

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JUNE 14, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 4 submissions, June 5-12, 2023, regarding 2500 – 3100 Marine Drive Bike Lane**
- (2) 2 submissions, June 7 and 13, 2023, regarding 2022 Annual Report**
- (3) June 9, 2023, regarding “Objection about rezoning 2550 Queens.”**
- (4) 2 submissions, June 9 and 11, 2023, regarding Increasing Population and Infrastructure Needs**
- (5) M. Slater, June 12, 2023, regarding “Ambleside Local Area Plan feedback.”**
- (6) June 13, 2023, regarding “Ambleside Housing =+”**
- (7) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Awards Committee meeting May 24, 2023**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (8) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), June 7 and 13, 2023, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

Responses to Correspondence

- (9) Engineering & Transportation Services, June 7, 2023, response to R. Boyer regarding “Power Washing”**
- (10) Financial Services, June 12, 2023, response regarding “Audited financial statements for the year ending 12/31/2022” (2022 Annual Report)**
- (11) Community Relations Liaison, June 13, 2023, response regarding “Cypress Falls Park issues and recommendations”**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:19 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Bike Lanes on Marine Dr
Attachments: bike lane letter 1.pdf

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My name is [REDACTED] s.22(1)
My address [REDACTED], West
Vancouver, [REDACTED]

waters around us since time immemorial

From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Natalie Roizman <nroizman@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: bike lanes

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[Quoted text hidden]

[Redacted] s. 22(1)

Thu, Jun 1, 2023 at 1:04 PM

To: Natalie Roizman <nroizman@westvancouver.ca>

Hi Natalie. Thanks for the information you provided in response to my [Redacted] s. 22(1) abbreviated email to you that she lost in the middle of the process of writing to you & thought it had not been sent.

I would like to elaborate on this if I may. It looks like the idea of the bike lanes received a big push from not only the BIKING community but also from the "Housing Supply Act" housing targets "Carrot & Stick" approach to Municipalities to incentivise them to INCREASE housing by offering Provincial CASH for amenities such as parks, BIKE LANES, & Rec Centres, the STICK being the PROVINCE overruling the municipalities on Zoning Matters if they like! Please read KATIE DE ROSA'S Front Page article in today's "Vancouver Sun". Which was a very timely article to read the day after the BIKE LANE notice from you!

The logic of the BIKE LANES is questionable at best & I will try to express my views further!

We were glad to here the south side of 25th to 26th was not included in the parking ban as quite a few [Redacted] s.22(1) rely on this side of the street for much needed 2nd vehicle parking as well as guest parking & very numerous service vehicles such as Posties, Telus, Shaw, UPS, Delivery Vans & dozens of others at any given time. With BIKE LANES all along the rest of the route

to 31st How are these service vehicles going to deal with Bikes lanes & visa versa, --By bikers suddenly swinging out into regular traffic & surprising everyone including door openers? We have on a weekend morning at least 10 big PELETONS of bike groups going West up from 25th to 26th with the traffic & there is never Apparently any problem & that is with cars parked on the North side as well & when going East from 26th to 25th most bikes are not slowing cars down so they are out in the travel lanes, & as far as the 26th to 31st they all seem to co-exist quite well it seems so why change to Official BIKE LANES to complicate things. Just as an aside, Bikers can be Rather active on issues at times & do have some legitimate concerns but many could probably read up on ROAD rules a little more often. As the saying goes if it ain't broke don't try & fix it! Quit Catering to the Bikes verses RESIDENTS who are paying the the High TAXES, just to get provincial grant money. West Vancouver is it's own unique Municipality & should not be cowtowing to the Provincial Mandate to excessive increased housing growth just to receive a cash grant for spending on Bike

LANES that aren't needed just to stay off KAHLON'S, what he calls his BADDY List. West Vancouver & Oak BAY are 2 municipalities out of his 10 that are unique enough to not join the GOVT's Carrot & stick movement as the SUN article today hints. Thanks for bearing with me Natalie on this topic as I'm not normally this political & please feel free to pass this on to Jenn Muller or anyone else as I'm rather a clutz when it comes to SOCIAL MEDIA but my Wife & I feel very strong about this & so here's the result for what it's worth!

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Marine Drive Bike Lane

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Dear Mayor and Council - I understand there has been more discussion about the proposed bike lane on Marine Drive west of Dundarave, particularly as it relates to parking on the north side of Marine Drive from 25th to 27th streets. As a frequent biker, walker and yes driver between Dundarave and my home on the [REDACTED] s.22(1) I want to highlight how important it is to NOT allow parking on the north side in this section. As a cyclist, today the most uncomfortable section of the entire proposed bike lane is the westbound ascent from 25th to 26th. There is a bus stop just west of 25th, it's a hill, and the vehicles go from 2 lanes to 1 basically at the bus stop. When riding westbound from Dundarave, I am going super slow on my bike (as I am climbing the hill), cars are jockeying for position ahead of the parked cars, and there is often a bus there. Today, I just take Bellevue to avoid this section, and it's easier to stay on Bellevue westbound than climbing up and rejoining Marine. The start of the bike lane from Dundarave needs to be done correctly with no parking and flexible barriers as in the original proposal by staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

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

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:54 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Peter Lambur; Christine Cassidy
Cc: Jenn Moller; Sean OSullivan; Andy Kwan
Subject: 2500 block of Marine Drive
Attachments: Marine Drive west of 25th Street 2023-06-07 IMG_4620.jpg; 2550 Marine Drive sign in driveway 2023-06-07 IMG_4618.jpg; 26th Street south of Marine Drive 2023-06-07 IMG_4616.jpg

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,,

Yesterday, I rode my bike home from the Orchard restaurant at Gleneagles. Most of my time, I was riding on Marine Drive except on the Seaview Walk at the beginning and, near the end, along Proctor Ave, Park Lane and Bellevue Ave up to 25th Street. At 25th and Marine Drive, I took the attached photo looking west from the west crosswalk. On my way west, just after noon, I noted only one vehicle parked on the north side of the 2500 block of Marine Drive and when I took the photo later, there were four vehicles parked on that side. During both times, most of the parking spaces on the south side of Marine Drive were filled as shown in the attached photo.

For people on bicycles riding west, this 2500 block of Marine Drive can be hazardous, firstly due to the fact that automobiles heading west from two traffic lanes in Dundarave must merge into one lane past 25th Street and buses may have to stop in that merging lane at the bus stop. Secondly, there is a steep hill to climb between 25th and 26th Streets, which means people on bicycles riding slowly uphill will have more vehicles passing them than would be the case on a level or downhill roadway.

I walked my bike up and down on the sidewalk on the south side of Marine Drive between 25th and 26th Streets. I noted that all residences on both sides of the Marine Drive had driveways on their properties that could accommodate at least two vehicles. For this reason, it looked to me like there would be enough room in the driveways for parking service vehicles. Two of the driveways on the south side were steep and narrow which made me think that it might be more convenient for those residents and their visitors to park on Marine Drive.

I took the attached photo at the top of one of those steep driveways at 2550 Marine Drive where a sign had been planted expressing that person's objection to the planned bike lanes between 25th and 31st Streets. I talked to a lady who was [REDACTED] s. 22(1) who said she thought the plan for bike lanes between 25th and 31st Streets was a good idea. She pointed onto [REDACTED] s.22(1) south of the sidewalk where she thought [REDACTED] s.22(1) property boundary was and said that there would probably be enough room within the public road allowance on this section of Marine Drive to install bike lanes on both sides of the roadway.

I went up to 26th Street to see what parking possibilities were between Marine Drive and Bellevue Ave and took the attached photo. It looks to me that if parking on the north side of Marine Drive in the 2500 block was prohibited, there would probably be enough room to accommodate at least four parked vehicles on both sides of 26th Street, especially if the grassy boulevard area shown in the photo on the SW corner was prepared and signed for parking.

While I was in the 2500 block of Marine Drive, I saw one westbound cyclist riding up the 2500 block of Marine Drive who had come up 25th from Bellevue and another who came straight along Marine Drive from 24th. My usual westbound bike route between Ambleside and Dundarave is not on Bellevue or Marine Drive but along Fulton, Gordon and Haywood Avenues where there is less automobile traffic. I rode home that way yesterday. What wouldn't make sense to me is for westbound cyclists coming along the bike routes of Bellevue, Marine

Drive and Haywood having to ride up the 2500 block of Marine Drive with no bike lane then to encounter a bike lane from 26th Street westward. It also doesn't make sense to me to accommodate the parking convenience of one or two residents on the 2500 block of Marine Drive at the expense of providing improved road safety for the hundreds of cyclists who ride this stretch of Marine Drive every week.

Finally, I think if you visit this 2500 block of Marine Drive, as I just did, most of you will agree with me that the plan that staff presented to you for information on 15 May was a good one that should not be rescinded or changed.

Sincerely, s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada, s. 22(1)
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:08 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]RE: Support for bike lane 2500 - 3100 Block Marine

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you so much for the newly painted bike lanes on Marine Drive. What a wonderful surprise as I rode to work today! Thank you for taking steps to make West Vancouver safer for cyclists.

With sincere gratitude,

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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:44 PM
To: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Support for bike lane 2500 - 3100 Block Marine

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From: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:43 PM
To: s.22(1)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Support for bike lane 2500 - 3100 Block Marine

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Thank you for your correspondence.

The District's Correspondence Policy requires the correspondent's name and civic address in order to be included in a correspondence package. Your civic address may be provided in a reply to this email, or you may wish to re-send the correspondence with your civic address included.

Please do not hesitate to contact Legislative Services at 604-925-7004 if you have any questions.

With regards,

Victoria Rae



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:26 PM
To: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Support for bike lane 2500 - 3100 Block Marine

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I commute from Horseshoe Bay [REDACTED] s. 22(1) on my bicycle. I have networked a great route that starts out on the Seaview Trail and then winds up the Great Trail to Westport Road and follows the designated bike route. I encounter little traffic throughout the residential areas, and on Westport Road I have a designated lane for the portion I ride on.

The only part of my route where I feel I'm taking a risk on is Marine Drive, where I must ride for two blocks from the bottom of 29th until I can turn off on either 28th or 27th and return to residential streets. Traffic moves quickly and often includes large construction vehicles that pass disconcertingly close to my shoulder. I would never want to see a child cycling that section of road.

I fully support a bike lane along these blocks. Preferable a fully-separated lane, but if that's not possible then at the very least the painted bike lane as will be discussed by council on May 15.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:14 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider
Subject: Audited financial statements for the year ending 12/31/2022

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Your Worship,

The Community Charter stipulates the following obligations of the municipal government:

"Annual financial statements

167 (1) Municipal financial statements for a fiscal year must be

(a) prepared by the financial officer, and

(b) presented to council for its acceptance.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments.

(3) The inspector may require or authorize, generally or for a specified municipality, that the financial statements vary from or include additional information to the requirements of subsection (2).

(4) By May 15 in each year, a municipality must submit to the inspector its audited financial statements for the preceding year and any other financial information requested by the inspector.

(5) In addition to any requirement under subsection (4), the financial officer must compile and supply information on the financial affairs of the municipality requested by the inspector."

May 15, 2023, has passed. Yet the audited financial statement have as yet not been presented to council in public session. When do expect the audited financial statements to be presented to council for acceptance this year? [Community Charter, s. 167, ss. (1)(b)]

Presentation of the audited financial statements to council in public session for acceptance is entirely separate from the preparation of the annual glossy, illustrated, annual report that is produced by Communications to win the coveted CGFOA Award for Best Annual Report. Presentation of the audited financial statements to council and the ratepayers of this District should not have to wait on Communications to complete its task before the audited statements are released.

On a separate but related topic, the release of the 2022 Fourth Quarter Report should be forthcoming soon, now that the audited financial statements have been submitted to the Minister [Community Charter s. 167 so. (4)]. When can the public expect council to order the publication of the 2022 Fourth Quarter Report this year? Note that the Fourth Quarter Report presents budget comparable data that neither the audited financial statements nor the Annual Report disclose.

It should not require a member of the community to remind council of its duty in respect to financial disclosure and release of financial information to the public. Yet, it has been found necessary to do so each year. The municipality is not a private corporation and its finances are not private information. Let's get on with the disclosures in a timely and transparent manner, as fiduciaries have a duty to do.

Regards,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
 [Redacted] s. 22(1), West Van., [Redacted] s. 22(1)
 [Redacted] s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:40 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: 2022 Annual Report "Draft" -- typographical error in Note 9 to the 2022 Financial Statements

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Typographical error present in footnote 9 to the 2022 financial statements appearing in the annual report for 2022:

- Summary line which reads "Appropriated Surplus" should read "Accumulated Surplus", because the sum includes the amount on the first line labelled "Unappropriated Surplus (Deficit)".

9. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
 Accumulated surplus is represented by:

	2022	2021 (Restated, Note 19)
Unappropriated Surplus (Deficit)	1,048,516	(1,467,234)
Amberview Co-op Lease Payback (Note 12(a))	(14,808,396)	(14,832,327)
Reserve Funds (Note 9)	146,612,873	139,969,865
Investment in Non-Financial Assets	526,820,512	509,742,593
Appropriated Surplus	659,673,505	633,412,897

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 12:56 AM
To: Planning Department; correspondence
Subject: Objection about rezoning 2550 Queens.

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To the planning department of the city of West Vancouver,

We have been living s.22(1) for s.22(1) years. We bought our property in the neighborhood due to the single-family zoning, quiet area, and beautiful views.

I am writing this email to voice my displeasure with the proposed development at 2550 Queens. I understand the need to have more affordable housing, but it should not be at the detriment to the neighbors that want to see the existing zoning laws adhered to.

By removing one home and building two duplexes it will greatly change the feel to the neighborhood. The proposed buildings will not maintain the current setbacks from the street, and they will be too close to the immediate neighbors. I feel particularly sad for those homeowners who only want the existing laws enforced.

Please consider adding density along high traffic zones like Marine Drive and Taylor Way, not in single family zoned areas like Queens.

I appreciate the difficult task of adding density while maintaining the beauty of West Vancouver. One of the neighbors suggested allowing a duplex which I would support if it kept the same property spacing and setbacks as the other properties on the street.

Yours truly,

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From: peter kosick [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 10:46 AM
To: kosickpeter@gmail.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: kosickpeter@gmail.com =+

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peter kosick
1958 Bellevue Ave., v7v1b5

09 Jun 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

kosickpeter@gmail.com

My name is peter kosick and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Not in the least rational; our infrastructure is NOW in a overtaxed state; Roads are parking lots, no escaping congestion, sewers, parks, etc...NO,NO,NO to expansion unless there are prior viable solutions to infrastructure..

Please do not redact my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

peter kosick
kosickpeter@gmail.com

From: Wendi Vaisler <[REDACTED] s.22(1) >
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 4:34 PM
To: wvaisler@hotmail.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Density concerns along the Ambleside corridor =+

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Wendi Vaisler
4729 Woodburn Rd
West Vancouver
V7S 3A8

11 Jun 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Density concerns along the Ambleside corridor

My name is Wendi Vaisler and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I am increasingly concerned about further densification along the Ambleside corridor. I understand the need to increase housing opportunities in West Vancouver, but I disagree with so much development in the Marine Drive area.

It is already a busy area for traffic, parking is becoming very challenging, and I question whether the water, sewage and electrical grids are able handle any increasing load. With our limited roads, how would we move cars through the area? If you believe all people in this municipality will walk or cycle to and from, take a look at the hills and inadequate roads we have! I am also concerned that more and more of our tax dollars will go to benefit facilities in that area, as WE still have inadequate bus service in most areas to get home in the evening from a night out. Can we not be more creative and spread newer projects throughout the district? I believe that kind of approach would benefit the whole community and help to maintain vibrant neighbourhoods. We can't continue to dump one project after another in the Taylor Way and Marine Drive areas without destroying the character of West Van., and creating traffic nightmares.

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Wendi Vaisler
wvaisler@hotmail.com

From: M Slater <melroy1058@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:13 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Ambleside Local Area Plan feedback.

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Dear Mayor & Council;

After attending the May 3 Ambleside Local Area Plan (LAP) zoom workshop and reviewing the Options booklet, I have a number of concerns and suggestions. I have recapped the main points in bullet form with a more in-depth description below.

- Options are restricted by the number of housing units the district is attempting to accommodate.
- Lack of a vision – options do not reflect small, seaside village character or quality of life factors that are so important to residents.
- Building heights must be described in feet/meters.
- Would like to see a low-density option.
- Would like the commercial area to retain existing zoning in terms of building heights.
- Provide an assessment of how growth will affect residents' quality of life.
- After staff have incorporated feedback and prepared a draft LAP, present it to the community along with a questionnaire. Ask: Do you like the proposed LAP? Does the proposed LAP reflect your vision for Ambleside? Does the proposed LAP require: no adjustment, minor adjustments or a lot more work?

Housing Targets vs. Vision

The OCP talks about LAPs with area-specific **visions** determined through a collaborative planning process, as well as suitable built-form, heights and densities. But priority has been placed on accommodating 1,000-1,200 new units at the expense of even mentioning a vision. This is out of touch with residents' priorities, which value protecting and enhancing quality of life and neighbourhood character.

The Ambleside Town Centre Survey asked residents about their vision for Ambleside. This survey, along with the ADBIA's Imagine Ambleside report, should be the starting point for the LAP. Both of these documents point to a vision of a small seaside village with a variety of local shops and services. However, there is nothing in the Option Plans that articulates this or identifies what we are trying to preserve or what are we trying to create in terms of a livable community that reflects Ambleside's special character.

Key theme #1 (in the Ambleside LAP Options Booklet) is: *The **character** of Ambleside and the appropriate scale and height of buildings.* When the three options are evaluated against this theme, character is never mentioned again, only height. Does height equal character? What height is compatible with small, seaside village character? The obvious answer is low-rise, so why isn't there an option with predominantly low-rise buildings?

Options are too similar

The three options are variations of the same theme. Different options would have been one that shows a moderate increase in density (~100-300 units); a greater increase in density (~400-700 units) and a large increase in density. However, the options presented are restricted by the number of housing units the district is attempting to accommodate.

Please be clear: are we required to accommodate 1,000-1,200 new units in the Ambleside LAP or not? Are we obligated to accommodate this number of units because it is written in the OCP? I, along with many other residents, strongly objected to the inclusion of these specific numbers in this high-level document during the OCP engagement process.

If we are *not* obligated, there should be an option that illustrates a low-density alternative. It could include expanding the boundaries and/or reducing the number of units. I believe the prevailing sentiment will be a desire for mainly low-rise development that is sensitive to village character.

Terminology/Descriptions

Building height must be described in terms of maximum feet/meters as well as storeys. Calling an 8 or 9-storey (potentially 100+ foot) building a mid-rise is gross misrepresentation.

I would like to see these descriptions, found in the Options booklet, changed as follows:

FROM:

- 3-4 storey residential ground-oriented townhouses;
- 3-6 storey residential low-rise apartments;
- 6-8 storey residential mid-rise apartments;
- 6-9 storey mid-rise mixed-use (must include commercial use) or choice-of-use (may include commercial use).

TO:

- 1-2 storey (maximum 25 feet) ground-oriented townhouses;
- 2-3 storey (maximum 37.5 feet) mixed use or choice of use (may include commercial);
- 3-4 storey (maximum 45 feet) residential low-rise;
- 5-6 storey (maximum 65 feet) residential mid-rise;
- 6-8 storey (maximum 85 feet) residential high-rise;
- 6-9 storey (maximum 95 feet) high-rise, mixed-use or choice of use (may include commercial).

Quality of Life

Provide an assessment of how growth will affect residents' quality of life and neighbourhood character. Identify specific quality of life factors (such as privacy, views, access to daylight, noise, light intrusion, traffic congestion, water supply/quality, community centre/park capacity, etc.) and how they will be impacted, protected or improved. The Community and Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) has some great surveys on this topic that could easily be incorporated.

West Vancouver's Residents' Guide sets forth recommendations to those considering developing their property. These same questions should be used to evaluate how potential development proposed in the LAP will impact neighbourhood character and residents' quality of life.

The guide states:

Being a good neighbour means considering how your decisions will affect the livability and enjoyment of your neighbour's property. Ask yourself these questions early in the design process:

- *How will my new house fit in with the houses on my street?*
- *How will my design affect my neighbours?*
- *Will my home reduce the livability of my neighbour's home?*
- *Have I considered my neighbour's view?*
- *Where are my neighbour's windows and how does my window design affect their privacy?*
- *Will cutting down tree(s) on my property impact my neighbour's property?*

Other

Property that is up-zoned but not developed to maximum allowed density will be still be taxed based on maximum allowable density. How will this drive or incentivize change? Will this create pressure to build to maximum density? How will this impact small, independent shops?

Commercial area

A proven way to protect and encourage small, independent shops and services is to follow the zoning policy the City of Vancouver implemented for the Davie, Denman and Robson Street areas, which removes the right to add condos above street businesses. Keeping the business districts strictly commercial removes the temptation of easy profits from condo development. If West Vancouver is unable to eliminate mixed-use zoning, we could still imitate this approach by retaining existing zoning heights for Ambleside's commercial area.

Street character, access to sunlight, views and low-rise "human scale" buildings creates an environment that is attractive to people, that draws them and encourages them to linger. As one City Planner said: people love to be in the sun; add one shadow means your adding 100 shadows, it also sets a precedent.

Engagement process

Ambleside is a neighbourhood, first and foremost. Opinions of those who do not live in the area should not be given the same weight as those who live here. Feedback should be broken down to show responses from Ambleside residents, West Vancouver residents, and non-West Vancouver residents.

The Design Review Committee should not be providing feedback on a land use plan.

A questionnaire should have been provided to all participants asking: *What part of this engagement process worked well for you? What part of this engagement process did not work well for you? Did you have an opportunity to clearly express your opinions?* This should have been sent immediately after each engagement session.

Staff's summary of feedback should go to participants to review and substantiate before it goes to Council.

After staff have incorporated feedback and prepared a draft LAP, a questionnaire should go out to the community asking: *Do you like the proposed LAP? Does the draft LAP reflect your vision for Ambleside? Does the proposed LAP require (a) no adjustments, (b) minor adjustments, (c) a lot more work?*

It is regrettable that an independent consultant was not used to conduct engagement. Planning staff have said they are not committed to any of the options, but their agenda is clear: incorporate 1,000-1,200 housing units. So, choose any option provided it includes 1,000-1,200 new units.

It is understandable that Planning staff will have a professional bias. This makes them ill-suited to conduct engagement. There are numerous examples (such as the contentious inclusion of specific housing unit numbers in the OCP), that indicate staff are not willing or able to represent public sentiment if it is at odds with their professional opinion.

At least one staff member at the zoom workshop was clearly a proponent of high-density development. When I commented the mid-rises depicted along Vinson Creek looked like a wall of concrete and that I would prefer lower building heights, the staff member proceeded to identify issues with low-rise development that seemed to dismiss it as a viable option. This staff member also seemed unreceptive to suggestions for including measurements of building heights in feet/meters. It felt like they were defending the Options as presented.

Another staff member came across as much more neutral, but I think she missed or misinterpreted a good example of what one participant liked. Someone asked if stacked townhouses were the same as "the lovely townhomes at 14th and Duchess". Unfortunately, the staff member was not familiar with the townhomes in question. It seemed evident the participant really liked the 14th & Duchess townhouses and would like to see more like them. But I had the impression this was lost in discussion about what a stacked townhouse was and a sense that this was taken as a "like" of stacked townhouses, which would be twice the height of the 14th & Duchess example.

Conclusion

Many residents have repeatedly expressed frustration and discouragement with the district's public engagement processes. A neighbour recently noted *when planning staff are in control the results are guaranteed – they always get what they*

want. Another said they *fully expect staff are going to present a high-density proposal*. Unfortunately, I believe both these statements to be true. For far too long now district staff, Planning staff in particular, have been the proverbial tail wagging the dog. So far, Council has not demonstrated that they have any power over staff.

Answers to the following questions will be key to understanding how (or if) residents will influence the LAP:

1. What power does the community have to determine what the LAP looks like?
2. How much power does Council want to give the public?
3. What power does Council have to control the Planning department and ensure Planning is reflecting the view of the public in the plan and process?

It is my genuine desire that this Council will provide effective oversight of the process, demand complete transparency and ensure the LAP reflects a consensus vision that legitimately expresses what residents want for their neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Melinda Slater
1058 Keith Road
West Vancouver

Please do not redact.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 3:37 PM
To: s. 22(1) Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Ambleside Housing =+

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13 Jun 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Ambleside Housing

My name is s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Do not spoil West Vancouver by putting up low rise housing and increasing traffic and parking.

Thank you.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**

Committee Members: C. Burns (Chair), S. Mani, L. Paton, J. Saba, M. Ware; and Councillor S. Thompson attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.
Absent: S. Hennessy and C. McLaughlin.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Representative); 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 4:17 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 24, 2023 Awards Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 5, 2023 Awards Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

5. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Awards Committee meeting be scheduled for June 7, 2023 at 5 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

6. Exclusion of Public Pursuant to s.90 and s.93 of the Community Charter

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT in the public interest, members of the public be excluded from part of the May 24, 2023 Awards Committee meeting on the basis of the following sections of the Community Charter:

■ s. 22(1)

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee, or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

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

- (a) Council committees.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 24, 2023 Awards Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The Committee then proceeded with the closed session.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

From: Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 2:48 PM
To: Weiler, Patrick - M.P.
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Eligible travellers from 13 more countries now qualify for visa-free travel to Canada
Attachments: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Eligible travellers from 13 more countries now qualify for visa-free travel to Canada.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding an announcement from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that eligible travellers from 13 more countries now qualify for visa-free travel to Canada.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hemmat



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Patrick Weiler

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

June 7, 2023

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Canada is a destination of choice for people looking to visit, do business or reunite with family and friends. That's why we are committed to improving our immigration programs and services by making them more efficient and equitable for people around the world.

This week, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced the addition of 13 countries to the electronic travel authorization (eTA) program. Travellers from these countries who have either held a Canadian visa in the last 10 years or who currently hold a valid United States non-immigrant visa can now apply for an eTA instead of a visa when travelling to Canada by air. Effective today, eligible travellers from these countries can benefit from the program:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Costa Rica
- Morocco
- Panama
- Philippines
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Seychelles
- Thailand
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay

Introducing visa-free air travel will make it faster, easier, and more affordable for thousands of travellers to visit Canada for up to six months for either business or leisure. It will also help grow Canada's economy by facilitating more travel, tourism and international business, and by strengthening Canada's relationships with these countries while keeping Canadians safe.

This decision will also divert thousands of applications from Canada's visa caseload, allowing us to process visa applications more efficiently, which will benefit all visa applicants.

Individuals who already have a valid visa can continue to use it to travel to Canada. Those who are not eligible for an eTA, or who are travelling to Canada by means other than air (for example, by car, bus, train

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and boat—including by cruise ship), will still need a visitor visa. Travellers can visit Canada.ca/eTA to find out whether they're eligible for an eTA and how to apply for one.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office and our Caseworker would be more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Weiler', written in a cursive style.

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

From: Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Weiler, Patrick - M.P.
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Enabling Accessibility Fund Youth Component Call for Proposals
Attachments: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Call for Proposals Launched – EAF Youth Innovation Component.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding a new call for proposals for youth-driven accessibility projects through the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF).

Sincerely,
Kevin Hemmat



Kevin Hemmat
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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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CANADA

Patrick Weiler

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

June 13, 2023

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Young people are leading the way in breaking down barriers to accessibility and enabling the participation of all Canadians in every aspect of society. That is why the Government of Canada is providing opportunities for Canadian youth to develop important skills, while investing in an inclusive and accessible Canada.

On June 5, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, **launched a new call for proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) youth innovation component**. Canadian youth between the ages of 15 and 30 are encouraged to demonstrate their leadership and allyship by applying to become youth accessibility leaders through the EAF's youth innovation component. Youth accessibility leaders help to identify barriers within their communities and then partner with local organizations to help secure up to \$10,000 in accessibility project funding.

Youth are invited to [submit their expressions of interest in being named a Youth Accessibility Leader \(YAL\) online by October 10, 2023 at 2:00 PM PDT](#). Canadian organizations partnering with a confirmed YAL, must submit their application for project funding by 2:00 p.m. PDT online on October 31, 2023.

This initiative supports the development of accessible and inclusive communities, which is the focus of pillar three under the [Government's Disability Inclusion Action Plan](#). It also contributes to the Government's on-going commitment to create a fully inclusive Canada, free of physical, societal, and attitudinal barriers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We would be 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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From: Engineering Department
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 2:46 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence; Engineering Department
Subject: District of West Vancouver Public Enquiry Call #: M-110894 - Power washing

Dear Richard Boyer,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding power washing and seasonal watering restrictions.

Seasonal watering restrictions are set by Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Conservation Plan (DWCP). The DWCP is a regional policy developed to manage the use of drinking water during periods of high demand, mostly during late spring to early fall, and during periods of water shortages and emergencies. Member municipalities, including the District of West Vancouver, incorporate the DWCP restrictions into their bylaws and are responsible for monitoring and enforcing the restrictions locally. You can find the District's Drinking Water Conservation Plan Bylaw [here](#). The District uses a variety of tools to promote and ensure bylaw compliance including educational material, verbal and written warnings, and issuing tickets.

Each stage of the DWCP is designed to reduce demand for drinking water through specific water restrictions which become more restrictive with higher stages. Stage 1 reduces demand in summer months, and is automatically in effect on May 1 until October 15. We are currently in Stage 1. Stages 2 and 3 are activated and deactivated by the Great Vancouver Water District (GVWD) Commissioner and are likely to be activated during unusually hot and dry conditions to maximize conservation. Residential power washing is a permitted water use in Stage 1, but restricted during Stage 2 and 3. You can learn more about Metro Vancouver's DWCP and find a detailed list of restrictions [here](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact Trevor Dore at 604-921-3498 or tdore@westvancouver.ca if you wish to discuss further.

Regards,

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

From: Richard Boyer [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 3:31 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Power Washing

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Here we are in another summer, with high temperatures coming and lawn and gardening watering restrictions in place. It's good. Water's a finite resource. Why, then, no restrictions on power washing? Power washers are revving up again all over my neighbourhood: noisy, polluting, blasting away for hours at a time. Why? The unrestricted access to water for these machines undermines policies to use it sparingly as set forth in limitations to using it in our gardens. I propose that council place a moratorium on power washers until Fall.

Sincerely,

Richard Boyer

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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From: Finance
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 11:44 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: Finance; correspondence
Subject: 2023 06 07 Audited financial statements for the year ending 12 31 2022 (email from s. 22(1))
Attachments: 2023 06 07 Email - Audited financial statements for the year ending 12 31 2022 (email from s. 22(1))
[redacted].pdf

To: s. 22(1),

The financial statements were reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee in a closed meeting on Monday May 8, 2023.

The 2022 Annual Report (draft) was uploaded for review by the public on Friday June 9, 2023. Notification was also published in the North Shore News on Wednesday May 31 and Wednesday June 7. The Annual Report includes the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022:

<https://westvancouver.ca/government-administration/strategies-reports/reports/annual-reports>

The 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Report was uploaded to the District webpage on Thursday June 8, 2023:

<https://westvancouver.ca/government-administration/financial-information/quarterly-reports>

Regards,

Financial Services
District of West Vancouver



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:14 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider
Subject: Audited financial statements for the year ending 12/31/2022

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Your Worship,

The Community Charter stipulates the following obligations of the municipal government:

"Annual financial statements

167 (1) Municipal financial statements for a fiscal year must be

(a) prepared by the financial officer, and

(b) presented to council for its acceptance.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments.

(3) The inspector may require or authorize, generally or for a specified municipality, that the financial statements vary from or include additional information to the requirements of subsection (2).

(4) By May 15 in each year, a municipality must submit to the inspector its audited financial statements for the preceding year and any other financial information requested by the inspector.

(5) In addition to any requirement under subsection (4), the financial officer must compile and supply information on the financial affairs of the municipality requested by the inspector."

May 15, 2023, has passed. Yet the audited financial statement have as yet not been presented to council in public session. When do expect the audited financial statements to be presented to council for acceptance this year? [Community Charter, s. 167, ss. (1)(b)]

Presentation of the audited financial statements to council in public session for acceptance is entirely separate from the preparation of the annual glossy, illustrated, annual report that is produced by Communications to win the coveted CGFOA Award for Best Annual Report. Presentation of the audited financial statements to council and the ratepayers of this District should not have to wait on Communications to complete its task before the audited statements are released.

On a separate but related topic, the release of the 2022 Fourth Quarter Report should be forthcoming soon, now that the audited financial statements have been submitted to the Minister [Community Charter s. 167 so. (4)]. When can the public expect council to order the publication of the 2022 Fourth Quarter Report this year? Note that the Fourth Quarter Report presents budget comparable data that neither the audited financial statements nor the Annual Report disclose.

It should not require a member of the community to remind council of its duty in respect to financial disclosure and release of financial information to the public. Yet, it has been found necessary to do so each year. The municipality is not a private corporation and its finances are not private information. Let's get on with the disclosures in a timely and transparent manner, as fiduciaries have a duty to do.

Regards,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
 [Redacted] s. 22(1), West Van., [Redacted] s. 22(1)
 [Redacted] s. 22(1)

From: Natalie Roizman
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 2:53 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; s. 22(1)
Subject: re: Cypress Falls Park issues and recommendations

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email and sharing your concerns and suggestions after the recent tragic accident in Cypress Falls Park. I can appreciate your requests and we understand that a fatal accident can be very traumatic for the community. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to the family and friends affected by this heartbreaking incident.

We understand your concerns regarding safety at Cypress Park Falls, and we want to assure you that the District prioritizes the well-being and safety of our residents and visitors. It is important to note that our parks encompass expansive wilderness areas, which are known to have natural hazards. We strive to maintain a balance between preserving the natural beauty of these spaces and ensuring public safety.

In light of this recent incident, the District is actively engaged in a comprehensive and thorough examination of our park safety measures. Our goal is to review all current safety measures and identify any potential areas for improvement and implement measures that can mitigate potential risks. This review is not limited to just Cypress Park Falls where the tragic accident occurred; it extends to all our parks throughout the District.

I can confirm that the District currently has \$235K budgeted to replace the Cypress Falls bridge, which will be fabricated this year and is anticipated to be installed in 2024.

Please be assured that we are committed to taking a careful and overarching look at our safety protocols, which includes evaluating all relevant factors that may contribute to the safety of our park visitors.

We take every comment, suggestion and alert by the public seriously and we thank you for sharing your concerns.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Natalie Roizman she, her, hers
Community Relations Liaison | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-925-7008 | c: 604-721-3776 | westvancouver.ca



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Cypress Falls Park issues and recommendations

s. 22(1)

Tue 6/6/2023 10:27 AM

To: Mark Sager <mark@westvancouver.ca>; Christine Cassidy <ccassidy@westvancouver.ca>; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; Peter Lambur <plambur@westvancouver.ca>; Scott Snider <ssnider@westvancouver.ca>; Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>; Linda Watt <lwatt@westvancouver.ca>; correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>

Cc: s. 22(1)

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To our esteemed Mayor, Council and Staff

My name is s. 22(1), and I am on the s.22(1). One of the area's s.22(1) concerns itself with is local safety.

It has now been 3 weeks since Keen Lau was accidentally killed while hiking up at Cypress Falls park. I went to the park on June 6th and to my surprise nothing has been done. No new signs, No new fencing – nothing.... You wouldn't even know that a tragic accident took place. The community at large doesn't want knee jerk solutions but if for example the sea wall got washed out - staff would place safety cones and tape around the area until the dangers were fixed. Why is that same logic not being applied here?

At last weeks council meeting we heard from two very concerned citizens and I agree with them. While it is nice that Keen will have a new park named after him we also need to address the safety issues of not only Cypress Falls park but do a audit of our other parks and get them up to current day standards as well.

I strongly recommend that everyone who is a decision maker within West Vancouver go take a walk to the park and look for themselves. Walking into the park the dangers are very unassuming. Other than the name you would never know where the falls are. There is no map, there is not signs that say "Waterfall" or anything.

I also understand that at some point in the recent past that \$180,000 was set aside to improve the park. What happened to that money?

Having studied the area I have 4 main concerns

1. Fencing – The existing fencing is abhorrent and almost 3rd world in its construction. It has massive gapping holes that allow small children and dogs to easily fall into the falls or over a cliff.
 - Recommendation - remove all existing fencing. Erect new black chain link fence that spans the length of the walking path and falls observation lookout point.
2. Signage – When entering the park the sign clearly says this is a Dogs off leash park. Meanwhile about 20m into the park there is another sign that says to put your dog on a leash. How confusion is that?
 - i. In addition the signs in the park fail to mention that there is a lethal 100' waterfall or make mention to stay out of the creeks for any reason.
 - Recommendation – WV hired a full time sign maker last year. This person should be able to make some relevant signs that clearly indicate that there is a giant lethal waterfall and that going into the water can have deadly consequences. Also please remove signs that are not consistent in their messaging. Place signs around creek area with a clear message of danger.
2. Bylaw update – currently Cypress falls is designated an off leash park.
 - Recommendation - Please update the bylaws to make Cypress falls a on leash area
3. Installation of a new culvert grate
 - Recommendation – the creek narrows just before the falls and in this area a culvert grate should and needs to be installed so that animals and people that get sucked down river will be sent up a inclined steel grid instead of down the falls.

In conclusion – I am of the opinion that our parks are not being well kept to current day standards. More people are visiting WV and we need to create a safe place. The park while beautiful is also deadly and this municipality has duty of care to have signage that makes sense, fencing that protects everyone from falling off a cliff or going down a waterfall. It seems to me that

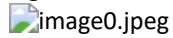
virtually no attention is given by staff to maintain or improve our local parks and stairs, bridges, fences have been left to rot and are largely no longer functional.

Last year there was a call for a new \$38m Art's Centre and while that would be very nice - NO ONE is dying because we don't have one. I know money is limited and that we need to spend responsibly however our parks and the lack of maintenance and improvements have made our parks a hazard and a liability. I believe that our parks need and must be prioritized in our budget.

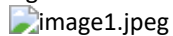
In my humble opinion the district can either continue to do nothing and the next time an accident happens perhaps face a legal negligence lawsuit or we can be proactive and get our parks brought up to current day standards.

Can we please get some immediate action to mitigate dangers and improve safety as per my above recommendations.

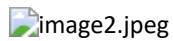
Sign should show dogs on a leash



This sign is no where close to the creek relatively speaking and is really in the middle of a place you wouldn't stop to read the sign.



Example of poorly constructed barrier. Is this really the best we can do?



5' forward and your falling down a 100' cliff into the waterfall



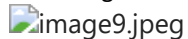
The calm pond leading down to a narrow passage that leads to the falls. This narrow place is where the culvert grate should be installed right where the log is laying across the creek. 5' down from here is the 100' fall and you would never know standing up by the bridge that there was even a waterfall.



Suggest a grate such as below to stop people from getting sucked down the creek



This bridge like many of the others in our parks is rotted in it's foundation supports and on its last legs.



Thank you for your time in reading this and consideration.

Kind Regards

s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad