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Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been a resident of West Vancouver for over 80 years. I first climbed up Hollyburn Ridge in 1936. In the 1940s I stayed at the first West Vancouver Scout cabin. In 1961 I bought ( ) ( ) I brought up ( ) so that they were exposed to the cabin and the outdoor life. In the past we spent all our summers gathering winter fuel and repairing the cabin. We would spend the winters shoveling snow.

My children have all had to leave West Vancouver for economic reasons, as they could not afford to live in West Van. They now live in the interior of British Columbia. If my children and grandchildren come down to Vancouver to visit the first thing they want to do is to go up to Hollyburn and stay in the cabin.

Despite a ( ) several years ago I still hike up to the cabin twice a week. My buddy ( ) who is ( ) and a West Van resident comes up to the cabin with me. In the winter we still cross country ski around the cabin area.

I am responsible for maintaining the cabin, paying the taxes and fees. The proposed increase in permit fee will leave me no alternative but to let the cabin go because I am on fixed and supplemental income. My taxable income is ( ) with a government guaranteed supplement of very little. For this reason I cannot pay the increased fee.

Regards,

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