

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JANUARY 15, 2025 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) January 6, 2025, regarding “Save the 26th St. Train Bridge”**
- (2) Dundarave Festival of Lights Society, January 8, 2025, regarding Forest of Miracles**
- (3) 2 submissions, January 9 and 12, 2025, regarding Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 5279, 2025 (737 20th Street)**
- (4) Har El, The North Shore Centre for Jewish Life, January 9, 2025, regarding “Letter to council” (Menorah Lighting Ceremony)**

### **Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies**

No items.

### **Responses to Correspondence**

No items.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 7:15 PM  
**To:** correspondence; mark@marksager.com  
**Subject:** Save the 26th St. Train Bridge  
**Attachments:** Save The 26th St Train Bridge Petition - Signed.pdf

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Hi Mark and the WV Council,

Please save our beloved bridge. It provides safe and direct access to the 26<sup>th</sup> street beach path for a huge number of households via the 26<sup>th</sup> street crosswalk across Marine Drive and the path leading from there vertically to a number of upper streets.

Please find my signed copy of the petition attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

# SAVE THE 26th St. TRAIN BRIDGE!

TAKE A SNAPSHOT, SIGN AND SEND TO:

correspondence@westvancouver.ca  
mark@marksager.com

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To Mayor Mark Sager and West Vancouver Council,

We are writing in opposition to the proposed decommissioning of the 26th St. Train Bridge at Bellevue Avenue in West Vancouver. This long-standing, well-used trestle has provided pedestrians and cyclists the only safe passage over the CN Rail tracks between Upper and Lower Bellevue Ave, for a lengthy span of road between 25th and 27th Streets for close to three quarters of a century. The combination of important public access and safety, daily recreational use and unique historical interest should easily justify investing in its maintenance. We ask you to continue to preserve this valued structure, which serves the many residents visitors who depend upon it and enjoy it daily.

Signature:

s. 22(1)

Printed Name:

Contact Info:

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**Attend the upcoming council meeting or submit your feedback online.**

Go to...

**westvancouver.ca**  
or call **604-925-7200**

**From:** Mary <mary@dundaravefestival.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 3:04 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** 🌲 Forest of Miracles - Un-decorate by Friday Noon

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## Tree of Hopes & Dreams



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### **QUICK PREVIEW OF THIS EDITION:**

☀️ **Awesome Donors - Thank you**

💰 **Those who haven't donated - NOW & HOW**

🧹 **Housekeeping details**

🏆 **WINNERS of the People's Choice Awards**

Did you make your donation to Lookout Foundation yet?

**Current total raised is \$28,581!!**

If you are on this list below, THANK YOU for your gift:

Burstin' with Broadway

Vicic Family

Lori Pinkowski Wealth Management

Miles Family

West Van Vacuum Centre

Holy Trinity CWL

British Pacific Properties

Clara Hartree

Darwin Construction

Westerleigh PARC

Pejman Family

Wonder

Zogo Hospitality Consulting Inc.

Swim4Fit

Infrastructure Bridge Advisory Limited

Christ the Redeemer

Howard Family

Kate Manvell

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Red Point Law

Mermaids of Dundarave

Vancity Mortgage Specialists

Ambleside Law LLP

Baptist Housing Society

Coast Capital Savings

Cypress Mountain

Katsura Landscaping

Lynne Block MLA

North Shore Alliance Church

Park Royal

St Christopher & St Stephen's

St Francis-in-the-Wood

West Vancouver Presbyterian Church

Behmard Dentistry

Craftsman Collision

Cypress Park Primary  
Decorby Family  
Freedom Marine  
Hollyburn Funeral Home  
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Ridgeview Elementary  
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St Thomas Aquinas High School  
West Vancouver United Church  
Zazou  
Churchill House  
West Van Baptist Church  
Ecole Cedardale  
FUNG LAW GROUP  
Bowen Island Kayaking  
Cardinal Engineering Ltd.

If you are **NOT** on the list, this is your last chance to give. The CRA has extended Charitable Giving until Feb 28. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for 2024. You can be included in our season's campaign until Jan 15th. Donors will be entered to win prizes.

QUICK, do it now.

 DONATE TO LOOKOUT:

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

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

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

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

**PRIZES INCLUDE:**

Beach House Restaurant 'Chef's Table'

OEB Gift Certificate

Steamoji Memberships

We will notify winners by January 15th.

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

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

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

**WHEN:** Now until Jan 15th

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

or

create a Pledge Page 'GIVING GROUP'

### 🧹 **FOREST OF MIRACLES HOUSEKEEPING:**

Please remove all decorations and lights by Friday Jan 10th at noon.

We are removing the trees on Friday afternoon.

📷 send me your favourite photos of 2024! We love to share them.

🤖 start thinking of your 2025 award winning tree decorations

✔ Script a short letter of support for our grant applications

💰 consider giving the Dundarave Festival of Lights Society some cash support

### 🏆 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS **WINNERS:**

With thanks to Grosvenor Ambleside for helping make this happen!

Congratulations to the winners. You really stood out.



**Favourite School Trees:**

🌟 Ridgeview Elementary 🌟

(for their beautiful 'Tree of Hopes & Dreams')

Runner up:

Ecole Cedardale



**Favourite Sustainable Trees:**

🌟 So Social 🌟

(for their friendly Gnomes)

Runner up:

Infrastructure Bridge Advisory Limited



**Favourite Themed Trees:**

🌟 'The Grinch Tree' 🌟

Three way tie:

Orchard Recovery

Christopher, Dolly, Henrik & Viggo Howard

Baptist Housing Society



**Favourite Glitz & Glam Trees:**

🌟 Dio Piano School 🌟

Runner up:

Brianna Decorby Memorial Tree



**Most Creative Trees:**

🌟 Freedom Marine Yacht Sales 🌟

Runner up:

## The Tea Store

Please ask if you have any questions!

I welcome constructive feedback.

Sincerely,

Mary

778-847-1426

Support the Dundarave Festival of Lights Society

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:13 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Re 737 20th St, West Van. Triplex Project

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To Mayor and Council, District of West Vancouver

s.22(1) and have suffered through the s. 22(1). So I am most anxious to see the triplex project be successful after 12 years of disruption on that property. I would like to see council pay close attention to the development of this project with regard to how well it fits in to what they would like to see future densification projects look like in this area.

Ideally, the 737 site would house a duplex as it has a lane along one side, not across the bottom and some green space to the west of the buildings. The triplex is going to have 3 garages and 2 main entrances off the narrow lane. This is going to make for tight, less than ideal access as the lane is constrained by a row of trees right on the adjacent property line.

There is a lot of roof area and hardscape in the design which will require intelligent management of runoff and ground water. I have been assured that this will be given close scrutiny.

The 2000 block between Esquimalt and Fulton is designated for Densification development. My feeling is that 737 is somewhat of an anomaly as to what we should be looking for. In 2013 Hollyburn Mews was completed. "Downsize but don't down grade.....". 3 duplexes and 3 coach houses on the lane. Several years later 2066,2070,2072 Fulton were built. All upscale units with houses and garages on the lane. They brought life to the lane and demonstrated a contemporary way to revitalize a neighbourhood.

Given the amenities in the area we should be encouraging more of this green space friendly development rather than trying to jam every square foot of buildable space.

I invite council to come and visit the site with plans in hand and talk to the residents who have written about their concerns. Everyone who has seen the inner "courtyard" s. 22(1) is surprised what you can do on a conventional residential lot with some imagination.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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**From:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 3:26 PM  
**To:** [Redacted] correspondence  
**Cc:** [Redacted] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** 737 20th St. Development - [Redacted] s. 22(1) comments

January 10th 2025

To the Mayor and Councillors,  
West Vancouver District.

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

We were all told at the December 16th, 2024 Council meeting that the holding of any public meetings regarding the development of 737 20th Street is now 'prohibited'. I am therefore sending this email to once again draw your attention to our concerns.

As there are now 10 single family lots remaining in the block bounded by Esquimalt Avenue, 20th Street, Fulton Avenue and 21st Street which will be allowed to apply for re-zoning, it is imperative that this particular planned development be carefully looked at in this context as it will be setting a precedent for any future development on the remaining 9 lots.

It therefore must be done RIGHT

1) WATER

You will be aware of the serious water problem faced by the adjoining properties. [Redacted] s. 22(1) of the proposed development. [Redacted] s. 22(1) to deal with the water problem [Redacted] s. 22(1) "Atmospheric Rivers" such as we experience in mid October 2024, are now a reality for the future. This development proposes 2 sump pumps with 3 townhouses and 3 below grade patios with French doors!! [Redacted] s. 22(1) what damage water caused to the previous home on that site, seeping under the French doors and resulting in mould in the basement walls. A disaster.

2) PARKING

The planning guidelines state that "Garages should be designed and situated so they are not a dominant feature on the lane" With future development inevitable, if they are allowed to replicate what is being proposed here, the lane will become a totally congested mass of garages and squeezed-in front entrances.

3) LIGHTS;

The planning guidelines also state that "The glare and light spill of exterior or ground-level lighting to surrounding properties should be minimized." As all the decks of the proposed development face [Redacted] s. 22(1) the situation is not as depicted in the relevant proposal drawings)

We [Redacted] s. 22(1) encourage the Mayor and Councillors to visit both site of the proposed development and Hollyburn Mews where they certainly got it right! Mr. Wilhelm was [Redacted] s. 22(1) see Hollyburn Mews, as he had not seen it prior to the first Public Information meeting.

Sincerely,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)

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**From:** Harel President <president1@harel.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 5:21 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Rabbi; Har El President  
**Subject:** Letter to council

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Dear Mayor and council,

My name is Rachel Laniado, I am a resident of West Vancouver and I am also the co-president of the board of directors of Har El, the North Shore Centre for Jewish Life. I'm sure that you are all aware that we are the only Jewish institution on the entire North Shore.

We are extremely grateful that the District works, cares and honours us in a myriad of ways. We are particularly grateful to the West Vancouver Police Department for the extra patrols in these very difficult times for our community and to the community centre for providing a location for our menorah and the menorah lighting ceremony every year. That brings us to the reason for this letter. This year there was no representation for West Vancouver at the ceremony. This council is the only council in the long history of this ceremony that has not sent representation and it has done so for the second time now. This year both Mayor Little and Mayor Buchanan, councillors Jessica McIlroy and Tony Valente from the city of North Vancouver, MLA Lynne Block and a representative for MLA Susie Chant attended among other honoured guests.

I'm sure you are aware that many of our congregants are residents of West Vancouver and its quite embarrassing for us to have our council be the only one not represented at a ceremony that takes place within the District. While we understand that this is a busy time for everyone, it was definitely commented upon by many in attendance that the other districts were well represented while West Vancouver was not.

Thanks you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

I wish you and your families a happy new year

Rachel Laniado  
Co-president Har El, The North Shore Centre for Jewish Life  
1305 Taylor Way, West Vancouver

My personal address is s.22(1)

There is no need to redact my information

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