

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED  
DECEMBER 13–17, 2010**

**Referred for Action**

- (1) **December 14, 2010, regarding Cypress (Cypress Mountain Property)** (Referred to Director of Planning, Lands, and Permits for consideration and response)
- (2) **December 16, 2010, regarding Towed Vehicle** (Referred to Director of Planning, Lands, and Permits for consideration and response)

**Received for Information**

- (3) **Committee and Board Meeting Minutes: Design Review Committee, November 25, 2010**
- (4) **Rotary Club of West Vancouver, December 13, 2010, regarding Operation Red Nose**
- (5) **4 submissions regarding Proposed 2011 Budget, dated December 11-14, 2010**

**Responses to Correspondence**

- (6) **R. Fung, Director of Engineering and Transportation, December 10, 2010 response to Stonethro regarding Gordon Avenue, Loose Gravel Nuisance**

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**From:** ( )  
**Sent:** December 14, 2010 4:36 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** absokol@westvancouver.ca  
**Subject:** FW: re Cypress  
**Attachments:** ( ) .doc Dec. 2010 letter to mayor.doc

Dear Mayor and Council,

Pls. find letter attached from ( ) re Cypress Mtn.

Thank you in advance,

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Ps I copied Mr. Gordon Reid, as he is advertising lots for sale in West Vanc., which could be a possible trade situation

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December 14, 2010

Your Worship,

Thank you for meeting ( ) and myself on November 23, 2010 in regards to our family property at Cypress Mountain.

To follow up our meeting I would like to mention the issues we discussed:

1. Subdivision to be allowed as stated in the zoning ?
2. If the City won't allow subdivision right now, can we put at least 8 cabins onto the property and keep one title, cabins could be randomly placed or clustered together.
3. Can the road access be clarified, i.e. road as is, used as a fire road walk in , and owners can sign out the key, in case they have material or larger items that need to be driven in, road will be maintained in a state so a 4 wheel drive can access it .
4. If you have other West Vancouver properties ( between 1.2 Mill and 1.5 Mill) we would also be interested in a trade, this way the City can own the 40 acres,

We look forward to your reply by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, otherwise we'll contact you again, as this matter has been going on for years. We have been paying taxes for over 40 years and have never gotten anything from the city or ask for anything. It amounts to a lot of taxes being paid.

I really look forward to your reply, and hope to resolve this matter soon.

Please reply back via e-mail to my realtor ( )  
once you know what direction you would like to take this.

Wishing you a good Holiday Season,

Best wishes,

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Cc: all council members, ( ) Bob Sokol

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1603-13

16 December 2010

To The Mayor and Councillors of West Vancouver,

Earlier this year (Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>) I parked behind a car on 24<sup>th</sup> facing south, immediately north of Marine Drive. I have been parking there for nearly 50 years but there was a new little sign I later learned was a "No Stopping" sign (see Signs, Exhibit "A") but there was no sign behind it in the parking area which is necessary according to the ICBC "A" exhibit, and which exhibit says infractions may be met with a penalty.

Odd, but not understandable, so I left my young dog locked in the car (window partly open) and walked in Dundarave to do my errand. Upon my short return, no car. Then I was told by the adjacent beauty parlour that I was in a new 'no parking' zone and that it was a steady tow-away zone.

So, I quickly called and took a cab to the tow away yard, two blocks from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Narrows bridge, cost \$31.00. I angrily accosted the tow driver was just unhitching my car with the yard workers crowded around to see the little concerned pup inside. The tow truck driver told me he phoned the by-law people to tell them about the dog knowing that some jurisdictions say to leave a car with pets but put the infraction or fine notice on it. But the West Van by-law people said to tow it anyway.

Question: Are you aware your by-law people exercise such a negative, unpopular and dangerous policy?

Question: What if summer heat killed the dog or it was stolen? What if staff forgot to call the SPCA in four hours? What if it was a child in the car?

So, as a tax paying, law-abiding citizen of West Vancouver, I paid:

- Taxi	\$ 31.00
- Tow charge	122.00
- Fine	<u>35.00</u>
Total	<u>\$188.00</u>

All this was caused by your by-law people not marking this area correctly and the "Y" exhibit shows by an "X" where the new and proper signage was <sup>later</sup> erected.

Also, I believe your people towed my car illegally as signs "A" exhibit clearly say these "no stopping" signs infraction can cause a penalty whereas signs "B" exhibit clearly states that if the

other signs were used, the proper no parking signs, then an infractor may receive fines, or his vehicle may be towed, or both.

I received both a fine and a towed away vehicle in an improperly marked zone (now rectified by a new sign at X on the "Y" exhibit) and a zone that had the wrong sign for a tow-away.

In view of the above, please consider the \$188.00 charge above to be a bill against the city to be paid to myself.

Also, although the fine stated I could contest this, I was phoned by the by-law people saying that if I did contest it, I would automatically "lose" as they had a "picture" and that if I contested, my automatic fine would be increased.

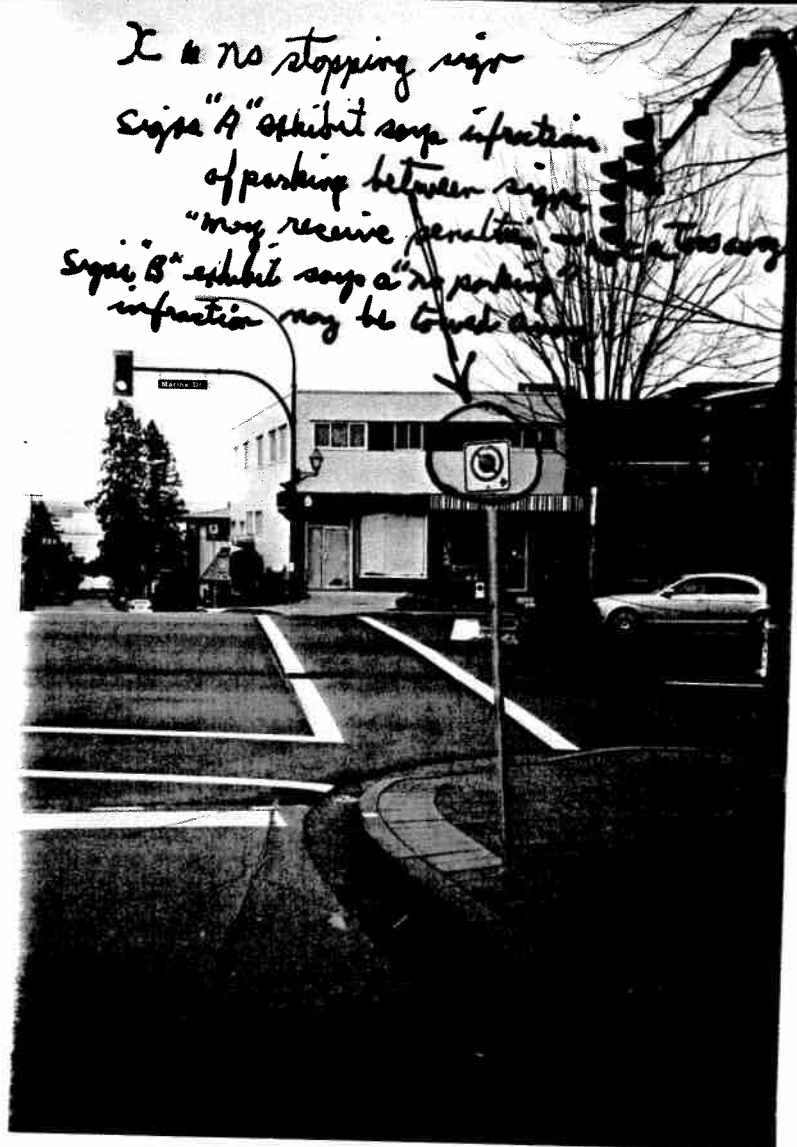
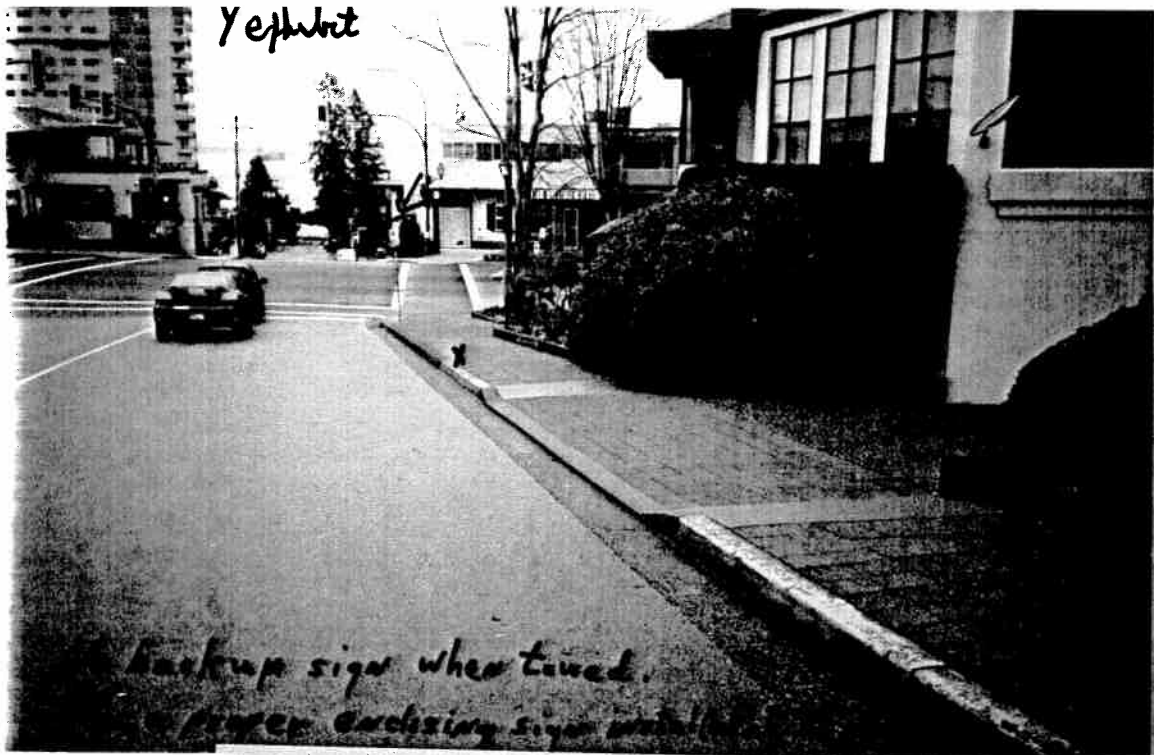
Now this is not real justice, claim on your "ticket" that one could contest, and then be told without even asking, that I would automatically lose and face an increased fine.

I would appreciate it if you would remit to me the \$188.00 before year-end.

Your ever-obedient servant.

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P.S. If my case above is unjust, why then did West Vancouver have to put in the additional sign to stop future infractors?



Sign "A"

DOES NOT STATE  
TOWING away from  
"no stopping" sign as erected.

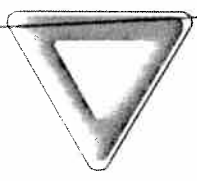
### Developing Your RoadSense

#### Regulatory signs

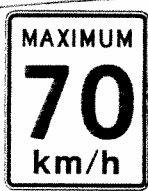
These signs tell you about driving laws and regulations. It is an offence under the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act to disregard them. Drivers who do not follow the instructions on these signs may receive penalties.



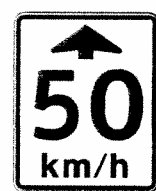
Stop completely — continue only when safe



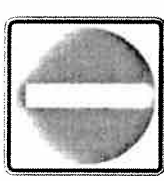
Give the right-of-way to other vehicles and crossing pedestrians



The fastest you may drive in good conditions



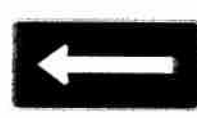
Indicates a lower speed limit ahead



Do not enter



Do not go this way — usually mounted on exit ramps



One way — gives direction of traffic on cross street



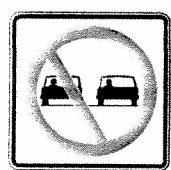
Stay off this road during major disasters — road may be used only by emergency vehicles



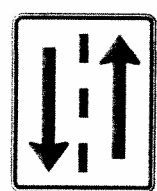
Move into right lane if driving slower than regular traffic



Keep right unless passing



Do not pass



Two-way traffic — keep right unless passing



Keep right of the divider



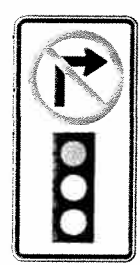
No stopping between here and the next no-stopping sign



No stopping during posted times between here and the next sign



No bicycle riding beyond this point



No right turn on red light

THIS IS THE SIGN YOU CAN ONLY SEE ONE SIGN.

This what they have and you can only see one sign.

If you do not follow sign it says you get a penalty it does not STATE ~~you~~ TOWED getting

Signs

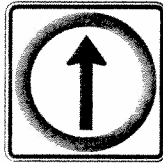
# Developing Your RoadSense

## Turn control signs

Turn control signs are mounted directly above the intersection. You must follow the direction of the arrow.



Left turn only



Go straight only — no turns



Turn right or left only



5 PM - 7 PM  
MON - FRI

No right turns during posted times

*This does state towing*

## Parking signs

Parking signs let you know where and when you are allowed to park. You may receive fines or your vehicle may be towed (or both) if you park illegally.



Time-limited parking during posted times



Do not park here



Parking is not allowed during posted times

*This is what should be in that area so it is understood*



Parking only for vehicles displaying the disabled parking sign and carrying a person with disabilities

## Reserved lane signs

A white diamond painted on the road surface marks reserved lanes. Reserved lane signs are also placed over or beside lanes that are reserved for certain vehicles such as buses or high occupancy vehicles (HOVs). Other HOV signs may give additional information on who may use the HOV lane.



Only buses in this lane



Only buses and HOVs in this lane — may show how many people must be in the HOV



Curb lane of cross street ahead is a reserved lane

*If West Van had proper signs then you could tow as states on this page.*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER****DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the West Vancouver Design Review Committee meeting held at  
4:30 p.m. on November 25, 2010 in the Municipal Hall Council Chamber,  
West Vancouver, B.C.**

**Members Present:**

Voting Members: Erik Lees (Chair); Donal O'Callaghan (Vice-Chair); Stuart Hood;  
Jennifer Marshall; Michael Richardson.

Non-Voting Members: Councillor Shannon Walker.

**Members Absent:** Tom Bunting; Karl Ray; Duane Siegrist.

**Staff Present:**

Staff Liaison, Geri Boyle, Manager of Planning and Lands; Recording Secretary, Mandy Emery, Permits and Inspections.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the agenda the November 25, 2010 Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Design Review Committee held September 30, 2010 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

##### 4.1 1950 MARINE DRIVE, WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY. CHANGE IN ROOFING MATERIAL

###### **Project Presentation:**

Clay Nelson, Manager of Building Construction & Contracts introduced the presentation. In 2009 West Vancouver Library Foundation funded a building condition assessment of the library to help in making recommendations to maintain and operate the library as efficiently as possible. One of the recommendations was to look at a significant roof replacement. The work is in the proposed 2011 capital budget.

Using a Power Point Presentation the Architect, Alec Smith from Shape Architecture Inc. went over the detailed building assessment work they had undertaken, and advised that the review concluded that numerous systems are well passed their life span and that the building envelope has limited insulation value. As a result of this work a phased renovation program was proposed:

- Phase 1 - upgrade building control systems into natural ventilation
- Phase 2 - look at replacement of building roof system, including slope and flat roof
- Phase 3 - replace all single glazed windows and upgrade mechanical equipment

The Architect advised that replacing the existing roof with a standing seam steel roof was assessed relative to a wood shingle alternative and the metal roof was considered cost effective, environmentally responsible and from an aesthetic standpoint would unify the building.

###### **Committee Questions:**

The Committee asked questions of the presenters on:

- roof profile
- insulation system – 3.5 inches of insulation plus air space; the amount of insulation would be constrained by the edge condition
- R-factor for the new roof – R value has yet to be calculated
- width of metal panels – 18” 22-gauge steel preferred but haven’t ruled out 12” 24-gauge which may be necessary to avoid “oil canning”
- operable windows for natural ventilation
- gutter details – currently unresolved but the colour would match the roof
- noise concerns with metal roof – the insulation would act somewhat as a baffle, but it would not be any worse than at present

**Committee Comments:**

The Committee went on to provide comments on the renovation including:

- While the metal roof would unify the building, the heritage cottage character would be lost and the building would take on a more institutionalized character and would be more in character with other Municipal buildings, which may be the intent.
- Be careful with profile between standing seams. Like to see what skylights and window changes will look like in 3<sup>rd</sup> stage.
- If insulation is only be fully effective for 30 yrs, why put on a 60 yr. roof?
- Condition of edge detail not resolved yet. Try to come up with realistic insulation depth without having to rebuild transition points and taking into account the roof edge profile.
- Insulation will definitely create heavier edge and thicker profile. Feel proposal is a cost effective approach.
- Wood roof is more effective in terms of R-value;
- Concerned about steel and sustainability. Wood, on the other hand, is a renewable resource
- Window controls/systems (i.e., how they work, who controls them and instructions on use) need to be fully considered to ensure that windows work as planned
- Appreciate presentation package laid out well.

**Resolution:**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Design Review Committee recommends SUPPORT of the change in roofing materials for West Vancouver Memorial Library at 1950 Marine Drive SUBJECT TO further review by Staff of the following items:

- gutter and fascia details;
- while 18" wide panels are preferred, 12" wide panels can be considered, if desirable from a technical and cost perspective, and with acceptable aesthetics, determined via a review of comparative renderings of the two options;
- ensure controls for windows and HVAC are integrated; and
- ensure that the colour and finish of the new roof matches the sample presented to the DRC.

**CARRIED**

## 4.2 RODGERS CREEK AREA 1, LOT 12 “HIGHGROVE”. CLUSTER HOUSING (18 UNITS)

### **Background:**

Mike Kemble provided background on the Cluster housing proposal for Rodgers Creek – Area 1). He went over the items that he would like the committee to comment on in particular, sustainability, identity of individual units, and variation between the three buildings.

### **Project Presentation:**

Using a model, drawings and Power Point presentation Architect, Don Andrews of Creekside Architects, described the proposal in detail. The presentation included: the site context and features; consistency with the Rodgers Creek Area Development Plan Overview Report; the approach to grades and views (from houses behind and of the units); materials; and achieving certified Built Green Silver.

Ken McKillop Landscape Architect from Durante Kreuk went over the landscape concept. He noted that:

- The intention is for the creek that comes through the site and for the west corner of the lot to be reconstituted as a BC coastal forest with an under storey of indigenous planting and conifers planted to respect views.
- Rock walls are to be screened with planting.
- Sustainable features include rain garden fed from road allowance to retain water as a sustainable system.
- Lineal elements carried through the landscape with more ornamental planting at face of building and then transitions into the more natural indigenous planting.

### **Committee Questions:**

The Committee questioned the presenters on the proposed air source HV system, solar hot water heating, permeable asphalt stamped paving, retaining wall details, public use of stairs leading through site, source of stone, and rationale for roof access and lantern roof element.

### **Committee Comments:**

Comments from the Committee were forthcoming on the multi-family units including:

- Horizontality of building is unrelenting from the south elevation where the building reads as a large apartment block. This south façade is an important façade, as it is how the world sees West Vancouver. There is an opportunity to fracture Building ‘C’, introduce individuation between clusters, break up and add vertical elements. Look to ‘Falling Waters’, as intended, for techniques to reduce horizontality and introduce verticality. The side elevations are well-done.

- Front doors are a symbolic gesture. The proposed front doors, particularly off the private lane, need reconsideration. If the building could be pushed back from the lane (and set closer to the street), space might be available to better establish the front doors to the lower and mid-level units.
- The lantern element should be removed.
- Concern about colour palette and why the concrete is being painted; feel it should not be painted.
- Great presentation from a sustainability perspective. Support installation of an air source heat pump (rather than geothermal). Noise from air source heat pumps can be an issue with certain models, and in all cases attention to location is important to minimize noise impacts. The buildings should be 'future proofed' by providing rough-ins for solar hot water.
- Would like to see sections from liveable space of private homes on the north side of the street in order to evaluate view lines.
- If the roof terraces and the lanterns are removed there is the opportunity to establish green roofs and/or solar panels and help views from above.
- The proposed plant palette is only 50% native plants and only 15% coastal forest trees. An enhanced palette of native plants should be provided, particularly for the under storey and ground cover.
- Why not replace the coloured asphalt proposed for part of the lane? Granite banding should be considered along with alternative to asphalt.

**Resolution:**

It was Moved and Seconded:

Whereas the community has been involved in the planning for Rodgers Creek through extensive working group engagement, the Design Review Committee has reviewed the 18 Unit Cluster Housing for Area 1, Lot 12 "Highgrove" at Rodgers Creek and:

1. applauds British Pacific Properties re their built green philosophy and implementation for this development and overall quality of design and material choices; AND
2. recommends further design/development and resubmission that addresses the following concerns:
  - overly horizontal expression: look to the successful side façade for inspiration;
  - individualization between clusters;
  - support idea and subsequent alternate design of the roof terrace;

- stronger laneway entry to all units and possibly reduced front yard;
- increase use of native plants where possible;
- reconsider the coloured asphalt material;
- enhance streetscape.

**CARRIED**

**5. REPORTS/REFERRALS.**

No reports received.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

(Regarding process and/or Disposition only)

No Questions Presented.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Design Review Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Design Review Committee meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Erik Lees, CHAIR

  
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Geri Boyle, STAFF LIAISON

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**From:** Chris Loat [( )]  
**Sent:** December 13, 2010 12:27 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Cc:** Rotary - Janice Bosley  
**Subject:** Operation Red Nose

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Dear Mayor and Council

Thank you to Mayor Pam Goldsmith for promoting Operation Red Nose in our municipality and A BIG Rotary thank you to West Vancouver Councillor Bill Soprovich for turning out on Saturday night in the heavily pouring rain from 9pm to 3am to work on an Operation Red Nose team helping to keep our communities safe.

“Service above Self”

Thank you

Yours in Rotary  
Christopher Loat  
Rotary Club of West Vancouver  
ORN 2010 – Volunteer Point Man

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**From:** ( )

**Sent:** December 11, 2010 11:34 PM

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Cc:** North Shore News; ( )

**Subject:** 2011 Budget

Mayor and Council

( ) of ITAC speaks for me; ( ) does not speak for me. I suggest a solution to professional PR man ( ) and philanthropist ( ) and all their *creme de la creme* supporters in West Vancouver, i.e., contribute your "dinner for two" monies to the West Vancouver municipal coffers while the Council maintains zero increase. There is nothing to prevent them from putting their money where their mouths are and if that makes them happy, everybody is happy.

I also support ( ) comment about the elephant in the room, viz, too many expensive employees. Taxes are already too high and even with zero increase last year, my taxes went up more than "dinner for two".

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**From:** Carolanne Reynolds [EditorWVM@WestVan.org]  
**Sent:** December 13, 2010 10:48 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Budget 2011 Submission Dec 6

Dear Mayor and Council:

re: Submission re Proposed 2011 Budget at December 6th Council Meeting

Please find below a transcript of what was said (with one inserted comment) for the record.

from West Van Matters 2010-28  
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CR: Editor, West Van Matters

One might be amused were it not so appalling to receive an email full of distortions and threats; and from ppl one might expect to be well-informed.

Shocking.

**Let's get some terms and facts straight.**

Many appear to interpret 'zero' as the same amount each year.

**This lack of understanding is what has led some to say zero unsustainable -- and amazingly not to realize the converse is true: salaries rising 4% per year, wch is 22% over five years, is unsustainable as well.**

Anyway, not what meant, and indeed NOT what happened last year.

**The term is a zero percentage TAX RATE increase.**

**Last year, revenues increased ~\$1M and the anticipated surplus for this year is ~\$500K.**

**That's a result of Ccl's having been responsible and passed a zero per cent tax rate increase, and staff's having been careful.**

**I'd say a success story all round!**

**And we can do it again.**

**Residents' incomes decreased by 9 to 30%, so I think we ought to try -- b/c we're not really looking at 2.35%, we're looking at the 7, 11, and 13% in utilities as well, but that does mean, I understand, ~8% for us.**

*{CLARIFICATION: did want to verify this so did more checking after the mtg. Although a cclr had told me 7% as the first, and had confirmed it, the Dir of Engg said that the first of the three increase figures was 5%. Also, the budget/cost/amt for utilities for 2011 will be 8% more than for 2010. Obviously the increase to each homeowner varies since usage-based.}*

No doubt those who enjoy subsidized services want them to continue, even expand.

No doubt citizens enjoy this quality of life.

No doubt staff ought to be well-paid -- and they already are compared with the private sector

**Staff costs are over 80% of the Operating Budget, so let's look at that.**

At the last mtg I asked who negotiated the collective agreements and how -- still waiting for an answer.

**If it's Human Resources, and management gets the same raise, staff setting its own salaries is not a recipe for restraint.**

Some time ago I asked if contracts go to tender, and above what amt, but got a confused reply wch I hope the new Director of Finance will clarify.

It wd be helpful to get the budget binders we used to get; made it **easier to provide concrete suggestions of where savings can be made -- and some were even taken!**

As for salaries, many think of time as money, and some prefer time.

Many ppl prefer more time off rather than a higher income, esp if they're already making more than \$80 or \$100K a year.

Some prefer to spend more time with their families or travelling.

**Some might want to take a cut of, for example 20%, and work four days a week instead of five.**

**Some maybe cd take a longer holiday or several shorter ones.**

**We can generate more revenue -- outsourcing and already, I understand, discussions for partnerships wch will lower costs.**

As for cuts, the BSC (Balanced Scorecard) provides status; wd be helpful if dollar figures were given; and **confusing to see a priority is to support the Amb Biz Assn -- at what cost? why?**

So let's get back to having a roundtable discussion given departmental info so realistic and practical solutions can be found.

um, I started to begin to think, listening to this, that we shd have the "Goldilocks" decision -- not too much, not too hot, [and] not too little, not too cold. Let's work together and get it just right.

tyvm

APPLAUSE

[7:55]

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Yours thoughtfully,

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**From:** Carolanne Reynolds [EditorWVM@WestVan.org]  
**Sent:** December 13, 2010 10:39 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Budget 2011 Submission Nov 22nd

Dear Mayor and Council:

re: Submission re Proposed 2011 Budget at November 22nd Finance Cmte Meeting

Please find below a transcript of what was said (with one inserted comment) for the record.

from West Van Matters 2010-27

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CR: Editor of WVM

Receiving all this information tonight, I didn't have anything prepared so I've been madly writing while ppl hv bn speaking.

We all know that we live in a fabulous M, don't think there's any doubt about that, and I think everybody's aims really to polish it to make it more sleek and efficient, and that's what our aim is but I do think there are ways cd make more efficient, I think, uh, ... haven't had the time to come up with any of the excellent ideas that ITAC has, but they're good to keep in mind

**the recession has made things more difficult for Ccl to, and the residents -- and we hear daily about the problems world-wide.**

**Cclr Lewis's figures last week of how much incomes had gone down were quite a shock.**

**I thought they might have gone down a little bit but the figures that he gave show that they're quite remarkable**

**and ITAC's figures support that decline in residents' income**

TJ, I'm sorry I don't know his name, b/c you referred to him as TJ

Mayor: Mr Schmaltz

**CR: Mr Schmaltz said that agreements expire in 2012 and the increase is 4%.**

**I think it's important for everyone to understand that what he meant was the increases are 4% per year, not 4% between now and 2012.**

*{When TJ Schmaltz had finished speaking at the podium and came back to sit down, I called him over to clarify what he said. As you see above, he said a raise of 4% and the agrmt expired in 2012. At best this is unclear. I pointedly asked him if he actually meant 4% per year, not 4% from now to 2012. He said he thought ppl wd understand it was 4% per year, and that's one of the reasons I decided to get up to clarify. This is important to note b/c the years of 4% each year adds up, esp when thinking of Cclr Lewis's and ITAC's statements of the severe drop in the*

***incomes of WV residents. [re salary increases:] Four years at 4% is 17% and five years, 22%.]***

**When you keep in mind the cost of living increases and ppl's salary increases, 4% last year, 4% this year, 4% next year, 4% for 2012, represent an enormous income and higher amt than most of the rest of the ppl, not only in this fabulous cmnty but other parts of BC and even Canada.**

**Who negotiated such rich agreements?**

It seems rather, um, either optimistic of how much revenue we're going to have or, well, I'll let you figure out why you think it wd be such an incredible increase.

**Maybe there cd be a different system.**

**We cd find out what your system is for the increases.**

**Maybe you cd involve some of the ratepayer groups and ITAC mbrs to look at the system and the suggestions and that, so that we can hope for something that's a little closer to what most ppl think wd be reasonable for the staff, b/c of what they're doing.**

Mr Richards mentioned that this was awkward, and Madam Mayor, you said this is open.

I agree with both of you.

I think that you're both right. Having this presentation in the open is v good for everyone to see. It's going to be on television, so ppl can watch it and I think that's an excellent idea, tyvm, however, to get down to some of the discussions and concrete suggestions, in the past they used to have round tables with the ratepayer and interested [ppl/groups/things], and then it cd be divided either into tables or into subjects, so that the residents or the ratepayer groups and ITAC can go away with certain subjects that you set for an agenda. And then you come and you meet with the ppl either separate tables and groups, or all together so that there can be a free flow.

B/c often what somebody says on the outside isn't practical on the inside when you know the situation, but we can't [always] know that.

And also, ppl on the outside don't always look outside the box, outside the Hall.

So I think a roundtable, if you cd have that, I think that might address some of the more, uh, make ppl come up with concrete suggestions and everyone cd be prepared for answers.

That was just my suggestion that 80% as the staff [remuneration/proportion of the budget], of course leaves a lot of ppl with questions, esp with such high increases.

**So perhaps if we get more information we'll be able to give better input next time and maybe have a roundtable that we can help as much as we can.**

**to try to keep the budget down to the zero rate increase that it was last year**  
tyvm.

Mayor: anybody further?

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Yours thoughtfully,

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From: ( )  
 Sent: December 14, 2010 10:34 PM  
 To: MayorandCouncil  
 Cc: ( ) North Shore News  
 Subject: Fwd: ITAC - DWV budget - "Enough is enough!"

Mayor and Council

In case you have not seen it, here is ( ) speaking and, as I noted in my message of 12 December 2010, ( ) speaks for me. And, as I noted, you should consider further cuts in terms of reducing your expensive staff. As one who has gone through considerable cut-backs, I can assure you that no one is indispensable.

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From: ( )  
 Date: Tue, Dec 14, 2010 at 5:10 PM  
 Subject: ITAC - DWV budget - "Enough is enough!"  
 To: Undisclosed Recipient ( )

Last evening's DWV Council meeting on the proposed 2011 budget was depressing in the extreme, both in execution and result. Only Councillors Lewis and Soprovich held firm to the no tax rate increase line. Regretably, Councillor Walker, another likely stalwart, was absent.

**On a motion by Councillor Smith, staff are to bring a budget by-law before Council, at its meeting on Monday, January 10th, that will incorporate a 1.1% tax rate hike.** This move betrays a complete lack of understanding of the huge symbolic importance of saying to the bureaucrats, and to the watching media and public, in West Vancouver and elsewhere, "No tax rate increase until you demonstrate the ability to properly manage our local government with the \$61 million and change for operating expenses you've got already!" That's right, \$61 million plus and still the beast demands more. As a wise man once said, "When it comes to tax-dollars, government is like a new-born infant, an insatiable appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

As I understand things, essentially all the increase in property tax will now flow into employee remuneration. I will send along a detailed analysis in the next short while. Something to contemplate over the Christmas Holidays, with a stiff Scotch at the ready. I bet you're breathless with anticipation.

A battle has been lost but not the war. **Every effort must be made to encourage people not only to turn up at the Council meeting on January 10th but to speak out against a tax rate hike.** We're creating at the local level, as elsewhere, a bureaucratic overclass that is feasting off the toil of the "fore-lock tugging, muck-stained peasants" (that would be you, me and the schumks next door). **It's past time to say "Enough is enough!"**

**Democracy is not a free ride. On January 10th, it's time to show up, stand up, speak up and be counted!**

Please forward this e-mail to all those you know who live in West Vancouver, with the request they do likewise.

Thank you.

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PS. The WSJ article [click on accompanying link] is food for thought. The author, Governor of Minnesota, is one of the most able governors in the United States. While this article focuses on public sector unions, I believe the real issue ought to be with public sector management.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703766704576009350303578410.html>.

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File: 1785-02

Stonethro  
BCS 1593 Strata Corporation Council  
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Dear Mr. Stott, President Strata Council:

**RE: Gordon Avenue, Loose Gravel Nuisance**

I am in receipt of your letter to Mayor and Council dated November 13, 2010, which has been directed to me for reply.

The Gordon Avenue Streetscapes project is now complete and is the culmination of a process that dates back to the rezoning of the Stonethro townhouse site. In response to neighbourhood concerns regarding traffic generated by increased density as well as the opening of the new Community Centre, the *Gordon Avenue and Neighbourhood Area Traffic and Streetscape Study, Final Report* was received by Council and approved for implementation in 2006. During the 2010 Budget process, the original project budget of \$450,000, which had included full mitigation of stormwater runoff impacts was reduced to \$375,000 at the direction of Council. With that scope change, the treatment of the parking areas on the south side of Gordon was limited to gravel, which still provides some stormwater benefits. The budget was stretched to at least accommodate permeable paving stone installation for the two bus pullouts, and now, the budget has reached its limit. As the Mayor stated in a separate correspondence to you on this matter, "balancing the community's spending priorities is tricky. Our staff responded to Council direction in this case, which was also to apportion some of the significant funding to 21 Street as well." Meanwhile, staff will continue to monitor the condition of the gravel parking area to minimize loose gravel and the development of potholes.

Yours truly,



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13 November 2011

The Mayor and Council Members,  
District of West Vancouver,  
750 17<sup>th</sup> Street, West Vancouver  
BC V7V 3T3

Dear Madam Mayor and Council Members;

**Re: Gordon Avenue, Loose Gravel Nuisance**

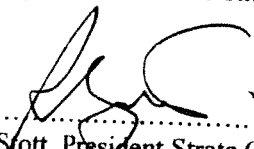
The undersigned members and residents of Owners' Strata Corporation BCS1593, comprising 2115-2133 Gordon Avenue, West Vancouver respectfully request the District to exercise its duty of care and permanently remedy at the earliest opportunity the dangerous condition of Gordon Avenue caused by loose stone eroded from the reconstructed south side parking area adjoining the public tennis courts.

The parking area's crushed stone surfacing, installed we understand as a temporary expedient, is not fit for purpose in light of the stated pedestrian safety objectives of the recently completed Gordon Avenue Streetscape project. The danger to public safety caused by: (a) the soft surface which is unsuitable for walking frames; and (b) loose stones scattered on the roadway and sidewalks by users of the parking area and passing traffic, is considerable in an area frequented by older and disabled persons of which several are residents of our strata plan. We submit, moreover, that the crushed rock surface is unsightly and incompatible with the upgraded streetscape and adjacent property landscaping.

The parking area is used intensively by visitors to the community centre and nearby properties including Kiwanis, and the gutters quickly fill up with eroded stones each day. Twice weekly sweeping helps clear the gutters but loose stones migrate onto the roadway and our frontage sidewalk and driveway causing a nuisance and exposing the strata corporation also to potential liability for a resulting injury.

We are pleased at the recent replacement of the offending crushed stone by paving blocks in the Gordon Avenue north side pull out bays and would like to see a similar solution applied to the parking area in question at the earliest opportunity. In addition to meeting the District's duty of care, such a solution will better ensure the District's expenditures on the otherwise excellent improvements to Gordon Avenue fully meet their objectives.

Yours sincerely,

  
.....  
Paul Scott, President Strata Council  
& Mrs Mary Stott, 2129 Gordon Avenue

