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2009 March 20

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

re Budget on DWV Website; Accessibility for Input

My, it does seem difficult to get information on Budget 2009, surely not your intention.

It was introduced Monday evening Mar 2nd and I got up to ask about public input b/c there'd been no mention of a public mtg during the presentation and I'd heard there'd be one Wed Mar 4th. Indeed there was one scheduled for that night, but as several pointed out that night, there'd only been one full day for residents to review the ~70-page booklet if, and that's a big IF, they'd known it was available.

Requests were made for more meetings to facilitate public input.  
I asked if there'd be a report on what was asked along with the answers on Mar 4th.

So today, I went to the DWV website to get the Budget 2009 information.  
Cdn't see anything!  
How can the public get information?  
Below, A, is a copy and paste of the DWV homepage.  
There's NO hint or word of Budget anywhere!

There are four topics along the top: Residents, Business, Visitors, Government.  
What's the best guess for the budget? Maybe Govt. So I clicked there. What I found on the page is B, below. Again, it's govt news and events -- ah, but if you look at a small list top left you'll find budget under heading.

So clicking on that you get what's under C. Titles of budgets. As if there for the record. No hint that there's a draft 2009 budget now out for residents to comment.

Let's see what it says (D, below).  
More prose but you can click, yet again, and here for the first time you see that it's the Proposed Budget -- and indeed clicking again you get the beautiful 2009 Budget Booklet. May I suggest not clicking on the forums there's a list of seven, and it has budget but not that it's draft. Or for input. It does require that you go through the steps for the registration process.  
You can click on the email address to comment, however.  
How can we see what anyone else has said, suggested, recommended?

Do you think it cd be made any easier???

**A: DWV homepage 2009 March 20**

Community News

Transportation Plan for the 2010 Winter Games

March 12 2009

**Everyone has a role to play in making transportation a smooth, fun part of the overall Games...**

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West Vancouver Community Centre Celebrates Grand Opening March 28

March 11 2009

**Everyone welcome for tours, entertainment, art, climbing wall, and sports activities!**

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Renowned Canadian Artist to Release Fine Art Print

March 10 2009

**Gordon Smith donates edition of prints to West Vancouver**

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More News...

Upcoming Events

Seniors' Centre Flea Market

April 04 2009

**Donations needed for this annual fundraising event**

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Owl Prowl at Lighthouse Park

March 27 2009

**Free family event**

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Trash the Trash - High School Waste Reduction Contest

March 27 2009

**West Vancouver Students are Encouraged to Apply by March 27**

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More Events...

Initiatives & Projects

RFP for Child Care Operators

**2009 03 11 Request for Proposals from Child Care Operators The Corporation of the District of West...**

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Community Focus Overview

**Summary of several projects and processes being managed by the District**

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Gleneagles Clubhouse & Banquet Hall

**The building is currently under re-construction.**

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**B: Government**

# Your Government

West Vancouver, "The Waterfront Community," spans 89 square kilometres and is home for more than 44,000 residents. West Vancouver separated from the District of North Vancouver in 1912, and since then, has remained primarily residential. The small town atmosphere is a result of careful planning, even though West Vancouver has seen a population growth characteristic of the Greater Vancouver region. West Vancouver is fortunate to have dedicated residents and staff. We're proud of our beautiful community and will continue to preserve the characteristics that make it such a desirable place to live and work.

## Government

Under the authority of the Local Government Act, Council provides policy direction to staff, who then implement it.

## Top 10 Questions

Wondering about...? Here are the most frequently asked questions at the Information Desk at Municipal Hall.

## Get Involved

We value your time and have adapted our structure to better meet your ability to volunteer and contribute

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Statement From West Vancouver Police Board Chair

March 10 2009

**The following is a statement with regard to two complaints filed**

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More News...

## Government Events [etc]

But if you go over to the list on the left, you see the budget in a sublist under Financial Information:

- \* 2010 Winter Games
- \* Agendas & Minutes
- \* Bylaws
- \* Committees & Groups
- \* Departments
- \* Election Information
- \* Financial Information
- \* Community Grants
- \* Financial Reports
- \* Municipal Budget
- \* Mayor and Council
- \* Partnerships

## C: BUDGET

# Municipal Budget

The Finance Department carries out statutory responsibilities relating [sic] to annual operating and capital budgets, and the

setting of tax and utility rates.

More Information

[2009 Budget](#)

[2008 Budget](#)

[2007 Budget](#)

[2006 Budget](#)

D: BUDGET Intro

## 2009 Budget

The District of West Vancouver has developed a disciplined 2009 Budget that reflects the economic challenges and financial circumstances that our community faces.

View the detailed [2009 Proposed Budget document](#).

This document is also available for viewing in the Finance Department at Municipal Hall.

The Proposed Budget was presented at the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 2nd. A Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th, provided opportunity for public discussion.

Council is seeking your input on the 2009 Proposed Budget through the following opportunities:

Post a comment within the online Community Forum by visiting [westvancouver.ca/forums](http://westvancouver.ca/forums)

Email your comments to [budget@westvancouver.ca](mailto:budget@westvancouver.ca)

For more information, please contact the District of West Vancouver at 604-925-7000.

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Yours thoughtfully,

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