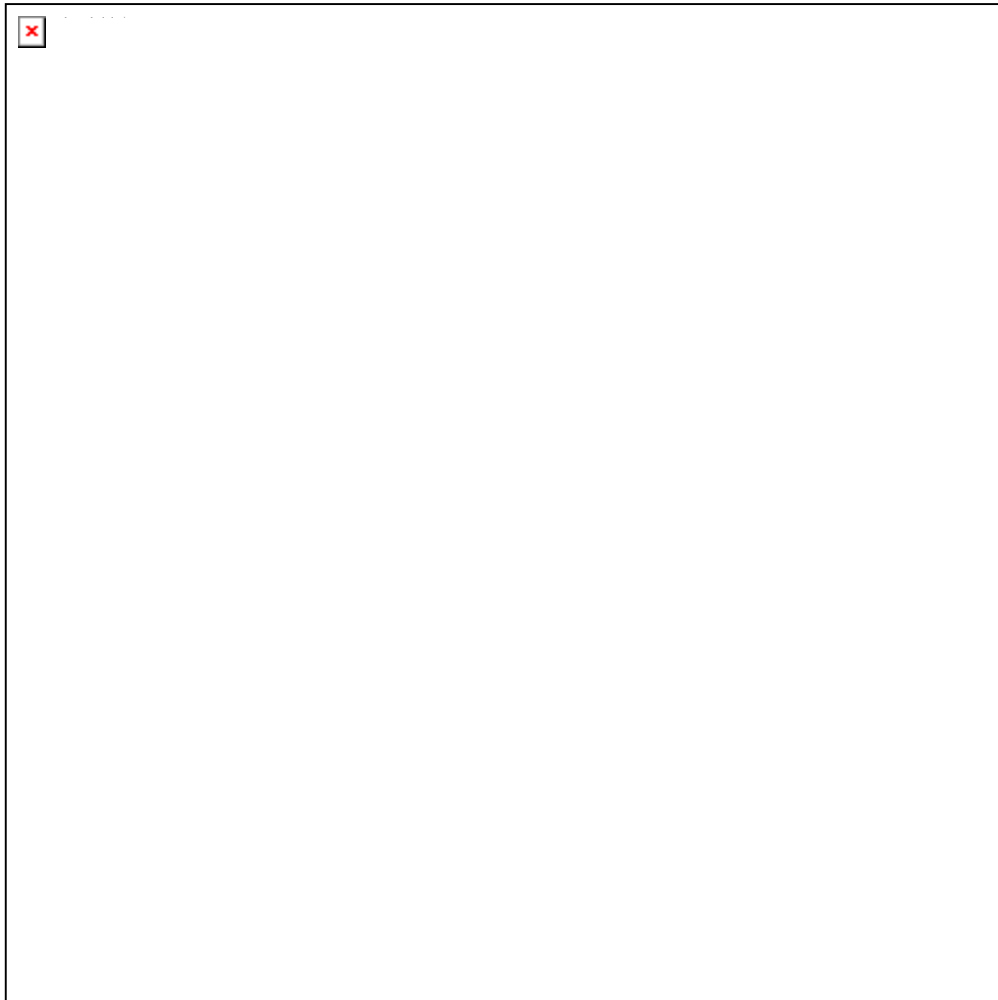
Community Collaborations

Weekends in August from 2:30 - 4 pm

Be a part of the creative process by adding more grass to help *Grassqawtch* come to life, contemplate our impact on the environment & connect with our community!

For all ages! Free!

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP



Plein Air Painting on the Waterfront with Sheree Jones

Sun. Aug. 25, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Music Box, 1564 Argyle Ave.

Learn to paint with confidence in this one-day plein air workshop with artist Sheree Jones. Sheree will guide us through simple steps to making a good plein air study - from choosing your subject to creating a solid composition.

Sheree will share her tips & techniques for painting outdoors:

- How to pack light - the essential equipment (the dos & don'ts)
- Working with a limited palette
- The importance of a thumbnail & value sketch (keeping it simple)

- How to keep your sense of humour in the field

Paint in your preferred medium (oils, water soluble oils or acrylics) & open yourself up to new and exciting possibilities.

What better location for plein air painting than the beautiful Ambleside waterfront! Workshop will start at the Music Box, then participants will find a spot in the park or on the beach to paint. Since the workshop is outdoor; bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, folding chair, bottled water & lunch, & wear comfortable clothing.

Artist/Instructor Bio

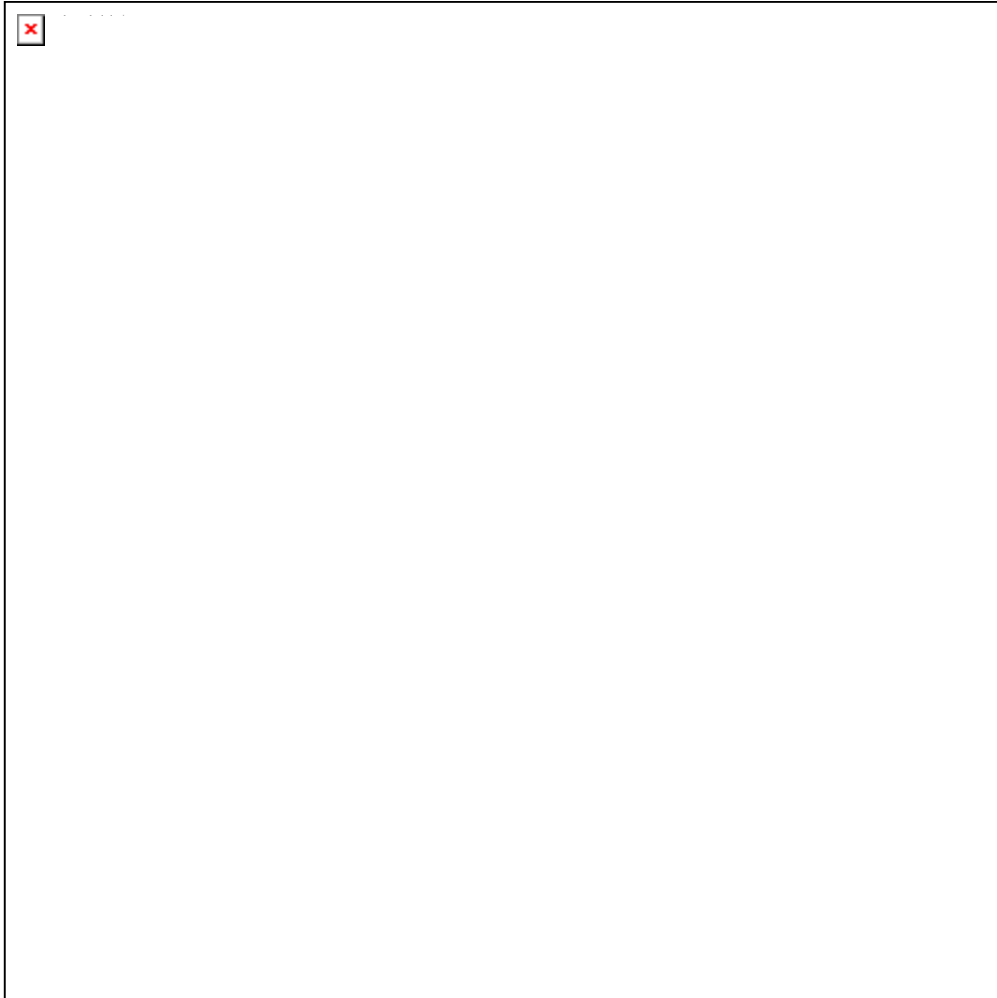
Sheree Jones, an artist & oil painter based in North Vancouver, has been passionate about her art since “the age of crayons”. A member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, Oil Painters of America & Plein Air BC, her work is featured in global collections. She teaches in her studio on Pemberton Avenue & offers online mentoring & plein air workshops. Known for her enthusiastic & inspiring teaching, Sheree loves plein air painting, capturing landscapes & still life from life during her travels across North America & Europe.

Presented in partnership with the North Shore Artists' Guild.

Register NOW!

\$120 WVCAC Members \$120 NSAG Members \$135 Non-Members

**CALL FOR ARTISANS:
GIFTED HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET**



This holiday season we are inviting submissions from artists, artisans & makers for our **Gifted Holiday Artisan Market** to be held in the Silk Purse Gallery from November 13 - 24, 2024!

We are looking for unique, handmade, artisanal quality jewellery, handbags, pottery, candles, soaps, fashion items, cards, woodwork, leather goods & other special items.

Selected items will be displayed & sold in the Silk Purse Gallery during the Market dates & potentially in the Art Box shop afterwards.

WVCAC volunteers & staff will process sales. We take items on consignment, & keep a 25% commission on sales. Payment for sold items will be issued in January 2025.

All selected artisans will be required to become WVCAC Members at either the Senior (\$15) Individual (\$20) or Artist (\$35) level.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submissions Open: Tuesday, August 30

1. Visit the Call For Submissions site & select the *Register for this event* button.
2. Complete the Submission Form which includes uploading:
 - **Artwork Submission** 6 hi-res images of the items you are submitting for consideration. Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, TIF, TIFF. Each file should be less than 20 MB.
 - **Artist Statement** Clear & concise description of your work including prices & a brief biography (max 75 words). Accepted formats: PDF, DOC, DOCX, ZIP. Each file should be less than 20MB.

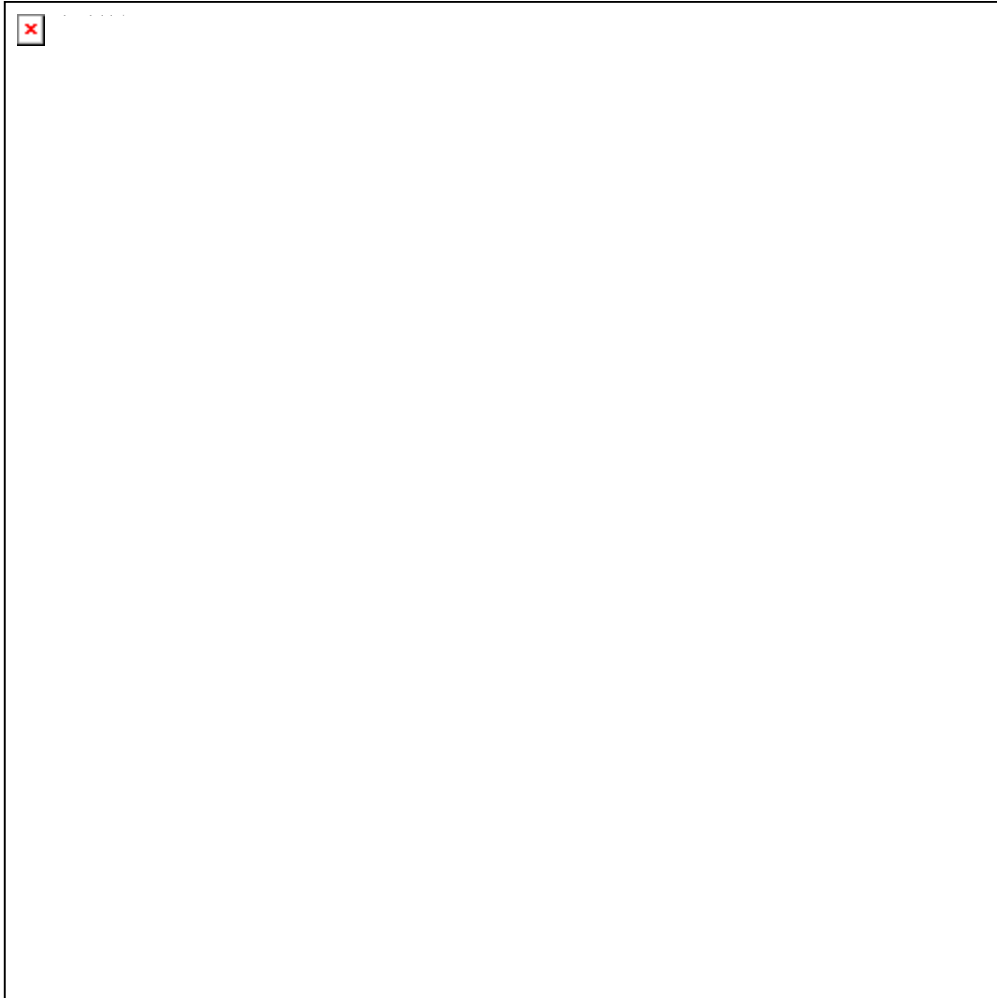
Submissions Close: Friday, September 13 at 4pm

Results: Artisans/makers will be advised by late September if your work is selected. Selected items to be delivered by October 12 during gallery hours at the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave. West Vancouver. Delivery arrangements & instructions will be confirmed post acceptance notice.

If you have any questions please contact Art Box Coordinator Dana Huhn dana.wvcac@shaw.ca

We look forward to seeing your work!

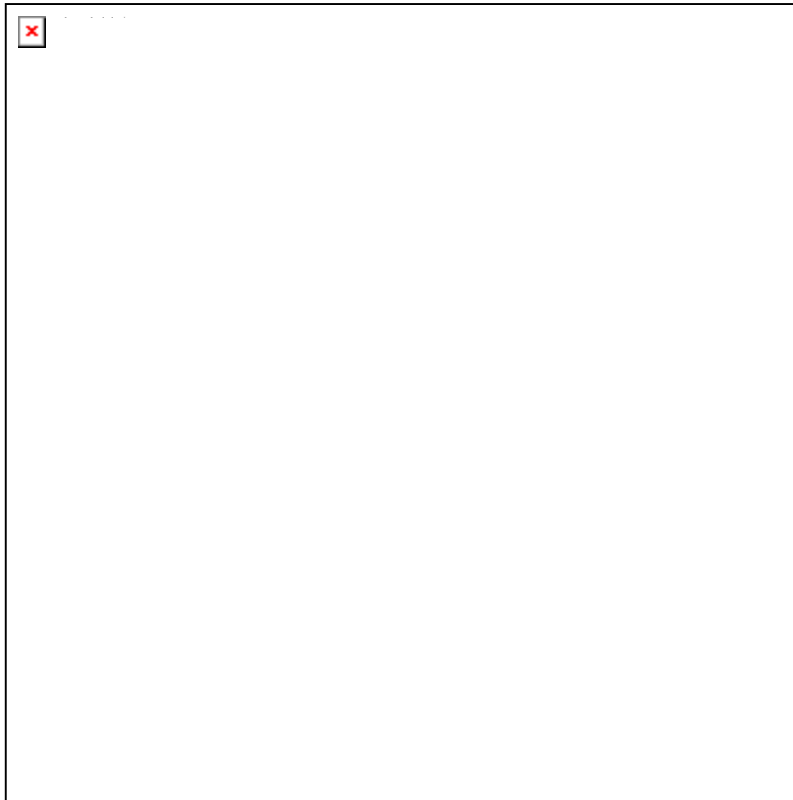
SHOP THE ART BOX



The Art Box is your one-stop destination for unique gifts, products & artwork created by talented local artists & artisans. Find an exciting array of items including greeting cards, jewelry, pottery, books, home decor, paintings, apparel & more!

Located in the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave, West Vancouver.
Open during Arts Centre Hours

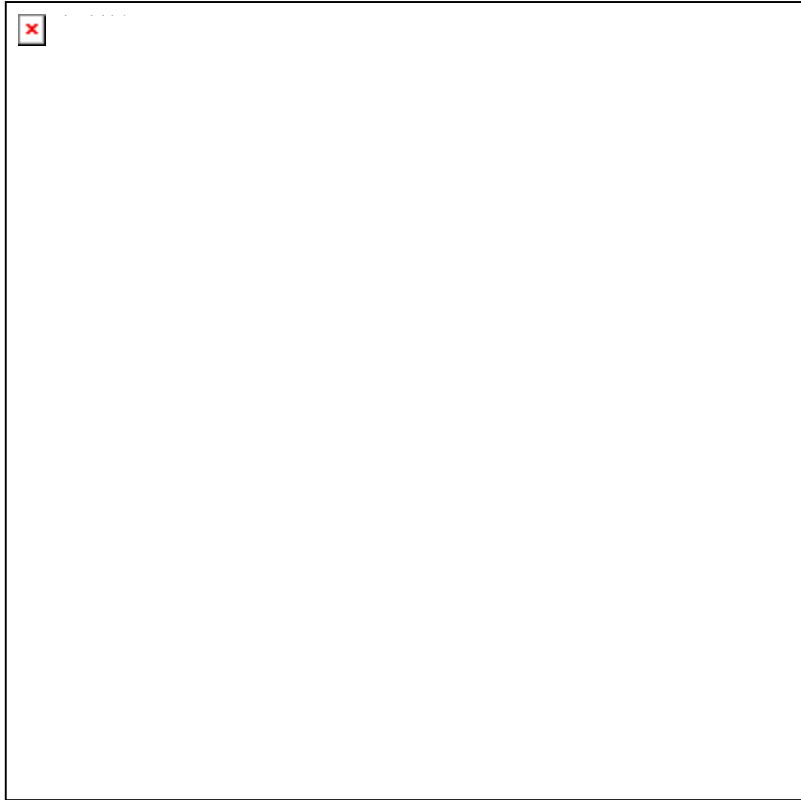
ALLIANCE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



The North Shore Writers Association supports & encourage individual writers through networking, teaching & sharing skills & experience. The NSWA is pleased to be a part of this year's Harmony Arts Festival. Join them on Aug. 6 & 7 from 7 - 9 pm for workshops, readings, book sales & bespoke prose & poetry!

Visit our Directory of Alliance Members [& discover local visual, performing & literary arts groups.](#)

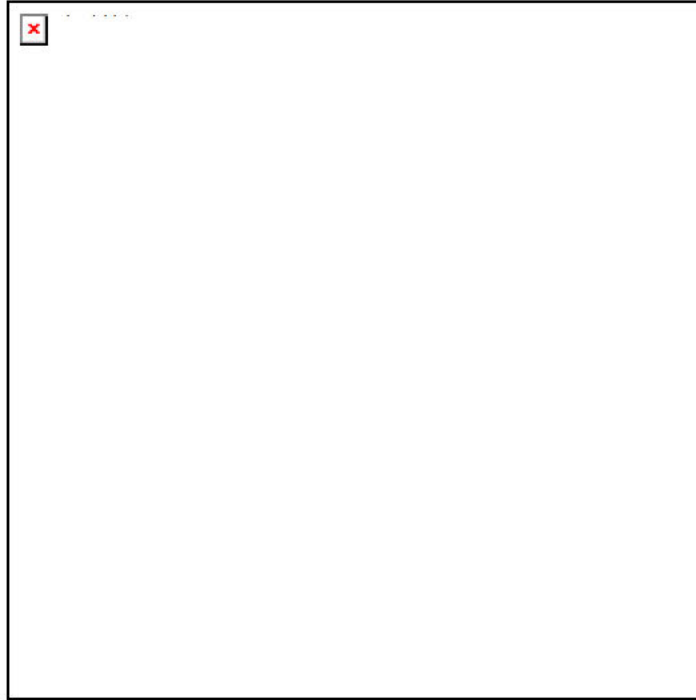
ARTIST MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Tawney Fremont grew up in Squamish B.C., currently resides in Calgary, Alberta, & studied fashion design at Kwantlen College. Fremont's art medium is natural plant & flower dyes on silk, usually sourced locally & seasonally from her garden. Fremont uses both the ecoprint process & full colour dye techniques.

Visit our [Directory of Artist Members](#) to see some of the talented artists in our community.

HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL



Presented by Odlum Brown, the Harmony Arts Festival will return on **August 2–11!** Enjoy live music & celebrate visual & culinary art in our community. The festival takes place in West Vancouver along the waterfront on **Argyle Ave, from 14th to 16th Street**. An extensive array of programming includes free live musical performances, art markets, al fresco culinary experiences, art demonstrations & exhibits & fun activities & interactive art experiences for children.

[Full Festival Details.](#)

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the Sk̓w̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) & x̣ẉməθḳẉəỵəm
(Musqueam) Nations.

From: Matthew OConnor
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:32 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Whyte Lake Parking

Good afternoon, s. 22(1)

I am in receipt of your concerns regarding the paid parking program in place at Nelson Canyon/Whyte Lake and wanted to provide some additional information. At their regular meeting on May 8, 2023, Council received the Destination Pay Parking Program Implementation report and directed staff to begin the initial phase of a pay parking program. Pay parking is now in effect for Lighthouse Park, Whyte Lake/Nelson Canyon Park, and Whytecliff Park. Pay parking in these parks will be in effect year-round, between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Council provided direction to staff to implement the program without physical pay stations. During the last few years, the parking industry has seen a move towards mobile applications such as Pay By Phone and static QR code-based payment portals. It is not unusual now to see a parking location that does not accept cash or direct credit card payment. With a desire to implement quickly and with minimal upfront capital cost investment and on-going maintenance associated with physical pay stations, the initial phase of the program will utilize mobile phone applications and direct access to a payment portal through a QR code on signage. Visitors may also use the Pay by Phone call-in payment option, which only requires a cell phone with a local calling plan, not data.

Your concerns will be noted in our relevant tracking document as we continue to strive to provide an accessible experience to all users and evaluate additional options moving forward. I would be happy to discuss your concerns over the phone and get more information to try and troubleshoot a solution. Feel free to give me a call at my desk line listed below.

Sincerely,

Matthew O'Connor he, him, his
Manager, Bylaw and Licensing Services | District of West Vancouver
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 12:29 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Whyte Lake Parking

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Mayor and Counsel,

Several weeks ago I was distressed to find that Whyte Lake now had parking fees. But more distressing was that the parking can only be paid by cell. I do not own a cell. Neither am I a resident of West Vancouver (I live in North Vancouver), so cannot get a resident pass. What alternatives do you suggest?

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

North Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Christie Rosta
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:16 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: West Vancouver Harmony Arts Festival

Dear s. 22(1)

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Each year, the Harmony Arts Festival team adjusts stage orientations and sound levels to minimize the impact on the local neighborhood. Our goal is to strike a balance between hosting this signature event that brings joy to many residents and visitors, while also addressing the concerns of those who are affected by the noise. We have made modifications to stage and speaker placement in direct response to community input, and we were pleased to receive positive feedback from several residents as a result.

While we have implemented these measures, it's important to acknowledge that as an outdoor festival with music, some sound is inevitable. The proximity of the venue to the water and the influence of afternoon winds creates additional challenges in directing and containing low-frequency sounds.

The Bylaw & Licensing Services Department has operational hours of 8am-8pm, seven days a week, barring any unforeseen challenges. Officers have maintained a steady presence in the area, performing regular traffic patrols and responding to relevant complaints submitted during operational hours. For concerns regarding the speed and sound of moving vehicles, as well as traffic, parking, and noise concerns after hours, please contact the West Vancouver Police Department at 604-925-7300. Bylaw will continue to plan for the necessary resources to better respond to concerns in the surrounding areas during the festival.

Thank you again, for your input. We strive to create a festival that everyone can enjoy.

Sincerely,

Christie Rosta

Christie Rosta
Cultural Services Manager | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-913-2777 | c: 604-374-1779 | westvancouver.ca



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), səlitwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and xʷməθkʷəyəm (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: [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.

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