

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO MAY 18, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 2 submissions, May 11 and 12, 2022, regarding 2195 Gordon Avenue**
- (2) Western Residents' Association, May 12, 2022, "Fwd: Follow up with Mayor about question asked at WRA meeting"**
- (3) May 13, 2022, regarding "E Bikes Installation at Bellevue and 14th"**
- (4) Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society, May 15, 2022, regarding "Submission for Council consideration" (Best Management Practices for Marine Docks)**
- (5) May 16, 2022, regarding "Fossil gas utilities are marketing biomethane as 'low carbon' when it is 'very high carbon'"**
- (6) 4 submissions, May 17, 2022, regarding Barge in Horseshoe Bay**
- (7) May 17, 2022, regarding "Re 29th St Townhouses"**
- (8) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting April 5, 2022; Awards Committee meeting April 6, 2022; and Community Engagement Committee meeting April 6, 2022**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (9) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), May 12 and 17, 2022, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:30 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong
Subject: Affordable for who and for how long? West Van moves forward with Gordon Ave affordable housing

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No reasonable person will question the good intentions of West Vancouver Council in seeking to include a significant number of “affordable” housing units in its proposed redevelopment of District-owned property at 2195 Gordon Avenue. But it has long been well known where such intentions often lead.

In addition to the specified range of household income what, if any, other eligibility criteria will be utilized by the District to determine who may be a candidate for one of the proposed 167 below market rental units? Are there to be different categories of eligible candidates, some who are to be given preference by virtue, say, of the identity of their employer (ie. the District of West Vancouver or the local School District) or the nature of their work (ie. “first responders”)? What happens when the household income of these fortunate tenants, whose rent is being subsidized by local taxpayers, exceeds the allowable ceiling? Will they have to vacate the premises and, if so, how quickly? Will they have a right of appeal to the Rentalsman or whatever provincial agency today oversees landlord-tenant matters?

Who is to administer the selection process respecting applicants and monitor their eligibility status going forward? How are the local taxpayers to have confidence in this administrative regime? What degree of public disclosure will be required of such personal matters as a tenant’s household income? What about their privacy rights? Will taxpayers be asked to simply trust the District administrators? Good luck with that.

The questions could go on and on. Has anyone on Council asked any?

How about priorities? West Vancouver has recently lost or is about to lose two local care facilities. According to the 2021 Census, our community is home to a disproportionate number of seniors. Anyone walking in Ambleside, Dunderave or Horseshoe Bay doesn’t need the Census to tell them this. Four of the five remaining care homes, the two Amicas, Hollyburn and the Westerly are priced well above what many aging locals and their families can afford or ought reasonably to be expected to pay. The Gordon Avenue project is the ideal location for a state-of-the-art, reasonably-priced care facility to be incorporated as part of the redevelopment. The COVID pandemic has made abundantly clear how much such facilities are urgently needed in our country, especially in major urban centres. This is precisely the type of affordable housing which ought to be built on publicly-owned land.

Lastly, the June 13th Council meeting where a decision is evidently to be made respecting next steps for this redevelopment, a decision which may lock local taxpayers into an irrevocable commitment to the developers, is taking place a mere four months before people go to the polls to elect a new Council. It is inappropriate in the extreme for this outgoing Council to cast a vote which may tie the hands of its successor respecting the property in question, a hugely valuable publicly-owned asset. No further decisions ought to be made respecting this property until after the upcoming local election campaign, one in which the proposed use of the property may be debated by the candidates seeking a seat on Council.

David Marley

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:28 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong
Subject: Gordon Avenue Housing

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Northshore News: [West Vancouver Gordon Avenue Affordable Housing](#)

Making a decision on this proposed redevelopment before this year's election, without having a clear presentation (hopefully with public input) as to the criteria for choosing future candidates would be a disservice to residents.

This is the future that would lock us in. It ought to be treated with respect, thoughtful consideration and presented to taxpayers, with other possible civic options well before anything is dedicated to redevelopment.

Housing is a Provincial responsibility. Municipalities are supposed to provide zoning for housing demand to be met. The subsidy of necessary housing is done by BC Housing and the many Provincial grants and programs. The decision about who gets into the housing units is open to abuse, even if not intentional. Finally, municipalities do not have the revenue sources with skyrocketing housing costs.

This redevelopment proposal will be paid for by the residents of West Vancouver, perhaps even indefinitely (i.e. subsidies). I urge this council to wait on the proposed use of this property so that it may be debated by the candidates, then have the people choose.

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From: Western Residents Association <westernresidents@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:36 PM
To: correspondence; Mary-Ann Booth; Sharon Thompson; Nancy Henderson; Craig Cameron; Bill Soprovich; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Marcus Wong; [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Fwd: Follow up with Mayor about question asked at WRA meeting
Attachments: Streetscaape Royal looking to Bay.png

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Dear Mayor Booth,

Thank you for taking my question at the WRA meeting on May 10th about the patio tables and chairs remaining permanently on the bike lane area between Bruce Street and Bay Street.

As I mentioned, the residents and businesses of Horseshoe Bay were led to believe the bike lane would terminate at Bruce Street. This is clearly indicated by the attached document issued under the District Streetscape Guidelines. There was no consultation with the community about the bike route being extended to Bay Street.

As you know, there are strong concerns about the safety of the bike lane. Covering up the bike lane surface signage, (not digging up the street), would allow residents and visitors to continue enjoying the ambience and character of a community patio in the centre of our village. This would also directly benefit the businesses located in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Valerie Williams,
Director,
Western Residents' Association.

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I give permission for the District to publish my name and to include "Director, Western Residents' Association"



ROYAL AVENUE LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS BAY STREET

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Subject: E Bikes Installation at Bellevue and 14th

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Mayor and Council

While I support bike rentals, I am writing to oppose the installation of an E Bike rental station at the corner of Bellevue and 14th St. adjacent to Romantique.

There are other locations far more suitable than in front of a retailer and adjacent to residential condominiums. Locations on Argyle, where bike lanes exist, would have less impact on neighboring residents and pedestrians. The sidewalk is already home to many seats, benches, and garbage/recycling bins; E Bikes should not be added at this location.

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From: Diane Mitchell <diane@redrockcreative.ca>
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2022 2:31 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Ian Winn; s.22(1)
Subject: Submission for Council consideration
Attachments: BP for docks - letter to District of West Vancouver.pdf; BMP Docks June 13 2021.pdf

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Dear District of West Vancouver

On behalf of Ian Winn, Vice President of the *Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Society*, I would like to submit the attached documents as incoming correspondence for Mayor & Council.

The attachments contain the Best Management Practices (BMP) for marine docks documentation as well as an accompanying letter from Ian. We are currently sending this to all local governments in the region.

I will also share that we have sent a copy to Heather Keith, your Council's Staff Lead for the *Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region*.

I trust that this provides you with the information you need for the submission to Council. However, if there are any questions, they can be directed to Ian (cc'd here), and he will be happy to answer them.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards
Diane

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Diane Mitchell
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<https://redrockcreative.ca>

I humbly recognize that I am living and working on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). In my life and work I endeavour to treat this land and its peoples with respect and kindness, and to learn from the wisdom of the culture that has been here since time immemorial.



May 15, 2022

Mayor & Council
District of West Vancouver

Dear Mayor & Council,

Subject: Best Management Practices for Marine Docks

With significant changes in weather patterns, the risks of damage to marine docks and structures from king tides and storm surges is increasing. Delicate foreshore habitats can also suffer from the storms and from damage caused by poorly constructed and maintained docks and structures in the marine environment.

The application process through regulatory authorities for private property owners to obtain a permit to construct or maintain a dock is quite rigorous. However, there is a significant lack of resources for property owners to reference to guide them in best practices for construction or maintenance.

In the *Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region* there are many local governments that receive referrals from the provincial regulatory and permit granting authorities and these governments may or may not have their own documented best practices for marine docks that they can recommend be provided to the permit applicant. These best practices should provide information and guidance on:

- Development, Construction and Maintenance
- Accessibility
- Foreshore protection
- Navigation
- First Nations interests

The *Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Best Management Practices (BMPs)* (*see attached*) for marine docks (including wharfs, piers, floats, buildings and associated pilings and moorages) within the *Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region*, is a compilation of best management practices from Federal and B.C. Provincial authorities, Islands Trust, and the Rights and Titles Department of the shishalh Nation.

The BMPs are intended to help minimize and mitigate impacts to marine foreshore and nearshore habitats by promoting responsible and appropriate development, construction and maintenance of marine docks. The BMPs are also intended to ensure proponents follow measures and designs that conform to Sections 34 through 37 of the Federal Fisheries Act. Adherence to the BMPs will contribute to efforts to protect the cultural and heritage resources within First Nations territories.

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The *Át'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Society* has prepared this document for the benefit of proponents wishing to build a new facility or maintain an existing facility. The Ocean Watch Action Committee recommends that local governments include reference to this document in the referral process in your response to dock permitting applications. In addition to the attached document, an online version of the BMPs can be found on the *Át'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Society* website -

<https://www.howesoundbri.org/webinars/2021/3/31/best-practices-for-marine-dock-management>

Thank you for your support in protecting our marine environment.

For any questions or further information please contact:

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**Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region
Best Management Practices for Marine Docks**

Definitions:

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Best Management Practices:

Development, Construction and Maintenance

1. Wherever possible, proponents are encouraged to research existing opportunities for moorage prior to constructing new docks and to develop dock facilities that can facilitate numerous upland owners (Community Docks).

In pursuing multi-owner/use facilities the footprint on the sub/inter tidal habitats is minimized. These types of facilities also help to alleviate potential cumulative impacts from high density, individual dock infrastructures.

2. No critical habitats can be impacted within the immediate vicinity of the proposed dock/float structure. Critical habitats are defined in the Canadian Species at Risk Act (SC 2002, c.29) as:

'the habitat that is necessary for the survival or recovery of a listed wildlife species and that is identified as the species' critical habitat in the recovery strategy or in an action plan for the species.'

And more explicitly for a marine environment is defined as:

"habitat that is important for: (a) sustaining a subsistence, commercial, or recreational fishery, or (b) any species at risk (e.g., terrestrial or aquatic Provincial red- and blue-listed species, those designated by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, or those SARA-listed species), or (c) because of its relative rareness, productivity, or sensitivity (e.g. eelgrass meadows, kelp forests, foreshore salt marsh vegetation, herring spawning habitat, and potential forage fish spawning beach habitat)".

A Qualified Environmental Professional may be required to provide an assessment and opinion on the risks of any dock/float structures on critical habitat(s).

3. Design of a dock should not include components that block the free movement of water along the shoreline. Crib foundations or solid core structures made of cement or steel sheeting should

be avoided as these types of structures result in large areas of vegetation removal and erosion in sensitive shoreline habitats and riparian areas.

Buildings such as boathouses are discouraged due to concerns over structures casting shadows over the marine area that will impact eelgrass habitats and the inherent pollution risks of them being used to store hazardous and caustic contaminants.

All building codes and bylaws administered by all levels of government must be adhered to for all structures.

The applicant is responsible to determine and submit all relevant applications.

4. In order to mitigate shading of eelgrass habitats, docks should be aligned in a north-south direction to the maximum extent that is practicable. However, this may not be possible or practicable at many sites as property boundaries may limit alternate orientations. In this case, dock height becomes the most critical factor. Dock alignment must not impede vessel navigation.

5. Although distances may vary according to jurisdictions, all structures should be a minimum of 5.0 meters from the side property line (6.0 meters if adjacent to a dedicated public beach access or park) and at least 10 meters from any existing dock or structures, consistent with Federal requirements under Transport Canada's *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. Applicant must consult with local authorities.

6. When designing dock/float structures, the bottom of all floats should be a minimum of 1.5 meters above the seabed during the lowest water level or tide.

With consideration that the negative impact on eelgrass coverage from floating docks is significantly higher than from elevated docks, floating docks should be avoided if possible. To decrease the impact from docks on eelgrass, the recommendation and common design of docks is to place floating docks only at water depths which exceed the natural maximum depth distribution of eelgrass in the area, and to use an elevated dock as a walkway out to the floating dock.

This minimum depth is required to ensure bottom flora and fauna are not adversely impacted by shading and/or propeller wash or scouring from moored vessels.

7. Access ramps or walkways should be a minimum of 1.0 meters above the highest high-water mark of the tide and a maximum width of 1.2 meters. Docks should not exceed a maximum width of 1.5 meters. In situations where this is not physically possible, design variations supported by the appropriate Qualified Environmental Professionals should be provided.

8. In order to mitigate shading of eelgrass habitats, decking materials must allow for a minimum of 43% open space allowing for light penetration to the water surface. Various materials shaped in the form of grids, grates, and lattices to allow for light passage may be used. All efforts should be made in order to minimize artificial lighting and to maximize natural lighting around the dock structure.

9. The use of encased, wrapped or unwrapped expanded polystyrene (eg. Styrofoam) to keep docks afloat should not be used for new construction and repairs.

Degraded and fragmented polystyrene (eg. Styrofoam) is a source of secondary microplastics and a significant contributor to marine environment pollution.

References:

[sources-fate-and-effects-of-microplastics-in-the-marine-environment-part-2-of-a-global-assessment-en.pdf \(gesamp.org\)](#)

[Science assessment of plastic pollution - Canada.ca](#)

Polystyrene floats on existing docks that are showing evidence of breakdown should be replaced using an alternative material.

See Appendix A for recommendations for alternative materials to polystyrene floatation.

10. Pile driving is the preferred method of pile installation. All pile driving must meet current Fisheries and Oceans regulations.

Wrapping piles to encourage herring spawn and to provide sea life habitat is recommended.

11. Steel is the preferred material, although concrete, treated or recycled timber piles are acceptable but should be used with caution. Detailed information on treated wood options can be obtained online from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website (*Guidelines to Protect Fish and Fish Habitat from Treated Wood Used in the Aquatic Environment in the Pacific Region*).

12. Construction must never include the use of native beach materials (boulders, cobble, gravel, sand, logs).

Accessibility

13. Design of a dock should not unduly impede public access along the foreshore. Between high water and low water mark, structures cannot block public access along a beach or foreshore area, unless reasonable alternative means of passage are available to enable going around or across the structure (e.g. stairs over a dock).

14. Access to the beach for construction purposes is to be from the adjacent upland property wherever possible. Where upland access is not possible and/or the use of heavy equipment is required to access the dock location, marine access during construction may be preferred. The advice of a Qualified Environmental Professional and approval of Fisheries and Oceans Canada should be obtained by the applicant.

15. Dock/float structure and the vessel to be moored at the structure should not be allowed to rest on the seabed during the lowest water period of the year.

Foreshore Protection

16. The upland design of the dock including anchor points should not disturb the riparian area except at the immediate footprint. All efforts should be made to maximize riparian cover adjacent to the dock to reduce erosion and exposure to the foreshore.

17. Filling, dredging, or blasting at or below the High Water Mark is not recommended. If necessary, the work must conform to all government regulations and the applicant is responsible to determine and submit all relevant applications.

18. Works along the upland/water interface must be conducted when the site is not wetted by the tide. All work is to be conducted in a manner that does not result in the deposit of toxic or deleterious substances (sediment, un-cured concrete, fuel, lubricants, paints, stains) into waters frequented by fish. This includes refueling of machinery and washing of buckets and hand tools.

19. To maximize the protection of fish and fish habitat, marine foreshore construction activities should take place during the time periods when the timing windows of least risk are open. Timing windows are updated annually on the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website.

Navigation

20. Transport Canada enforces rules and regulations as stipulated in the [Canadian Navigable Waters Act \(CNWA\)](#). Specifically, ([Minor Works Order](#)) Section 4 details requirements and regulations for docks and boathouses. If a proponent is able to construct a dock that meets all the highlighted criteria, the work is pre-approved under the CNWA and is not subject to the requirement of the submission of an application for review and approval.

Alternately if a dock is unable to meet all the criteria outlined in the Order , ([Minor Works Order](#)), the proponent would be required to [Apply for an approval](#) to Transport Canada (TC), or seek authorization through the public resolution process.

First Nations interests

21. By nature, locations for docks are also often high potential archaeological areas and thus its important particularly for new dock installations that archaeology is considered and assessed EARLY. The entire shoreline contains good potential for archaeological features along the foreshore and in the intertidal zone.

22. Access or construction along the shoreline requires at least 45 days advance notification sent to the First Nations authority in the area of work and its Rights and Title Department to ensure cultural sites are not impacted or disturbed. A Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR) for archaeology may be required, and provincial permitting times average 6 months. A PFR is a field survey to assess the archaeological resource potential of the area, and to identify the need and appropriate scope of further studies and is to be performed by a Qualified Professional Archaeologist.

23. Improvements to existing docks may also require a PFR or archaeological assessment, particularly if none was conducted prior to the original construction.

24. Archaeological surveys should be conducted at the lowest possible tide, to ensure thorough observation of the intertidal zone.

25. Access to sub/intertidal resources should not be impeded or restricted by any dock/float structure.

This ensures First Nations maintain their rights to access for the harvest of marine resources for food, social and ceremonial purposes.

General

26. It is important to highlight the effects that climate change is contributing to the increasing intensity of storms and storm surges throughout the Howe Sound Biosphere Region. Where possible, to avoid damage to a dock during storm season, the floats should be removed from the sea and all boats sent to safe harborage. Seasonal installation as opposed to permanent placement should be encouraged.

27. Applications for Docks may require reviews and approvals by the federal, provincial, local governments and First Nations authorities. The applicant is responsible to determine and submit all relevant applications.

Acknowledgements:

The *Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society* has compiled these Best Management Practices (BMPs) from a number of sources and wishes to acknowledge and thank these organizations for their contributions:

1. shishalh First Nation – Best Management Practices for Marine Docks-version 20180605 [BMPs marine docks Update Final 27Jun18.pdf \(shishalh.com\)](#)
2. B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Land Use Operational Policy for Private Moorage. Effective date: January 21, 2019. [SECTION 3 \(gov.bc.ca\)](#) specific reference to Appendix 3 – Requirements and Best Management Practices
3. Islands Trust - A Landowner's Guide to Protecting Shoreline Ecosystems. August 2014.. [Landowners-Guide-September-draft-revised.pdf \(islandstrust.bc.ca\)](#)
4. Fisheries and Oceans Canada [A modernized Fisheries Act for Canada \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#) June 2019. Specific reference to Projects Near Water – Guiding documents
5. Transport Canada [Canadian Navigable Waters Act. 2019, c. 28, s. 46](#)

Attachments:

1. *Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative* [map](#)
2. Appendix A: Recommendations for alternative materials to polystyrene floatation.

Appendix A:

Recommendations for alternative materials to polystyrene floatation.

History

For centuries anything that needed to float on water was made from wood. In the mid-20th century though the introduction of plastics included many consumer products made from polystyrene (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polystyrene>).

Current state

The buoyancy properties of expanded polystyrene (EPS) made it a choice for the floatation components of docks and floats. However it's bead like structure will break down into micro particles under abrasion and impact.

These micro beads will continue to float on water and is a major source of pollution in aquatic environments.

References:

[sources-fate-and-effects-of-microplastics-in-the-marine-environment-part-2-of-a-global-assessment-en.pdf \(gesamp.org\)](#)

[Science assessment of plastic pollution - Canada.ca](#)

Alternatives to polystyrene – examples provided for reference only

1. Floats that use wood construction

Timber and concrete [Dock Building \(squamishnationmarinegroup.com\)](#)

2. Floats that use high density polyethylene (HDPE) materials

Rotational moulded float sections [Roto Moulding | New Wave Docks](#)

Modular floating docks [Our Products - Improve Your Candock Docks | Candock](#)

3. Floats that use encapsulated polystyrene

[HDPE Float Welding | Squamish Nation Marine Group](#)

4. Floats that use HDPE thick wall pipe

HDPE pipe with aluminum crossers (tie bars) [HDPE Pipe Docks \(kropfindustrial.com\)](#)

5. Remediation of existing floatation systems In some cases it's possible to remediate non-encased EPS floats with an encasement of a spray coating.

[Canadian Aquaculture Styrofoam®-Encasement \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)

From: s. 22(1)
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To the Mayor and Council,

I am very disturbed to see FortisBC, a fossil gas utility, spending large amounts marketing biomethane (which they brand 'renewable natural gas') as 'low carbon'. I recently saw a letter from a British Columbian who says "The premium on our FortisBC RNG account costs us about \$600 per year. We are told this reduces the GHG emissions from our house to near zero."

A study from last year in the UK shows that the rate of fugitive methane leakage from biomethane facilities can be up to 9%. Methane has 86x the warming potential of CO2. So you can do the math $0.09 \times 86 = 7.74x$ the warming. This means fugitive methane from biomethane production can be a bigger contributor to global warming than any of the fossil fuels! Potentially more than twice the emissions of fossil fuels or more - biomethane is definitely not 'low carbon'.

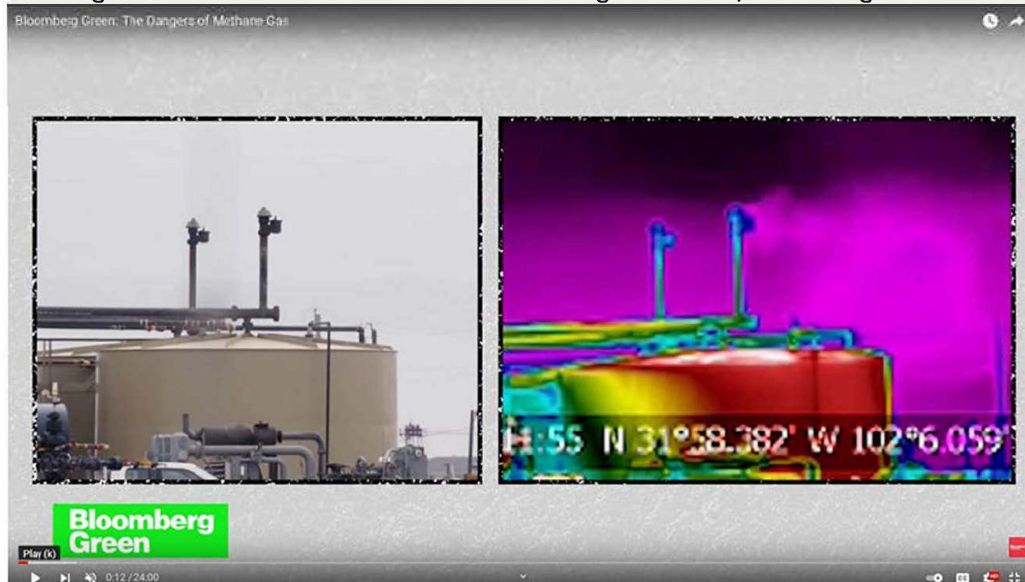
<https://blogs.imperial.ac.uk/sustainable-gas-institute/2021/05/13/methane-emissions-from-biogas-facilities-are-underestimated/>

We should not be producing any biomethane except for where we are specifically capturing methane escaping from landfills. And we should be handling that captured methane very carefully, not pumping it into a system of old and leaky underground pipes.

Going out of our way to create new facilities just for the production of biomethane and marketing it as 'low carbon' as FortisBC and other fossil gas utilities are trying to is a catastrophic climate blunder. And municipalities such as the District of West Vancouver should not be accepting expanded biomethane schemes as 'low carbon'. All methane is 'very high carbon' because it leaks, and causes 86x the global warming over 20 years.

Bloomberg did a great YouTube video called 'The Dangers of Methane Gas' where they demonstrate the optical gas imaging technology that allows us to see all the methane leaks, and you can easily see that these leaks are everywhere! This is not something that can be technologically overcome in the timeframe required: <https://youtu.be/b5VDMYYPyfs>

The image below demonstrates how methane is leaking all the time, even though it cannot be seen with the eye:



I feel that the people who are working on climate policy are not putting basic things together regarding methane:

- 1) Methane is the second most potent and abundant greenhouse gas after carbon dioxide
- 2) Methane concentration in the atmosphere is rising at an accelerating rate
- 3) Therefore, do not make the continued production and use of methane a central part of your climate policy.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data on atmospheric methane concentrations show the rate at which methane is accumulating in the atmosphere is accelerating. We are putting so much of this dangerous greenhouse gas into the atmosphere that it is becoming saturated, which is leading to the rapid warming, heat dome, fires and floods that we are experiencing in British Columbia: https://gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends_ch4/

As long as policy makers keep making exceptions for this powerful greenhouse gas we are definitely not getting out of this climate crisis. The truth is that we will never be able to do a study that is able to get an accurate estimate of how much methane is leaking wherever it is produced, processed and transported.

If we produce methane, it is going to leak. It is going to go up into the atmosphere, and add to the catastrophic overheating of our planet.

s.22(1). I have heaps of experience with pipes, valves and compressors. All these things break, all the time. It should be completely banned that a company can advertise anything methane related as 'low carbon', and engineers s. 22(1) should be leading with this message. Just look how much methane is accumulating in the atmosphere. It is clear that we have no idea where it is all leaking from, so we absolutely need to err on the side of caution at this point.

The Atmospheric Fund in Ontario did a report showing fossil gas has higher emissions than coal when accounting for the fugitive methane emissions. But my intuition is that they are underestimating how bad the methane leakage problem is. Unless the entire methane distribution system was monitored all the time with this hugely expensive methane detecting technology, there is no way for us to see and know how much methane is escaping: <https://taf.ca/publications/new-guidelines-on-fugitive-methane/>

I wish that policymakers such as yourselves, could please err on the side of a livable, skiable future, and ban methane use altogether, from both fossil and biogenic sources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

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We gratefully acknowledge the lands, now known as Whistler and Revelstoke, where we live, create and play, in the unceded traditional lands of the Skwxwú7mesh and Lilwat7úl, the Sinixt, Ktunaxa, Secwepemc and Syilx.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Alisha Rafi; Katarzyna Chase; correspondence
Subject: Barge Movement in Horseshoebay cove
Attachments: IMG_6026.JPG; IMG_6028.JPG; IMG_6027.JPG; IMG_6029.JPG

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To mayor and council and all those To whom this should concern
On Sunday may 15 /22 a company based in horseshoebay west Vancouver was seen and photographed moving a loaded barge into horseshoebay in an unsafe manner whereupon it was unloaded at the launch ramp and existed horseshoebay in an unsafe manner.

THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN INFORMED IN THE PAST ABOUT ITS DANGEROUS AND PROBABLY ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR

The photographs clearly show the company moving a loaded barge into the inner harbor with only a few feet on either side ,between the government dock and the marina docks.

The issue at hand is that the company has been doing this repeatedly for years with ONLY A TEN FOOT BOOM BOAT

This dangerous and probably illegal behavior NEEDS to be brought to the attention of all parties who this might concern

1. Bc ferries

While the barge was entering the cove the Bowen island ferry was forced to wait until the loaded barge was in the cove .
The captain of the ferry SHOULD HAVE reported witnessing the movement of the barge in an unsafe manner by a grossly Underpowered boom boat all alone ???

Also the pictures clearly show the total loss of control of this barge only a few feet from bc ferries dock ???

2. West Vancouver

The public dock is the responsibility of west Vancouver and any damage caused is of concern to west Vancouver and its taxpayers.

Also The safety of the people coming and going from the bay in boats are put at risk by this companies dangerous behavior .
There are 10 different water taxi companies alone constantly coming and going from the bay ??

3. All The government departments concerned with the safe movement of commercial traffic on Canadian waterways and the enforcement of all its regulations and laws MUST be informed

4. All the insurance companies of

Bc ferries
West Vancouver
The barge company
To name just a few

Picture 6026 shows the fully loaded barge entering the cove and the ferry has just left.

As you can see there is no tug boat in the front of the barge , also note that there is not even a person on the barge spotting for the operator

ONLY the small 10 foot boom boat at the stern.

Picture 6027 shows the difficult task ahead of the boom boat operator to maneuver between the government wharf and the marina docks with a mere feet on either side

Picture 6028 no one will ever know if they hit the government wharf and again you can see there is no tug boat or spotter in front of the barge as there SHOULD BE

Picture 6029 6030 and 6031 shows the (now empty) barges close proximity to the westvan public dock

Picture 6032 shows he started to lose control

Picture 6033 the barge is aiming directly at the bc ferries dock

Picture 6034 HE HAS LOST ALL CONTROL and the barge is aiming towards the ferry loading ramps

Picture 6035 he is starting to get the barge turned back to the cove exit

Picture 6036 37 38 39 please zoom in and you can see the extreme difficulty he is having to try and direct the barge out of the bay (The stern is under water and the small boat is at full throttle and struggling from beginning to end)

Picture 6040 shows him exiting along the NARROW PATH between the breakwater and the right of way of the ferries

To Westvancouver

Added to this behavior is the fact that this is being done on a Sunday ?

A V8 engine running at full throttle from Entering to Exiting the bay is a massive amount of noise, plus the loading and unloading of the barges at the boat ramp

All the noise bouncing off the hard surfaces surrounding horseshoebay (the cliffs) subjecting the whole village of horseshoebay to noise.

It has repeatedly been brought to westvan bylaws attention, that this is regularly being done by this company at all hours of the day and night (5 am and 10 PM) and sundays (like today) in total contravention of the existing noise bylaws .

The head of westvancouver Permits and licensing department is responsible for this not being stopped .
I have informed him of the All the above (Facts) in years past and his comments to me were bizarre to say the least ???

This company should have its westvancouver business license revoked IMMEDIATELY for years of repeatedly

IGNORING THE LAWS



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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:38 AM
To: correspondence; Katarzyna Chase; Alisha Rafi
Subject: Photos of barge movement in horseshoebay
Attachments: IMG_6030.JPG; IMG_6031.JPG; IMG_6032.JPG; IMG_6033.JPG

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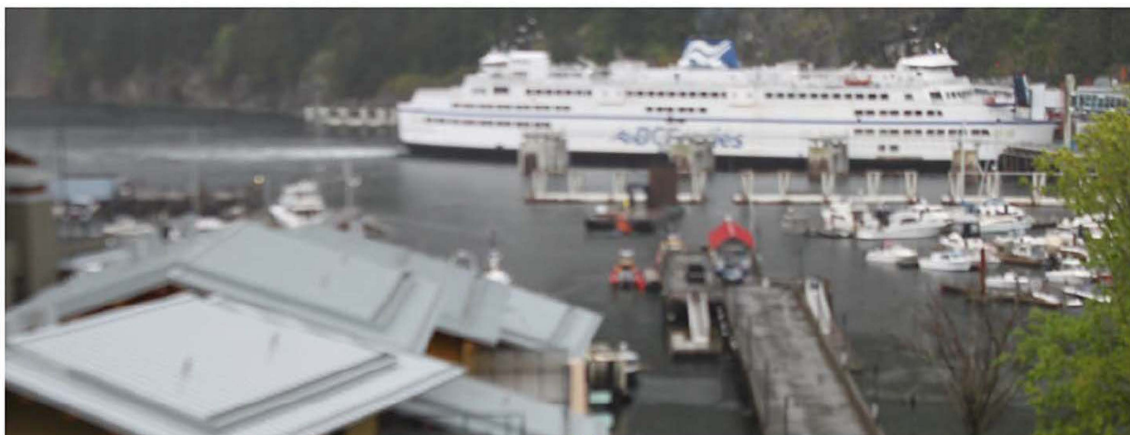
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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:05 PM
To: correspondence; Katarzyna Chase; Alisha Rafi
Subject: Photos horseshoebay barge movement
Attachments: IMG_6034.JPG; IMG_6035.JPG; IMG_6037.JPG; IMG_6036.JPG

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:48 PM
To: correspondence; Katarzyna Chase; Alisha Rafi
Subject: Barge photos horseshoebay
Attachments: IMG_6038.JPG; IMG_6039.JPG; IMG_6040.JPG

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:09 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: mayorandcouncil@westvancouver.ca
Subject: Re 29th St Townhouses

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to express my disappointment in the rejection of the 8 townhouse development on the North East corner of Marine and 29th St. Unless I completely misunderstood one of the main objectives of the OCP, isn't this exactly the type of housing that's missing in West Vancouver? In fact, I voted based on the promises made in the OCP, so I am very disappointed that some of the Councillors who I voted for, rejected this proposal. So the question is, if not this nicely designed 8 townhouse development, on a fairly noisy corner of Marine and 29th, opposite a church, beside a bus stop, walking distance to two elementary schools and walking distance to shops and businesses, what will you accept and where? As some of your fellow Councillors are quoted in saying, this is exactly the type of housing we need to start bringing in the missing middle. Surely many places along Marine Drive are a potential site to build small, townhouses for seniors who want to downsize and stay in West Van, and families with one or two children who want to come into West Vancouver. It's not like it was nestled in the middle of Altmont, amongst large, single family dwellings of high value. It's a long way from this. I am saying this as I live only a stone's throw from the rejected site.

I am now left wondering whether there is any point voting in municipal elections any more or spending time supporting these developments, because I don't see any hope in the future of any developments like this being built. Are we now saying that it's either large high rise apartment buildings or 4000sq ft homes?

Again, I'd like to say how disappointed I am in this decision. If there is something that I'm missing, I'd be very interested in hearing it.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022**

Committee Members: S. Tsangarakis (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, R. Finley, B. Milley, E. Oram-Killas, K. Rosin, S. Swan; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 5, 2022, Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

J. Baxter and S. Swan absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 10, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

J. Baxter and S. Swan absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

There was no report.

S. Swan entered the meeting at 3:12 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

5. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update

R. Finley updated the Committee about the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) and informed the Committee that the AFAC 2022 Work Plan was approved by Council on March 28, 2022. The AFAC has also created the Governance Subcommittee and the Capital Funding Subcommittee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

6. 2022 Work Plan Review

Committee reviewed and discussed the 2022 Work Plan.

Regarding Item 3 of the 2022 Annual Work Plan, the Committee discussed opportunities to: support initiatives that increase awareness of and investment in the sector; encourage collaboration; and engage the community. It was suggested a strategic planning session be scheduled to brainstorm how the Committee can advance this specific work plan item. One suggestion was to align with other community initiatives to promote giving to the cultural sector, such as the Give Where You Live campaign by the West Vancouver Foundation.

Regarding Item 5 of the 2022 Annual Work Plan, a discussion was held about opportunities to hold meetings with key community groups to: clarify the role of the Committee; align on the implementation of the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023); and discuss emerging opportunities to grow the sector.

Regarding Item 6 of the 2022 Annual Work Plan, the Committee discussed opportunities to work with other groups to align priorities and implementation of the Arts & Culture Strategy. It was suggested that meetings be arranged with the Heritage Advisory Committee, Art Museum Advisory Committee, Community Grants Committee, Public Arts Advisory Committee, North Shore Artists' Guild, and West Vancouver Memorial Library.

J. Baxter entered the meeting at 3:25 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Work Plan 2022 Items 3, 5 and 6 be prioritized for the Committee and Staff be directed to coordinate meetings as discussed.

CARRIED

7. Artist Registry Discussion

K. Rosin connected with Linda Williams of the Coast Cultural Alliance (CCA) (suncoastarts.com). The CCA is a membership-based organization with 350 members and a hub for all arts-related information on the Sunshine Coast. The CCA publishes an art map called the Purple Banner which lists all the artists and artists' teams, events, classes, and art calls. It is funded by grants, membership, and donations from businesses.

The Committee agreed that this is a very interesting model and would be a good opportunity for an organization to umbrella for the North Shore.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Artist Registry Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Staff Update

Staff reported on the following:

- The Ferry Building construction has been delayed due to issues with BC Hydro. Expected to open in late June or July. Staff is working to relocate one exhibition to another venue and postponed two others.
- The Harmony Arts Festival and the Bridge Festival planning is fully underway, and the response has been very good with many applications for community programming. The Nowruz event was held in March and the attendance was high.
- The Community Grants Committee has completed adjudications of the 2022 grants. The Arts, Culture & Heritage Subcommittee reviewed 27 grant applications. The funding recommendation will be approved by Council on June 27, 2022.
- There are four public art projects underway, and the Public Arts Advisory Committee has been working to identify some key potential locations for public art in the Ambleside area.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 3 p.m. It was suggested that the future Strategic Planning session will be conducted in-person to enable robust discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. all remaining committee meetings, including subcommittee meetings, for 2022 be held via electronic communication facilities only;
2. the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the committee and subcommittee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance at the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 5, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

_____  _____
Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022**

Committee Members: T. Hodgins (Chair), L. Brown, C. Burns, S. Hennessy, S. Mani, C. McLaughlin, D. Morrison, and J. Saba attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: Councillor S. Thompson.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Liaison); Rachelle McCormack, Cultural Services Supervisor; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 6, 2022 Awards Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 2, 2022 Awards Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Annual Committee Evaluation

Staff informed the Committee that the Annual Committee Evaluation is emailed to all District committee members annually in November/December. Staff explained that the purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that committee members are satisfied with how the meetings are being conducted and their ability to provide input. The 2022 evaluation will be sent in November with hopes of achieving more participation.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Annual Committee Evaluation be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **Review of Community Outreach Plan**

Committee members discussed the outreach plan and community distribution list, making additions and modifications to the list. Committee members confirmed their willingness to implement the outreach plan. Staff to provide a script template for email distribution.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Review of Community Outreach Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

7. **NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the next Awards Committee meeting be confirmed for May 13, 2022 at 3 p.m. in-person; and
2. the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall be designated as the place these meeting proceedings be held.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. all remaining committee meetings, including subcommittee meetings, for 2022 be held via electronic communication facilities only;
2. the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the committee and subcommittee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance at the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

CARRIED

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

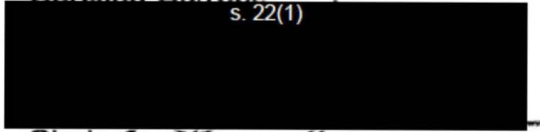
THAT the April 6, 2022 Awards Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

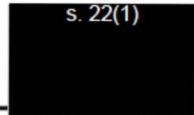
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Chair

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Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022**

Committee Members: E. McHarg (Acting Chair), J. Berg, G. Nicholls, J. Roote, J. Sidhu, and J. Webbe; and Councillors C. Cameron (Chair), N. Gambioli, and S. Thompson attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: L. Carver.

Staff: D. Powers, Director of Community Relations & Communications; A. Mafi, Communications & Engagement Manager (Staff Liaison); K. Andrzejczuk, Communications & Engagement Coordinator (Committee Clerk); H. Keith, Manager of Environmental Protection; and A. Banks, Seniors Manager of Parks attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 6, 2022 Community Engagement Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Gambioli, Councillor Thompson, and J. Webbe absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 2, 2022 Community Engagement Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Gambioli, Councillor Thompson, and J. Webbe absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Urban Forest Management Plan Engagement

Councillor Gambioli entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

J. Webbe entered the meeting at 3:10 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

K. Andrzejczuk (Communications & Engagement Coordinator) spoke relative to the document regarding "Communications & Engagement Overview: Urban Forest Management Plan" and informed that:

- Council has directed staff to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan, a long term plan to protect and maintain the District's urban forest over the next 15 years;
- Staff will be presenting a progress update at the April 11, 2022 Council meeting and will seek direction to proceed with public engagement; if approved, public engagement will launch April 12 and be open for four weeks, until May 9;
- Engagement tactics include a survey (available online and paper copy available for pick up at District facilities), two virtual information meetings held via Zoom (Tuesday, May 3 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 5 at 6 p.m.), and one in-person information event at John Lawson Park on Saturday, May 7, where staff will have display boards and be available to answer questions and collect feedback;
- This engagement is at the levels of inform and consult: objectives include collecting feedback that will inform the plan and reflect the values of the community and providing education regarding the benefits and importance of protecting the urban forest;
- Risks include polarized views on tree preservation; this will be mitigated by focusing on the high-level objectives of the plan and establishing an understanding that there is a need to have a strategy to protect and maintain our urban forest;
- The target audience will be all West Vancouver residents, as the urban forest covers all of West Vancouver; stakeholder groups will also be contacted;
- Outreach will focus on promoting the westvancouverITE page, where participants can learn more and complete the survey, and promotion on the main District website, e-newsletters, social media with paid advertising, a promotional video for the website and social media, two North Shore News ads, posters and surveys in District facilities, and signage at John Lawson Park; and
- Staff are seeking feedback from the Community Engagement Committee on the engagement tactics, timeline, and survey.

H. Keith (Manager, Environmental Protection) informed that:

- Staff are working with a consultant, Diamond Head Consulting, who are very experienced with developing forest management plans for other municipalities;
- Staff will be presenting the State of the Urban Forest Report to Council on April 11, 2022, which provides baseline information developed through a tree canopy cover study using LiDAR data, reviewing all policies related to forest management, and interviews with key staff;
- The Urban Forest Management Plan will include policy recommendations and guidance for staff, which is particularly important as climate change continues to have an impact on our urban forest; and

- Staff are seeking feedback from the public on the Urban Forest Management Plan's goals and objectives to determine which areas are most valuable to the community and to learn how the community feels about the current forest management services that the District provides; the consultant will consider this feedback while developing the plan, ensuring that the plan is achievable and will be supported by the community.

Councillor Thompson entered the meeting at 3:19 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

Discussion ensued and the Community Engagement Committee provided the following feedback:

- Add information and context regarding the tree canopy data for 2021 in both the survey and webpage;
- Change ranking questions to a Likert scale;
- Review tree diagram showing benefits of the urban forest (remove crime reduction);
- Consider limiting surveys to only West Vancouver residents;
- Consider other projects that may impact the urban forest and associated community concerns (e.g. Upper Lands);
- Identify that wildfire risk is a known community concern and work with Fire & Rescue to coordinate policies;
- Include more acknowledgement of tree hazards;
- Consider holding an information event at Spring Fest West, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 7 held at Gleneagles Community Centre;
- Focus on overall forest management and forest health rather than tree management; replace instances of the word "tree" with "forest";
- The information as it is presented comes across as "one size fits all"; consider differences between neighbourhoods throughout the District (e.g. there is more tree canopy cover in the western neighbourhoods compared to Ambleside);
- Collect information on where survey participants live;
- Consider multiple choice rather than essay questions;
- Develop an "elevator pitch" to help people understand the purpose of the Urban Forest Management Plan; make key messages more straightforward;
- Consider including the concept of net-zero deforestation;
- Scale back the focus on tree canopy;
- Bring more passion/feeling into this process;
- There are limitations to the survey as not everyone will understand the terminology;
- The virtual and in-person meetings are important tactics to encourage dialogue; and

- Further consider the goal of the survey and what can be determined from the feedback.

C. Reynolds (member of the public) commented regarding the following:

- Suggested including the Urban Tree Alliance as a stakeholder;
- Suggested the District conduct a hydrology report; and
- Suggested a glossary of trees that are most beneficial to the ecosystem.

J. Sidhu left the meeting at 4:08 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

D. Reinsch (member of the public) queried regarding the following:

- Will the consultant will be in attendance at engagement opportunities; H. Keith informed that the consultant will be in attendance;
- Was the consultant hired before or after the 2021 LiDAR data collection; H. Keith informed that the consultant was hired after;
- Will the consultant complete the Urban Forest Management Plan; H. Keith informed that the consultant will complete it;
- To what level were First Nations consulted regarding the State of the Urban Forest Report; H. Keith informed that the First Nations will be notified of the Phase 1 engagement period and will also be contacted in Phase 2;
- Are there Terms of Reference for the consultant; H. Keith informed that selection of the consultant to develop the Urban Forest Management Plan was a competitive bid process with a Request for Proposal that included a Terms of Reference for the project; and
- Are height classifications included in the State of the Urban Forest Report; H. Keith informed that the focus is on the tree canopy study.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Urban Forest Management Plan Engagement be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Klee Wyck Park Engagement

A. Mafi (Communications & Engagement Manager) informed that staff have implemented the Community Engagement Committee's feedback from the February 2, 2022 meeting and staff are seeking feedback from the Community Engagement Committee on the draft survey, which was provided to members via email.

Councillor Cameron (Chair) left the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Discussion ensued and the Community Engagement Committee provided the following feedback:

- On the project page, remove the sentence regarding the value of the park being in the house;

- Consider whether a survey is the right engagement tool for this project, as it may not reflect different perspectives;
- Consider adding a live feedback function to the survey;
- Frequently asked questions are excellent;
- Provide more information regarding the park entrance;
- Add more visuals;
- Fix typo in the survey (section 4);
- Change “complete form” button to “complete survey”;
- Consider whether the gatehouse is needed in the survey; A. Banks (Senior Manager of Parks) informed that staff want to know whether the community sees a use for the gatehouse; D. Powers (Director, Community Relations & Communications) informed that staff are looking into the feasibility of converting the gatehouse to public use; and
- Consider using interactive programs in virtual information meetings.

J. Webbe left the meeting at 4:27 p.m. and did not return.

B. Chaworth-Musters (member of the public) queried regarding the following:

- Who the survey and letter was mailed to; A. Mafi informed that the survey is available online and paper surveys will be available at District facilities, and approximately 2,000 letters were sent to homes near Klee Wyck Park; and
- When the letter was mailed; A. Mafi informed that the letter has been sent and will be arriving by the end of the week or early next week.

B. Smith (member of the public) informed that the Klee Wyck Park property was previously owned by his great aunt, Dr. Ethlyn Trapp and commented regarding the following:

- Staff have done great work and the photos of the park look great;
- Dr. Trapp’s family is looking forward to the public engagement; and
- It is important that expectations are met within the community.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Klee Wyck Park Engagement be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Webbe absent at the vote

6. Staff Update: Review of Engagement Underway

D. Powers (Director, Community Relations & Communications) spoke relative to the document regarding “Staff update to CEC – April 6, 2022” and informed that:

- Staff attended the North Shore Young Civic Forum and provided a presentation regarding District engagement; it was a very positive experience and was excellent to make connections with a younger age group; staff

exchanged contacts with First Nations; and the group was excited that the District is taking steps to share social media in Farsi and Chinese; and

- The District's website redesign project is underway and citizen members of the Community Engagement Committee have been sent a link to conduct website testing; J. Sidhu and E. McHarg (Acting Chair) volunteered to participate in further website testing.

Councillor Thompson suggested adding a point on the website for residents to provide feedback regarding how easy it was to find the information they were seeking.

D. Powers informed that:

- There are no current engagements;
- The recent Heritage Resources engagement received 35 submissions, which is quite high;
- Upcoming engagements include Urban Forest Management Plan, Klee Wyck Park Improvements, and the next phase of Planning the Upper Lands; and
- There is no engagement planned for Whytecliff Park parking as Council has directed staff to look into pay parking.

7. Committee Member Update

There were no comments.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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C. Reynolds (member of the public) commented regarding the following:

- Suggested that draft surveys be made available to the public;
- Suggested that rules regarding public comments at committee meetings be clarified and queried whether the Community Engagement Committee can make recommendations on this; D. Powers (Director, Community Relations & Communications) informed that overseeing committees is not within the scope of the Community Engagement Committee and that allowing public comments for each agenda item is at the discretion of the Chair for each committee; Councillor Cameron (Chair) informed that the Community Engagement Committee has not received Council direction to review the Committee Procedures Bylaw and suggested writing to Legislative Services requesting that the bylaw be reconsidered; and
- Queried what community engagement involves; D. Powers informed that projects are brought to the Community Engagement Committee when Council directs staff to collect feedback and/or a policy will be established.

A member of the public commented regarding accessibility testing for the District's new website; Councillor Cameron informed that D. Powers can be contacted for information.

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Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the second phase of consultations to modernize the Employment Insurance program.

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May 12, 2022

Canada needs an Employment Insurance (EI) system for the 21st century—one that better meets the needs of workers and employers. As our economy continues to recover from the pandemic and emergency programs wind down, the Government of Canada is consulting with Canadians to build an EI system that is simpler, fairer, and more flexible.

The plan to modernize Canada’s EI system must be directly informed by the people who will be impacted. That is why we have launched the second phase of consultations to modernize the EI program.

All Canadians are welcome to provide feedback by visiting the [Consulting with Canadians website](#). This phase of consultations will explore the adequacy of EI benefits, in particular by examining whether the amount and duration of EI benefits meet the objectives of the program and the needs of those contributing to EI. It will also focus on the financial sustainability of the EI program by balancing costs with benefits and limiting the need for premium increases. **Roundtable discussions will take place with worker and employer groups and other EI experts beginning in mid-May. The consultations will run until July 29, 2022.**

To help inform Canadians, the Government has also released a [What We Heard report](#), which summarizes the key takeaways from the first phase of consultations.

From August 2021 to February 2022, more than 1,900 Canadians and 200 stakeholder groups from across the country representing workers, employers, unions, industry groups and academics shared their experience and expertise to help modernize EI and make the program more resilient, accessible, adequate and financially sustainable.

The Government heard about the importance of reforming the EI program so that it is simpler, more responsive, inclusive and sustainable. The system must evolve to support different kinds of workers, including gig workers and self-employed workers. It needs to better support workers in their times of need while promoting attachment to the workforce, particularly during times of labour shortages.

Budget 2022 reaffirms the Government’s commitment to building an EI program that includes simpler and fairer rules for workers and employers, new ways to support experienced workers transitioning to a new career, and coverage for self-employed and gig workers. It also renews the Government’s commitment to implement other important changes to the EI program. This includes increasing EI sickness benefits for Canadians who are facing illness or injury from 15 weeks to 26 weeks later this year.

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To help seasonal workers, Budget 2022 also proposes to extend measures that add five additional weeks of regular benefits to seasonal claimants in 13 targeted EI economic regions until October 2023, while the Government considers longer-term measures that best meet the needs of seasonal workers.

The Government will develop and release its long-term plan for the future of EI after the second phase of consultations conclude in 2022.

Sincerely,

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Building a strong and healthy future for Canadians means building homes, infrastructure, and an economy that are ready for the realities of climate change. To do that, Canada needs a coordinated national response.

This week, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, launched a public consultation to develop Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy, a whole-of-society blueprint for coordinated action across the country, ensuring communities and Canadians are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

The Minister launched the consultations at a virtual adaptation conference attended by over a thousand participants, including provinces, territories, leaders of National Indigenous Organizations, as well as climate adaptation experts, industry representatives, and members of the public.

To kick off the public consultations, the Government [published a discussion paper](#) that sets out guiding principles as well as goals and objectives for five key areas of focus: Health and Well-being, Natural and Built Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, and Disaster Resilience and Security.

Climate-readiness includes measures such as preventing the construction of homes on floodplains, increasing tree coverage in urban forests to reduce the effects of heatwaves, and using data to map and manage the risks of wildfires.

The Strategy will build on a strong foundation of action being taken across the country, such as the federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), which has received a significant increase in investment, now \$3.4 billion, for infrastructure projects to help communities better prepare for climate-related disasters.

Canadians, community organizations, and interested stakeholders are all invited to share their opinions by participating on the dynamic online consultation portal at <https://letstalkadaptation.ca> until July 15, 2022. The Government of Canada has committed to finalizing the National Adaptation Strategy by fall 2022.

To further demonstrate leadership on climate change adaptation, Canada will be hosting the seventh edition of the global biennial Adaptation Futures conference, the largest dedicated adaptation event in the world, in October 2023 in Montréal. The Government of Canada will contribute \$650,000 to support the conference that is being organized by Ouranos in partnership with the World Adaptation Science Programme. It will attract leading decision-makers, policy-makers, scientists, and practitioners across the globe to share knowledge on adaptation challenges and opportunities.

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I encourage you to share this online consultation with your contacts and anyone you think may be interested to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

I look forward to sharing the results of this consultation and the finalized National Adaptation Strategy later this year.

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