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April 25, 2009

Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 - 17th Street,  
West Vancouver, BC  
V7V 3T3

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Members of Council:

Please consider this letter **our request for permanent training and parade space within the District of West Vancouver for the 525 Pathfinder Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets.**

Most of you, I am sure, are aware of the community service and dedication of these youth, ages 12-19 years. These cadets are the sons and daughters of our West Vancouver Community. They are the future leaders of West Vancouver and British Columbia. Their training program is large and somewhat intensive and they parade and train as a group on a weekly basis with special training and exercises held on weekends. They are knowledgeable about their community and country. They are well turned out, polite and helpful.

Their training is led by the Officers and Staff of this Squadron. These are well trained; and most often ex-service people, and they are preparing these cadets to make excellent choices throughout their teen years and providing them with exemplary skills and experiences which will be of great benefit to our community when the Cadets join us at adult hood.

These officers and staff work basically from the "trunk of a car". Although their current situation allows them small but specific space, it is **in-expensive, permanent space for parading and training that is necessary for consistent weekly training.** Office space for the Commanding Officer, Administration Officer, Training Officer, Supply Officer, as well as their numerous support staff is long overdue. An office with their own equipment as well as a telephone, fax and filing system need not be out of reach. The Parent Sponsoring Committee, the committee that Partners the Commanding Officer, oversees the fund raising and the monies for the Squadron as well as helping to organize and steer the Squadron to a continued, secure future also needs space for their meetings and work.



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This letter of request is meant to be an overview and to relay to you that, after a number of years of dedicated people working in a less than perfect environment for these youth, these Cadets, would have you agree and discuss these needs within our District as a priority for this group. **We have just been given notice, from School District 45 (West Vancouver) that we are no longer able to have any space other than the gymnasium for the 2009-2010 training year. This will not satisfy any of our needs with the exception of weekly Parade.** Any, or all of us, would be happy to attend a meeting with you in order to give you more specific answers to any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Most Sincerely,

Joan Thibault

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April 16, 2009

Ms. M. Martin  
West Vancouver Air Cadets – 525 Pathfinder Squadron  
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1427 Bellevue Avenue  
West Vancouver, BC V7V 4S1

Dear Ms. Martin:

We regret to advise you that due to increasing space requirements for Ecole Cedardale's expanding program, it is necessary for us to reclaim the office area you currently rent, effective June 30, 2009.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with office or storage space at Ecole Cedardale or any other school district site beyond June 30<sup>th</sup> and must ask that you please vacate the office premises upon completion of your current rental agreement on June 30, 2009.

We are able to offer you the rental of the Ecole Cedardale gymnasium only for weekly evening meetings during the coming school year, September 2009 through June 2010. Would you please advise Cory Mulberry of our Rentals Department if you would like to continue with the gymnasium rental contract for the 2009-2010 school year? Cory is available every week-day morning at 604-981-1399.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ellen Forsyth, CMA  
Secretary Treasurer

cc: C. Mulberry, Rentals Department

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From: <rdivine@sd45.bc.ca>  
To: <gjopson@sd45.bc.ca>; <cwinfield@sd45.bc.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 7:24 AM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Cedardale

> Hi Geoff, have a great time in Dubai.....  
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> We have not asked anybody to stop their activities, I would suspect  
that  
> there are rumors going around, but we haven't approached anybody  
regarding  
> changes to their lease.  
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> There will come a time in the future that some of the existing tenants  
may  
> not have their leases renewed, but that decision has not been made.  
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> It's possible that the cadets may not be adversely affected by the  
future  
> expansion of the Cedardale program, as there program operates during  
the  
> evening, we would need to ensure them some office/storage space as  
they  
> drill in the gym or outside.  
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> As always we will be sensitive to our lessees and should there be a  
need  
> to  
> relocate them we would make every attempt to find them space within the  
> district.  
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> Dick  
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