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Mayor and Council
District of West Vancouver
Municipal Hall
West Vancouver, B.C.

September 8, 2008

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Further to my letter of March 11, 2008, to which, by the way, I never received the courtesy of a reply, as I requested, this will advise that the same Tap Dance class, with the same teacher, is running at the John Braithwaite Centre for \$66.95. I recently registered for the West Vancouver class **and I have paid \$107.00** – for the same class. Where's the logic here lady and gentlemen???

I shall be speaking to my fellow tap dancers at the beginning of our season and suggesting that we all transfer to North Vancouver. Same teacher – same dances – why stay and get ripped off by our mayor and council??

I do not need to remind you that we shall all be voting in November!!!

Yours truly,

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P.S. Attached please find a copy of my previous letter, which I assume must have gone astray.

Cc: Mr Chris Lee,
Past Chairman of the Advisory Board

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Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

I am writing this letter because I will be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting at the West Vancouver Senior Centre, tomorrow due to an appointment at an Orthopaedic Sports Medical Clinic at 2:30 p.m. which makes it impossible for me to attend the meeting and bring up the following concerns,

I have been a resident of West Vancouver, and a tax payer since 1973. My family was raised here and I am now an active volunteer for the past 6 years at the Senior Centre in the Front Office and as a cashier in the Cafeteria every week. I have literally donated hundreds of volunteer hours. I am a retired legal assistant and I therefore have no other income except my Old Age Security and CCP. I do not receive any Company pension.

I am extremely disappointed in this council's decision to retract the senior discount for programs. I enjoyed 3 dance classes per week at the Centre, which I have now cut to 2 classes. **WHY DOES THIS COUNCIL NOT ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO KEEP ACTIVE AND KEEP FIT???** I fail to see why you have decided to penalize senior members of your community. Is it not encouragement for staying active that will ensure a healthier and happier population? My tap dance class fees have increased from \$72.00 per session to \$117.00 for this coming session. For a senior resident, on a fixed income, a \$50.00 increase is prohibitive. One day, you will be a senior too!! Unfortunately, for many of us we do not enjoy municipal or company pensions.

I am not alone in the above-stated opinion. I have spoken to the Chairman of the Advisory Board, but at my volunteer job today I was encouraged to e-mail you and put my concerns in writing. Many of my friends and colleagues in similar situations are also extremely disappointed and intend to show their displeasure at the next municipal election. I would therefore urge you to re-consider freezing the senior discount. I realize this is the most affluent municipality in Canada, but that does not mean that all of your citizens are wealthy. I have lived long enough to know that life is not fair, but do we need a kick in the pants from our own mayor and council? I do not think so. I respectfully request that you re-consider the above-noted complaint and dare I request the courtesy of a reply?

Yours truly,

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Cc: Mr Chris Lee, Chairman of the Advisory Board