

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO DECEMBER 11, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 2:28 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Cathy Peters on Tariffs coming, UNDRIP impact, drugs/sex trafficking
Attachments: IMG_4717.jpg; IMG_4781.jpg

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Dear Mayor Mark Sager and West Vancouver District Council,
 Thank you to those that visited **my booth at the UBCM Tradeshow** this past September.
 I spoke with hundreds of civic leaders, the Premier and Governor General (attached photo).

3 concerns and **what you can do:**

1. Tariffs are coming from the USA unless the border is secure and drug flows addressed.
Alert the Prime Minister and Premier Eby that the border is porous, ports are unpoliced, criminal activity is undeterred (organized crime and international crime syndicates). These need to be addressed quickly.

2. UNDRIP will be applied to all acts pertaining to the access to lands:
 lands, forestry, agriculture, mines, mineral tenure, fishing, parks, ski resorts, recreational boating, etc.

Request the provincial government be transparent about the UNDRIP process allowing for ongoing input from all British Columbians.

3. Drugs and sex trafficking are dramatically increasing in every community in BC.

The full decriminalization of drugs policy in BC needs to be reversed.

"Drug decriminalization is the most horrific failure of public policy in 30 years.

Rather than reduce drug use, it has normalized the practice and acted as a catalyst for public disorder."

Shaun Wright, retired RCMP superintendent of Prince George, BC.

Note: The normalization of hard drug use has exacerbated human sex trafficking and are inextricably linked.

ASK: Please confirm this email has been shared with the Mayor and Council.

Please contact me for more information as needed.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters
 BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate
 beamazingcampaign.org

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal recipient for my anti human trafficking advocacy work

Author: **Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop It**



From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 9:34 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Cc: Heather Keith; Claudia van der Vorm; Jim Bailey
Subject: Request for Reconsideration of November 18 Council Decision on Urban Forest Management

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing about the November 18 Council meeting, during which you decided to remove recommendation 1b (lowering the protected tree size on private property) from the list of recommended actions for the Urban Forest Management (UFM) plan for 2025.

It is clear from the proceedings that the assumption behind this decision is that additional staff will be required, which could lead to financial implications. However, this decision appears to have been made without a thorough, transparent discussion of the following key questions:

1. **Scope of the Proposed Bylaw:** Do we fully understand that the proposed bylaw in the UFM report applies only to properties undergoing development, rather than to all private properties? This limits the number of residents affected by the change.
2. **Return on Investment (ROI):** Have we considered the ROI of a "tree size" bylaw—i.e., the potential benefits of better tree protection relative to the costs involved?
3. **Staffing Requirements:** Why is it assumed that additional staff will be needed? What evidence supports this claim? Are we distinguishing between facts and opinions?
4. **Resident Consultation:** What are the implications of this decision on resident engagement? After years of consultation, the overwhelming feedback from residents is a desire for a bylaw that offers stronger protection for trees.
5. **Pilot Programs:** Could we pilot this bylaw in lower-density areas, such as Ambleside and Dundarave, to assess its effectiveness and feasibility before committing additional resources?
6. **Efficiency in Implementation:** Is it possible to design an efficient process that minimizes the need for additional staff, potentially by redeploying existing staff to support arborists and bylaw enforcement?

These questions have been raised by me and others on multiple occasions, but they do not seem to have been part of the strategic analysis guiding this decision. I believe the decision made is a short-term one, which may have adverse long-term effects on the valuable ecosystem services provided by our tree canopy.

I respectfully urge you to revisit this decision, discuss the questions raised above, and base your final conclusion on a more comprehensive and evidence-based approach.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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

From: Mary <mary@dundaravefestival.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 10:23 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: 🌲 Forest of Miracles Events and Housekeeping

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🎵 how lovely are your branches... 🌲



Wow! What a turnout!

The trees are looking the best ever.

Thank you for putting in the extra effort to make your trees stand out!

In this edition:

CHECK ON YOUR TREE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

DONATE TO LOOKOUT

FESTIVAL SATURDAY PERFORMANCES

☀️ sunny days....

It's time to check in on your masterpieces.

Checklist:

Tree standing straight?

Lights working?

Decorations secure?

You want to look good because VOTING IS HAPPENING NOW.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

With thanks to Grosvenor Ambleside for helping make this happen!

WHO: The general public will choose their favourite trees for a chance to win prizes.

WHAT: Categories are:

Favourite School

Favourite Theme

Favourite Glitz and Glam

Most Sustainable

Most Creative

WHERE: Voting is online HERE. Signs are scattered throughout with QR codes. We are promoting this! We hope you do too.

WHEN: Voting begins on December 2nd ends on December 20th with announcements on December 23rd through social media and on the Bonfire Night.

HOW: Voting online HERE! Get your people out voting for your tree.

WHY: Why not? Get people more engaged. You'll get all the glory and attention if you win. The public get a chance to give their opinion and a chance to win.

DONATE TO LOOKOUT

If you've already donated, THANK YOU!

Special shout out to these terrific Giving Groups:

Burstin' with Broadway and Swim4Fit

We have already received donations from these tree sponsors:

Miles-Luthy Family, Lori Pinkowsky, Vicic Family, WVacuum Centre, The Pejman Family, Hollyburn Sailing Club, British Pacific Properties, Lynne Block

MLA , Westerleigh, Knack Academics & West Van CPA, Craftsman Collision, Sotheby's International Realty, Vancity Mortgage Specialists, St Thomas Aquinas High School, Zazou, Cypress Mountain, Bowen Island Kayaking, Coast Capital Savings, Hollyburn Funeral Home, Cypress Park Primary, Baptist Housing Society, Chartwell Churchill House, Ambleside Law LLP, Wonder, Freedom Marine, Clara Hartree, NSAlliance Church, Loren Nancke, Behmard Dentistry, Park Royal, St Christopher's and St Stephen's Church.

If you don't see your name here, it's possible that your donation was anonymous or it went through a different portal. Let me know so we can track it.

****You can expect a Festival Elf will reach out to you having created a Giving Group specially for you. They're working on it now.****

WHO: Lookout Housing&Health Society runs the North Shore Shelter and provides many other services for homeless in our community.

WHAT: Your tree registration pays for your tree (Thank you!)

 We also expect a minimum donation of \$250 to Lookout Foundation .

BONUS WHAT: you will be entered to win PRIZES when you donate!

PRIZES INCLUDE:

Beach House Restaurant 'Chef's Table'

The Tea Store gift basket

OEB Gift Certificate

Steamoji memberships

and more.

TWO MORE BONUSSES: You get a charitable tax receipt for your donation.

Donations will be matched to \$50,000!! Please give generously.

WHERE: Where does this money go? The donation goes straight to Lookout earmarked for their lifesaving work on the North Shore.

WHEN: Please donate before the end of the year

HOW: You can donate \$250 yourself (get a tax receipt)

or

create a Pledge Page 'GIVING GROUP'


You can expect a Festival Elf will reach out to you having created a Giving Group specially for you. They're working on it now.

We also take cheques made out to Lookout Foundation with a note:
Dundarave Festival.

THREE MORE FREE FESTIVAL SATURDAYS

Saturday December 7th - Dundarave Nativity and Paddle Song

Noon - Dusk

 Saturday December 14th - World Christmas

Presented by Westerleigh PARC

Noon - Dusk

 Saturday December 21st - Christmas Wssail & Bonfire Night

Presented by Maclean Homes

3-9pm

Please ask if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Mary

778-847-1426

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE TREE

CONCERTS AND MERRIMENT



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From: Mary Markwick <mary@dundaravefestival.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:30 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Cherish Being Together

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Joyful gratitude



END HOMELESSNESS BEAUTIFULLY

We've created together something beautiful in this season's Forest of Miracles.

I've seen families delighted, deeply moved and overjoyed to read the trees — each one a story, an inspiration.

This Saturday we turn our hearts with loving gratitude to Squamish Elder Wendy Charbonneau, her ancestors and nation. We began the Dundarave Festival sixteen years ago with her blessing and guidance.

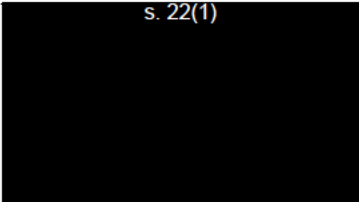
Together, all of us have nurtured it to be a place where we cherish belonging together, in the breathtaking beauty of this sacred place.

Bring everyone you love for the Dundarave Nativity and Paddle Songs, December 7th, Noon to Dusk at Dundarave Beach.



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**.

Love and joy come to you.



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Mary Markwick
Executive Director
Dundarave Festival of Lights

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GIVE BEAUTIFULLY



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: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 8:40 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor
Subject: Street sweeping / cleaning

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Hello

We just noticed that the street sweeping / cleaning truck is on our cul de sac [REDACTED] s. 22(1) this morning. It is having trouble effectively moving around cars parked in the cul de sac on the street.

We wonder if it didn't make sense that you notify residents when this street cleaning will occur to encourage people to get any parked cars off the street? The truck is missing several areas littered with debris because cars are parked on top of it.

If we, as taxpayers, are paying for this, let's do it right.

Thanks and best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: December 9, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Christine Cassidy (ccassidy@westvancouver.ca); Linda Watt (lwatt@westvancouver.ca); Mark Sager (mark@westvancouver.ca); Nora Gambioli (ngambioli@westvancouver.ca); Peter Lambur (plambur@westvancouver.ca); Scott Snider (ssnider@westvancouver.ca); Sharon Thompson (sthompson@westvancouver.ca)
Cc: pdcuk@westvancouver.ca; lynneblock@conservativebc.ca
Subject: RE: MARR CREEK DISASTER

Dear Honorable Mark Sager and Members of Council,

As most of you are aware, on Saturday, October 19th, starting at around 9:30 am, Marr Creek across Mathers Ave. s. 22(1) overflowed its banks due to rocks, timber and debris blocking the access to the culvert underneath Mathers Ave. Once the debris gate, which was bolted to the concrete of Mathers Ave., completely blocked Marr Creek, the water in the creek had no where to go, except to flow over Mathers Ave. and right

s.22(1)

s. 22(1). In most people's opinion, the debris gate should not have been bolted to the concrete at Mathers Ave., but have been installed 10 – 15 feet back up Marr Creek, so that in the event it becomes totally blocked, the excess water could flow over the top of it and continue into the culvert ! Which is the location that the District of West Vancouver has it now installed.

s.22(1), the water could not escape, once the drains s.22(1) blocked with dense mud until the water level reached the sidewalk on 25th Street. The result being 5 feet of water in

s.22(1)

s. 22(1) Insurance has denied coverage s.22(1) "Overland Water Damage" coverage.

s.22(1) was first on the scene, at 10:09 am and swam through 5 feet of water in the

s.22(1)

s. 22(1) He could have been electrocuted. s.22(1)

s. 22(1) charges with a 240-volt system !

We estimate [s.22(1)] will cost approx. \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 and [s.22(1)] estimate [s.22(1)] to move back in by August or September 2025.

We thank you for allowing us to speak at tonight's Council Meeting and we are looking forward to hearing what steps the District of West Vancouver is considering to make sure this disaster at 25th and Mathers Ave. never happens again. We were very grateful for the Mayor, Mark Sager, visiting to see the disasters first hand as well as Councillor, Linda Watt and Lynne Block, MLA, West Vancouver-Capilano. Hopefully, you will be considering a brand new culvert from Nelson Ave. to Mathers Ave.

Please click on the links below to view [s.22(1)].

Oct 19 9:38 am – When Marr Creek started to flood everything downstream, including [s. 22(1)] [s.22(1)]. it had already destroyed [s.22(1)]. which abuts Marr Creek on the north side of Mathers Ave.

[s. 22(1)]

Oct 19 10:09 am – Marr Creek flowing through [s. 22(1)]

[s. 22(1)]

Oct 19 2:15 pm – Backyard of [s.22(1)], it looks like a fountain, however, it is Marr Creek flowing around the house and out [s. 22(1)]

[s. 22(1)]

Oct 20 12:13 pm – Backhoe doing its best to unblock Marr Creek.

[s. 22(1)]

Oct 20 12: 21 pm – [s. 22(1)] helping out with the complete disaster.

[s. 22(1)]

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2025!

s.22(1)

Vancouver, BC s.22(1)





From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 7:10 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Copy of Statement and Question to be Read During District Council Meeting on Dec. 9th 2024
Attachments: District Council Statement - Dec. 9, 2024.pdf

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Attached is a copy my brief statement and question for council regarding the recent flood caused by the overflow of Marr Creek on October 19th, 2024.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

December 9, 2024

Statement and Question for West Vancouver District Council.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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First, I would like to thank the district engineering staff who, on the day of the flood, worked tirelessly through the night to clear the blocked Marr Creek culvert at 25th and Mathers Ave and eventually stop the relentless flow of water that caused so much destruction.

After almost 14 exhausting hours of fighting a losing battle to save our homes, it was such a relief to see the water finally contained.

However, I think it's accurate to categorize this effort as a "reactive" response to a disastrous situation. I believe this is the key concern for myself and other property owners in the area that were severely impacted.

We strongly believe the District needs to prioritize a much more "proactive" approach to mitigating the overflow of Marr Creek specifically, and North Shore creeks in general, rather than being "reactive" to issues as they arise - which is often too late to prevent significant property damage.

Moving forward, our primary concerns are preserving the value of our homes and property and the ability to obtain insurance coverage to protect us from future flooding and catastrophic loss.

In this regard, we believe it's extremely important that the district develops a comprehensive plan and commitment to effectively maintain the creek and ensure all culverts are clear.

We would also request that the District Engineering department develops a strategy to keep impacted property owners consistently informed regarding decisions being made to create flood mitigation solutions. These decisions will directly impact our safety, financial well-being and the ability to protect our most valuable asset - our home and property. We are most assuredly "stake holders" in this process and deserve to be considered as such.

With that in mind, my question for council today would be; Is there a strategy in place to keep the public informed and updated as decisions are being made regarding future flood control for Marr Creek?

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11:46 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Urban Forest Management; Ambleside Heat Islands; Solutions for 2025

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Dear Mayor and Council,

There is much that presumably many environmentally concerned residents who have written to and presented to Mayor and Council over the decades would like to say about the whole of the Urban Forest Management Plan. The below focuses on one aspect of it that received relatively little attention, but which in my view is critical, urgent and fixable over the next two years: Ambleside-Dundarave's heat islands that are due to an abysmal tree canopy of only 19% (UFMP), and the 48% of vulnerable seniors who live there; plus our wildlife who are entirely dependent on us as well. In case of any confusion, in my view this Mayor and Council have taken actions to protect and speak up for senior's housing and I trust they will do everything in their power to take action here as well.

In my view, of vital concern to WV's urban forest are these three realities:

1. As mentioned in the UFMP and previously pointed out in my earlier email, but necessary for context, Ambleside's tree canopy is relatively very low at 19% and an issue for vulnerable populations. The UFMP states:

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...

What was not explicitly stated in the UFMP is the connection between this low 19% tree canopy, the specific vulnerable population in West Vancouver being seniors over age 60; that 90% of the deaths in the 2021 heat dome (Coroner's Report) were seniors over 60, and WV seniors over 60 who make up 48% of Ambleside's population where there is the very low 19% tree canopy. (I decline to use the term "tree equity" as used in the UFMP, unintentionally or not, because of its highly suggestive use in political ideology)

2. Although the UFMP does not break it down, it is readily apparent in my view that many or most of the remaining trees in Ambleside are in our public parks and in particular our riparian areas that flow through public parks; and our boulevards.
3. Ambleside (as is the District and all of the province) is required by law to have a healthy and thriving shaded vegetative riparian area cover of trees (and other vegetation) for the like of the creeks, in particular fish, to survive or they cannot survive the heat of the sun. As you know, those laws include the Riparian Area Protection Act/WV Watercourse Bylaw (which protects 15m either side of the creek's top of bank); the Creeks Bylaw (which among things protects from trees being cut down and replaced with impermeable material); the Wildlife Protection Act (which protects wildlife habitat.

I am requesting that given the urgency of the heat islands in Ambleside and Dundarave, and its demographics of vulnerable people, that Mayor and Council change the list of items for Staff to focus on in 2025 and prioritize what is left of the urban forest of Ambleside-Dundarave that exists in the riparian areas. Below are my suggestions on how to do this. These are just my suggestions. There are many environmentally competent residents of WV – not to mention Mayor and Council themselves - that have poured a great deal of time into these environmental issues over many decades who may have other and better suggestions. I suggest these as a starting point.

The below is what in my view we need to urgently focus on in 2025 that I am offering here for your consideration. Most or all of the below is already in place in many or most municipalities and so we will not have to “reinvent the wheel.”

4. Partner with:

- a. **Private property owners who bought adjacent to riparian areas.** Have an education campaign to inform owners and residents that the District is having a necessary “Shading the Creeks” campaign; why the vegetation is required based on settled science adopted around the world; and to report illegal tree cutting. These materials (an example previously provided) already exist in many comparable municipalities and can be easily created in WV.
- b. **the Community by having a Replanting Campaign of both young and mature trees along all riparian areas as they do in many municipalities on public land** e.g. the City and/or District of North Vancouver, etc. This will include noting locations where there are gaps in the riparian area coverage and consulting with the District Staff if those gaps existed in 2004 (when the RAR came into effect), or if there was a permit for the cutting of the vegetation.
- c. **Environment Protection Focused Staff and Community Members (not myself) to be equally represented with developers and the business community on the Planning Committee.** Respectfully, based on results, (I don’t know the actual make up) but it appears that the Planning Committee is comprised largely or entirely of planners and developers, business interest groups, and the like, and that they are operating in a vacuum with environmental considerations very low if nonexistent in their priorities. This is being escalated by increasing pressure from the provincial government for development. But development *need not in any way*, be done by damaging the environment in violation of our environmental laws and ethics. Idealized development locations (e.g. no commute time and trees but just where you want them for aesthetics only) cannot be developed at the expense of everyone living in a heat island of no trees and paved surfaces.
- d. **As the UFMP eventually gets to in the last (30) pages or so, relative to other municipalities West Vancouver is rated, “poor” on average (sometimes e.g. fair) in protecting and managing our urban forest and creeks, etc.. Yet, our environment is a major capital asset (“Natural Capital in the District of West Vancouver; File: 0842-09; June 10, 2019).**

5. **A database of riparian area trees in Ambleside and Dundarave based on the above community replanting campaign**, instead of a District wide focused database to address all areas in the District that are doing very well in their tree canopy,
6. **Require private property owners adjacent to riparian areas to fulfill their contractual replanting agreements:**

- a. in the 15m riparian areas; and advise them of the dates that Bylaw will be returning to inspect the planting. If the replanting is not done, the District will do it for them at their expense.
- b. Amend replanting requirements for new permits to require a mix of *mature* trees. Given the urgency of the situation, we cannot wait 15 years for saplings to grow.

7. **Develop a Community Communication of some kind for private property owners who bought adjacent to the riparian areas at fair market value, and are now effectively wanting add-on improvements (e.g. a better view, a less shaded garden, sunbathing spot, etc) at District expense.**

That:

- a. the District relies on a fair real estate market. Therefore it is trusted that owners paid fair market value in a competitive market for their property. It is not the business of the District to enrich the individual successful buyer by providing add-ons after the fact and interfere with fair market valuations. Moreover, the District will not make vulnerable tax paying seniors pay for their private property capital improvements add-ons with their lives and wellbeing by living in heat islands due to low canopy cover.
- a. In short, after sale add-ons for the successful buyer are not considered undue hardships.
- a. Nor will WV contribute to the extinction of fish and other wildlife species for those reasons which would be required by removing their habitat.
- a. Moreover, it is self-defeating because each owner is relying on their neighbors to support the tree canopy for their health and well-being which is actually driving down their cumulative property values.

3. **Provide the Environmental Protection Office (oddly not mentioned in the UFMP) and Bylaw be given clear definitions for:**

- a. “enduring” and “human disturbance.” The RAPR, which first came into force in 2004, uses the word “enduring” with regards to “human disturbance “in the riparian areas i.e. cutting trees, shrubs and grasses, building structures, etc. Contrary to “enduring” the District routinely uses the contrasting term “existing” landscaping in response to complaints of new human disturbance in the riparian areas. This effectively defeats the RAPR.
- b. Therefore, if someone is creating a new human disturbance that did not exist prior to 2004, they have to stop cutting, they will be fined, *but most importantly they have to replant what they may have cut.*
- c. Strictly enforce the “enduring human disturbance” (or put it plainly as “Pre-2004 Cutting or Developing) RAPR requirements on the “no net loss” EDP considerations. That is, require owners to *establish* that the human disturbance they are wanting to trade off for environmental damage in another area of their property was in place prior to 2004. There is plenty of satellite imagery etc. so this is easily determined.

4. **Partner:**

- a. **with Hydro, TELUS or any other utilities** (this is suggested in the UFMP) and explain WV’s expectations are and come to agreements to ensure that only e.g. branches are cut as necessary, and trees are not stripped for no reason.

- b. **with Developers, the Business Community and tourists and visitors:** Have signage explaining that it is not that the District isn't bothering to cut/maintain the vegetation along the creeks, it's that it is environmentally protected and therefore unlawful to cut; and explain what is happening with Ambleside's heat islands which is under repair; the fish in the creeks require the vegetation to live and likewise the 90% or so of wildlife that live in the riparian areas. If they wish a sunny walk, the seawall is available.
- c. **with Tree Contractors:** have them take photos of their before and after work which they can explain to homeowners they are obligated to provide to the District. This will avoid them being pressured by owners in the moment to cut more than they were permitted to cut. Photos are already taken as required for various reasons in WV (e.g. EDPs) and in other municipalities (e.g. to prove hazard tree applications.) If Tree Contractors choose not to provide the photos (or documentation as the District may prefer) they cannot be on the Approved Tree Contractor list.

5. **Amend:**

- a. the Hazard Tree Removal application so that it requires the planting of two trees for every tree that is cut and make this especially clear to adjacent property owners in the 5m and 15m riparian area.
- b. the Boulevard Bylaw to give primacy to the RAPR/WV Watercourse Bylaw, Creeks Bylaw i.e. creeks are not cement sidewalks but rather live fish bearing watercourses that require vegetative cover.
- c. the Trees Bylaw to protect all trees regardless of size in the riparian area as do all or almost all other municipalities. Currently WV's Tree Bylaw allows for (including young, growing trees) at 10cm to be cut.
- d. any bylaws giving tree contractors the unchecked authority to cut trees that they believe may be a hazard without consultation with the District or an authorized arborist.
- e. the Ambleside Local Area Plan to replace the "daylighting" of creeks with the "shading" of fish bearing creeks and the "daylighting of underground watercourses (as is the globally accepted definition of "daylighting creeks");
- f. the UFMP by removing references to cutting in the riparian areas to be balanced with "sunlight" gardening, or sunbathing and the like for the reasons identified at point 4 i.e. it is not the District's role to provide add-on improvements to the successful buyer in a fair market, and not at the expense of the District's residents and tax payers. They will not be considered as undue hardship.

6. **Fund** any activities that are not already covered by the Environmental Protection Office, Bylaw Officers, Arborists and Environmental, Parks Managers and Senior Managers by:

- a. Reducing, perhaps significantly, the number one-line item of WV's budgetary expense being, by all appearances a very unusually high number of hazard tree removal requests, by
- b. Enforcing the tree replanting agreements and requirements. This is likely to significantly cut down on the applications for hazard tree removals, which are often or mainly for aesthetics or, e.g. interfering with their sunbathing that they will have to plant two trees for every tree they cut down. There are trees in WV's urban forest that are rightly hazardous. However, there are "hazard" tree requests that in my direct experience and based on FOI requests, are really aesthetic requests or for reasons outlined at Point 4.

These are suggestions that in my view are necessary to address a critical, urgent and fixable issue. Others may have better ideas.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Weiler, Patrick - M.P.
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]Launch of the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund
Attachments: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund Application Call.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the Government of Canada's Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund with a call for applications.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Weiler

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

December 4, 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

This week, the Government of Canada announced the launch of the new \$50 million Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund. The launch of the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund means municipalities will have the tools they need to ensure compliance with their existing short-term rental regulations, to ensure homes remain available for Canadians to live in.

Specifically, the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund will deliver funding to municipalities to increase enforcement and compliance activities, such as hiring enforcement staff, managing complaints, and conducting inspections. [Applications from municipalities for funding can be submitted between December 16, 2024, and January 24, 2025.](#)

In total, there are an estimated 235,000 short-term rentals across Canada, many of which could serve as long-term housing options for Canadians who need a place to live. This fund will support municipalities in enforcing their short-term rental regulations, bringing the non-compliant units back to the long-term housing market, and helping preserve our existing housing supply.

For more information about the application process, I encourage interested applicants to register for a webinar. To do so please email your request at stref-farlcd@infc.gc.ca.

Webinars will be delivered on the following dates:

- December 10, 2024, at 7 a.m. [PT]
- December 12, 2024, at 10 a.m. [PT]

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We are happy to support your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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From: Kevin Woodhouse
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:34 PM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Washroom at Ferry Building Gallery

Hello s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email regarding the Ferry Building public washrooms, which has been forwarded to me for response.

We are pleased to hear that this new washroom is of value to those recreating in the area and apologize for the delay in rectifying the mechanical issue with the door.

Repairs are complete on the door and the locks are now functioning properly. Our washroom cleaning contractor will ensure that the facility is cleaned appropriately.

Thank you again for bringing forward your concerns.

Regards,

Kevin Woodhouse

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 7:26 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Washroom at Ferry Building Gallery

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My wife and I are long term residents of West Vancouver and we are regular walkers on the Seawalk trail from Dundarave to Ambleside Park.

We were very pleased to see the construction of the two public toilets that were added to the Ferry Building as part of the overall renovation.

However, we have noticed that one of these toilets has been closed for more than 4 months due to what appears to be a faulty door opening and closing mechanism.

There is a misspelled sign on the door of this particular toilet door which reads:- WASHROOMS ARE CLOSED. REPAIRS ARE IN PROGRESS.

With all due respect this sign is inaccurate as it infers that both of the washrooms are closed. This is not the case as the second washroom is obviously open for use and is being cleaned and serviced by whoever takes care of this service.

The washroom with the problematic door is sometimes fully closed and sometimes not fully closed making it possible for anyone to push the door open and use this toilet which is not being cleaned and is not being serviced with toilet paper. As a consequence this toilet is very unsanitary.

There is often a line up for the one official useable toilet.

We feel that this situation reflects badly on our community and it is hard to understand why it has taken more than 4 months to obtain parts and have a mechanic fix this faulty door so that visitors and other members of our community can use this washroom.

Would you please rectify this situation

Yours truly,

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Caleb Lloyd
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:47 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: RE: District of West Vancouver Engineering Public Enquiry - s.22(1) - Cranley Drive Sidewalks

Hello s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email regarding the sidewalk along Marine Drive from Cranley Drive Eagle Harbour Montessori School. We will not install railings or roadside barriers along the sidewalk, as adding them could further restrict the available space on the sidewalk, making it even narrower and less accessible for pedestrians. Additionally, it is not standard practice to use barriers or railings to separate sidewalks from the roadway.

However, we recognize that overgrown vegetation from adjacent properties may be contributing to the feeling of reduced sidewalk width. To address this, we have reached out to nearby homeowners and requested that they trim back any vegetation encroaching on the sidewalk.

Moreover, during the 2024 School Safety Assessment most schools identified speeding in streets around the schools as a current issue of concern. The Engineering Department will be submitting a 2024 School Assessment final report to Council and action plan implementation will begin in 2025.

Regarding your request for a new sidewalk on Marine Drive from Cranley Drive to Primrose Place, we have added the location to the sidewalk request list. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide an estimated time of completion due to volume and unforeseen changes to priorities.

The District of West Vancouver is an old community and there are many roadways and portions of roadways without sidewalks. Unfortunately, every year the District receives more requests for sidewalk segments than we have the resources to implement. For a fair and balanced approach, the District ranks the sidewalks recommended in the West Vancouver Pedestrian Network Study and sidewalks requested by residents, along with consideration of coordination opportunities with other capital works programming. The goal, pending budget, is to construct several priority segments each year. In general, the priority is on roadways without any sidewalks or near schools and parks. We are currently in the detailed design phase for construction of the 2025 sidewalk segments.

Regards,

Engineering & Transportation Services | District of West Vancouver
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Eagle Harbour Pedestrian Safety

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

With the upcoming Aquila development, I wanted to get in touch again to ask about plans for safe sidewalks in Eagle Harbour.

The sidewalk from Cranley Drive going east to the Eagle Harbour elementary school (5600 Block) is narrow and without any side rails. Cars regularly speed and it is scary to try to walk it with children.

Can we please get some form of safety barrier in place? It does not seem to be too much to ask to have a safe route to walk our children to school. The current solution that most parents adopt is to drive, which is of course not ideal for a number of reasons.

Also, there is no sidewalk west of Cranley to the daycare at Primrose and Marine. Again, it does not seem too much to ask to have a safe route between the community and the daycare provider.

Many neighbours feel the same way. We are now looking at welcoming (happily) many more families to the neighbourhood with the new development, and the current walkability of the neighbourhood is a bit of disgrace.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Engineering Department
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11:20 AM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Council Correspondence - [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Street Cleaning

Hello [REDACTED] s.22(1)

We currently run our sweeper on a zone basis, focused around the three business areas in the District: Ambleside, Dundarave, and Horseshoe Bay. The business areas are cleaned from 5:30am - 7:30am and afterwards our sweeper cleans streets within those zones starting with bus routes and major collector roads. During those days, where possible, they clean smaller streets/cul-de-sacs the best they can. Since these smaller streets are not always able to be cleaned, we do not sign them for specific days and attend them on a complaint basis otherwise.

Regards,

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 8:40 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor
Subject: Street sweeping / cleaning

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Hello

We just noticed that the street sweeping / cleaning truck is on our cul de sac [Redacted] s. 22(1) this morning. It is having trouble effectively moving around cars parked in the cul de sac on the street.

We wonder if it didn't make sense that you notify residents when this street cleaning will occur to encourage people to get any parked cars off the street? The truck is missing several areas littered with debris because cars are parked on top of it.

If we, as taxpayers, are paying for this, let's do it right.

Thanks and best regards,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
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