

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO NOVEMBER 2, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) West Vancouver School Board, October 27, 2022, regarding “West Vancouver Schools - Remembrance Day Assemblies”**
- (2) 4 submissions, October 28 and 29, 2022, regarding Proposed Arts & Culture Facility**
- (3) 2 submissions, October 31 and November 1, 2022, regarding Halloween Fireworks Complaint**
- (4) November 2, 2022, regarding “Re: Who was in charge at the WV Municipal Hall on Sep 8th/22?”**
- (5) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Public Art Advisory Committee meeting August 31, 2022**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (6) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (3 submissions), October 27-31, 2022, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: Karen Leeson <KLeeson@wvschools.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:20 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: West Vancouver Schools - Remembrance Day Assemblies
Attachments: School List.pdf; 2022 Remembrance Day Invitation - Mayor and Council.pdf

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Please see attached invitation from West Vancouver School Board Chair, Carolyn Broady.

Karen Leeson

Executive Assistant, CEO Office

T (604) 981-1030



I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, upon whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.



October 27, 2022

Dear West Vancouver Mayor and Council,

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend a

2022 Remembrance Day Ceremony

at one (or more) of our schools. You would be most welcome, and I have attached a schedule of dates and times of these events for your review.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and would appreciate it if you would RSVP to Karen Leeson — kleeson@wvschools.ca if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

Carolyn Broady, Chair
West Vancouver Board of Education



2022 Remembrance Day

Assemblies

School	Time	Location
Bowen Island	10:45 am	Gym
Caulfeild	10:45am	Gym
Cedardale	11:00am	Gym
Chartwell	10:45	Gym
Cypress Park	11:00am	Gym
Eagle Harbour	10:45am	Gym
Gleneagles	10:30am	Gym
Hollyburn	11:00am	Gym

School	Time	Location
Irwin Park	10:45 am Start at 11:00	GYM
Lions Bay	10:45am	Gym
Pauline Johnson	11:00am	Virtual in each classroom at the same time
Ridgeview	11:00 am	Gym
Rockridge	10:00- 11:00am	Gym
Sentinel	10:45 am – 12:35 am (two assemblies)	Main Gym
West Bay	TBD	
Westcot	11:00am	Gym
WVSS		

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Thank you [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Hello again.

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Subject: Halloween fireworks

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It's 9pm on Halloween ... the mindless, inane fireworks are deafening! Why is this stupidity allowed year after year? Our pets, birds and wildlife are traumatized ... for what reason?

This absurd behaviour has to end. Council must take strong steps to stop this obnoxious annual occurrence once and for all. There is absolutely no enjoyment in this aberrant behaviour of a few selfish individuals to the majority of residents who have lobbied year after year to put an end to this nonsense.

Please put an end to it once and for all. Thank You.

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Please do not redact my name

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To: correspondence
Subject: Halloween Fireworks

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Every year on this day many animals, dogs, cats, birds are traumatized with the extreme noise and lightning from the fireworks. A behaviour of a few people effecting and impacting on the life of many.

The new leadership and Council in West Vancouver now have the opportunity to show they care for what many of the residents have been asking for over many years by totally banning fireworks in West Vancouver.

I look forward seeing the subject tabled at an upcoming Council meeting very shortly and with a consensus by the members to ban fireworks in West Vancouver in the interest of the majority of its residents.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 12:34 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Re: Who was in charge at the WV Municipal Hall on Sep 8th/22?

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Dear Mayor and Council,

When my Oct 11th, 2022, reply to Ms Roizman's Sep 14th, 2022, response did not appear in the next Correspondence package, I called Legislative Services to find out why. Much to my dismay, I was told that it's at the discretion of the Director of Legislative Services as to whether or not the public's replies to staff's responses will be included, EVEN IF THE SENDER HAS INCLUDED THE CORRESPONDENCE EMAIL ADDRESS IN THEIR REPLY AS DID I. Funny, that rule doesn't appear on the Correspondence instruction page. Here I was thinking, we lived in a democracy. I would hope that our new Mayor and Council will set this right so that the public can be confident that any email To or CC'd to Correspondence will be published in the next package per the stated rule.

- Correspondence received at this address (prior to 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday) is published each week on the "Correspondence" webpage;

In the meantime, I kindly request the Director of Legislative Services to rubber stamp this email string for publishing in tomorrow's package.

The question in my last paragraph remains unanswered re: union/non-union municipal employees awarded paid days off on Federal holidays. It is a genuine question that I and the general public would like answered. Kindly forward my question to the responsible person. Much appreciated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

On Oct 11, 2022, at 11:58 PM, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) wrote:

Dear Natalie Roizman,

Cc Mayor and Council

I appreciate your quick response but I can't accept your explanation. I would have much preferred an apology from the WV Municipal Hall staff rather than more excuses.

You say a lift truck and a trained staff member was not to hand. Did any one at the Municipal Hall think to contact the fire department? They do a great job of retrieving cats out of trees when there's no

emergency to attend to so I'm sure they would have made short shrift of lowering the Ferry Building flags.

If what you say were true though, then the 1) Municipal Hall's receptionist should have immediately been informed of the delay so s/he could knowledgeably deal with calls from the public and the 2) Communications department should have immediately updated the News section on the home page to make the public aware of the delay. So again I ask, who was in charge at the WV Municipal Hall on Sep 8th/22? Answer = Nobody!

Furthermore, surely you don't expect me to believe that a staff member actually searched online for a rule book about whether or not public meetings should be cancelled on the day the Queen dies (Note: my cancellation request was only for the day of her death not the following days of mourning so your comment to that was superfluous). Cancelling public meetings due to be held that day would have been plain old common sense and it's very disconcerting to learn that AFAC and Cultural staff were incapable of exercising it, considering what is after all their mandate!

I'm left none the wiser by your responses. So again, God help us all the next time quick and decisive leadership is urgently needed in West Vancouver. I will leave it there.

However, the irony is not lost on me as to how quickly the WV Municipal Hall staff jumped on observing the proclaimed Federal holiday, Sep 19th/22, in honour of the Queen's funeral. I have often wondered and, since you're the one that brought this holiday up, please can you explain to us taxpayers why Sep 19th, Sep 30th, Dec 26th, and Easter Monday are even paid holidays for WV Municipal Hall staff. These are all Federal holidays, not Provincial holidays so how exactly is this stated in the union and non-union contracts that allows both union staff and managers/directors to take these days as paid holidays whilst it's business as usual for the private sector in BC?

If that last question is not for you to answer then please pass this along to the person who can. Much appreciated.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

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Below is Natalie Roizman's response on Sep 14th/22 followed by my original email to Mayor and Council.

Your correspondence regarding lowering of flags at municipal facilities and the decision to hold the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) meeting on Thursday, September 8 has been forwarded to staff for a response as it is regarding operational matters.

Official guidance from the United Kingdom government advises that: "following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, all official flags should be half-masted as soon as possible that day." I can confirm that all District-owned flags were lowered as soon as possible. Some of the flag poles at District facilities, such as the Ferry Building, require a lift truck that must be operated by staff who are trained to use this specialized equipment. When the announcement of The Queen's passing was made, staff confirmed that District flags would be lowered, and redeployed the appropriate staff from their current duties as expeditiously as possible to carry out this task.

Regarding cancelling public meetings, and in particular, the AFAC meeting that was held on Thursday, September 8, I can also confirm that staff looked into the matter and determined that there are no statutory or other requirements to suspend District business due to the Queen's passing. If the Chair, in consultation with staff, decides to cancel the meeting then they are welcome to do so as per the Council Committee Procedure Bylaw. Additional guidance from the UK government also states that businesses, public services and other organizations have no obligation to cancel or postpone events or activities during the period of mourning for the Queen.

For more information regarding how the District has observed the official day of mourning please visit <https://westvancouver.ca/news/official-day-mourning-observed-statutory-holiday-september-19>

On Sep 14, 2022, at 12:59 AM, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

Who was in charge at the WV Municipal Hall on Thursday, Sept 8th/22? The Mayor? The Chief Administrative Officer? Most concerning to the citizens of West Vancouver, it would appear there was nobody at the helm that day. At least, nobody capable of taking quick and decisive action as owed to and expected by the citizens of West Vancouver, the people you serve!

None of us need be reminded of the significance of that momentous day. At approximately 1030hrs on Sep 8th/22, we all sadly learned of the death of our beloved Queen and Head of State.

What actions should have been taken but were not?

1) The District of West Vancouver failed to IMMEDIATELY lower ALL its flags to half mast as a sign of respect and honour. Three hours after the death announcement, a member of the public noticed the three Ferry Building flags had not been lowered. Only because of her efforts in contacting Municipal Hall (first left a voicemail, then sent an email) did the employee eventually get those flags lowered but by now it was mid-afternoon.

2) The District of West Vancouver failed to IMMEDIATELY cancel all its public meetings. There was one published meeting scheduled that day, the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) - Capital Funding Subcommittee at 4 PM via electronic communication facilities. Seeing on the District's website that this meeting was still listed to occur, I emailed the heads of the Community Relations / Communications department and the Cultural Services department to request it be cancelled out of respect. Unbelievably, the cancellation decision was then deferred to the AFAC subcommittee co-chairs (who are citizens not District staff!) who then made the grave error to carry on regardless with business as usual and hold the meeting. The burden of this decision should never have been placed on these two people but still, the magnitude of this day and the obvious need to cancel that day's meeting, was inconceivably lost on them. Per its modus operandi, this Committee put itself and its single-minded agenda first and once again failed to live up to its own Terms of Reference i.e. Committee members are required to possess 'an ability to look beyond personal interests for the benefit of the community and residents of West Vancouver'.

It's a given. All flags at our public buildings should have been immediately lowered to half mast. All meetings that involved the public that day should have been immediately cancelled.

The incompetence on display that day was clearly evident. Shame on our Mayor, shame on our Municipal Hall staff, and shame on AFAC. There is no explanation or excuse or words you can say to appease your blatant lack of respect to our Queen and your outright failure and lack of duty to the citizens of West Vancouver. Disgraceful!

God help us all the next time quick and decisive leadership is urgently needed in West Vancouver.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

Committee Members: E. Fiss (Chair), P. Azarm Motamedi, B. Kaiser, N. von Meyenfeldt, J. Wong; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: A. Green.

Staff: A. Sanders, Community Arts Supervisor, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the August 31, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Moving Item 6 to be considered immediately prior to Item 5;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 12, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. **Council Liaison Update**

There was no update.

6. **West Vancouver Place for Sport Public Art Discussion**

J. Wong presented the concept of a public art project that is being developed in the track and field area of the West Vancouver Secondary School. West Vancouver Place for Sport will be built with funds provided by the District, the School Board, and private funds; and there is an opportunity for a public art piece to be added to the space. J. Wong requested the Committee’s approval for \$100,000 to be transferred from the Public Art Reserve Fund to contribute to the total project costs of this public art project. Discussion was held regarding the project and the budget requested.

Committee members asked questions regarding the School Board's approval of the public art project, the location for the art piece, and maintenance costs. It was recommended that a detailed presentation, including supporting documentation and an outline of the project, be presented to the Committee for further discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT a detailed proposal be developed for presentation to the Committee for discussion at a future meeting.

CARRIED

5. Navy Jack House Temporary Public Art Discussion

Chair informed the Committee that the District Staff Liaison to the Navy Jack Citizen's Group has made no further contact regarding the proposal made to the Committee at the July 2022 meeting. The Navy Jack Citizen's Group participated at the Harmony Arts Festival to raise awareness of their upcoming fundraising campaign to save the building.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Navy Jack House Temporary Public Art Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Community Public Art Program Discussion

Chair presented the outline of the work plan and the process to develop a Community Public Art Program to recommend to Council for approval. The initial discussion is to review the purpose and goals of a Community Public Art Program. The Committee discussed the proposed timeline and the purpose and goals of a Community Public Art Program in the District of West Vancouver. It was recommended that a presentation with examples from other communities be developed and presented to the Committee for discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Community Public Art Program Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Membership Discussion

Chair informed that the terms of members N. von Meyenfeldt, B. Kaiser, and P. Azarm Motamedi end on December 31, 2022 and that the application process for volunteering to a District's committee will begin in early October. Staff will send an application form to each member. Chair also informed that the Committee is looking for new members and asked for recommendations to be forwarded to Staff.

J. Wong left the meeting at 5:11 p.m. and did not return.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Membership Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Wong absent at the vote

9. Staff Update

Chair introduced A. Sanders, Staff Liaison for this meeting. A. Sanders reported on the following:

- The Navy Jack Point Park and Weston Park projects have begun with initial on-site meetings with the artists. Staff will continue to provide updates as the projects develop.
- The Horseshoe Bay Park redevelopment project includes new lampposts in the park. The project is led by the District's Parks Department. The consultants for the project worked with Cultural Services staff to contract three Squamish Nation artists to provide designs for the lampshades.
- The Community Centre's Small World project received a final coating of stain at the end of August. This project is now complete.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Wong absent at the vote

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

D. Somerville: Commented on her history with the District of West Vancouver. She thanked the Committee for considering art programs for kids and explained how her interest in art was spurred at an early age. She commented on the impact on children to take part in the arts from an early age. She asked the Committee to consider recommending art programs to be included in schools programs. She also commented on the new arts centre and that she is not convinced about this project.

NEXT MEETING

11. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for October 11, 2022 at 3 p.m. and be held in-person in the Raven Room at the Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

J. Wong absent at the vote

ADJOURNMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the August 31, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED
J. Wong absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)
[Redacted Signature]

Chair

s. 22(1)
[Redacted Signature]

Committee Clerk

From: Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 4:31 PM
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the call for applications for the 2023 West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Constituency Youth Council.

Students can apply using the [Google form linked here](#) and in the letter until the deadline: November 20, 2022 - 11:59pm.

Please feel free to share this application with your classes and/or networks and anyone you think may be interested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hemmat



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Patrick Weiler

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

October 27, 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

We are now accepting applications for the 2023 West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Constituency Youth Council (CYC)!

The CYC is a valuable opportunity for youth aged 15 to 21 to engage in the political process and get involved in our community. This is a non-partisan group of youth that gather to discuss and take action on political issues that are of relevance to their generation. The CYC provides valuable input to help guide MP Patrick Weiler and the federal government in addressing these issues, and is a unique opportunity for youth to get involved in politics.

The typical time commitment involved in being part of the CYC is 1-2 monthly meetings for a total of approximately 2 hours per month. These meetings are a mixture of virtual and in-person.

Projects undertaken by past CYCs have ranged from food drives, hosting public forums, sending out community surveys, writing ministerial letters, and arranging MP visits to schools. Past councils have been focused on tackling important issues such as climate change, gender equality, youth employment, and civic education.

**Apply now to join the CYC using this form: <https://forms.gle/cy4YPmcFeQS8VHM6>
Deadline for application: Sunday, November 20, 2022, 11:59pm**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Weiler'.

Patrick Weiler, MP
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding information about applications to the Government of Canada's Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hemmat



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Patrick Weiler

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

October 28, 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

The Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund (AERF) supports projects that conserve and restore marine ecosystems. Projects will cover all of Canada's coasts and further inland to create opportunities for freshwater and oceans sectors, and coastal and upstream inland communities.

The Government of Canada supports efforts to address threats within aquatic ecosystems to protect aquatic species and promote sustainable aquatic environments. This work will also help ensure continued economic prosperity for coastal and inland communities across the country.

During the next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund projects will address impacts on Canadian aquatic environments on all coasts. These will include coastal and upstream inland aquatic restoration with a focus on addressing root causes of disturbances. The new initiative will help conserve and restore aquatic life and habitats, and will engage Indigenous groups and local communities in restoration activities.

The Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund replaces the Coastal Restoration Fund which was launched in 2017 as part of the Oceans Protection Plan to preserve and restore marine ecosystems. The AERF is intended for medium to large projects along Canada's coasts, ranging from a \$200,000 to \$1 million per year funding request, for a maximum of 4 years. However, requests as low as \$50,000 will be considered if they are of strategic value.

If you are interested in applying for the AERF and would like more information on the application process, [please visit this webpage](#). The application deadline is November 28, 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are happy to support your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

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Patrick Weiler
Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-
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OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With municipal elections taking place across the province, October was an important month for our democracy. Congratulations to all those who were elected on October 15th to the ten local governments across West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. I look forward to working closely and collaboratively with our municipalities as we continue to build more thriving, inclusive, sustainable, and livable communities. Election campaigns are intense journeys that require candidates to make many personal sacrifices in hopes of serving their communities. Thank you to all those that stepped up in this process. Most importantly, we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who served our communities over the last four challenging years, especially outgoing mayors Mary-Ann Booth, Karen Elliott, Darnelda Siegers, Bill Beamish, Gary Ander and Ron McLaughlin.

In Ottawa, parliament has passed legislation to double the GST tax credit for six months, provide rent support to the low-income Canadians and to provide dentalcare for uninsured Canadian children in families with incomes under \$90,000.



At committee, we finished hearing testimony for a study on clean technology, and our two committees are working on legislation to create a new national park in Windsor, to create a plan to tackle environmental racism, and to create an independent national council on reconciliation. As the Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Tourism Caucus, my work continues to help the tourism sector recover and sustainably grow to its potential.

Four years ago, Canada became a leader in the world by legalizing recreational use of cannabis. However significant issues remain that need to be addressed for patients and industry alike. I have assumed the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Cannabis Caucus to help provide advice on the review of the Cannabis Act, engaging with industry, and helping chart the path forward.

Locally, I had the opportunity to join Randy Boissonault, Canada's Minister of Tourism, for an announcement of a \$1.2 million investment into BC's tourism sector, including funding for Harbour Air to begin service to Squamish. We were also honoured to meet a delegation of parliamentarians from France visiting Whistler and Squamish to learn from each other in topics ranging from culture to clean technologies.

We also marked Small Business Week from the 15th-21st by visiting and hearing from small businesses across the riding. You can view a snapshot [here](#).

I was especially proud to celebrate the official grand opening and ribbon cutting at Westwinds Senior Living in Squamish, a project which received over \$40 million in funding by the federal government that is now housing over 300 seniors in affordable housing in our community.

I am committed to engaging youth in our democracy and government. As part of our Constituency Youth Council's last project, I visited classes at Chatelech Secondary in Sechelt and Mulgrave in West Vancouver with our CYC members to present how the Government of Canada works, my role as an MP, and most importantly, we had a discussion on the issues that matter to young people and our community. It was great hearing directly from youth and engaging with them on some really important issues.

Given the actions of the tyrannical regimes in Iran and Russia and the devastation it is causing to the Iranian and Ukrainian people around the world, amongst so much other global turmoil, I was reminded how privileged we are to be living in Canada this past Thanksgiving and always. Canada stands with the brave people of Iran and Ukraine fighting against tyranny, and we have announced additional sanctions on the perpetrators of these atrocities, while we work individually and collectively with the civilized world to counter the actions of these regimes and to stand up for human rights.

As always, please feel free to connect with me on my social media channels below for the latest updates on my work as your Member of Parliament.

Happy Halloween!

Parliamentary Updates

Bill C-29 - The National Council for Reconciliation Act

On Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee, we've been continuing the work on Bill C-29, the National Council for Reconciliation Act. This important bill will establish the National Council for Reconciliation in order to fulfill the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action 53-56. The Council will be a permanent, independent, and Indigenous-led organization, monitoring and supporting the progress of reconciliation in Canada, including the full implementation of the TRC Calls to Action. This Council will be a vital tool to help keep both our government and future governments accountable for their obligations to Indigenous people and to make real, concrete, quantifiable progress towards reconciliation. We have been hearing from witnesses on ways that we could potentially make this bill better and stronger, and I'm looking forward to getting that opportunity as we move forward with it at committee.



Bill C-248, An Act to Amend to the Canada National Parks Act (Ojibway National Urban Park of Canada)

On the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee, we have been hearing from witnesses in relation to a Private Member's Bill that would create a new National Urban Park near Windsor in an area of significant ecological importance. Parks Canada has been in the process of evaluating and consulting with Indigenous groups and other communities on the creation of a larger park in this area for multiple years. The Committee is now grappling with how and if the proper due diligence, consultations, and protections can be established through this unusual process of park creation.

Study on Clean Technologies

The Environment Committee recently wrapped up hearings on our study on Clean Technologies and will now begin the process of drafting a report on our findings. We've heard from clean tech companies and other expert witnesses across Canada that have identified

the major opportunities and barriers that Canada faces in the clean tech sector and provided advice on the path forward for the Government of Canada.

Parliamentary Tourism Caucus

In my role as Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Tourism Caucus, I've been very busy as we look for ways to help build back our tourism industry after the pandemic. While the tourism sector in our region has been remarkably resilient through the pandemic and in some cases actually ahead of pre-pandemic levels, the picture is less positive across the country.

My co-chair Senator Karen Sorensen and I hosted meetings with leading tourism associations, roundtables with representatives from every sector of the tourism industry, and receptions with stakeholders and parliamentarians to talk about the challenges facing the industry and the solutions that we can employ to help make Canada a world class destination once again.



All-Party Parliamentary Cannabis Caucus

I have assumed the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Cannabis Caucus from MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith. Canada became a world leader when in 2018 we became only the second nation in the world to fully legalize and regulate the recreational use and possession of cannabis. Canada recently launched a review of the Cannabis Act to address remaining issues such as the continued presence of the illicit market, patient access, barriers and impacts to Indigenous peoples, and much more.

While the legal industry has grown to contribute over \$43.5 billion to our economy and 43,000 direct and 151,000 indirect jobs across the country in just four years, it continues to face multiple challenges such as competition from the illicit market, significant red tape and high taxes that need to be addressed through a new government/industry working group. My plan is to use this new position as chair to work across party lines to find mutually agreeable ways to help chart a better path forward.

Standing in Solidarity with the People of Iran

It's been over 40 days since Mahsa Amini died. Since then, we have seen brave women and men in Iran rise up against the brutal repression and human rights abuses carried out by the Iranian regime. Protests at over 200 cities have sprung up in solidarity. Canada has announced new measures to hold the regime accountable, including economic sanctions, permanent expulsion of the perpetrators from Canada, and measures to strengthen public safety locally. You can read more about our government's actions [here](#).

I hosted a community discussion with constituents on October 7 about the events unfolding in Iran. They shared their thoughts and concerns, as well as suggestions on how the government can respond better. Thousands gathered the next day in support of those fighting for their rights in Iran - [check it out!](#)

I also was honoured to join members of the Iranian-Canadian community as well as my parliamentary colleagues at a vigil in Ottawa on October 26 and a couple other demonstrations in Vancouver this month. The turnout at these protests has been incredible and inspiring. Canada will continue to do what we can to hold perpetrators accountable, demand justice, and fight for human rights in Iran.



Constituency Youth Council School Presentations & Discussions

We had two school visits this month with our Constituency Youth Council (CYC). The first was at the Law Studies 12 at Chatelech Secondary where we discussed civics and government. I was pleased to have Colten, CYC member on the Coast, accompany me. He spoke about the benefits of the CYC and did a tremendous job of co-facilitating our presentation on a variety of government topics. Thank you to Rod Millican, their teacher, for inviting us to your classroom, to the students for their great questions and active engagement, and to Colten for his passion and leadership on the CYC.



I also had the great pleasure of speaking to the students at Mulgrave School in West Vancouver, where my CYC members and I held a fantastic civics presentation and youth discussion. After the presentation, students asked some thought-provoking questions on a range of topics, from international affairs to income inequality. Thanks to Mulgrave for having me and a special thank you to CYC members Colten, Jeanette, Jaiden, and Anthony for presenting with me.

Community Updates



Tourism Relief Funding Announcement



On October 14, I joined my colleague and friend Randy Boissonault, Minister of Tourism, for a tourism funding announcement of \$1.2 million into BC's tourism sector, which will benefit four major tourism projects in the province, including support for constructing a new sea plane terminal in Squamish for Harbour Air. This is going to be hugely beneficial for tourism here in our region, as people will have easier access from Squamish to major destinations on flights from a company that has been net-zero in emissions for over 15 years, and that is piloting the first electric commercial flights in the world.

Small Business Week

This month, I visited a number of some small businesses in Dundarave to mark Small Business Week, which celebrates local entrepreneurs and everything they do for our communities and the economy. I took the time to chat with owners and hear directly from them about their priorities and concerns.



Celebrating the Sechelt Arts Festival

The 19th annual Sechelt Arts Festival opened this month at the Seaside Centre. The 2022 theme of the flagship festival is "Upcycle", bringing greater focus to everyday issues such as conserving versus discarding. The Seaside Centre was alive with music from the Jun Yard Bad as the festival producers announced the many festival events that touch on this theme of repurposing our trash, cast-offs or old ideas into new presentations of visual art, drama dance, music and even heritage. Thank you to the Sechelt Arts Council and volunteers who bring so much joy to this community through their experience, values, beliefs, and art.

National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ2S+ people



October 4 marked the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ2S+ people, and I was honoured to attend, listen, and light candles with the community at the event hosted by Squamish Nation in partnership with My Sea to Sky and Justice for Girls.



Opening the Westwinds Senior Living Complex

On October 5, we celebrated the official grand opening and ribbon cutting at Westwinds Senior Living in Squamish. This five-storey building located in downtown Squamish provides 232 affordable rental homes for low to moderate income seniors. The federal government supported the project with more than \$40 million in funding, and worked in partnership with BC Housing, the District of Squamish, Squamish Senior Living Society, and Polygon Homes.



This project is yet another example of what we can do when we get different levels of government working together towards a common goal of expanding affordable housing in our communities.

40 Years of Service – Celebrating the Howe Sound Women’s Centre

The Howe Sound Women’s Centre celebrates 40 years in the Sea to Sky this October and hosted a wonderful, memory filled open house in Squamish this week. The HSWC has been a strong advocate in the community, raising awareness about the issues of violence against women, pushing for affordable housing, and working to create more resources to meet the betterment of the women and children in the Sea to Sky. They serve the entire Corridor, providing crisis support, referrals, advocacy, multicultural outreach, emergency housing, and counselling. They operate a centre in Squamish and Whistler, a safe home in Whistler and Pemberton, and transition house in Squamish.

2023 Constituency Youth Council Applications

We are now accepting applications for the 2023 West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country Constituency Youth Council (CYC)!

The CYC is a valuable opportunity for youth aged 15 to 21 to engage in the political process and get involved in our community. This is a non-partisan group of youth that gather to discuss and take action on political issues that are of relevance to their generation. The CYC

provides valuable input to help guide MP Patrick Weiler and the federal government in addressing these issues, and is a unique opportunity for youth to get involved in politics. The typical time commitment involved in being part of the CYC is 1-2 monthly meetings for a total of approximately 2 hours per month. These meetings are a mixture of virtual and in-person.

Projects undertaken by past CYCs have ranged from food drives, hosting public forums, sending out community surveys, writing ministerial letters, and arranging MP visits to schools. Past councils have been focused on tackling important issues such as climate change, gender equality, youth employment, and civic education.

[Apply to the CYC!](#)

Deadline for application: Sunday, November 20, 2022, 11:59pm

Government of Canada releases National Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Our Disability Inclusion Action Plan aims to make a more inclusive country by working extensively and meaningfully through programs, policies and investments that aim to improve the lives of people with disabilities. The Plan consists of four pillars which will guide us as we continue this important work.



As part of this plan, we are continuing to advance Bill C-22 in the House of Commons, which will create a Canada Disability Benefit that will help millions of people with disabilities across the country. I look forward to seeing its passage very soon.

Diwali

On October 24, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh communities here in Canada and around the world celebrated Diwali. Also referred to as the Festival of Lights, it symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance - a lesson that is always relevant in our world.

I hope all those who celebrated in West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country and around the world had a Happy Diwali and Bandi Chorr Divas.

Yom Kippur & Sukkot

At Sunset on October 4, Jewish communities marked the beginning of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, & the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It marks a time for repentance and

renewal while looking to the year ahead. To all those who observed, I hope you and your loved ones had a meaningful fast. G'Mar Chatima Tova.

Five days after Yom Kippur, Jewish communities celebrated Sukkot, a week-long holiday which is celebrated by building *sukkahs* (booths) which are used to eat in for the duration. To all those who observed, Chag Sameach!

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