

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JULY 1, 2026 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) Capilano Community Services Society (2 submissions), July 1 and 8, 2026, regarding July Newsletter**
- (2) British Properties Area Homeowners Association, July 3, 2026, regarding “Request to Rescind Stage 3 Restrictions and Build Long-Term Water Capacity”**
- (3) July 3, 2026, regarding “Fwd: Eyesore and potential fire hazard”**
- (4) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (3 submissions), July 3-7, 2026, regarding An Evening with the Mayor**
- (5) D. Marley, July 4, 2026, regarding “DWV Council Agenda for July 6, 2026 - Items 3,4,5 & 15”**
- (6) July 4, 2026, regarding “Ambleside Tenants Association”**
- (7) July 4, 2026, regarding “Re: DWV Council Agenda for July 6, 2026 - Items 3,4, 5 & 15”**
- (8) Ambleside & Dundarave Residents Association, July 5, 2026, regarding “COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS - JULY 6TH MEETING - ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 14.3 & 15”**
- (9) July 6, 2026, regarding “Political Signs on Public Property”**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

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Dear Chair Hurley and Members of the Metro Vancouver Board,

I am writing to you as President of the British Properties Area Homeowners Association and as a resident of West Vancouver. This is not a letter opposing responsible water conservation. Conservation has an important role during genuine drought conditions, and

I believe residents are willing to do their part when extraordinary circumstances require it. This is a letter about leadership, infrastructure, and whether Metro Vancouver has accepted recurring water restrictions as the new normal instead of building the infrastructure necessary to eliminate them.

Before discussing engineering reports, water management plans or capital budgets, I ask every member of this Board to spend five minutes in Dundarave, West Vancouver. There you will find the German Friendship Globe fountain, one of our community's most recognizable landmarks. Designed to float effortlessly on a thin film of water, the globe fountain constantly turns as a symbol of friendship, movement and connection. Today, it sits completely still. Not because it is broken. Not because it has reached the end of its useful life. It sits motionless because of needless Metro Vancouver's Stage 3 water restrictions. To me, that fountain has become the perfect metaphor for Metro Vancouver's water strategy. It is not just the fountain that has stopped turning. Progress has stopped turning.

For 16 consecutive years, Metro Vancouver residents have lived under seasonal water restrictions. An entire generation has grown up believing that every summer there simply is not enough water. That should concern every one of us. We live in one of the wettest regions in the world, surrounded by extraordinary freshwater resources including Coquitlam Lake, Buntzen Lake, Harrison Lake, Pitt Lake, Alouette Lake, Stave Lake, the Fraser River and countless mountain watersheds. While I appreciate that not every source is suitable as a drinking water source, it is difficult to reconcile how a region blessed with such abundant freshwater continues to impose harsh recurring restrictions year after year.

After reviewing Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Management Plan and Drinking Water Conservation Plan, I found extensive discussion about conservation, climate resilience and reducing demand. What I could not find was a clear roadmap explaining when Metro Vancouver expects to solve this problem. I found a roadmap explaining how Metro Vancouver intends to manage water shortages. I did not find one explaining when Metro Vancouver intends to eliminate them. Residents deserve to know not only how Metro Vancouver intends to manage water shortages. They deserve to know when Metro Vancouver intends to solve them.

This question becomes even more important as Metro Vancouver and the province continues encouraging significant population growth and increasing housing density throughout the region. Municipalities are being asked to approve thousands of additional homes while existing residents are repeatedly told there is insufficient water for the people already here. Infrastructure should lead growth and be built concurrently, not struggle for decades to catch up with it. If today's infrastructure cannot comfortably support today's population without recurring restrictions, how will it support tomorrow's?

Other major Canadian cities, including Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Calgary, continue to grow while generally avoiding the recurring region-wide outdoor watering restrictions Metro Vancouver residents have experienced year after year. While every city has different geography and water systems, it is reasonable to ask what investments they have made, what lessons can be learned, and why Metro Vancouver continues to rely on restrictions after 16 consecutive years. If there is a compelling explanation, residents deserve to hear it. If our infrastructure has not kept pace with our ambitions, then we should acknowledge that honestly and begin fixing it.

Stage 3 water restrictions are not simply inconvenient. They are harsh. They are punitive. They affect far more than lawns. Families who have spent decades creating beautiful gardens worth thousands are threatened with substantial fines for keeping their gardens alive. Residents hesitate to fill or top up a swimming pool for their children. Community fountains are shut down. Public parks and landscapes suffer. Businesses lose revenue. Residents who faithfully pay their utility bills every year are left wondering why the solution always seems to be another restriction instead of another investment.

Water is also essential for maintaining healthy communities. It is used to clean sidewalks, parks, public gathering spaces, buildings, garbage enclosures, driveways and commercial properties. Pressure washing removes algae, moss, mold, mildew and other contaminants that create slip hazards, accelerate deterioration and affect sanitation. Restricting these activities for extended periods affects more than appearance. It affects maintenance, public safety and public health. This creates a situation where millions of dollars in property damage occurs. Pools and fountains that become stagnant pose serious health risks including legionella.

Given the amount residents pay every year for water service, people have every right to expect better. Metro Vancouver operates as the sole provider of water for our region. Residents cannot choose another supplier. With a monopoly comes an even greater responsibility to provide exceptional service, continually invest in infrastructure and be transparent about where public money is being spent.

Where is our investment going?

Over the past 16 years, how much additional storage capacity has been built? How much additional treatment capacity has been created? How much additional transmission capacity has been added? What measurable increase in available water has resulted from billions of dollars in utility fees? What projects are planned over the next 10, 20 and 30 years to ensure recurring restrictions become unnecessary? Residents deserve those answers.

Many of the buildings, we build today are piped from two different water mains to ensure the building always has water in case of a shutdown - yet regionally our water supply is starving.

Perhaps the easiest way to understand residents' frustration is to compare this with other essential utilities. Imagine if BC Hydro announced recurring summertime electricity restrictions because it had failed to build enough generation capacity. Imagine if FortisBC rationed natural gas because infrastructure investment had failed to keep pace with growth. British Columbians would never accept those explanations. They would expect those organizations to build additional capacity. Water deserves exactly the same level of ambition.

I respectfully ask the Metro Vancouver Board to:

- Immediately rescind or reduce the current Stage 3 water restrictions unless current reservoir conditions clearly demonstrate they remain absolutely necessary.
- At the next Metro Vancouver Board meeting, pass a motion directing staff to prepare a comprehensive Regional Water Capacity Expansion Strategy focused on increasing long-term water supply rather than relying on recurring restrictions.
- Evaluate every practical opportunity to increase Metro Vancouver's long-term freshwater capacity through expanded storage, transmission upgrades, reclaimed water systems, greywater systems, aquifer storage, additional reservoirs where appropriate and every other viable technology.
- Publish a transparent 25-year infrastructure roadmap identifying projected population growth, future water demand, planned investments, expected increases in capacity and implementation timelines.
- Commission an independent review of the economic, environmental, public health and ecological impacts of recurring seasonal water restrictions, including impacts on homeowners, businesses, municipalities, urban forests, wildlife and long-term property maintenance.

This letter is not a criticism of conservation. It is a call for leadership. Conservation should complement infrastructure investment. It should never become a substitute for it. Previous generations built the reservoirs, dams and transmission systems that allowed Metro Vancouver to become one of the most desirable places in Canada to live. This Board now has a different responsibility. Not simply to manage water shortages, but to eliminate them.

I believe Metro Vancouver residents are prepared to support bold investments that secure our water future. I respectfully ask you to make that vision your legacy.

Respectfully,

Neil Jensen

President

British Properties Area Homeowners Association

Resident of West Vancouver

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The attached pictures show the west end of a park which 5 years ago the parks department allowed some community members to develop as a community garden. The garden is a great success and is enjoyed by many people. In developing the garden we, the dedicated neighbours in the surrounding area, decided not to plant in the last small western triangle because of the increased slope, the existence of a sewer (?) inspection cover, a power pole and and a fire hydrant. We originally planned to maintain this area by cutting the grass on a regular basis. However, we were advised that we could not use any tools or powered equipment that might cause injury. Initially, the municipal parks department would cut the grass but has not done so for some time. The result is the long dry grass you see in the pictures. Unsightly and a potential fire hazard. Emails to the parks board have gone unanswered.

We would be pleased to meet at the garden and discuss possible solutions.

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Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: DWV Council Agenda for July 6, 2026 - Items 3,4,5 & 15
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What's going on here?

Agenda item no.'s 3,4 & 5 purport to set the District's utility rates for 2027, and it's only mid-summer 2026. This is far too premature and, in any event, such a decision ought not to be made by an out-going Council. Moreover, I understand that, contrary to Council's own Resolution, of February 20, 2026, the proposed rates have not been referred to the District's Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee ("F&RAC") for its consideration and recommendations, if any. This Resolution evidently states unambiguously, "That the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee be consulted as early as practical for input and advice on major financial decisions that impact taxes, utilities and fees."

In the circumstances, these three items are utterly inappropriate for consideration by Council unless and until its F&RAC has first been consulted and, in any event, are properly the decision of the incoming Council following the upcoming municipal election, to be held just over three months from now. Accordingly, the items in question ought to be pulled from the meeting's agenda.

Speaking of utterly inappropriate, item no. 15, purporting to ban the placement of campaign signs for candidates for Council, and presumably the local School Board, as well as the BC Legislature or Canada's Parliament, ought also to be pulled from the meeting's agenda. While there is merit in the 'motherhood' concerns set out in the motion, there is a much higher value at stake here: the conduct of free and fair elections, unfettered by state regulation unless properly justified.

Typically, incumbents in elected office have a built-in electoral advantage insofar as they have considerably higher name recognition than do virtually any and all challengers. This is especially true in electoral contests at the local level where it is rare to have partisan political parties involved. Certainly that is the case here in West Vancouver and thank goodness for this!

On the eve of local elections, incumbent office-holders must not be permitted to alter campaign rules to favour themselves should they seek re-election. This issue is no doubt highly contentious and ought, therefore, to be referred by Council to an experienced and unbiased group of local volunteers for due consideration and report back to the incoming Council after the municipal election of October 17th next.

This is not Belarus, although some days the distinction is less clear than on others. Item no. 15, as with item no.'s 3,4 & 5, must be withdrawn from the agenda for Council's meeting on Monday, July 6th next.

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

David Marley

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West Vancouver, BC

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Subject: Ambleside Tenants Association

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Please ensure that my personal details ARE REDACTED prior to publishing in the weekly Correspondence. Thank you

Dear Mayor Sager and Council Members:

This letter concerns **The Ambleside Tenants Association (known as the ATA)** [REDACTED] s.22(1). This Association was formed by its "Chair" in 2023. It was initially formed to garner support, give a voice to the many tenants in the Ambleside area and to work with the District on the Rental Replacement and Tenant Assistance Policy, which was approved by the District of West Vancouver in June 2024.

During the past couple of years, I have had several causes for concern and these have only grown as time has passed.

1. There has never been a meeting of the ATA membership. To my knowledge, the only meeting(s) that ever took place in the early days of the ATA were for the "Executive" .
2. To my knowledge, no membership lists have ever been shared with the members despite requests being made.
3. Members have never been informed about which specific buildings in Ambleside actually belong to the Association.
4. Members have never been provided with any contact information for fellow members to allow for internal communications.

5. The Association was never properly set up. It has no formal structure, holds no regular meetings, and operates with zero transparency or democratic processes.

6. The "Chair" does not canvas the ATA members for input, listen to suggestions, or keep the members informed in a timely manner. The "Chair" decides what issues to pursue completely on his own and informs the members **after the fact**.

7. The "Chair" sends letters to the Mayor and Council signed on behalf of the entire membership. These letters reflect his personal opinions alone, as members are never given the chance to review, vote on or endorse them.

8. Using the title of "the Chair" of the ATA, this person has publicly supported other causes. I believe he is a member of the Working Group to Repeal the ARI-C. His latest involvement and support is with the Inglewood Care Centre project.

*(please see details below.) Although the name of the Association is clearly shown in all his letters/emails etc, in every single instance there has been no consultation with any of the ATA members prior to him using the ATA name.

*The latest example is a letter sent from the ATA dated June 21st included in the Correspondence (Item (1)(22) on June 24, 2026, addressed to the Mayor and Council with the subject line "Inglwood Care Centre Renewals".

The opening line of this letter reads **"Dear Mayor and Council, Our Association strongly supports proceeding with all aspects the Inglewood Care Centre Renewal Project.**

The "Chair" of the ATA sent a copy of this letter via email to the ATA members on June 22, 2026. This was the first time that I had heard that the ATA was supporting this Care Centre Renewal !! In fact, there had been no communication received from the "Chair" of the ATA for many months prior to receiving this email.

I urge the Mayor and Council to view any future correspondence or policy demands from this Association with skepticism. I must stress that what you are receiving from this Association represents the voice of one individual, not a vetted consensus of Ambleside tenants.

Your sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2026 9:09 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Linda Watt
Subject: Re: DWV Council Agenda for July 6, 2026 - Items 3,4,5 & 15

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I forgot to include my whole name and address, so here are my concerns and recommendations again.

On Jul 4, 2026, at 9:01 PM, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I read with interest the Agenda for the Council meeting on July 6th.

Point 1:

I was surprised to find that Agenda item 3 was included in the Agenda at the half year shift.

I recommend that you remove this point from the Council meeting until a proper review can be done and a new Council can review this controversial point.

To make a decision to (again) increase our Waterworks costs already at this stage, without a public hearing and presumably without consultation with the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee seems very premature. The review last year was in September. Why not wait until September this year?

Many of the points in the Agenda attachments and details imply projections that are premature.

We don't know how the weather will behave in the years to come (or even this year).

How much do the developers who are now developing all the housing, that puts extra pressure on our infrastructure, contribute or will contribute in the future to our increased requirements of water.

I quote:

" In addition to the above-mentioned projects, with the Cypress Village Area Development Plan adopted in 2024, several infrastructure projects planned for 2027 and beyond will be partially funded through development contributions."

How much will be funded?

Considering that the future will hold mostly high rise buildings, I also foresee that there will be no flowers and no lawns to water. Therefore, due to earlier Councils' decisions to make single family homeowners install individual water meters, the single family homeowners will bear the brunt of the costs.

Following this, we can foresee neighbourhoods that will look aesthetically dull, without lawns and without flowers. Is that the West Vancouver that Mayor and Council strives to obtain? By constantly increasing Waterworks costs (for 2027 by 5.9%) single family homeowners in West Vancouver will be punished. Negotiations with GVRD should be had to analyze why the costs keep going up as well.

Our whole waterworks structure needs to be analyzed.

Point 2.

Agenda items 4 and 5 also seem to be premature. I was pleased to see that no increases are recommended, but **would prefer a a newly elected Council to make decisions about 2027.**

Point 3

Item 15 should definitely be deferred to a new Council. The arguments put forward are not favourable for new incumbents and seem draconic. In Provincial and Federal elections there are lots of sign and these can be disturbing to neighbourhoods, but are part of our democratic system.

To institute this measure before an election is actually very undemocratic, considering that sitting Mayor and Councillors are well-known names, but new participants have only few opportunities to get their names out to the public.

Regards

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From: ADRA westvan <adrawestvan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2026 12:37 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Sharon Thompson; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy
Subject: COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS - JULY 6TH MEETING - ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 14.3 & 15

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Dear Mayor & Council

On behalf of the ADRA Directors, I would like to express our shock at seeing the above referenced items on the agenda for July 6th. Please review our comments as follows:

AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4 & 5 - UTILITY FEES 2027

Our understanding is the matter should have been referred to the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee (FRAC) as per Council's resolution of February 20, 2026 which states, "That the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee be consulted as early as practical for input and advice on major financial decisions that impact taxes, utilities and fees." This process has not been followed. We understand the June 1, 2026 staff report **bypassed** FRAC. ADRA is also concerned that the matter is being decided prematurely by an out-going Council.

In the interests of proper and transparent processes, these items should be removed from the agenda, referred to the FRAC and to be a decisions of the incoming Council following the upcoming municipal election of October 17, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 14.3 - PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS 2027

This was last approved by Council on October 20, 2025. Why is this item being approved in July, 2026 when it is clearly a matter to be considered by a Mayor and Council elected at the October 17, 2026 Municipal Election? Why is this on the Consent Agenda when it should be discussed, in public, by elected officials?

AGENDA ITEM 15 - ADDED JULY 2/26 - ELECTION SIGNAGE

Also on the agenda for July 6th (added on July 2nd - last minute) is a motion dealing with the banning of election signs on public property for candidates in the upcoming Fall Municipal election. In our view, this is not only bad timing, ie months away from the election, but incumbents are proposing changes to the rules. It is widely acknowledged that incumbents have an advantage insofar as they have considerably higher name recognition from their four years (in some cases longer) in the public eye. ADRA would support the concept of a local, unbiased citizen led group, to study the matter with subsequent recommendations going to a **future** Council to consider ie post October 17th municipal election.

We urge Mayor and Council to give serious consideration to the above referenced agenda items and removal of all from the July 6th Council Meeting Agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 3:58 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Political Signs on Public Property

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I believe that municipal politicians need to step aside and recuse themselves from deciding election rules. The reason is simple: when it comes to election law, politicians just have too much skin in the game to be calling the shots. There is a clear and inappropriate conflict of interest. Elected politicians are not well suited to decide the rules of their own elections.

As I don't think the rules for pickleball should be rewritten by the winners of a recent West Vancouver Championship...so why are the rules for political signs on public property being rewritten by the 2022 winners shortly before an October 17th 2026 election?

Our democracy should be designed to serve voters, not the short term political interests of those in power.

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