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Letter to West Vancouver Council

Dear Council members,

I am a home owner in West Vancouver and use many services that West Vancouver municipality offers regularly and am grateful to live in this community. I own a dog, and am very conscientious regarding abiding by our by-laws, and in most cases fully agree with their intent. I have a request for consideration however.

I would appreciate discussion on usage by dog owners on the Dundarave seawall. I cannot utilize the leash free path, since my dog is not trained in that manner and would be at risk for vehicle or train injury. The trail is normally impossible for people to use, due to dogs being off leash in addition to extensive amounts of droppings that cannot be cleaned up by the owners due to the fence etc.

If possible as a service to all potential users of the seawall could consideration be made to allow leashed dogs the ability to use the seawall during "quieter hours", perhaps before 7:00 am, and after 7:00 pm April - September and access during all other seasons since pedestrian traffic is lower when the weather changes.

I appreciate how this bylaw was set for no dogs, however it does not allow all law abiding dog owners the ability to use at all, particularly as in my case where the leash free zone is not an option. Having specific low traffic times offer more flexibility without increasing the risk to pedestrians due to high traffic,

thanks for your time and consideration on this, and also thanks for maintaining our municipality in such a fine way,

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