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To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: Cranley Flood

To West Vancouver Mayor and Council:

By now I am sure you are aware of the flooding that occurred on Nelson Creek / Cranley Drive on Dec. 21. This was an extremely dangerous situation, with an extremely fast-flowing creek spilling the banks, and many large trees and boulders were being pushed down the stream at high speed. This caused flooding in many houses, and washed out retaining walls and embankments in others. The problems have not been resolved, and I would like to know when and how they will be addressed.

There are 2 problems:

First, specifically for my house, at () there was significant erosion in our back yard, as the high water levels and large trees smashed against the creek bank, so we lost almost a foot of our back yard from the embankment washing away. Our lot was not properly developed in the first place, as we are one of the few houses that has no retaining wall against the stream flow. It is simply dirt and a few loose rocks, which all washed away in the storm. We require a real retaining wall to protect our house from future damage. We are happy to work with any biologists if needed, to preserve the riparian environment, but the situation must be remedied asap. I will find the contractor and manage the process, but the city needs to pay for the building of the retaining wall, as the city were the ones who relocated the original creek and built the embankment, but did not bother to build a retaining wall for our house.

Second, I would like to know why there were large trees being pushed down Nelson Creek? What was the source of the problem? No one has communicated anything with the residents of Cranley Drive. What is going to be done to ensure this never happens again?

Who do I need to talk to, to resolve these issues? I would like to schedule a meeting as soon as possible to determine next steps.

Thank you,

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