

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO NOVEMBER 13, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:56 PM
To: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; correspondence
Cc: Jim Bailey; Lisa Berg
Subject: Process of Public Hearings and Development Applications

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

To,
 The Council
 District of West Vancouver

Dear Council Members,

Re: Process of Public Hearings and Development Applications

I am not too familiar with the public hearing process but there were a few things that really jarred for me at the recent public hearing for the Aquila project on Daffodil Drive:

- 1) The staff actually recommended that it be approved rather than lay out the facts (I am guessing this is standard practice). This sounded very biased to me. It is their job to just present the facts, perhaps pros and cons. To me it felt like all they presented were the pros and made a strong argument for the project. They said that they worked very closely with the proponent to design the proposal which in itself is biased.
- 2) The staff were willing to recommend approval of the proposal, saying that the geotechnical and environmental assessments could come later. Why would you approve a proposal without full information about the likely impacts? That in itself is another biased approach. And also a sad commentary that the environment is just an afterthought despite all the environmental policies that are set in place at the District of West Vancouver.
- 3) The people who were given a voice to speak at the beginning (like the realtor, consultant etc) have a vested interest in the project. They were considered 'expert opinions', which is quite the contrary. In future, it would be good to ask each public speaker at these meetings to declare how they are related to the developer / proponent. e.g. friend, relative, consultant etc.
- 4) The other issue that really stuck out for me is the fact that just two options were considered - the old decision for 10 houses or the new one. How about questioning whether the old decision made sense to begin with?
- 5) Any development here will cut down more than 100 trees and also affect trees outside the parcel area (that's what I read in the old arborist report that they provided which they now say is invalid without providing a new one). There was no mention or consideration of the value of these trees at all and all the ecosystem services it provides to our community.

6) The riparian area that the developer intends is a park, which defeats the purpose of actually having wild riparian areas to protect sensitive streams.

Would there be value in trying to preserve these trees by doing some kind of density transfer for the builder, where he is allowed to build more densely on an already developed site while keeping the natural area here intact? The District of West Vancouver has done density transfer in the past.

Thank you for reading my thoughts and concerns.

Yours sincerely,

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 9:41 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fw: Formal Complaint Regarding Unfair Gas Disconnection, Urgent Reconnection Request, and Unprofessional Customer Service

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Customer Service Manager

Vancouver, BC

Dear FortisBC Customer Service Manager,

I am writing to express my extreme frustration and disappointment with the treatment I have received from FortisBC and the recent disconnection of my gas service, despite my family's lawful tenancy and the unresolved nature of our tenancy agreement. This lack of service in cold weather is not only unacceptable but has caused serious harm to my family, including [REDACTED] s.22(1), and created a great deal of distress.

Background of My Tenancy and Repairs on Behalf of the Landlord

When I initially rented this property, it was under the understanding that I would eventually purchase the home. However, upon moving in, I discovered multiple serious issues, including a broken dryer, leaking water, and a faulty furnace. Despite these ongoing issues, I've put significant personal funds—[REDACTED] s. 22(1)—into repairs, many of which were necessary for the basic livability of the home.

Recently, a new real estate agent arrived, claiming to represent the landlord, but upon calling the real estate board, I discovered he has no property management agreement until today (06 November). Although I have tried repeatedly to contact the landlord about these issues and the funds I've spent, I have been unable to reach her.

Unjust Gas Disconnection

Despite my valid tenancy agreement and the fact that our case is still ongoing with the tenancy board, my gas service was disconnected on the landlord's request. When I tried to explain my situation to [REDACTED] s. 22(1), a representative from FortisBC, I was met with a lack of empathy and outright refusal to consider a payment plan, even when I offered to pay [REDACTED] s. 22(1) toward the landlord's debt to restore the gas. She unreasonably demanded the entire amount upfront, disregarding the impact on my family's well-being.

As a tenant, I am not responsible for my landlord's debt, nor should [REDACTED] s.22(1) be punished for issues entirely outside of my control. The continued refusal to restore our gas service in the face of cold weather and an ongoing tenancy dispute is not only unjust but directly contradicts the values of fairness and respect that are supposed to guide service to customers in Canada.

Failure of FortisBC to Act with Basic Humanity

I am a [REDACTED] s.22(1) receiving government assistance, and I have always maintained my own utility accounts responsibly, with no prior debts to FortisBC. I am appalled by the dismissive treatment from FortisBC staff, who have shown no understanding of the hardship this has caused for my family. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) refusal to assist or provide solutions, stating that "nobody can help" unless the landlord approves, is unacceptable.

Formal Request for Immediate Action

In light of these circumstances, I am formally requesting:

1. **Immediate reconnection of my gas service**, considering my legal tenancy and the unresolved nature of my case with the tenancy board.
2. **A thorough review of FortisBC's handling of my case**, specifically the unprofessional and unhelpful behavior from [s. 22(1)] and [s. 22(1)], and an assurance that staff will treat future tenants with empathy and respect.
3. **An explanation as to why FortisBC would honor a landlord's request to disconnect utilities without consulting or informing the legal tenant**, particularly given the urgent nature of this case and the presence of [s.22(1)] in the home.

I expect FortisBC to act swiftly and restore my gas service without further delay. You may contact me at [s. 22(1)] to confirm your immediate action on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this serious issue.

Sincerely,

[s. 22(1)]

West Vancouver, [s. 22(1)]

From: Michel Ibrahim [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:45 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: By Law Ticket

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Dear Council Members,

On September 6, 2024, I was visited by two West Vancouver Bylaw officers. They had received a complaint of 'flags' being flown in front of my barbershop (West Van Barbershop), 1345 Marine Drive.

For 30 years, I have flown flags in front of my shop, from all countries, as a way of community inclusiveness and received many good wishes from customers and passers-by. The officers, acting on this complaint, issued an infraction ticket (Notice #055346) in the amount of \$280.

For many years, I have supported numerous community charities, and I have provided children locally and in 33 countries, with financial support and soccer equipment, including West Van International Soccer School, which is predominantly for children in West Vancouver, at no charge.

Although I am disputing this ticket through the normal process and have withdrawn the display of flags as per the Officers' request, I am appealing to you, as a 30 year resident and small business owner in West Vancouver, to intervene on my behalf.

Warm regards,
Ahmed (Michel) Ibrahim
Owner, West Van Barbershop
778.318.5167

[REDACTED] s.22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:02 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Whyte Lake Parking Lots

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Good morning,

I am emailing to complain about the privatization of the Whyte lake parking lot. Not only is Impark charging an egregious fee, \$6/hr, but this makes me very worried about the future of other parks in West Vancouver as this could be a major deterrent for visitors.

It's really upsetting to see this and I hope the city can reverse this unwelcome and hugely unpopular decision.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Austin Neaves <austin@capservices.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:24 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: 🎁 Join Us for a Fun-Filled Craft Market Experience! 🎁

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Looking for unique gifts or delicious treats? Don't miss the **CAP Services Craft Market** happening on **Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the **Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre** (1733 Lions Gate Lane, North Vancouver).

Why Attend?

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Come shop, mingle, and celebrate local creativity while supporting artisans in your community.

Want to showcase your crafts?

Vendor spots are still available! Email Maralyn@capservices.ca for details.

We can't wait to see you there!

From,

Austin Neaves

Seniors Program Coordinator

Capilano Community Services Society



Our mailing address is:

1733 Lions Gate Lane

North Vancouver, BC V7P0C7

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 2:20 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Re. False Warnings Attached to My September 9 Email -- "Increasing the Risk of Wildfire Through Fuel/Forrest Thinning"

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

While looking through the letters posted on the District's *Correspondence* page (*Update to September 11*), I noticed that my September 9 email to Mayor and Councillors, titled "Increasing the Risk of Wildfire Through Fuel/Forrest Thinning," was tagged with additional warnings beyond the standard *yellow box* caution. The warnings included phrases such as "Possible Scam Fraud" (added to the subject line of my email) and "The sender may trick victims into passing bad checks on their behalf."

My email contained no external links or attachments.

I asked District staff about the additional extreme warnings on my email and was informed that it was flagged and tagged because the district's security software found certain wording and/or phrasing suspicious. Specifically, it flagged the terms "cost savings" (as in, "It appears now that this approach [installing an early wildfire detection system] would provide us with better protection from wildfire than fuel thinning at an annual **cost savings**") and "large sums of money" (as in, "The **large sums of money** spent on fuel thinning could better be spent on other, modern solutions and upgrading fire response equipment").

Staff said that "an automated warning was placed so that all readers receiving the email would exercise diligence, in case it was an actual money fraud attempt. Clearly this is not the case."

I was also informed that "No manual bias was applied to this email. It was simply an automated warning flag triggered by a rule in our anti-spam system, suggesting caution and indicating the context of the email." I did not imply that there was a connection between the extreme warnings attached to my email and my opinions on a particular issue—in this case, my perspective on wildfire management for our coastal forests, which differs from the District's more expensive forest thinning approach. However, I did express concern that these additional warnings could potentially distract from or diminish the importance of the concerns I raised in a forum dedicated to the exchange of information, ideas, and opinions on issues before the District -- *Correspondence*.

While I understand the importance of protecting email recipients from potential scams, in real time, I do wonder why extreme warnings, when proven to be false, cannot be removed from an email before it is published in *Correspondence*. Or perhaps these removals do take place but were missed in my case.

(I should note that letters and emails sent to *Correspondence* are subjected to another form of ‘manual’ review before they are published; both private/identifying information and suspicious links are redacted.)

I was told that warnings such as those that appeared on my email are “not unique to my email.” However, after reviewing many emails in *Correspondence*, which frequently mention terms like “money,” “funds,” “deposit,” “savings,” “pay the fee,” “make a payment,” “money is needed,” “pay it online,” “cash or direct credit card payment,” “you owe me,” “pay by phone,” “deposit to,” etc., I have not found another email with warnings similar to those attached to mine.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 4:07 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Assistance request from West Vancouver city resident
Attachments: Letter of explanation to West Vancouver municipality.docx; thumbnail_1L2A9818.jpg; thumbnail_1L2A9895.jpg; thumbnail_52796.jpg

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Hello,
My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) I live in West Vancouver City, currently at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) .
I have attached the explanation letter for your review and kindly ask you to assist my family.

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Thank you and kind regards!
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Dear West Vancouver City Municipality,

I would sincerely appreciate it if you could review the information on my family's immigration story below and consider if you could assist us with settling the difficult situation we are facing now.

Based on the LMIA visa, our family received work and study permits valid from [REDACTED] s. 22(1). My husband [REDACTED] s. 22(1) was supposed to work as [REDACTED] s.22(1) company, located in [REDACTED] s.22(1). He started working for that company in [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and diligently performed all his duties despite his [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Unfortunately, his employer and manager violated the rights of their employees and did not pay for the overtime hours and other due payments. My husband often worked late evenings and weekends to finish the company projects on time, doing much more than expected. husband. Under severe stress and physical and mental exhaustion, my husband [REDACTED] s.22(1), which was also denied. This treatment continued for almost nine months, and my husband endured it, but the last straw in this nightmare was when a malfunctioning [REDACTED] s.22(1) [REDACTED]. However, the company's management did not pay any attention, did not conduct an investigation, and did not even grant him permission for sick leave. We filed a complaint against [REDACTED] s. 22(1) as vulnerable workers (and the investigation lasted six months. The government made a fair decision, punishing the unscrupulous employer and granting [REDACTED] s. 22(1) an open work permit for one year.

The validity of my husband's work permit expires on [REDACTED] s. 22(1). If we do not obtain permanent residency in Canada, we must leave this wonderful country with a heavy heart. Due to an extremely limited timeline, we do not have obvious opportunities to apply for and obtain permanent residency through other existing programs. I cannot score enough points for the Express Entry program because I am already [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and my husband [REDACTED] s.22(1). Additionally, the World Education System denied the possibility of verifying my diploma (*please refer to the WES refusal document attached to Supporting Documents*), I do not have a [REDACTED] s. 22(1) obtained in Canada, and my profession is not on the list of priority occupations, I can not have an LMIA visa, and I do not know French.

Although my husband is a [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and his profession could be grounds for applying for permanent residency, [REDACTED] s. 22(1). After realistically assessing the circumstances, we realized that we were just out of time, and this fact made me desperately seek support and assistance from West Vancouver City municipality in speeding up the process of reviewing our **Permanent Residency application [REDACTED] s. 22(1) based on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds.**

Despite all the challenges and difficulties my husband and our family faced, we are eager to continue living and working in Canada.

Here our children and I found new friends, amazing neighbors in West Vancouver City, and colleagues at work. These new acquaintances and connections enriched us, taught us mutual support, and helped us broaden our horizons. We have become members of a wonderful church, where we feel like part of a big family and try to participate in the church's social projects. I

attended Bible study classes and found much support from other parishioners at such meetings and other events dedicated to the spiritual and personal growth of Christian women. Our children regularly [REDACTED] s.22(1) and have made many new friends. [REDACTED] s.22(1) volunteered at the church's [REDACTED] s. 22(1) because she wanted to contribute to our community's well-being. Our children made friends at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) schools in their classes, and their school Test reports and teachers' feedback (*please refer to the Supporting Letters attached*) show that they have fully and successfully integrated into the new society and feel completely comfortable.

[REDACTED] s.22(1) She is currently in [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and when we first moved, it took her a few months to adapt to the new school and country. However, in a short time, she learned English, made many friends at school and church, and feels absolutely happy. Thanks to the respectful attitude from her peers and teachers at school, she is confidently navigating [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Canadian society, which teaches inclusivity and equal acceptance and respect for oneself and others, helps her feel confident and self-sufficient, even at such a vulnerable age. If we had to leave Canada and return to our homeland, [REDACTED] s.22(1) would have to endure what I experienced throughout my life there. She will have to deal with discrimination against women, distorted norms of male behavior toward females, the pressure to conform to others' expectations, judgment for not adhering to accepted standards, and the inability to practice her religion openly. Although [REDACTED] s. 22(1) has enacted laws criminalizing domestic violence and other amendments aimed at establishing gender equality, it will take decades for people's mindsets to change and societal norms and traditions to evolve. She will not be able to fully fulfill herself as a person and professional due to the numerous obstacles and limitations for women in [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) is a very versatile and creative individual with strong leadership abilities. She is happy to have the opportunity to study at [REDACTED] s. 22(1), where students have the right to choose their learning path, and she has been able to develop and hone her strengths and abilities, as well as show her activity and creativity by participating in various school projects (*please refer to the Test report and student counsellor letter attached to Supporting Documents*). In [REDACTED] s. 22(1) schools, the curriculum does not allow children to choose their learning path, and thus children, regardless of their talents and strengths, study the same subjects (report on the education system in [REDACTED] s. 22(1) attached). At her school, she has made true friends who helped her integrate into school life, support her, and accept her as she is. She feels completely free in how she looks, how she dresses, what food she eats, what music she listens to, and what sports she plays. I want my daughter to grow up in a society that does not dictate and impose its norms and standards on her but respects her choices and rights. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) has started considering universities in Canada for further studies and dreams of getting an education in [REDACTED] s. 22(1) She may change her mind, but whatever path she chooses, it will be a joy for us to give her the chance to receive one of the highest-quality educations in the world and become a highly qualified expert.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) has also become an active member of [REDACTED] s. 22(1), regularly attending youth meetings and volunteering in [REDACTED] s.22(1). Like us, she is happy to have the opportunity to freely attend church, interact with other Christians, and contribute to the well-being of society. She is free in her choice of faith, and we will not force her to choose Christianity as her religion. Therefore, even

if she changes her religion, I believe that the values instilled in her by the church and our family, such as high morals, the value of family, respect for individual freedoms and choices, kindness and a positive attitude towards herself and others, and the desire to enrich and improve society's well-being, will remain an important foundation for her as a person. She will become a worthy member of Canadian society and the country.

s.22(1), you can see him in the photo with the Mayor, is a very active and versatile s.22(1) completed the s. 22(1) in West Vancouver. Upon entering the new school, he immediately felt the teacher's and other students' caring attitude. It was always difficult for him to study in s. 22(1), where strict discipline and high demands on students encouraged unhealthy competition among children, which he couldn't reconcile with. The Canadian school became a refuge for him, where his choices are respected, and even if the teacher asks for discipline, it is done in a very respectful way without insulting or hurting the child's feelings. s. 22(1) quickly learned English and continues to improve, and his academic success and interest in various school projects delight us as parents and contribute to his personal development.

Due to s.22(1) experienced bullying from peers in s. 22(1) and was always self-conscious about s.22(1). But after arriving in Canada, he began to feel confident because society does not impose s.22(1) standards on him. Instead, by instilling a love of sports and a harmonious life with nature, the Canadian education system encourages him to take a responsible attitude towards his body and lead a healthy lifestyle. Also, by attending children's services at church, s. 22(1) has become more open and friendly.

s.22(1). Since arriving in Canada, we have not yet had the opportunity to confirm this with a local doctor. Although it does not cause any difficulties and is not a disease, s. 22(1) requires more special attention from parents and teachers.

In s. 22(1), steps have only recently begun toward inclusive education.(please refer to the s. 22(1)

Of course, it will take many more years to train teachers and society for the seamless acceptance of people with disabilities or any other deviations. Due to his active behavior, in s. 22(1) school, s. 22(1) often received negative and sometimes hurtful remarks from teachers in front of other children, which made him feel like a bad, disobedient child, different from everyone else. Meanwhile, here at s. 22(1), s. 22(1) never felt any discrimination or insult from the teachers. On the contrary, having the proper approach to children like him, the teachers inspire, motivate, and guide him in the right direction, which helps him feel himself a happy and fulfilled child.

s. 22(1) is interested in s. 22(1). He likes to play the s. 22(1) and intends to play s. 22(1). Canada is the best place where he can get a world-class education in all these fields and contribute to his country in the future, and we, as parents, will do our best to give our son this opportunity if we are allowed to stay here.

s.22(1). After arriving in Canada s.22(1) he was enrolled in s.22(1) the first time. He quickly settled in and found contact with the other

children. Every day, he learns something new, and his horizons and vocabulary are constantly expanding. [REDACTED] s.22(1), the staff pays a lot of attention to him and tries to help him learn English and express his thoughts and emotions correctly. I am very grateful to the educational system of Canada for the fact that from [REDACTED] s.22(1), children are taught to love and accept themselves without imposing excessive demands, respect people and their rights, instill a love for the environment, and teach in an interactive form the most necessary life skill.

Next year, [REDACTED] s.22(1) I am sure that by having an opportunity to live, study, and work in Canada, my son will be able to grow up to be a worthy, happy, well-rounded, advanced, and responsible citizen of his country. I believe that by giving a chance to children like him, Canada will become even stronger and more prosperous.

Also, [REDACTED] s.22(1) we have started receiving [REDACTED] s.22(1), which is great support for us and more evidence of Canada being a country that takes care of and backs up its residents. We have never received child allowances in the home country and did not feel any support in bringing up our children. We plan to invest these allowances in the development of our children, to pay for sports and extra classes so that they can be fulfilled and versatile individuals. We are very grateful to Canada and the West Vancouver city we live in now for the care and support they give us, and we dream that our family will be granted an opportunity to thank, stay, and contribute to the future of our city and this wonderful country.

Canada has also become a place for me and my spouse to realize our skills, talents, and professional growth opportunities. In [REDACTED] s. 22(1), after several rounds of interviews, I got a job at [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Our company [REDACTED] s.22(1) [REDACTED], and a sales office in Vancouver. In [REDACTED] s. 22(1) I also worked in the [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Still, I saw no opportunity and prospects for professional growth due to being a [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in a society where women are hindered from having career growth.

I was hired as a [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and this job has been a blessing for me, as not all newly arrived immigrants have the opportunity to immediately join an international company in a good position in their specialty, with great prospects for further growth. Being responsible for the company's growth internationally, I communicate with new and existing clients, lead several new projects for the company. I feel myself useful, valued and needed, and that I can contribute to the development of our company, [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and the country. I am grateful to God and the company's management for the trust and the opportunity to fulfill myself in my beloved field, communicate with wonderful colleagues, be part of a team, learn new things, and gain experience in the North American [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Last year, I participated and represented our company at major [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in [REDACTED] s. 22(1). I work with the largest American and European [REDACTED] s.22(1). This fall, I will also be negotiating with partners and representing the company at major [REDACTED] s. 22(1) in the US and Europe, which will lead to the growth of the Canadian company's profits. With my involvement, the company has started new projects planned for several years, and I do not want to let down the company's management that trusts me and relies on me. I do not want to leave the company and the country, which gave me opportunities I have never had in [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and never dared to dream of. Working for a dynamic Canadian company allows me to grow professionally, invests in my professional training, and expects me to

be an effective employee and contribute to the company's growth and prosperity. My husband, s. 22(1) does very important work in s. 22(1). Despite the language barrier, he has become valuable to a large team, and the company values his contributions and professionalism. Canada gave us a chance and a dream, and we found a new meaning in life.

Below, I would like to briefly describe why we left our home country and came to Canada.

The main religion s.22(1) Islam, which also determines most aspects of moral and social life. More than 98% of the population practices Islam, and only 1.5% of the population follows other religions, including Christianity. (*please refer to the* s. 22(1)

Although the country's constitution enshrines the right to freedom of religion, the mechanisms do not uphold this right. At the s. 22(1) I consciously chose s.22(1) as my religion. s. 22(1)

After several months of resistance on my part, my father s. 22(1) and s. 22(1), whom I also met at church and who is a Christian.

Christian churches in s. 22(1) still face obstacles and are being denied official registration under various bureaucratic barriers. There are raids and inspections, and Christians are prohibited from gathering in homes for Bible study. Over about s. 22(1) of my Christianity, my husband and I have felt pressure and condemnation from Muslim relatives, colleagues at work, and society in general. Due to cultural characteristics in s. 22(1), a person lives under significant pressure from public opinion, and unfortunately, changing one's religion is considered a sin and incurs enormous condemnation from society. Under the threat of persecution and criminal punishment, we could not freely attend home Bible study classes or openly profess or share our faith with others. Even though we were active members of our church, and participated in numerous social project s. 22(1), which contributed to improving the lives of people and society, I, like my husband, always felt rejected by my family and society and feared being punished simply for having renounced Islam without doing anything illegal. This became the main reason for our decision to come to Canada. We are very grateful to God and the government of this country that allowed us to come to Canada for a certain period, where we can freely profess our faith, attend Christian services, and gather with believers to study the Bible, and where we feel at home. We began attending a wonderful church in the city of s. 22(1), which has over s. 22(1) immigrant congregants from all over the world. In this church, we found many wonderful friends and dedicated ministers who provide immense spiritual and moral support to both our family and all newly arrived immigrants. While attending children's ministries at the church and feeling the support of the ministers and other children from Christian families, our children blossomed, thrived, and stopped being ashamed that their parents believe in Jesus Christ. The ability to have the religion we want, attend church services, and communicate with people who share and do not judge our religious views has become the main and invaluable gift that Canada

has given us, and above all else, we do not want to lose this opportunity. For us, Canada is a country that protects the rights of all its residents, regardless of income level and nationality, granting the right to self-determination and freedom of religion. We believe that only in such a strong country where human rights and freedoms are indisputable and inviolable, our children will be able to grow up as truly free, whole, and strong individuals who will love and respect their country, its laws, themselves, and the people around them.

Historically, men in my home country have always held a dominant role in family and society, while women were expected to remain subordinate. Unfortunately, due to cultural traditions, this has taken an extreme form in our country, where women are seen only as keepers of the family hearth and mothers. As a result, it is more difficult for women in our country to find jobs or advance in their careers. *(pls refer to the report attached:* s. 22(1)

Society and, consequently, families pressure young girls to marry early (by the age of 20-22), to be dependent on their husbands, to be subordinate to their mothers-in-law, and even to tolerate their husbands having mistresses and calling them unofficial second wives, justifying it by saying that the Islamic religion gives men this right. Surveys conducted by international organizations (UN report attached) prove that the number of women in government, entrepreneurship, and wage levels of females in s. 22(1) is much lower than that of men.

Moreover, domestic violence has been and remains very common in s. 22(1) families. It was only in s. 22(1) that the government finally passed a law criminalizing domestic violence, which shows that even such a fundamental human right was not upheld for women (*please refer to the UN Women discrimination report attached to Additional Supporting Documents*). Men who abused their wives remained unpunished, and women could not even defend their rights in court because domestic violence is not considered a criminal offense. Women were left unprotected by both the state and society, as it is not customary to disclose that your husband beats you publicly, and even if a woman tries to report violence by a man, public opinion will blame her for provoking the violence.

I grew up in a traditional s. 22(1) family and, unfortunately, witnessed many of my female relatives experiencing and enduring domestic violence for years. I did not want such a future for myself and married a person of a different nationality and culture. I also do not want my daughter to grow up in a society where violations of women's rights are the norm. I do not want her to live under the oppression of public opinion, to endure any form of violence or harassment against her, to accept the role of a victim, and to believe that she was unlucky to be born a girl.

In Canada, any gender discrimination is a crime and is punishable by law, and women here have equal rights and freedoms as men. As a mother, it is critically important for me that my daughter and sons grow up here in a country where values and correct views on freedom and human rights, regardless of gender, are instilled from early childhood, right from kindergarten, and remain inviolable throughout life.

Canada has already become home for our children, s. 22(1)
They have quickly learned English by interacting with their peers and teachers at school. The

opportunity to study and receive an education in Canadian institutions, which are among the best in the world, is yet another invaluable opportunity for our family. The educational system in s. 22(1) is a remnant of the s. 22(1) educational system. This outdated approach to education stifled any individuality and the possibility of self-expression in my children, as discipline and unquestioning obedience to teachers are the main tools for managing children. In Canadian schools, they feel respected by both teachers and students, which has given them self-confidence and helps them believe in themselves and accept themselves as they are. There is no unhealthy competition among children in their classes, and teachers help them become self-sufficient individuals. In the West Vancouver schools where my children currently study, they are taught vital soft skills that will help them apply all the knowledge acquired in school to real life rather than just theoretical knowledge. I am confident that upon graduating from schools in Canada, my children will be equipped with all the necessary abilities, knowledge, and skills to continue their successful journey into adult life. Additionally, the high level of education in Canadian colleges and universities will help them become true professionals and experts in their fields. Each of them, with such significant support from the state and contributions from educational institutions, will be able to become strong, educated professionals and worthy citizens who, in turn, can give back and contribute to Canada's further development and societal well-being.

In recent years, s. 22(1) climate and environmental situation have significantly deteriorated. Due to the irresponsible consumption of water, deforestation, and the careless attitude of individuals and organizations towards natural resources, phenomena such as dust storms, critically high air pollution, desertification, and drinking water shortages have become the norm. This has a very negative impact on the health of the residents of s. 22(1) (*please refer to the Environmental report attached to Supporting Documents*). While living there, we regularly suffered from various respiratory diseases and allergies every single month. After arriving in Canada, with its incredible nature and clean air, we stopped getting sick and felt great physically. I am impressed by the fact that a love and careful attitude towards nature is instilled in children from an early age. In West Vancouver schools and kindergarten, my children are taught how to care for nature, responsibly use natural resources, and live in harmony with the environment, caring for it rather than destroying it for selfish purposes.

Living in the West Vancouver neighborhood, surrounded by the ocean and mountains, we are blessed to witness the beauty of British Columbia's nature, go hiking, visit the mountains of Whistler and Cypress, and simply breathe clean air.

Our family would strongly appreciate any assistance West Vancouver City can give us in our journey to gaining Permanent residency in Canada.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)



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VANCOUVER
MEMORIAL

From: David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 6:38 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Cc: Scott Findlay
Subject: Squamish land development plans - impact on North Shore?

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According to today's Vancouver Sun, after gathering input from "about 500 band members over the past 18 months" our Squamish neighbours are intent on commencing significant land development on the North Shore. As the article points out, the "breadth of today's projects is huge and could result in tens of thousands of new homes..." Further, "When Indigenous groups build on their reserves, as is the case with the Squamish Nation parcels, they do not need approval from any other level of government about where and what they build."

According to a Squamish councillor, "the nation will explain (to others) the significance of the land before colonization...". So there's that at least.

The newspaper article raises the matter of the need for agreements between the Squamish and neighbouring municipalities respecting such services as policing, fire protection, garbage collection, provision of water and sewage connections, not to mention any road or other infrastructure upgrades which may be necessitated by the proposed developments. Apparently, to date neither the DNV nor the DWV have begun discussions with the Squamish about this important matter.

Which begs the question: what is the status of the current services agreement between the Squamish and each of the neighbouring municipalities? As a resident tax-payer of West Vancouver, I hereby request a copy of the current services agreement between the DWV and the Squamish.

Given the recent announcement by Metro Vancouver of a staggering 41 % increase in its portion of the tax on North Shore properties for next year, driven in good measure by the escalating capital costs of Metro's NSWWTP project, I would also like to know what our Squamish neighbours will be paying for the provision of this particular service.

As the annual operating cost of government in our country, at all levels, is climbing rapidly, and with the need for hugely expensive upgrades to various types of infrastructure becoming increasingly apparent, the question of "who is to pay?" becomes ever more germane. It's past time to begin some serious conversations about this matter.

I hereby request that neither my name nor contact information be redacted from this communication.

David Marley

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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From: Neil Jensen [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; correspondence; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Ambleside-Dundarave LAP

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To our esteemed Mayor and Council,

Re: Urgent Concerns on Ambleside-Dundarave Local Area Plan – British Properties & Area Homeowners Association

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our feedback. On behalf of the Board of the BPAHA who voted in favour of sending this letter, we urge you to act on the following critical community priorities in the plan's revision, aiming to preserve the distinct character and quality of life in Ambleside-Dundarave:

1. **Address Community Needs & Safeguard Ambleside's Identity**

The current plan overlooks key resident concerns—traffic congestion, noise, building height, view loss, and green space reduction—elements central to our village's charm and livability. We urge you to incorporate strategies that protect these features to maintain community trust and support.

2. **Ensure Environmental Integrity**

Planned developments threaten local ecosystems, risking increased runoff, pollution, and harm to sensitive habitats. Protecting our biodiversity and addressing climate change must be explicit objectives, incorporating stronger guidelines to safeguard streams, beaches, and green spaces.

3. **Strengthen Infrastructure Alignment with Growth**

Infrastructure must match development pace. Schools, medical facilities, public transit, and emergency services need concurrent investment to avoid service shortfalls that diminish quality of life. We request a phased approach that balances development with critical infrastructure upgrades.

4. **Preserve Aesthetic & Cultural Heritage**

New developments risk compromising Ambleside's character and cultural heritage, which residents deeply value. The proposal significantly deviates from the vision of Mayor Mark Sager, who initially envisioned Ambleside to reflect the charm of Carmel—a town known for its fairytale architectural style, low-rise buildings, and seamless integration with the natural landscape. We advocate adopting this model as a blueprint for Ambleside's new identity, ensuring that future developments enhance, rather than erode, the area's unique charm and connection to the landscape.

5. **Commit to Sustainable Development**

The plan must reflect sustainability in design and function. Mixed-use spaces with pedestrian-friendly layouts support local business and lifestyle without overloading infrastructure. We urge the inclusion of defined, sustainable growth goals that prioritize long-term community well-being.

6. **Protect Tourism Value**

Ambleside's natural beauty is a key economic driver. Overdevelopment and high-rise buildings risk deterring visitors who fuel our local businesses. We advocate height restrictions and preservation of ocean views to safeguard this essential revenue source.

7. **Prioritize Affordable Housing**

Housing affordability is essential for economic diversity and inclusivity. We urge you to prevent displacement of lower-income residents by maintaining affordable housing options within development plans.

8. **Incorporate a Robust Long-Term Vision**

The plan lacks vision for community amenities essential to livability, such as arts centers, recreation facilities, medical centers, and a new hotel. These amenities will ensure Ambleside grows as a vibrant, accessible, and livable community for future generations.

9. **Foster Community Cohesion**

Lower-density designs strengthen community bonds and social interaction, essential for Ambleside's small-town feel. We advocate preserving historical and provincial revivalist architecture that honors the past while supporting growth akin to Carmel.

10. **Maintain Quality of Life**

We strongly encourage lower-density development to ensure reduced congestion, better air quality, and improved living conditions, vital for residents' well-being.

11. **Respond to Public Concerns**

We feel the current plan falls short of community priorities. Eliminating all but one gas station along Marine Drive, for instance, impacts accessibility for residents and visitors. Community input is essential for a plan that meets public needs.

We ask for a collaborative response, including a community meeting to discuss these concerns and ensure future developments reflect the values of Ambleside-Dundarave residents.

Thank you for prioritizing these urgent issues. We look forward to your action and partnership in creating a balanced, thoughtful plan that honors Ambleside's and Dunderave unique feel and heritage.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

British Properties & Area Homeowners Association

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

From: Maureen Trainor <Maureen.Trainor@metrovancover.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:33 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; correspondence
Cc: Scott Findlay; Chair Hurley; Jerry Dobrovolny; Heather McNell
Subject: Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guide
Attachments: Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Implementation Guideline - 2024 Nov 07 - Outgoing to District of West Vancouver.pdf

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Dear Mayor Mark Sager and Council:

On behalf of Chair Hurley, please find attached correspondence regarding Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guide.

Regards,

Maureen Trainor
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CAO Executive Office
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November 7, 2024

File: CR-12-01
Ref: RD 2024 09 27

Mayor Mark Sager and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 17th St
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3
VIA EMAIL: mark@westvancouver.ca; correspondence@westvancouver.ca

Dear Mayor Mark Sager and Council:

**Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target
Implementation Guideline**

Metro 2050, the regional growth strategy, is the regional federation's plan for managing growth coming to Metro Vancouver that outlines the protection of important lands like agriculture, ecologically important and industrial lands; contains growth within an urban containment boundary and directs it to transit-oriented locations; and supports the efficient provision of utilities and transit. To support these objectives, *Metro 2050* includes several regional targets for all member jurisdictions to collectively work towards. *Metro 2050* outlines the process for proposed amendments to these targets.

Since *Metro 2050* was adopted on February 24, 2023, Metro Vancouver staff have worked on developing the methodology to measure each of the regional targets contained within the regional growth strategy. At its July 26, 2024 meeting, the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board endorsed the *Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline*, which defines the methodology for the *Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target*. In developing the methodology, staff recommended that Major Transit Growth Corridors (MTGCs) be included in the transit-oriented geographies being monitored in addition to Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs). The addition of MTGCs addresses challenges with data suppression and allows for newly completed affordable rental housing units added within a contiguous geography that is well-served by public transit to be monitored.

To ensure consistency between the endorsed *Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline* and *Metro 2050*, a Type 3 amendment to *Metro 2050* is required in three areas pertaining to the regional affordable rental housing target, to add MTGCs to the description of the target geography. The proposed revisions are administrative, and do not alter the policy intent of *Metro 2050*, which is to increase affordable rental housing in regionally significant, transit-oriented geographies.

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At its September 27, 2024 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the MVRD passed the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for the Metro 2050 Type 3 amendment to align Metro 2050 and the Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline;*
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1398, 2024"; and*
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of Metro 2050.*

The proposed amendment is a Type 3 amendment to *Metro 2050*, which requires that an amendment bylaw be passed by the MVRD Board by an affirmative 50% + 1 weighted vote. For more information on regional growth strategy amendment procedures, please refer to Sections 6.3 and 6.4 of *Metro 2050*. Enclosed is a Metro Vancouver staff report dated August 19, 2024, titled "*Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline*" providing background information and an assessment of the proposed amendment regarding its consistency with *Metro 2050*.

You are invited to provide written comments on the proposed amendment. If you have questions or wish to comment with respect to the proposed amendment, please contact Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, by phone at 604-432-6391, or by email at jonathan.cote@metrovancover.org by **December 23, 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

s. 22(1)



Mike Hurley
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

MH/JC/dj

cc: Scott Findlay, Municipal Manager, District of West Vancouver
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, Metro Vancouver
Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, Metro Vancouver

Encl: [Metro Vancouver Board report dated August 19, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment – Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target Implementation Guideline" \(page. 282\)](#)

From: Jill Lawlor
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:08 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Blocked trails
Attachments: DWV-#5777607-v1-Blocked Trails.PDF

Dear s. 22(1)

Thank you for reaching out to share your concerns. I'm sorry to hear that the state of our parks has caused frustration. We understand that our parks and trails are essential to the community, and I assure you that we're committed to maintaining them to a high standard.

The Parks Department manages an extensive portfolio, including 140 parks, 35 sport courts, 17 sports fields, 18 ball diamonds, over 140 km of trails, 275 garbage cans, two golf courses, and a cemetery. Additionally, our department is responsible for the protection and care of the environment, trees and ecological systems. As a small, dedicated team, we work hard to meet the demands across all areas, but our limited budget requires us to prioritize urgent needs first. Our department is responsive to concerns raised by residents and park users, as we are unable to proactively identify all the needs.

The recent storms have further complicated ongoing challenges, affecting accessibility and safety in many locations. We've dedicated resources and staff to address these issues as quickly as possible, focusing on areas that have sustained the most damage. Although some maintenance tasks have been delayed due to budget and resource constraints, we're prioritizing repairs to stairs, walkways, bridges, and clearing downed trees to ensure safe access for everyone.

Your feedback is invaluable, and if there's a particular park or trail you'd like us to prioritize, please let us know. We're here to help, and I'd be happy to meet with you personally to discuss your concerns and gather additional feedback. Thank you again for your patience and for taking the time to reach out.

Regards,

Jill

Jill Lawlor (she, her, hers)
Senior Manager of Parks | District of West Vancouver
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), səlitwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation). We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 1:48 PM
To: West Vancouver Parks (westvanparks); correspondence
Subject: Blocked trails

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The Parks Department continues to disappoint. Almost every park in the district is in some state of disrepair. Stairs and walkways crumbling and rotted. Downed trees blocking trails. Bridges out of service. Many trails aren't even usable any more, and I'm not just talking about the recent storms. What gives?? I'm paying more taxes than ever, but it seems like the Parks Department is delivering NOTHING. Do you even own a chainsaw anymore? If you do, please use it.

Disappointedly,

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