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Mayor & Council
District of West Vancouver
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Your Worship & Members of Council!

Re: Annual Inspection Fee For Fire Service

As an architect with 2 small commercial strata units, I am outraged at another tax being levied on our property. The recent inspection fee of \$150.00 for each strata is the last straw. No other Municipality has such a tax. How long does it take a Fireman to look at a fire extinguisher?

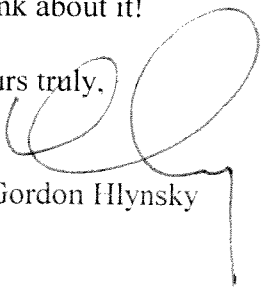
As a commercial property our taxes are already many times the residential rate and we use only minimal services as we are responsible for our own garbage collection, do not use recreation facilities, library or schools. We are even responsible for clearing snow from the street frontage. In addition we are expected to have a business license, which is just another tax.

Many architects and other businesses in this Community work out of their homes, have several employees and do not pay any of these ridiculous taxes.

It is no wonder that businesses have difficulty surviving in Ambleside and Dundarave. And you want to revitalize Ambleside.

Think about it!

Yours truly,


B. Gordon Hlynsky

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