

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO DECEMBER 4, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 6 submissions, June 25 – July 1, 2024, regarding Proposed Cypress and Eagleridge Development** (Received after the close of the June 25, 2024 public hearing)
- (2) 2 submissions, November 28 & 29, 2024, regarding 6431 Chatham Street**
- (3) November 28, 2024, regarding “FW: Do plastic lawns have a place in our neighborhoods?”**
- (4) November 29, 2024, regarding “Urban Forest Management: We Have Settled Science and Clear Data”**
- (5) Dundarave Festival of Lights Society, November 29, 2024, regarding “Bring everyone you love”**
- (6) Capilano Community Services Society (2 submissions), November 30 & December 3, 2024, regarding Donation Request**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (7) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), November 30 & December 3, 2024, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

Responses to Correspondence

- (8) Senior Manager of Community Services, November 28, 2024, response regarding Commercial Rental Space Inquiry**
- (9) Engineering & Transportation Services, December 2, 2024, response regarding Water Utility and Sewer & Drainage Utility Five-year Financial Plans**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:51 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Support for the Eagleridge Development

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Hello,

I am a West Vancouver resident and I am writing to you today to express my support for the Area Development Plan for Cypress Village and Eagleridge and ask that the West Vancouver Council vote to approve this plan.

I've lived in Eagle Harbour at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) since [REDACTED] s. 22(1) I hike in the Eagleridge area, so I would love to see it protected as a park in perpetuity. As a tax payer in West Vancouver, I believe we desperately need to diversify our tax base so our property taxes don't keep increasing and I like the fact that Cypress Village helps provide additional revenues to the DWV.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Grant McInnis [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2024 1:46 PM
To: grantmcinnis6@gmail.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Subject: cypress development =+

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Grant McInnis
5787 Cranley Dr.
West Vancouver
V7W 1T1

30 Jun 2024

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

cypress development

My name is Grant McInnis and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Cypress development detrimental to West Vancouver residents and beneficial only to BPP

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Grant McInnis
grantmcinnis6@gmail.com

From: Annie Robinson [REDACTED] s.22(1) >
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2024 8:23 PM
To: janierob@telus.net; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Subject: Accountability =+

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Annie Robinson
6127 Gleneagles Drive
West Vancouver
V7W1W1

30 Jun 2024

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Accountability

My name is Annie Robinson and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

It has come to my attention that little attention or respect was given to The CIVIX poll of over 450 West Vancouver individuals, whereby a survey requested a referendum over the Cypress development. The individuals who spoke positively were treated with respect.

I am aware you were running mates with the head of CIVIX during the last election.

I am aware as are all West

Vancouver residents that accountability is not your strong suit. I hope you will start putting your faith in the electorate and CIVIX and your mandate to listen to the citizens - so far this is not apparent.

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Annie Robinson
janierob@telus.net

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 10:19 AM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Subject: Upper Lands = +

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

01 Jul 2024

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Upper Lands

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I ask members of Council, this has happened to all of us at sometime in our lives, most often at a younger age when we are more inclined to do foolish things. I am willing to bet that each of you have been in a situation where you have started to do something that is totally and completely wrong, you catch yourself and think WOW, I shouldn't do this, its the wrong thing to do but then for whatever reason never the less you go ahead and do it anyhow??! With 72% of West Vancouver residents voting NO in a Pole which you are all very aware of, to the expansion and over population of the Cypress Upper Lands some of you went ahead and voted for it anyhow!!! Now the reason for doing such can only be chalked up to your own hidden and personal agenda and doing so which is in total and complete contradiction as to why you were elected in the first place!!! Each of you were elected to represent the citizens of West Vancouver, NOT yourselves . . . SHAME on YOU!!!

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 1:01 PM
To: s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Subject: Density without transit solution = +

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s. 22(1)

, West Vancouver, BC

01 Jul 2024

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Density without transit solution

My name is s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I am extremely disappointed in council's decision on going ahead with higher density for the upper lands.

It take me more than one hour to travel from Eagle Harbour area to Burnaby or downtown Vancouver during a weekday afternoon commute after 2:30PM. I do this consistently in taking clients to and from the North Shore to the airport for their flights.

For this council to have voted for more densification before being assured that new infrastructure was coming to replace the two bridges was misguided.

Thank you.

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 8:04 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Subject: Thank you! =+

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

01 Jul 2024

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Thank you!

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I wanted to drop the councillors of West Vancouver who voted in favour of Cypress Village a note to say thank you. It is wonderful to see a forward thinking council make a decision that will be positive for West Vancouver for years to come and it makes me proud to be a citizen of this community.

Keep up the good work.

(I'm using the Civix platform to send this because it makes me happy to use it this way!)

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 1:50 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Linda Watt [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: FW: Draft letter

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Dear Mayor and Council.

RE: 6431 Chatham Street

Despite numerous calls and complaints [REDACTED] s.22(1), to the West Vancouver Municipality and West Vancouver Police regarding the situation at this address, this morning's explosion and fire threatened the lives, safety and homes of the immediate neighbors. The initial blasts and flames were frankly terrifying. Prompt attendance by the Fire Department quickly extinguished the fire, [REDACTED] s. 22(1), however as the senior fireman stated, "you are lucky this was not mid summer when everything was dry, otherwise [REDACTED] s. 22(1) would have been gone".

Subsequent to the fire in the house last December, no one should have been allowed to occupy the lot, the recent installation of a generator serving the occupied tents and trailer parked in the yard, should not have been permitted. As a result of a lack of action on the part of the municipality, lives and homes were put at risk, both to the occupants of the adjacent properties and those individuals allowed to continue to occupy the property.

We need assurance that this situation will be addressed immediately and all necessary steps are taken to protect the nearby homes from further risk.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 3:30 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: RE: 6431 Chatham Street

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29th November 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 6431 Chatham Street

We are writing to you to express our deep concern about the above property.

On December 1st 2023 there was a fire at this property which left the house uninhabitable, a blue mesh security fence was placed at the entrance and I'm told that signs were placed on the building stating that no one was to enter. For a while there was a security person [REDACTED] s.22(1) watching the property.

Despite this, members of the extended family moved back and were camping on the property. In our opinion no one should have been allowed to occupy the lot for safety reasons. Recently we have been aware that a generator was providing power for the various structures/tents and trailer parked on the property.

However, all this changed yesterday morning when an explosion led to a fire at the back of the house, causing damage to the subject property and to a neighbour's home.

The property entrance now has a yellow "no entry" tape, and once again we have a security person [REDACTED] s.22(1) watching the property.

We ask for council's assurance that this situation will be addressed as soon as possible. Steps must be taken to protect the nearby homes from any further risk. For our collective peace of mind, we think that based on the opinions of your experts, WV should consider demolishing the building(s) perhaps with costs being placed on the outstanding tax bill.

Regards,

[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, November 28, 2024 3:00 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: FW: Do plastic lawns have a place in our neighborhoods?

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I wish to have this published on the "Correspondence" webpage.

Thanks, [REDACTED] s.22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 2:57 pm
To: mark@westvancouver.ca; ccassidy@westvancouver.ca; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; plambur@westvancouver.ca; ssnider@westvancouver.ca; Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>; lwatt@westvancouver.ca
Cc: correspondence@westvancouver.ca; Heather Keith <hkeith@westvancouver.ca>; Claudia van der Vorm [REDACTED] s.22(1) Jim Bailey <jbailey@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Do plastic lawns have a place in our neighborhoods?

Dear Council and Mayor,

I'm noticing (walking the dog gets one out and about) more and more plastic lawns being laid out in our neighbourhoods. In my view, it not only does little esthetically to add value the character of West Vancouver, it also has adverse environmental impacts. See below for some evidence in this regard.

Please consider initiating a process that evaluates the implications of plastic lawns.

I'm copying members if the Environmental Committee (Heather and Claudia) on this.

Thanks, [REDACTED] s.22(1)

There is substantial evidence that plastic lawns, also known as artificial turf, have adverse environmental impacts:

Chemical Pollution

Artificial turf releases toxic chemicals, especially when exposed to sun, rain, and weather events[3]. Chemical analysis conducted at Yale University found 96 chemicals in artificial turf, with 20% being probable carcinogens[3]. The turf also contains highly toxic PFAS ("forever chemicals") linked to health issues like lower childhood immunity and cancer[3].

Microplastic Pollution

Continuous activity on artificial grass breaks down the plastic blades into microplastics[3]. These tiny plastic particles can:

- Be easily inhaled, ingested, and absorbed through the skin
- Migrate widely outside the fields into homes and stormwater runoff

- Enter waterways, with some estimates suggesting hundreds of kilograms of microplastics per field enter waterways annually[2]

Carbon Footprint

Unlike natural grass which absorbs CO₂, artificial turf releases CO₂, methane, and other chemicals[3]. Manufacturing plastic lawns uses fossil fuels, contributing to a larger carbon footprint[7]. An average 60 sq meter artificial lawn creates about 435 kg of CO₂ equivalent emissions just through plastic production[4].

Heat Island Effect

Artificial turf absorbs heat and can become dangerously hot, unlike natural grass which has a cooling effect[3]. This contributes to the urban heat island effect.

Loss of Ecosystem Services

Replacing natural grass with artificial turf means losing the potential to capture carbon in healthy soil ecosystems[5]. It also eliminates habitat for insects, birds, and other wildlife.

Disposal Issues

Artificial turf needs replacement every 8-10 years and is expensive and difficult to dispose of properly[3]. This creates additional waste and environmental burdens.

Given these significant environmental impacts, many experts conclude that replacing natural outdoor surfaces with artificial turf is not environmentally sound[3]. The evidence points to artificial lawns having clear adverse effects on pollution, carbon emissions, ecosystems, and overall environmental health.

Citations:

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[7] [bbc\[.\]com/news/business-6155231](#)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 10:29 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider
Subject: Urban Forest Management: We Have Settled Science and Clear Data

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It's understood that you have many controversial, novel and difficult issues before you.

However, based on the science and the data, and in my view and apparently that of 80-85% of WV population, there should be no further time and energy spent debating trees and variances for trees, etc. We need to enforce the settled science of environmental laws and ethics, and recover from the damage caused in recent years.

The science and data are clear on the repercussions of lax enforcement and allowing developers, and from what I can tell even our planning department, to plan to cut trees for relatively whimsical reasons like preferred amounts of sunlight, preferred views, paved areas for lawn chairs in environmentally protected riparian areas, etc.

Limited windowing of *some tree branches in the main window of a home that is completely blocking a view and* with a permit, is hardly the same as cutting down entire trees, stripping entire trees instead of the permit to trim a few branches, or entire stand of trees, etc.

Please revisit the UFMP (and the Ambleside LAP) and eliminate the relatively whimsical reasons being requested for cutting trees, and instead start significant and active tree protection and planting, to at least be on par with other municipalities.

Here is why:

West Vancouver, once the "Greenest City in the World" (circa 2010) **now has:**

- **reduced Ambleside's tree canopy to 19%** (UFMP page 1) **compared to**, for example, **high-density City of Vancouver which has a canopy of 23%**, and which Vancouver is vigorously trying to increase through various programs. Meanwhile, WV overall plants a *relatively few trees here and there*.
- **Ambleside's population is 48% seniors** (from District's Ambleside Community Profile), **compared to**, for example, **17% seniors in the City of Vancouver. This is very significant to tree canopy.**
- **First, as the WV UFMP rightly and thankfully points out:**

Urban heat and the 2021 heat dome Heat waves can prove deadly for vulnerable populations that are at risk for heat related illnesses like heat stroke. During the 2021 heat dome, 619 people died of heat-related issues [26]. ... The panel recommended that long-term heat mitigation strategies such as protection and restoration of urban tree canopy and permeable surfaces that have a cooling effect and reduce the urban heat island effect. The map shows land surface temperature hotspots on June 30th, 2021 during the heat dome in West Vancouver...

- **However, what the UFMP does not state and which is specifically relevant to WV and especially Ambleside, one of the Coroner's "major findings" is that:**

“67% (415) of decedents were 70 years of age or older... and 90% [of the decedents in the heat dome] were over age 60”

This alone should be enough to end any tree debate:

Ambleside (and other WV areas) that is comprised of 48% seniors, provably vulnerable to die in a heat dome, provably has the hottest "heat island" in WV, which settled science states is due to the dangerously low tree canopy.

Moreover, in the interests of putting the tree debate to rest and getting on with protecting and replanting our tree canopy, a 2023 NIH study titled “Influence of urban forests on residential property values: A systematic review of remote sensing-based studies” disproves the argument that cutting trees improves property values. In my view this would include our local businesses arguing that WV residents should cut more residential trees for relatively whimsical, and in my view baseless, reasons. The reason people visit WV is to enjoy (the remaining areas that have) trees providing peace, quiet, breathable air, etc. Visitors don't come to places to enjoy nature that have e.g. less tree canopy than city of Vancouver to relax and enjoy nature, despite what random persons may say in a survey of Metro Region.

The 2023 NIH "Influence of urban forests on residential property values..." study found that:

[T]he results indicated for the most part that increasing tree canopy cover on property and neighborhood level, forest size, type, greenness, and proximity to urban forests *increased housing prices*. RS studies benefited from spatially explicit repetitive data that offer superior efficiency to quantify vegetation, forest, and tree parameters of urban forests over large areas and longer periods compared to studies that used field inventory data. Through this work, we identify and underscore that urban forest benefits outweigh management costs and have a mostly positive influence on housing prices. Thus, we encourage further discussions about prioritizing reforestation and conservation of urban forests during the urban planning of cities and suburbs, which could support UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and urban policy reforms. **(emphasis added)**

Please, deploy the environmental experts of all kinds that are on Staff and on Environmental Committees etc. to focus their time and energy on immediately addressing:

- the roadblocks Staff have identified as hindrances in WV (lack of resident education, commitments to watering during drought, invasive species removal, how to address replanting around dead tree stumps, soil quality, etc.) For your further consideration, I will be gathering information as to how other municipalities are overcoming these same issues and actively protecting and replanting to contribute to this effort.
- active tree protections and enforcement (using alternatives that don't require additional Staff).

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

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From: Mary Markwick <mary@dundaravefestival.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 1:38 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Bring everyone you love

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Bring everyone you love



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We're one sleep away from launching the sixteenth season of the Dundarave Festival.

And we can't wait to see you again.

Bring everyone you love to the Dundarave Christmas Fair, **Saturday November 30th at Dundarave Beach**. This will be a tree trimming party unlike any other, as hundreds of loving hands decorate the Forest of Miracles.

Join us each Saturday for the ultimate Canadian Christmas, a season of light, love and joy that leaves no one out in the cold.

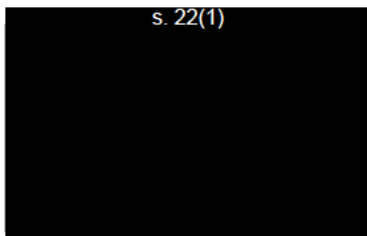
We caught up with our dear friends from Orchard Recovery. Check out the genius of the love they bring to decorating their wonderful Good Grinch tree...



Together, we're ending homelessness beautifully, right here on the North Shore, one person at a time. You make this happen by giving to the **FOREST OF MIRACLES FUND**.

Also, we always keep one tree in reserve for anyone who wants to join us at the last moment. If you or someone you love wants to light up a beacon of hope, don't be shy. Claim the last tree now. 🌲

Love and joy come to you.



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Mary Markwick
Executive Director

Dundarave Festival of Lights

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HOMELESSNESS
hurts *our* families, friends
& neighbours. **END**
homelessness
beautifully.

39%  **homeless in WV/NV**
from 2022 to 2023*

DUNDARAVE CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH



NATIVITY & PADDLE SONGS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH



WORLD CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH



CHRISTMAS WASSAIL & BONFIRE NIGHT
SATURDAY DECEMBER 21ST



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You are receiving this email because we want to celebrate the ways you've been part our Festival community in previous seasons, and we want to make sure you have the chance to shine with us.

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From: Austin Neaves <austin@capservices.ca>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2024 9:00 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: This December 3rd is Giving Tuesday! ✨

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GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 3



DONATE TODAY



Join millions in the global generosity movement and make a difference in your community. With small acts of kindness, we can transform our society and world—it starts with **you!**

This Giving Tuesday, families, youth, and seniors on the North Shore need your help. If we can reach our **goal of \$5,000**, we know that will **make a real difference in our community.**

♥ Here's how your donation can help:

- **\$10:** Provides art supplies for youth at risk, in our art therapy workshops.

- **\$25 or more:** Provides a gift basket to a lonely homebound senior.
- **\$50 or more:** provides cooking supplies for “Kids in the Kitchen.”

Together, we can spread hope, help, and happiness this holiday season.

Why give?

Not only will your generosity make a difference in someone’s life, but studies show that acts of kindness can reduce stress, alleviate anxiety, and improve your own wellbeing.

Let’s come together this **Giving Tuesday** to help our neighbors in need!

👉 Donate now at: <https://www.capservices.ca/donate/>

From,

Austin Neaves

Supervisor, Seniors Programs

Capilano Community Services Society

TAX RECEIPT: will be provided for donations of \$20 or more (donor’s name and address required for mailing).

We make it easy to **DONATE NOW.**



Our mailing address is:

1733 Lions Gate Lane
North Vancouver, BC V7P0C7

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Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:30 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: We Need Your Help to Make a World of Difference! 🌍

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GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 3



DONATE TODAY



In my first year as Executive Director at Capilano Community Services Society, I am filled with pride and gratitude when I see the **positive impact that our programs have made on individuals and families.**

Together, we've accomplished so much to strengthen our community, support those in need, and foster connections that matter. None of this **would have been possible without you**—our dedicated and compassionate supporters.

This **Giving Tuesday**, we are launching a heartfelt appeal to **raise \$5,000 during the month of December** to bring help, hope, and happiness to families, youth, and seniors across the North Shore.

Here's how your kindness and generosity will make an impact:

- **\$10:** Provides art supplies for at-risk youth, in our art therapy workshops.
- **\$25 or more:** Provides a gift basket to a lonely homebound senior.
- **\$50 or more:** Provides food skills and access to nutritious food for a child through *Kids in the Kitchen* Program.

Your support funds essential programs and services that touch lives, making it possible for those in need to move from surviving to thriving. **Acts of kindness**, no matter the size, create a ripple effect of hope and positivity.

We invite you to donate and be part of the campaign to **help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000**. Every donation, big or small makes a world of difference in our local community!

 [Donate Now](#)

Thank you for being an essential part of the Capilano Community Services family. Let's finish this year strong, united in our shared commitment to foster a **thriving community**.

With gratitude and hope,

Nick Avery
Executive Director

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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Highlights of the Month



Remembrance Day in Squamish



With the Lil'wat Nation, observing Birkenhead salmon.



Celebrating the official opening of the Hemlocks.

Dear Mayor and Council,

With inflation now at the Bank of Canada's target of 2%, we have had four consecutive interest rate cuts, the first among G7 major economies. Despite this good news, Canadians have yet to feel this progress in their pocketbooks. That is why we are delivering tax relief this winter. For two months starting on December 14, Canadians will get a tax break with a pause on GST for groceries, restaurants, kids clothes, and other essential items. On top of this, next spring we are proposing a \$250 tax free rebate for working Canadians earning up to \$150,000.

Earlier this month, Canada introduced our new fossil fuel corporation pollution cap, which will require fossil fuel companies to cut their emissions by 35% by 2030. Please see my video on the announcement.

It was a special day in Pender Harbour where so many community members came out to celebrate a [major \\$13.4 million federal investment for the new Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station \(PODS\)](#) that was several years in the making. This sustainable, net zero facility is [a partnership with the shishalh nation that](#) will bring together leading researchers, visitors and community members to learn about and celebrate the marine environment and rich Indigenous history of this region, and create year-round jobs for the community.

[Over 100 Whistlerites moved into their new below-market homes with the grand opening of The Hemlocks building](#) . Through a \$15.2 million federal investment, these 48 new units of workforce housing will support the initiative of the Whistler Housing Authority to ensure the people that work in Whistler can afford to live in Whistler. The Village of Pemberton announced their [new Housing Strategy, funded in part by the Government of Canada's Housing Accelerator Fund which will help to unlock an additional two thousand homes over the next decade.](#)

Canada has made significant investments in restoring salmon populations, and we see that 2024 has been a strong year for many salmon stocks. Canada announced an investment in

protecting and restoring important salmon habitat in our riding at Gates Creek. This is on top of a landmark agreement this month to protect 2% of Canada's land mass in a major conservation agreement done in partnership with the private sector and indigenous groups in the Northwest Territories.

Congratulations to the Powell River – Sunshine Coast MLA, the Honourable Randene Neil on her appointment as British Columbia's Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, and extremely important portfolio for our riding and province.

Similarly, we have opened applications for the King Charles III Coronation Medal in West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. If you know of a deserving member of our community, visit this link to nominate them before the December 15th deadline.








As we get into the Holiday and Christmas season, I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Parades in Squamish on November 30th, and in Sechelt on December 7th.

I'm pleased to announce that I have joined the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, which studies and reports on matters related to the federal role in the management of Canada's fisheries and the safeguarding of its waters. I know how important fisheries are to our community, and I look forward to bringing our community's expertise to the table, and bringing my experience from working on marine issues around the world to bear as well. We are currently studying the issue of abandoned and derelict boats that remains a frustrating blight for marine areas in our region, and I look forward to starting our forthcoming review of the Fisheries Act when the [Conservative Party eventually allows the committee to start this work](#).

Federal Government Updates

A tax break for all Canadians

We're implementing a tax break for all Canadians. Starting December 14, Canadians will get a tax break with a pause on GST for:

-  restaurant and take out meals
-  prepared foods, snacks
-  toys, video game consoles
-  alcohol up to 7% ABV
-  children's clothes, shoes
-  car seats, diapers
-  Christmas trees



**Starting December 14,
Liberals are *pausing* GST
& HST to make **groceries,
kids clothing, and other
essentials tax-free.****

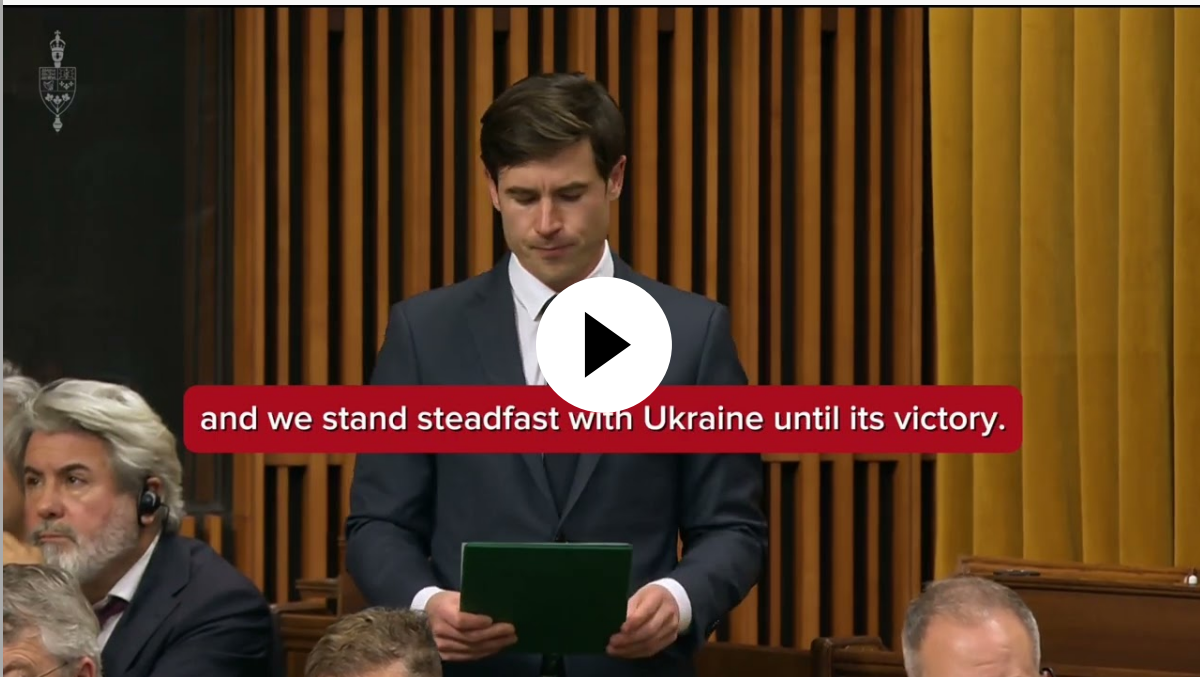


Canada's Fossil Fuel Corporations Pollution Cap



This month, we introduced Canada's fossil fuel corporations pollution cap. This draft regulation will require fossil fuel companies to cut their emissions by 35% by 2030. Watch my video below to learn more.

1000 Days of War in Ukraine



November 19 marked 1000 days since Russia invaded Ukraine, 1000 days of an unjustified, illegal war which has killed tens of thousands of civilians. I asked the Minister of National Defence to provide an update on how Canada is responding to Russia's continued aggression and supporting Ukraine. CAUA

Passing of Murray Sinclair



Canada mourns the passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair, an extraordinary leader who has charted our collective journey of reconciliation. Please watch my tribute to Senator Sinclair below.

International Criminal Court Arrest Warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant, and Hamas Commander Mohammed Dief

With these warrants issued, Canada must support the ICC's independence and its decisions. In order for international law and the international rules-based system to have meaning, no countries or nationals can be above the law.

Today is International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. On 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution that called for the establishment of a Palestinian state, which the Palestinian people have ever since been denied. I spoke earlier this week at a vigil to mourn the over 45,000 Palestinians and 2,500 Lebanese people that have been killed in the wars in Gaza and Lebanon.

Parliamentary Updates

Parliament remains frozen for the last two months in a Conservative Party filibuster. We had a slight reprieve to pass our GST tax holiday bill on the 28th, but I hope that the filibuster will end to allow the business of government to resume. On the Indigenous Affairs Committee that I chair, we finished clause by clause consideration of Bill C-61, which will ensure First Nations have clean drinking water for generations to come.

At the Fisheries and Oceans Committee, we recently completed a study on abandoned and derelict boats, and have now launched a legislative review of the Fisheries Act. The Fisheries Act is one of Canada's more important pieces of environmental legislation, which sets the framework for our blue economy.

Constituency Updates

Remembrance Day



I spent Remembrance Day morning in West Vancouver alongside the community, at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park. I would like to thank everyone who helped organize the event this year, especially the Royal Canadian Legion-West Vancouver Branch #60. I also had the honour of attending Remembrance Day school ceremonies at Mulgrave School and my alma mater, Sentinel Secondary. I was touched by the students' tributes to our fallen heroes.

In Squamish, I joined the community at the Legion branch 277 for their social. Thank you to the Legion and all the volunteers for organizing such a wonderful event.

King Charles III Coronation Medal

We are now accepting applications for the King Charles III Coronation Medal in West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. See below for details and [visit this link to apply before the December 15th deadline.](#)

Call For NOMINATIONS



**HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
CORONATION MEDAL**

THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL
ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2024

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Nominations should focus on the achievements of persons who have helped build the Canada of today, including youth, volunteers, educators, veterans and health care workers.
- Nominees may be selected for their long service and good conduct as a volunteer or member of an organization; for having demonstrated high professionalism; or for performing a deed or activity that brings great credit to Canada.
- Been alive on May 6th, 2023, the date His Majesty was crowned.
- The medal is to be awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples.
- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- The selection process will be merit-based and non-partisan.
- Recipient names and their nominators will be published.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Please scan the QR code below or visit patrickweiler.ca to access the nomination form.
- Follow the instructions on the form and email it to patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca with the subject line "King Charles III Coronation Medal Nomination"
- Deadline for nomination submissions is December 15, 2024 at 11:59pm PT
- Successful candidates will be announced in January 2025



Announcing Funding for New Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station



November 16 was a monumental day in Pender Harbour as the Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station (PODS) development took a significant step forward. The federal government is proud to support this new net-zero-ready facility with a \$13.4 million investment.

PODS is the culmination of years of collaboration between the Loon Foundation and the shísháhl Nation, and so many other dedicated community members and supporters. It will bring together leading researchers, visitors and community members to learn about and celebrate the marine environment and rich indigenous history of this region.

Grand Opening for 48 New Federally Funded Affordable Homes

This month, over 100 Whistlerites have moved into their new, below-market homes in the completed Hemlocks building. I joined the Whistler Housing Authority, Mayor Crompton and council to celebrate the grand opening of Whistler's newest employee restricted rental housing in Cheakamus Crossing!

Through a \$15.2 million federal investment, these 48 new units of secure, affordable housing will allow local residents to live, work and play in their community.



Kiwanis West Village Project



The Kiwanis Village West project in West Vancouver exemplifies what we can do when governments collaborate to invest in housing.

I had the opportunity to visit the site where 156 units are being developed to help house middle income families, individuals with disabilities, and seniors in our community.

I look forward to seeing this project's completion.

Pemberton's New Housing Strategy

Pemberton officially adopts new housing strategy

The strategy is paid for by the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund



Liz McDonald
Nov 11, 2024 12:00 PM



The federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) is helping communities build the homes we need faster with at least 100,000 new homes being permitted over the next three years. The \$2.6 million investment in Pemberton will spur the construction of more than 1,995 homes; creating different housing types from rental to co-ops, to missing middle which will support a diverse range of families.



November 14, 2024

Conservative MPs frustrated after Poilievre bars them from promoting housing fund: sources

Sources say that Poilievre has instructed Conservative MPs to stop advocating on behalf of municipalities in their ridings who want to obtain funds through the \$4-billion Housing Accelerator Fund.

"It's extremely frustrating," one Conservative source told Radio-Canada. "MPs are being stopped from helping their cities for partisan reasons."



Streamkeepers Cypress Creek Visit

The West Vancouver Streamkeepers Society is currently working on the restoration of the lower section of Cypress Creek. As the largest watershed in West Vancouver, the creek was once home to Coho, Chum, Chinook, Pink Salmon and Steelhead. Their volunteers are working hard to create a step-pool and facilitate a viable spawning and rearing habitat for our local salmon.

I had a chance to see their progress and hear from them about plans for the year ahead. A special Thank You to Keith Moger and John Barker for the tour.



Roundtable with Immigration Minister Miller



This month, we hosted a roundtable with Immigration Minister Marc Miller to hear from local constituents on pressing immigration issues and engage in a thoughtful roundtable conversation on what we're doing to deliver on Canada's immigration priorities. Thank you to the Minister for an engaging conversation.

Apply for the 2025 Constituency Youth Council

📣 Calling all students

📅 Are you passionate about political issues?

👤 Between the ages of 15 - 21?

🏛️ Interested in working alongside your local MP to gain experience with the federal government?

Submit your application to join the Constituency Youth Council to help guide me and the federal government on addressing important issues in our community. Use this link and apply by December 20

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Celebrating Bandi Chhor Divas (Day of Liberation)



On November 1st, Sikh communities around the world celebrated Bandi Chhor Divas (Day of Liberation) to honour the day Guru Hargobind Ji was freed from his wrongful imprisonment. This day symbolizes the values of unity, compassion, and justice and is also a reminder of the importance of human rights.

Although I was not able to join the Squamish Sikh Community for Bandi Chhor Divas, I was able to celebrate the 555th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Guru and founder of Sikhi at the Squamish Gurdwara.

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Good afternoon,

With the implementation of the GST/HST holiday tax break, we would like to share with you additional guidance for small businesses and organizations affected by this measure:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits/gst-hst-holiday-tax-break.html>

Additionally, Canada Revenue Agency has set up a hotline for business who have questions and/or need assistance. Their number is 1-800-959-5525.

Sincerely,

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From: Alison Gelz
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 3:12 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Commercial space for child care
Attachments: 2024 11 21 1624-s. 22(1).pdf

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email which was forwarded to me for a response.

I see that you reached out in 2022 about the opportunity to open a child care facility in West Vancouver. The information you were provided then is still the most helpful place to start, which is attached in the link below on the District's website:

<https://westvancouver.ca/business-development/information-businesses/licensed-child-care-facility>

If you are interested in learning more about any municipal facilities that may be available for a child care centre, please contact John Wong, Senior Manager, Facilities and Assets at jt Wong@westvancouver.ca

Thank you,
Alison

Alison Gelz (she, her, hers)
Senior Manager of Community Services | District of West Vancouver
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

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To: correspondence

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Hi there,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share my ongoing struggle and seek support in finding a commercial space to open a much-needed daycare in our community. For over a year now, I have been actively searching for a suitable location in West Vancouver or North Vancouver, but despite my efforts, I have had no success.

As someone with a strong background in education, I am deeply passionate about providing quality childcare. I was [Redacted] s.22(1)

[Redacted] credentials. [Redacted] s.22(1)

[Redacted] who also live here in Vancouver, were teachers [Redacted] s.22(1) home country and now hold their ECE certifications [Redacted] s.22(1).

Together, we have a vision to create a safe, enriching, and nurturing daycare center that would greatly benefit local families.

However, the lack of available spaces has been a significant barrier, and it feels like there is little hope of realizing this dream. We understand the critical need for childcare services in the community and believe we could make a meaningful contribution if given the opportunity.

I am reaching out to ask if the city could provide any support or guidance. For example:

- Are there any available municipal spaces or underutilized properties that could be leased or developed for childcare use?
- Are there any programs or initiatives designed to support small business owners or educators in starting childcare facilities?
- Is there any way the city could assist us in navigating this process?

We are eager to invest our skills, experience, and dedication into serving our community and are open to any ideas or opportunities that might make this possible.

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider our situation. I would be incredibly grateful for any advice or support you can offer. I am happy to meet in person or provide more details about our plans.

Looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

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From: Engineering Department
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:36 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Water Utility and Sewer & Drainage Utility Five-year Financial Plans 2025-29

Hello s. 22(1)

Thank you for your feedback. We are fortunate to have residents that are community-minded and care about where we live. It has been shared with the Engineering and Finance teams, along with Mayor & Council for consideration.

Regards,

Engineering & Transportation Services | District of West Vancouver
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Your Worship and Councillors,

While one cannot be truly said to welcome higher utility fees at this time, it is difficult to mount an effective counter-argument given the limited time that the public has been granted to review the two Council Reports that will be presented during this evening's Regular Council Meeting.

The reports were posted to the District's website four days ago. Given the complexity of the subject and repetitive nature of the Council Report, it is too much to ask of the public to read, consider and respond to the proposed fee increases and additional tax levies that the Engineer recommends. That, plus the errors and omissions in the report and the need to conduct online searches for the external documents that the Engineer alludes to in his reports, make for a challenging (perhaps, intentionally so) environment for the development of informed consent. Given that some members of Council oppose informed consent by the electors, perhaps this will come as no surprise to you.

Even so, the following brief remarks and comments may be of interest to you, in passing.

Water Utility Fund -- Comments

1) Because of the worksheet method employed by the Engineer, the additional Water Fee gross revenue required to meet the projected operating expenses and capital expenditures during budget year 2025 is overstated by \$913,500 (See Appendix A of the Council Report). The Utility can operate adequately with only \$165,000 of additional Water Fee gross revenue for budget year 2025. The savings in the proposed Water Utility fee rate increase would be welcomed by the average W. Van. ratepayer.

2) A \$5,000,000 contribution to capital that appears in budget year 2026 is not explained in the Council Report (Appendix A, Water Capital Reserve Fund); the external source of the contribution is not identified. The author should identify both the source and the purpose of the contribution.

3) A preferred approach to development of the budget estimates, which is mentioned in comment #5 below (re: Sewer & Drainage Utility Fund) whereby the budget is split into two parts -- an operating budget, and a separate capital budget -- improves planning calculations and reduces complexity in budget preparation, and facilitates identification of errors. Based on private sector experience here and abroad with this approach I

recommend it to you for consideration in future water utility and sewer & drainage utility budgeting.

Sewer & Drainage Utility Fund -- Comments

1) The senior governments' contribution to the capital funds to construct the NSWWTP is \$400 million (+/-). In the Engineer's discussion in the body of the Council Report, the contribution to capital from the senior government's is not disclosed or acknowledged.

2) Metro Vancouver has stated in a publication on its website that the North Shore municipal residents will only be required to cover a small fraction of the cost of constructing the NSWWTP. The figure of \$590 per household per year for thirty (30) years has been put forward by Metro Vancouver as the contribution expected of North Shore Residents towards defraying the capital cost of the NSWWTP. The 2021 Census returns published by Statistics Canada indicate that the number of private dwellings in West Vancouver (District of) is 18,795. Multiplying \$590/household/year by 18,795 private dwellings (households) indicates an annual GVS&DD levy for the NSWWTP of \$11,089,050 per year on the District. Because Metro Vancouver finances its capital expenditures by issuing long-term debt on the North American capital markets, we can expect that this \$590/household/year levy will be a constant value rather than an accelerating charge which the Engineer shows in his budget worksheet calculations.

3) The cost of decommissioning and remediating the existing primary waste water treatment plant, given the size of the plant and the low complexity of the facility, should not be overstated. The Engineer's remarks in the Council Report in this regard should not be construed to be anything other than speculation. No provision for the cost of decommissioning and remediation of the facility should be made in 2025-2029 five-year financial plan for the Sewer & Drainage Utility Fund.

4) The errors in the Engineer's budget worksheet should be corrected. The capital reserve fund balances and transfers require review.

5) The Engineer's approach to segregating the budget into two parts -- one dealing with "local" operating and capital budgets, and the other dealing with "regional" operating and capital budgets -- is 'innovative' but not expository. A preferable approach is to work with two separate budgets -- one for operations, and the other for capital expenditures. This preferred approach allows for the application of Fund Accounting methods wherein a fund includes a revenue budget, expense or expenditure budget, and a reserve fund budget. The planner works with the Operations Budget (revenue, expense, and surplus account) and a Capital Budget (revenue, expenditure, and reserve(s)). The consolidated budget is then drawn up from the combination of the Operations Budget and the Capital Budget. This preferred approach lowers the amount of the "additional gross revenues" to "balance" the consolidated budget, and gets away from the complicated worksheet structure that is subject to errors that the Engineer presents in Appendix A of the Council Report.

Best regards,

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