

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO OCTOBER 2, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) September 25, 2024, regarding “Election signage placed at 15th and Bellevue Public Safety Issue”**
- (2) September 27, 2024, regarding “Parking charges in WV.”**
- (3) 3 submissions, September 28–October 1, 2024, regarding Proposed Public Art**
- (4) September 28, 2024, regarding “Pedestrian Rights of Way on 26th and 30th Streets”**
- (5) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Finance & Audit Committee meeting May 6, 2024; and Arts & Culture Advisory Committee and Subcommittee meetings May 28 and July 26, 2024**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (6) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country), September 27, 2024, regarding “September 2024 MP Newsletter”**

Responses to Correspondence

- (7) Senior Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, September 25, 2024, response regarding “Election signage placed at 15th and Bellevue Public Safety Issue”**
- (8) Engineering & Transportation Services, October 1, 2024, response regarding 2025 Sidewalk Projects**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 9:28 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Hope Dallas; Bylaw Dept; lynne.block@conservativebc.ca
Subject: Election signage placed at 15th and Bellevue Public Safety Issue

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Hi

Why do we have election signing regulations that are often never followed year after year placing PUBLIC SAFETY at risk? How could the Fire Department access this hydrant in an emergency?

This sign needs to be removed immediately and a FINE imposed.

We have a probable Federal Election next year and it is time to re-draft the regulations to permit the LAWN sized signs only.

Thank You,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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West Vancouver

Regulations in the District of West Vancouver

At least 48 hours prior to placing an election sign on a District boulevard, the candidate or their representative must provide to the District the name, phone number, email address, and residential address of the person responsible for election signs.

To notify the District, please contact Hope Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services:

Email

In the District, you are not permitted to place election signs in the following locations:

- on a highway or public place, including a District park, or on other District property, except for a District boulevard
- on a District boulevard which may damage or destroy any plantings or ground cover
- obstructs or detracts from any traffic control device or signage
- obstructs a line of vision at an intersection
- creates a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles
- is placed within one metre of a fire hydrant



From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 6:09 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Parking charges in WV.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I [REDACTED] s.22(1) hike at Lighthouse Park in W.V. and I was blinded by all the pay parking signs.

As I didn't have my phone with me, I couldn't pay for parking. I did come across another woman who did have a phone and who was having great trouble downloading the app....she finally gave up. Why is there no option to pay for those who don't have a phone or have trouble with their phone?

I also saw some people walking into the parking lot, deciding to park their car in the neighbourhood. Why are we encouraging people to look elsewhere to park and bother residents?

On my hike I saw many families with youngsters in tow and seniors heading out for some fresh air and exercise. Why are we discouraging healthy pursuits by charging money?

I ask that the idea of paying to bring a car into our parks is re-thought. If more money is needed to keep our parks running efficiently, please raise our taxes.

Thank you.

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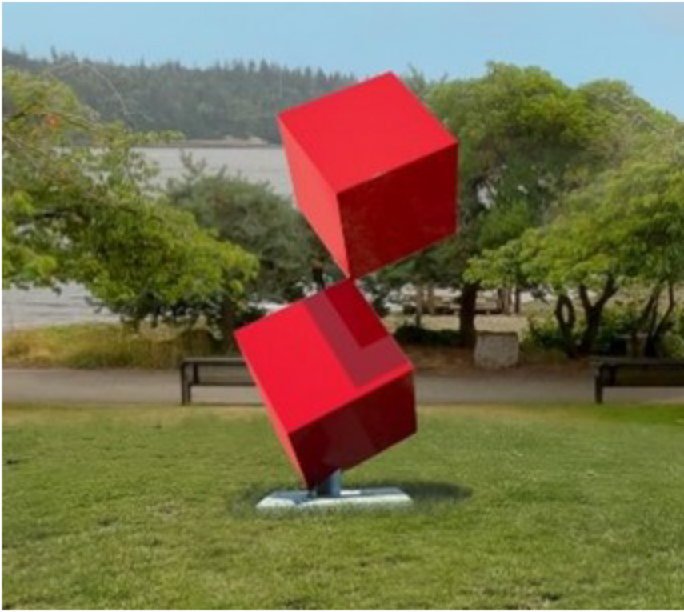
From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Proposed 'Art'?

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AND NOW - THIS ->



... FROM A **ROOT CANAL** .. TO A **COUPLE OF TYLENOL** ..?

Please stop these amateurish prescriptions!

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; christine.cassidy@westvancouver.ca; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Proposed Art

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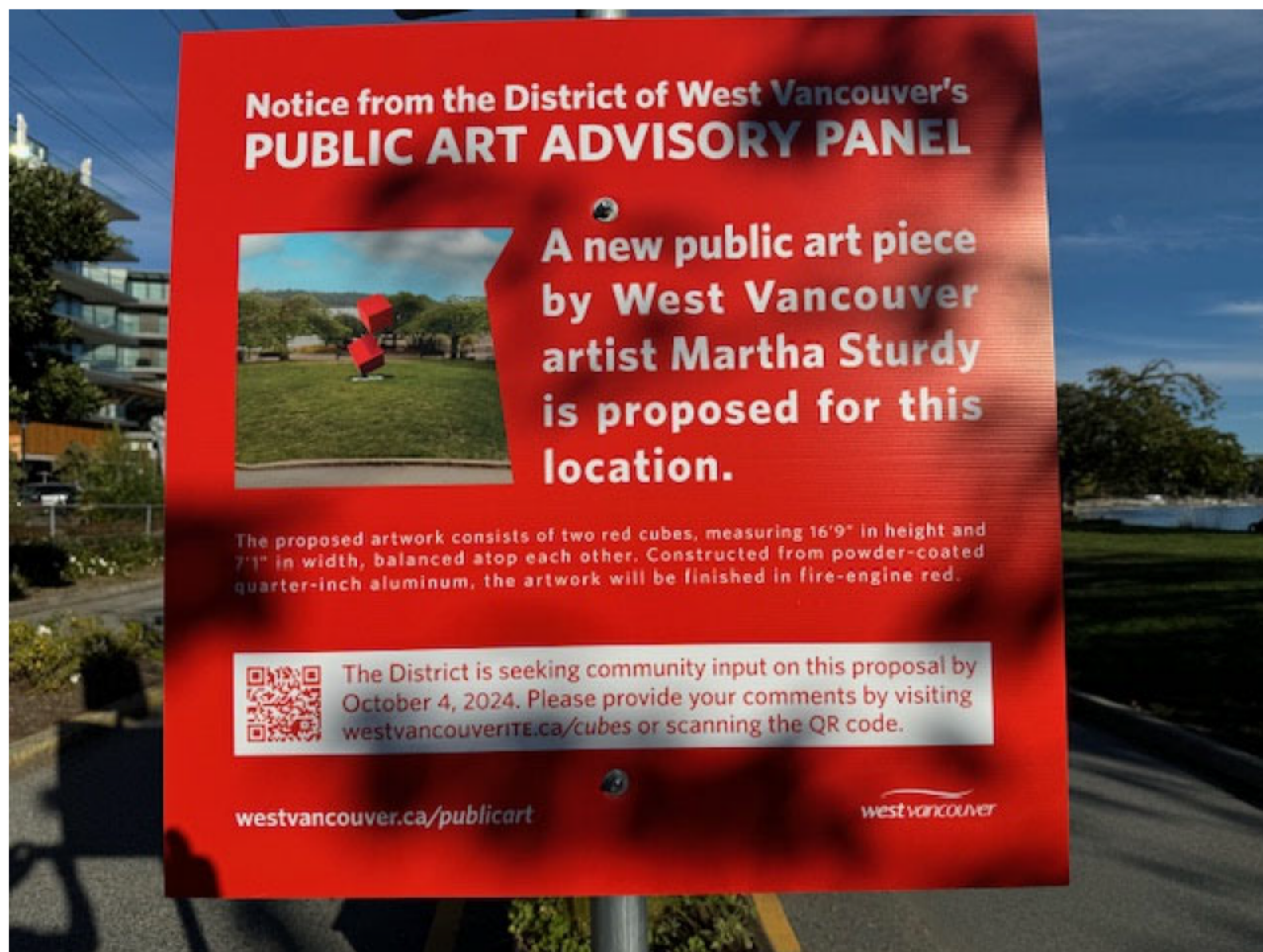
Dear Mark and fellow Councillors,

You requested feedback from the public on this proposed Art Work. How much are planning to pay for this?

Personally two red cubes to me is not Art. What on earth are they supposed to represent?

The cubes do not in any event fit this location at all in my humble opinion.

I hope the decision will be to save the money and not proceed with this.



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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 7:58 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Sharon Thompson; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; correspondence
Subject: Proposed art installation beside ferry building not suitable
Attachments: smime.p7s; ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm

Dear Mayor and Council,

We have a beautiful ferry building and a very nice little park beside it with trees that invites tranquility and peace. The ocean behind it adds to the atmosphere.

Please, do not ruin this valuable setting by installing a piece of art there.

Art can be seen in different way by different people. Even though the proposed art piece is by a famous artist and maybe many people like it, this is not the place for it. The red and the cubes completely negates that peacefulness of the area.

As has been also pointed out, we have a tight budget and we have many things to attend to, especially the paving of our streets. Add the \$\$ to do some paving of our streets and West Vancouver will certainly be enhanced in both look and feel.

Hopefully you will listen to reason this time.

Respectfully

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2024 5:43 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Pedestrian Rights of Way on 26th and 30th Streets

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I was astonished to see my favourite railway bridge at the bottom of 26th Street dismembered to prevent my using it, and destined for removal.

There has been a principle of pedestrian rights of way on the various West Vancouver north / south streets to access the beaches, and it appears that this principle is being eroded by the current municipal government.

The bridge over the railway at 26th street is used regularly and should be repaired. It is not acceptable to take it down. It is no more 'light use' than the bicycle lanes that have been installed at great public expense on Marine Drive.

Equally, the beach access at 30th street needs to be maintained and not sold off in a private sale. The neighbouring property is perfectly saleable without the addition of the beach access.

Please maintain our pedestrian rights of way and beach access.

Respectfully submitted,

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

Committee Members: Mayor M. Sager (Chair); and Councillors C. Cassidy, P. Lambur, S. Snider, S. Thompson, and L. Watt attended the meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall. Absent: Councillor N. Gambioli.

Staff: S. Findlay, Municipal Manager; H. Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer; I. Gordon, Director, Financial Services; P. Cuk, Manager, Legislative Operations/Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Hu, Manager, Financial Planning; C. Shi, Manager, Financial Accounting & Reporting; and L. Taylor, Executive Assistant to the Director of Financial Services (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 6, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 12 and February 26, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

5. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2024 at 2 p.m. and held in-person in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

6. RESOLUTION RE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PURSUANT TO s. 90 and s. 93 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT in the public interest, members of the public be excluded from part of the May 6, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee meeting on the basis of the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
 - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
 - (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures, and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual municipal report*].

- 93. In addition to its application to council meetings, this Division and section 133 (of the *Community Charter*) also applies to meetings of the following:
 - (a) Council committees.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

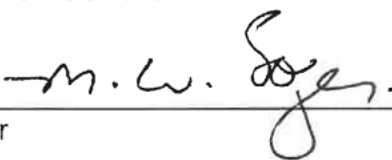
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 6, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. The Committee then proceeded with the closed session.

Certified Correct:



Chair

s. 22(1)


Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PACIFIC ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), K. Hall, and M. Wilberg attended the meeting in the Pacific Room, Municipal Hall.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:27 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 28, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 7, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Update Discussion

Members received an update on responses to the Arts Strategy Update questionnaires: 39 individual artist responses and 17 arts groups have responded.

Members then discussed the planned workshops, and confirmed the dates of June 18, June 19, and June 25. The workshops will be three hours with a maximum of 25 at each workshop.

The Subcommittee then proceeded to discuss the proposed questions for business associations:

Questions for business associations:

- Have you experienced any business areas/zones that were enlivened through arts programming? (Arts of any discipline: music, dance, theatre, street performance, visual or literary arts).
- What do you feel the best ways the arts can enliven the ambiance in the

business area, and drive business?

- Would you support a change in the busking bylaw to allow a livelier ambience in the business district?
- How could the BIA and/or the business community you represent support the growth of arts and culture in West Vancouver?

The Subcommittee decided to defer the discussion regarding questions for donors until clarification is received regarding why we are meeting with donors and how the information would be integrated into the Arts Strategy Update. Meeting with donors/sponsors seemed more of a tactic resulting from the information we receive from the arts community. If this priority is identified, then it could be addressed through a workshop for arts organizations on fund development. At this time, the Subcommittee decided to not proceed with the questions for donors until it presents itself as a priority in the sector.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT staff schedule the meetings with the business associations.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

6. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Pacific Room, Municipal Hall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 28, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

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Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024**

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

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 26, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 17, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be amended by:

- Under Item 5, point number 3, the minutes read “at its July 18th meeting...” and should be changed to “at its July 17th meeting...”

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Strategy Emerging Priorities Discussion

At the July 17, 2024 meeting, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee worked with facilitator Phil Aldrich to identify the key priorities emerging from the Arts Strategy Update questionnaire and workshops with artists and arts groups. The priorities that were established were those that had policy changes and/or financial resources required that could be considered in the 2025 budget process and staff work plans.

At the July 17, 2024 meeting, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee approved a resolution that the emerging priorities related to policy and budget implications be re-worded by staff to ensure they are appropriate for an Interim Council Report on October 7, 2024 and report back to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee on July 26, 2024 for final approval.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee endorses the following emerging priorities for the Arts & Culture Strategy Update, several of which relate to implications for policy changes or required resources for 2025 as amended:

1. direct staff to work with the arts community to develop an independent umbrella group for the arts in West Vancouver;
2. Council to confirm a location for a purpose-built arts facility that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019);
3. implement District zoning and bylaw changes to facilitate arts activities in West Vancouver including review of the busking bylaw, ensure the recipients of Permissive Tax Exemptions provide affordable access to community groups when spaces are available as outlined in the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, and review zoning and other regulations to encourage property owners to provide spaces to animate when they are empty;
4. ensure the availability of a variety of suitable indoor and outdoor arts spaces that are dedicated to or can accommodate arts activities including an Artist in Residence Program for District-owned available buildings, and develop a public database of all spaces suitable for arts activity available across West Vancouver;
5. install infrastructure (power) in Horseshoe Bay Park and Ambleside Park to enable outdoor events; and
6. obtain approval of resources, including staffing and funding, to assist the arts community with a coordinated marketing campaign for the arts and culture sector that builds upon current communications infrastructure.

CARRIED

5. Council Representative Update

There were no arts related updates from Council. Council has approved part one of the Ambleside Local Area Plan and is now moving onto the commercial core.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

7. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September 27, 2024 at 4 p.m. be rescheduled to occur on September 26, 2024 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Cedar Room at the West Vancouver Community Centre.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 26, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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[Redacted Signature]

Chair

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[Redacted Signature]

Committee Clerk

From: Patrick Weiler MP <patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 8:01 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: [BULK] September 2024 MP Newsletter

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

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

@patrickbweiler patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca
 604 913 2660

Dear Mayor and Council,

With the fall parliamentary session kicking off a couple weeks ago, I'm excited to get back to work in Ottawa on legislation, to resume my work as Chair of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs and to join the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.

With [inflation back down to the Bank of Canada's 2% target](#) and [interest rates going down](#), we're on the verge of achieving the "soft landing" that economists have projected. Important new changes to mortgage rules were announced including allowing insured mortgages of up to \$1.5 million, expanding 30 year mortgage amortizations for all first time home buyers and buyers of new builds, and ending the need to undergo the mortgage stress test when renewing mortgages. However, despite this good economic news there is much more to do to support Canadians with the high cost of living, making it a key priority for me this fall.

I had the opportunity to speak in support of Bill C-71, which will restore citizenship for many “Lost Canadians”, who because of unfair provisions in Canada’s citizenship legislation, are not considered Canadian citizens because they were often born abroad.

As Chair of the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee, I am leading the work of the committee on Bill C-61 which will recognize indigenous self governance over water on First Nations land and set minimum standards for water quality and quantity. We are currently hearing witness testimony from Indigenous communities and other experts on how we can ensure this will be the best legislation possible.

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

It was a truly special moment to [announce more than 70 new rental homes coming to Gibsons](#), including 40 beautiful units that families, seniors and individuals recently moved into at the Shaw Road Affordable Housing Project. Funded in part by the federal government’s Affordable Housing Fund, this is an inclusive and accessible rental housing project in Gibsons for those who need it most. This project is a testament to the hard work of so many individuals in the community, especially from the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society to make this project a reality.

This month, I also joined Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson in West Vancouver to announce federal investments of \$14.9 million for 20 projects that will [install more than 3,000 EV chargers across Canada](#). This included 50 EV chargers at Park Royal, Lions Gate Village and in Whistler.

Thank you to hundreds of folks that came out to join for our second annual community BBQ. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with you and enjoy some of my amazing team member Norman’s fine cooking to wrap up the summer.



At the start of the month, we of course marked Labour Day, where I had the pleasure of speaking at the annual Sunshine Coast Labour Council picnic about the importance of workers' rights. Also this month, close to 6,000 joined for the Brankendale Fall Fair. Congrats to the Farmers Institute for putting an amazing event on again this year.

This September also included the Mid-Autumn Festival on the 17th celebrated by many Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese and other Asian communities and National Forest Week where we highlighted what Canada's forests mean to us, including protecting our sacred Old Growth.

September 30 also marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to recognize the history and ongoing impacts of colonization, especially the injustices of Residential Schools. I encourage you to dedicate time on the 30th—and any day—to learning, reading, and listening to the stories of survivors, both within our community and beyond to understand the painful legacy of these institutions so that we can collectively advance on our journey towards truth and reconciliation. This NDTR, I will attend events in West Vancouver for a flag raising ceremony and with the Lil'wat Nation at the T'szil Learning Centre. More details on NDTR events in our riding can be found below.

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Federal Government Updates

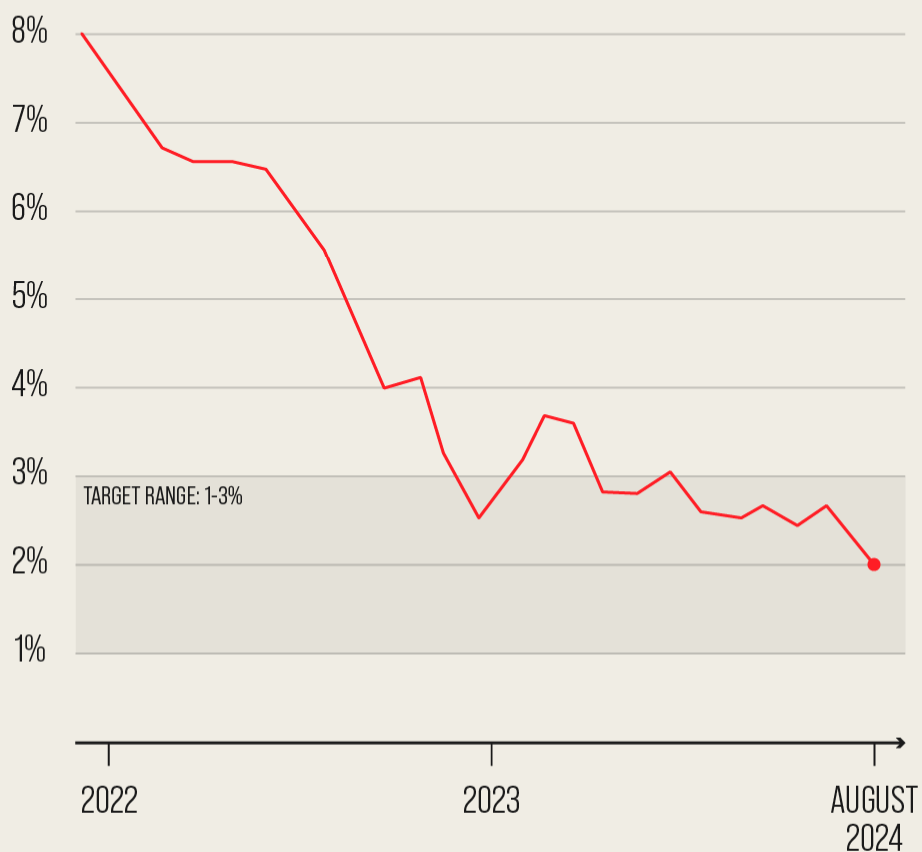
Inflation down to 2%

With Inflation down to 2%, it is hitting the Bank of Canada's target. This is good news for Canadians as it sets the stage for a likely further interest rate cuts in the near future. While inflation has been brought back to normal, prices remain high, and there's more to do to support Canadians with managing cost of living challenges. I will be focused on this in the coming months.

This month, the Bank of Canada cut interest rates to 4.25% — the third drop in a row. Canada was the first G7 country to cut rates and now we're the first to cut rates for a third time.



Canada's inflation rate drops again – *down to 2%*



Source: Statistics Canada

Introducing mortgage reforms to unlock homeownership for more Canadians

This month, we announced a suite of reforms to mortgage rules to make mortgages more affordable for Canadians and put homeownership within reach.

We are increasing the \$1 million price cap for insured mortgages to \$1.5 million, effective December 15, 2024, to reflect current housing market realities and help more Canadians qualify for a mortgage with a downpayment below 20 per cent.

We are also increasing the insured-mortgage cap—which has not been adjusted since 2012—to \$1.5 million will help more Canadians buy a home.

The government is expanding eligibility for 30 year mortgage amortizations to all first-time homebuyers and to all buyers of new builds, effective December 15, 2024, to reduce the cost of monthly mortgage payments and help more Canadians buy a home. By helping Canadians buy new builds, including condos, the government is announcing yet another measure to incentivize more new housing construction and tackle the housing shortage. This builds on the Budget 2024 commitment, which came into effect on August 1, 2024, permitting 30 year mortgage amortizations for first-time homebuyers purchasing new builds, including condos.

Parliamentary Updates

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee

Parliament is in session, and it's great to be back in Ottawa with colleagues getting work done on the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee. To start off, we are continuing to hear testimony from Indigenous communities regarding Bill C-61, which works to ensure First Nations have clean drinking water for generations to come. I'm looking forward to advancing this bill and many others for a productive session.

I also want to highlight the recent disturbing trend of Residential School denialism in our communities and across Canada. It's important we take the time to educate ourselves on the very real history of what has taken place at these institutions, hard as it may seem that it happened in Canada. I encourage you to [read my statement here](#) and below:



Patrick Weiler

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

September 9, 2024

**Statement: MP Patrick Weiler Condemns Residential School Denialism
Re: Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) Resolution 2024-33**

The harm that Residential Schools caused Indigenous peoples in Canada is real and immeasurable. It has caused enduring trauma to survivors, descendants, communities, and ways of life. Residential Schools took aim at the collective ties that bind Indigenous peoples such as by preventing speaking Indigenous languages and engaging in cultural practices, the consequences of which so many are still dealing with today.

These facts have been extensively detailed through the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, various class action lawsuits, and countless other reporting informed by tremendous amounts of testimony and evidence. There is clear and undeniable documentation of both physical and archival evidence, supported through expert analysis.

Residential School denialism seeks to discredit the experiences of survivors. It is appalling to see the uptick in Residential School denialism and misinformation which is being cynically and shamefully utilized by certain public officials to ostracize Indigenous peoples and undermine the challenging work of reconciliation for their personal gain.

As the Member of Parliament for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country and Chair of the Government of Canada’s Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, I am committed to the ongoing work with Indigenous peoples and all Canadians to implement the TRC’s 94 Calls to Action, and to support healing and advance reconciliation across Canada. All public officials have a responsibility do the same with the facts, truth, respect, and understanding that this important work deserves.

While I understand that it is hard for many to accept the terrible harms that were inflicted on Indigenous peoples at Residential Schools in Canada, denying the past only retraumatizes those who have and continue to suffer immensely. We must have our eyes wide open and be honest about our history so that we can move forward on the path of reconciliation and build a better future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Weiler".

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

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Bill C-71: An Act to Amend the Citizenship Act

Bill C-71 will extend access to citizenship by descent beyond the first generation and addresses the issue of “Lost Canadians.”

"Lost Canadians" are individuals who were born in Canada or believed they were Canadian citizens, but who lost or never acquired citizenship due to certain provisions in our outdated citizenship legislation. This includes restoring the ability of Canadian citizen parents passing on citizenship to a child born outside Canada if the parent was either born in Canada or naturalized before the birth of the child.

Citizenship should be a right, not a privilege.

Earlier this month I had the pleasure to rise in the House of Commons to deliver a speech on this important piece of legislation. You can find the full video here:



Constituency Updates

Labour Day 2024



On Labour Day we recognize and celebrate Canada's workers and their extraordinary contributions to our communities and economy. I was excited to join folks at the Sunshine Coast Labour Council Community Picnic in Gibsons to highlight the important work unions and the labour movement do every day to uphold workers' rights.

In the past few years, the Government of Canada has delivered on key measures to support workers across Canada, including:

- Passed anti-scab legislation to ban the use of replacement workers during a strike in federally regulated workplaces.
- Created a Labour Mobility Tax Deduction to help with the cost of traveling to work.
- \$17.30 federal minimum wage.
- Implemented paid personal leave, as well as paid sick leave in federally regulated workplaces
- Passed the Pay Equity Act to promote equal pay for work of equal value.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 30 marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time for reflection, learning and taking meaningful steps towards healing from the injustices of the past and present. Truth and Reconciliation in particular reminds us of the dark legacy of Residential Schools. The scars of these policies continue to impact generations today, and it is our collective responsibility to honour the survivors, remember those who never returned home, and ensure that such tragedies are never repeated. Today, I joined the District of West Vancouver in the raising of their commemorative flag at municipal hall.

On the 30th I will be joining the Lil'wat Nation at the T'szil Learning Centre where they signed their first MOU and Affiliation Agreement between Lil'wat Nation and Capilano University. Although this day comes once a year, reconciliation is something we should think about and work into action every day. [You can find a list of NDTR events taking place in our communities here](#), which I encourage you to join if you can.

Shaw Road Affordable Housing Project Opening Doors



It was a very exciting day in Gibsons on September 9th, as residents began to move into Shaw Place. This 40 unit newly completed, purpose-built rental housing on Shaw Road is greatly needed; knowing that residents will not be subject to eviction due to sale or renovation is a tremendous benefit for all the families calling this place home.

The Shaw Place project at 901 O’Shea Road consists of two phases and has involved partnerships between the Federal Government’s Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Province of BC, BC Housing, the Town of Gibsons, and the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society (SCAHS).

Phase 2 will bring 33 more units, with a childcare centre with 43 spaces, 25 for children 30 months to school age and 18 before and after school spaces. A contribution of \$2.9 million from ChildCare BC’s New Spaces Fund helped support the childcare space, along with provincial and federal investments.

Announcing Investments in EV Chargers Across Canada



This month, I was joined by Minister Jonathan Wilkinson in West Vancouver to announce federal investments of \$14.9 million for twenty projects to install more than 3,000 EV chargers across Canada, including 50 EV chargers at Park Royal, in Whistler, and at Lions Gate Village.

The projects announced include a federal investment of \$1.5 million for Plug 'N Drive to raise awareness and help address challenges related to awareness, knowledge, confidence and adoption of ZEVs and lower-carbon trucks. Investing in EV projects like these will put Canadians in the driver's seat on the road to a strong, healthy net-zero future.

Building Regional Transit in the Sea to Sky

Regional transit, particularly a robust network of intercity bus service that is frequent and reliable is desperately lacking between the three major population centres of Squamish, Whistler, and Pemberton along the Sea to Sky corridor.

Check out the video explainer below to learn more about this important issue and how we can make this project happen.

Photo Credit: Trevor Bodnar



Day in life in the Sea to Sky

If you ever wondered how I spend a day in the Sea to Sky, [check out this video](#)! Last week, I had the chance to meet with some passionate constituents and important community organizations who shared concerns and ideas on how we can improve our community and country.

I'm here to work for you, and I want to I hear from all of you. So if you have any concerns or would like to connect, please reach out to our office and we'd be happy to arrange a meeting.

National Forest Week



This week marked National Forest Week where we celebrate the amazing forests we have in Canada and at our doorstep here in our riding.

Forests are a vital part of our environment, biodiversity, and combating climate change. It's our duty to protect our forests, especially our sacred old growth forests. That's why I introduced Motion 83 which, among other things, calls for:

- ✗ banning export of old growth
- ✗ banning destruction of old growth on federal lands

Through the Old Growth Nature Fund and Nature Agreement with British Columbia we launched last year, we're already working to protect old growth forests across the province.

Annual Climate Faire at the Gibsons Public Market



The annual Climate Faire, hosted by the BlueAct Marine Society, at the Gibsons Public Market from September 20-21 was a great demonstration of our community's dedication to climate action. The outside parking lot and inside foyer were filled with exhibitors, demonstrating products and services around clean energy options, transportation solutions, local sustainable food production and more. I joined a number of panelists who spoke on various climate related topics, ending with an engaging question and answer period from the audience.

The Sunshine Coast is a tremendous example of a community that is working collaboratively to reduce its climate footprint and to increase its climate resilience.

26th Annual Brackendale Fall Fair & Gran Fondo

The Sea to Sky always has something going on, and September offered a lot to celebrate. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tent at the 26th Annual Brackendale Fall Fair. It's exciting to see the town get together for this special tradition as well as for the Gran Fondo! A busy Saturday for Squamish. If you weren't able to make it this year, I hope to see you at the next—you can't miss those zucchini races!

10 Year Anniversary of the Sea to Sky Gondola

A heartfelt congratulations to Kirby Brown and the Sea to Sky Gondola team for celebrating 10 amazing years and providing a unique, beautiful gathering place for the community. The effort and resilience you've portrayed through the last decade speaks volumes to the importance of your role in the community, which you continually give back to in so many different ways.

Harrow Road Affordable Housing and Community Hub Project Land Blessing

I'd like to also congratulate Jaye Russell and the Sea to Sky Community Team, The Village of Pemberton, and the Lil'wat Nation for the Harrow Road Project. This collaboration is one of intention, care, and understanding to meet the specific needs of the rapidly growing community. We are incredibly lucky to have local leaders and organizations like the SSCS who provide services to youth, families, the elderly, and our more vulnerable community members—ensuring no one is left behind.

Mid Autumn Festival

On September 17 we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, an important day for many Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese and other Asian communities.

I hope your celebration was filled with familial gatherings, happiness, love, and delicious moon cakes!

A decorative greeting card for the Mid-Autumn Festival. The background is dark red with intricate, lighter red patterns of clouds, a pagoda, and a full moon in the upper left corner. The text is centered and written in three languages: Chinese, English, and French.

賈斯汀·杜魯多總理和聯邦自由黨國會議員
恭祝您及家人中秋快樂

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau & Liberal
Members of Parliament wish you and your
family a happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

Le premier ministre Justin Trudeau et les députés
libéraux vous souhaitent, à vous et à votre
famille, un joyeux festival de la mi-automne!

Two Years Since the Death of Mahsa Amini

September 16 marked two years since the death of Mahsa Amini. To this day, we continue to demand justice for Mahsa, and all victims that have been wrongfully harmed by the “morality police”.

That is why in June, the Government of Canada has listed the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist entity under the Criminal Code.

We recognize that this fight is still far from over, and stand with the women in Iran - and all over the world, fighting for their freedom.



Volunteering to Make a Difference in Our Communities

September has truly showcased the philanthropy of our community. Our communities are the backbone of society and the strength of our neighbourhoods lie in the contributions of individuals. I was honoured to celebrate a constituent who received the [King Charles III Coronation Medal](#) for his contributions to our community – stay tuned for details on how you can nominate an individual who has demonstrated selfless volunteerism in our community in the coming months.

This month, it was also great to see how many people turned out to participate in the Step Up for Lions Gate Hospital walk-a-thon at Millennium Park. The event was to fundraise to upgrade the Oncology Clinic and create a space where support and counselling can be offered.

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From: Hope Dallas
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 1:31 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Bylaw Dept; lynne.block@conservativebc.ca; correspondence
Subject: Re: Election signage placed at 15th and Bellevue Public Safety Issue

Hello s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email and for bringing this to our attention. I understand that you have received a response from a representative of Lynne Block's campaign that assured the sign would be removed as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Hope

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

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 9:28 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Hope Dallas; Bylaw Dept; lynne.block@conservativebc.ca
Subject: Election signage placed at 15th and Bellevue Public Safety Issue

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Hi

Why do we have election signing regulations that are often never followed year after year placing PUBLIC SAFETY at risk? How could the Fire Department access this hydrant in an emergency?

This sign needs to be removed immediately and a FINE imposed.

We have a probable Federal Election next year and it is time to re-draft the regulations to permit the LAWN sized signs only.

Thank You,

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

Regulations in the District of West Vancouver

At least 48 hours prior to placing an election sign on a District boulevard, the candidate or their representative must provide to the District the name, phone number, email address, and residential address of the person responsible for election signs.

To notify the District, please contact Hope Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services:

Email

In the District, you are not permitted to place election signs in the following locations:

- on a highway or public place, including a District park, or on other District property, except for a District boulevard
- on a District boulevard which may damage or destroy any plantings or ground cover
- obstructs or detracts from any traffic control device or signage
- obstructs a line of vision at an intersection
- creates a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles
- is placed within one metre of a fire hydrant



From: Engineering Department
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:42 AM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Council Correspondence - Burley Drive
Attachments: s.22(1) Burley Drive Email.pdf

Hello s.22(1)

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Burley Drive sidewalk proposal. We currently do not have a construction date set, but we will be taking concerns into consideration during the design process which will be communicated with Mayor and Council. Before we begin construction, there will be further consultation and opportunities for feedback from the community.

Regards,

Engineering & Transportation Services | District of West Vancouver
engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca | 604-925-7020

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 9:55 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Sept 23 2024 Agenda Item 9

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To Mayor and Council

I have reviewed the proposal for a sidewalk on the north side of Burley Drive and have serious concerns about you proceeding with the section between Braeside and 11th. My main objection is that it will greatly reduce cycling safety while causing only marginal improvement for pedestrians. Unfortunately the staff report fails to identify this serious safety tradeoff.

I have specific knowledge about this route because I ride it on my bicycle s.22(1). I have chosen this route because it is much safer than the Kings Ave alternative. Kings is the designated bike route but I was almost killed on that route because of the combination of dangers that exist there. It is a high volume stretch where the driving lane is very narrow putting bicycles and cars at maximum conflict especially on the uphill portion. I always take the Burley cutoff to avoid that dangerous section. Burley has more space that allows me to keep right to avoid conflict with drivers. When I reach Braeside, Burley is uphill slowing me down but when I hear a truck come up behind me there is a gravel boulevard that I can retreat to until it goes by. Cars also can use that gravel boulevard to park so it is easier to get by them without me being forced into the centre part of the lane in conflict with cars. Right now that section of my riding route is the safest part but staff's proposed changes will force parked cars onto the roadway making the travelling lane much narrower which will create the same type of dangerous conditions that exist on Kings.

As for the pedestrians, I regularly walk as well and the places I believe we need sidewalks are where pedestrians are forced to walk on the driving lane of the road in conflict with cars. An example right by district hall is 16th St. above Fulton. I regularly walk up from s.22(1) and that part of 16th is notably unsafe. The Burley Drive proposal is one where the pedestrians already have a wide gravel boulevard to walk off the roadway. Sometimes cars are parked there but the boulevard is wide enough to still walk without being forced onto the driving lane so there is little value to pedestrians to make it concrete. Instead the concrete sidewalk will take away access to the gravel boulevard used by parked cars and bikes (I don't ride on sidewalks like some people do).

There needs to be a recognition here that the staff proposal is taking an important and safe bike route and making it much more dangerous for cyclists, especially in the early evening when the sun is in drivers eyes going westbound. You are directly putting cyclists in conflict with drivers by narrowing the available space. If you are going to fairly assess this proposal you need to factor this in. Personally I think it is a very bad idea and should be rejected. For that reason I would ask that you reject the second staff recommended motion with regard to the Burley Drive component from Braeside to 11th St.

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