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 Sent: December 11, 2009 9:15 AM  
 To: MayorandCouncil  
 Cc: ( )  
 Subject: Re: RE: Fuel/Oil Tank Testing Monitoring Permit  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

I would like to know at which 'upcoming' City Council or relevant 'Committee' meeting the issue of the 'Fuel Tank Bylaw' is scheduled to be on the agenda. In addition, I would like to be informed if/when I would be allowed to speak to the issue.

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On Dec 7, 2009, **MayorandCouncil** <MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca> wrote:

*Thank you for your email to Mayor and Council. Your email will be provided to Council and any relevant departments and will also be included in the correspondence section of an upcoming council agenda. If you have any questions, please contact the Legislative Services Department at 604 925 7004.*

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From: ( )  
 Sent: December 5, 2009 1:17 PM  
 To: Jim Cook  
 Cc: MayorandCouncil  
 Subject: Fwd: Fuel/Oil Tank Testing Monitoring Permit

Dear Chief Cook,

I have enclosed my original email below for reference.

Subsequent to my original email, I attended Fire Hall #1 to inquire about my invoice and alleged oil tank. To her credit, a patient employee, manning the barricades against the onslaught of complaints, was kind enough to review the 'records' pertaining to said oil tank. Her 'review' consisted of looking up a list of addresses on a computer, I made notes of our conversation and from those detailed notes, I am paraphrasing your employee...'in 1989, student on behalf of the West Vancouver Fire department did a survey.'

Since when is a 'survey', conducted by students, sufficient 'proof' that an oil tank exists. What were the parameters of the survey, did the students possess proper credentials and accreditations to conduct such a 'survey', and why were the results of the survey not forwarded to me at the time. My records contain no documentation whatsoever. I am presuming the records held by the Municipality do have the answers to the above questions, including the name of the student (s) and his/her credentials.

It is not up to the property owner to prove to the Municipality that their property does not harbour an oil tank. Rather, it is up to the Municipality to provide concrete proof of a tank's existence. No such concrete proof, as in proper documentation, has been provided to me, other than the Municipality's allegation of a 'student survey.'

When can I reasonably expect to receive concrete proof, as in proper documentation, of an oil tank's existence on my property at ( ) Additionally, if no such concrete proof exists other than the 'student survey', I would expect the Municipality, at its expense, to conduct whatever test is necessary, to determine a tank's existence.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: ( )  
 Date: Nov 25, 2009  
 Subject: Fuel/Oil Tank Testing Monitoring Permit  
 To: [mayorandcouncil@westvancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@westvancouver.ca)

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Wow, what will you think of next!

I was astounded to open my mail today and receive an early Christmas present....a new \$250 fee for something you're calling the Fuel/Oil Testing Monitoring permit.

Since 1987,I have owned two homes in West Vancouver, including the one in which I currently reside and not once has a representative of the Fire Department, or any other Municipal agency contacted me regarding an 'oil tank'.

In your bulletin, you indicate that 'your records' show my property at ( ) contains a residential underground fuel/oil storage tank, but nowhere in the enclosed bulletin/invoice was proof of that record included. Am I to take you word for it? I think not.

In addition, your bulletin advises that "a permit fee of \$250 per year be paid in order for the Fire Department to monitor this storage tank, keep records and perform any necessary inspections." For the past 23 years I have lived on ( )this 'supposed' tank has never been the subject of a Fire Department monitor or necessary inspection. When was it all of a sudden so urgent, that a Bylaw Amendment and new fee dreamed up.

Bernie Madoff could learn a thing or two from you folks.

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