

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO AUGUST 18, 2021 (8:30 a.m.)

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:43 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Christie Rosta
Subject: "Harmony Arts Festival" 2021 - 'Patience and Understanding'!

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Hello Mayor and Council and Ms. Christie Rosta,

While I appreciated being forewarned of impacts of noise, increased traffic and road closures - re Ms. Rosta's letter of the 26th July, 2021 asking for our 'patience and understanding during the festival.'

However, my heart sank when I saw the entertainment stage set-up facing towards the Ambleside apartment area. Plus, a security spotlight, which incidentally, shone brightly all night just over my head on my bedroom wall when lying in my bed, if I was to sit-up it blinded me!

Why, in to-day's advanced technology, cannot the sound of the entertainment be tailored for the benefit of the immediate audience as it was not a concert hall of thousands who were attending! Did they really need all those boosted amped-up speakers in order to be heard?

What we hear is just plain invasive NOISE! No tuneful, toe-tapping recognizable melodies. Just screaming, yelling and moaning voice sounds with the constant thumping of percussion instruments echoing around the concrete buildings - it was highly unpleasant and tortuous!

To top it off, the weather at this time of the year is always hot with this year being even more so. To be able to hear anything on one's T.V. the windows had to be closed and the T.V. and fans turned up for 10 days, and, until 10 p.m.!!

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It works both ways regarding the impacts! Please, please, be considerate of the surrounding neighbourhood in future. (If it was a neighbour making these disturbing noises Bylaws would have been called!) The entertainment sounds can surely be contained within the immediate audience area with the stage placed facing the ocean and so not disturbing the whole Ambleside neighbourhood. This request has been made before and is being made yet again! When will it be adhered to?

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Sincerely,

Christine Ballantine. (Please do not redact my name.)

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West Vancouver,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Date: 2021-08-12 11:20 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: MayorandCouncil <MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca>, correspondence@westvancouver.bc
Cc: Rosta Christie <crosta@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: "Harmony Arts Festival" 2021 - 'Patience and Understanding'!

I totally agree with [REDACTED] s. 22(1) comments below.

The suggestion to face the bandstand towards the water has been made for several years but never implemented. Why has this never been tried to see if it would ease the problematic 10-day concert noise forced on Ambleside residents.

Why not try it next year? ... seems like a simple compromise to me.

Please do not redact my name.

Thank you,
J. M. Farquhar
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: Patricia Tomlinson [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:20 PM
To: correspondence; Christie Rosta
Subject: The Harmony Arts Festival.

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver B.C.
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12th August 2021.

Dear Mayor & Council/ Christie Rosta,

I live very close to where the Harmony Arts concerts took place and from what I could see from the crowds returning home - it was a success and they enjoyed themselves.

In my apartment, because of the heat, I had all my windows open and trying to listen to my TV was almost impossible with the volume of noise from the concerts.

It was suggested several times over the past few years that if the stage faced the ocean, the noise would not be so annoying to those of us who are either unable to get to the Harmony Arts or choose not to go.

Please bear this in mind for future concerts in the summer, as we have to have our windows open because of the heat.

Another suggestion would be to have the Harmony Arts held in Ambleside Park - but still with the stage facing the ocean.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Tomlinson.
Please do not redact my name.

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Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 4:32 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Important information
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‘Historic Win’: CHD Wins Case Against FCC on Safety Guidelines for 5G and Wireless

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit court ruled the Federal Communications Commission failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its determination that its current guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radiofrequency radiation.

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Children's Health Defense (CHD) won its [historic case](#) today against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a case challenging the agency's decision not to review its [1996 health and safety guidelines](#) regarding wireless-based technologies including 5G.

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit published its [decision](#) Aug.13. The court ruled that the FCC failed to consider the [non-cancer evidence](#) regarding [adverse health effects of wireless technology](#) when it decided that its 1996 radiofrequency emission guidelines protect the public's health.

The [court's judgment](#) states:

“The case be remanded to the commission to provide a reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radiofrequency radiation...”

CHD Chairman and attorney on the case Robert F Kennedy, Jr. said:

“The court's decision exposes the FCC and FDA as captive agencies that have abandoned their duty to protect public health in favor of a single-minded crusade to increase telecom industry profits.”

CHD's case was consolidated with another similar case that was filed by the Environmental Health Trust. The organizations filed joint briefs in the case.

CHD's lead attorney for the case, Scott McCollough, a telecommunication and administrative law attorney who represented the petitioners in the [hearing](#), said:

“This is an historic win. The FCC will have to re-open the proceeding and for the first time meaningfully and responsibly confront the [vast amount of scientific and medical evidence](#) showing that current guidelines do not adequately protect health and the environment.

The court's decision continued to say:

“...the FCC completely failed to acknowledge, let alone respond to, comments concerning the impact of RF radiation on the environment...The record contains substantive evidence of potential environmental harms.”

The petitioners in the case filed [11,000 pages of evidence](#) of harm from 5G and wireless technology which the FCC ignored, including evidence of already existing widespread sickness.

Attorney Dafna Tachover, CHD's director of 5G and Wireless Harms Project, who initiated and led the case for CHD, said:

“The FCC will finally have to recognize the immense suffering by the millions of people who have already been harmed by the FCC's and FDA's unprecedented failure to protect public health. Finally the truth is out. I am hopeful that following this decision, the FCC will do the right thing and halt any further deployment of 5G.”

The court ruling was a two-to-one panel decision. Judge Robert Wilkins wrote the majority opinion. Judge Patricia Millett joined him and Judge Karen Henderson, who presided over the panel, issued a dissent.

CHD President Mary Holland said:

“The U.S. Court of Appeals decision in CHD’s case against the FCC reaffirms my faith in the judiciary. In these chaotic days, courts can still hold out the hope for sober-minded decisions according to the rule of law. I eagerly await FCC action in compliance with the court’s ruling.”

This [historic case](#) was filed by CHD on Feb. 2, 2020. The case challenged the agency’s [decision](#) not to review its 25-year-old radio-frequency emissions (RF) guidelines which regulate the radiation emitted by wireless technology devices (such as cell phones and iPads) and infrastructure (cell towers, Wi-Fi and smart-meters), and to promulgate biologically and evidence-based guidelines that adequately protect public health.

In 1996, the FCC adopted guidelines which only protect consumers from adverse effects occurring at levels of radiation that cause thermal effects (temperature change in tissue), while ignoring [substantial evidence](#) of profound harms from pulsed and modulated RF radiation at non-thermal levels. The FCC hasn’t reviewed its guidelines or the evidence since, despite [clear scientific evidence](#) of harm and growing [rates of RF-related sickness](#).

In 2012, the [Government Accountability Office](#) of Congress published a [report](#) recommending the FCC reassess its guidelines. As a result, in 2013 the FCC published an [inquiry](#) to decide whether the guidelines should be reviewed. It opened [docket 13-84](#) for the public to file comments.

Thousands of comments and scientific evidence by scientists, medical organizations and doctors, as well as hundreds of comments by people who have become sick from this radiation were filed in support of new rules. Nevertheless, on Dec. 4, 2019, the FCC closed the docket and [published its decision](#), affirming the adequacy of its guidelines without proper assessment of the comments or the evidence.

The lawsuit, called a [Petition for Review](#), contends that the agency’s decision is arbitrary, capricious, not evidence-based, an abuse of discretion and in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

CHD’s lawsuit was joined by nine individual petitioners. Petitioners include Professor David Carpenter MD, a world-renowned scientist and public health expert who is co-editor of the [BioInitiative Report](#), the most comprehensive review of the science on RF effects; physicians who see the sickness caused by wireless radiation in their clinics; and a mother whose son died of a cell phone-related brain tumor.

CHD’s lawsuit was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. However it was transferred to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit where it was joined with a similar lawsuit filed by the Environmental Health Trust and Consumers for Safe Cell Phones. The main brief and the reply brief were filed jointly by all petitioners.

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Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 6:52 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: School and Playground Hazards

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please, please, please, can something be done to help our school and playground areas in regards to:

- 1) trash and dangerous items left on the playground
- 2) parents stopping their cars to pick up children in no parking/no stopping zones around schools

Would bigger/better/more explicit signage help?

Would education from the schools help?

Here are some examples from Irwin Park.

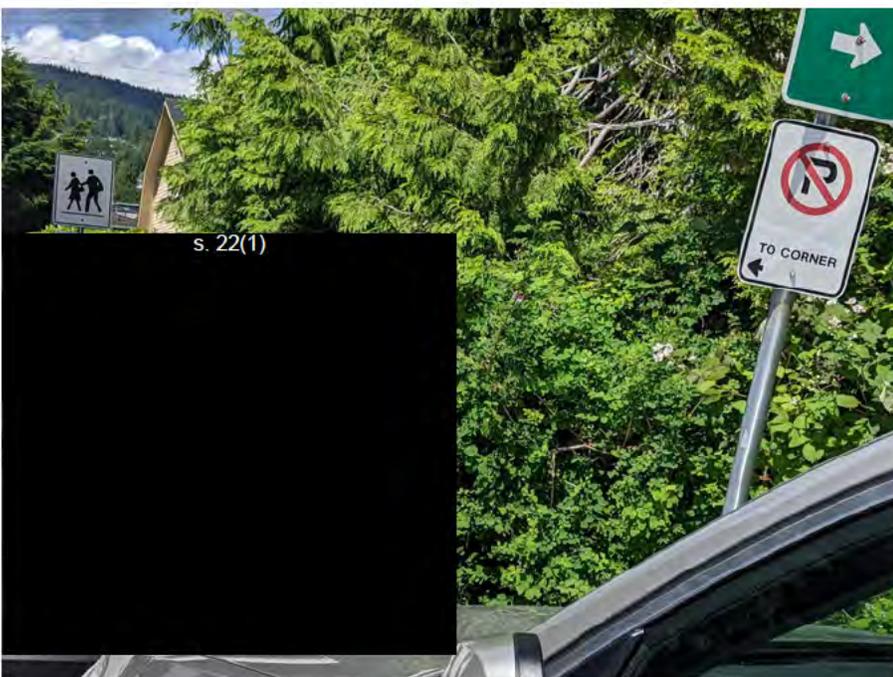
- 1) Glass, nails/screws, concrete lump found in sand between school and playing field





2) On many occasions I have tried to educate parents by tapping on their window to point out that they are blocking a cross walk, parked or waiting in a "no park" or "no stopping" zone, blocking a neighbours driveway, or even stopping directly in the middle of the roadway while they are "waiting" to pick up their child after school. Many parents will move their car but others continue to stop anywhere they please to pick up their child, ignoring the signs, waiting in areas that clearly block safe crossing lines.

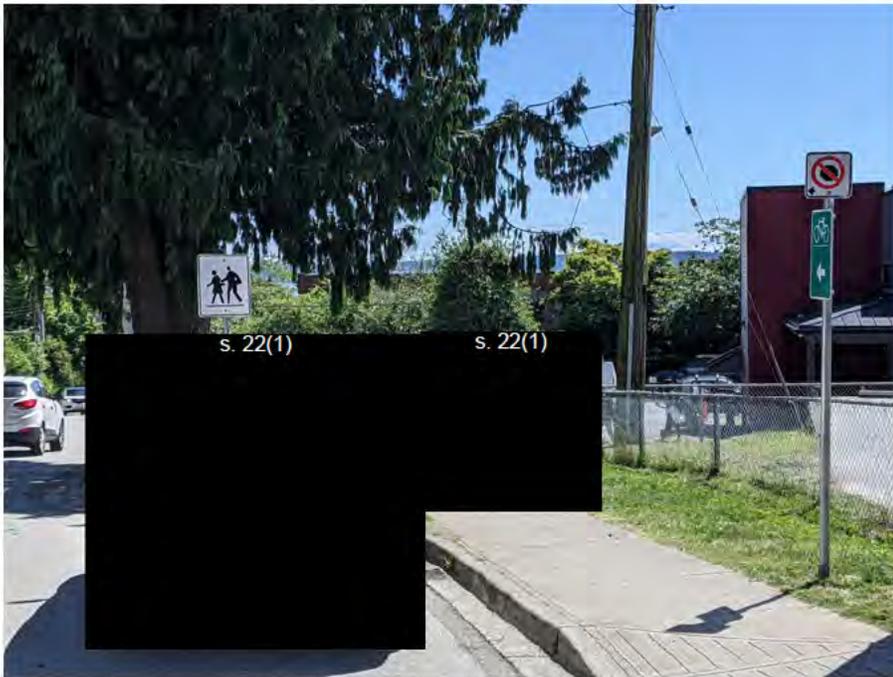
Here's one of the repeat offenders who always parks in a clearly marked no parking zone, blocking a community member's driveway, and compromising the sight lines of the children and drivers at this cross walk directly across from the school on 24rth and Jefferson.



While I did attempt to explain to this woman (multiple times) that this creates an unsafe situation, she was very belligerent and refuses to park farther away or walk to meet her older child elsewhere for pick up. We even went in to discuss the situation with the principal of the school. He seemed very uninterested.

When I taught school, we told the parents where they could park and the staff made sure safety rules were followed. I do not understand why the schools and parent groups do not educate the parents more?

I would be happy to meet with engineering to discuss possible bigger/better signage or be involved in some sort of education program might make a difference if the schools are not interested? Would leaflets or a staff member/volunteer make a difference and help parents understand?

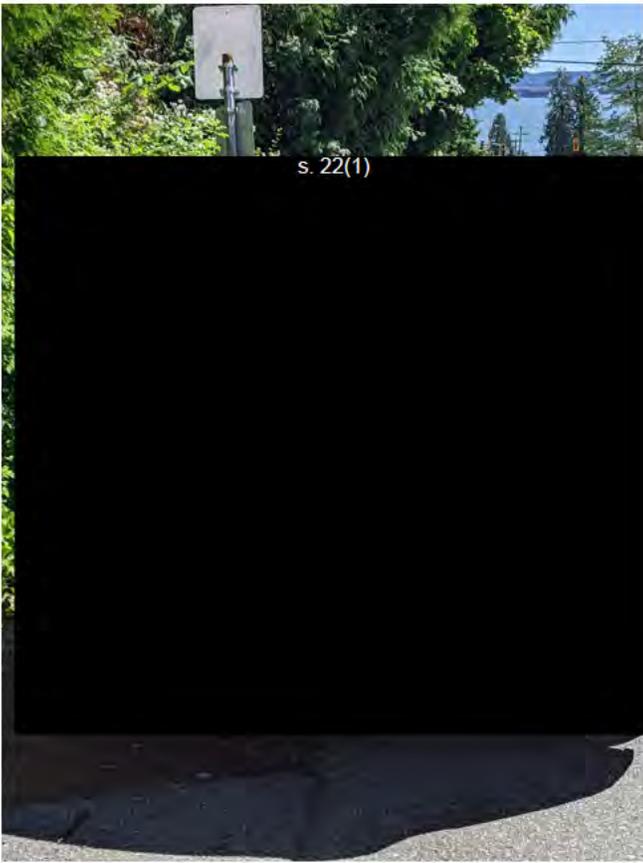


When I pointed out the "no parking" sign to this woman and said it was important because it blocks the view of children waiting to cross the cross walk she told me she wasn't "parking" she was "just waiting" to pick up her child. It only takes a few minutes for someone to get frustrated, rush around a waiting car and hit a child. I don't understand why grown adults don't demonstrate following the rules, especially in front of their children.

As a teacher and community member that has to walk by the pick-up scene, I am continually discouraged by the garbage thrown on the ground and recurrent bad attitude of some of the parents at pick up time. A good community member does not block someone's driveway, block crosswalks, ignore the parking signs, litter, or act rudely towards the person pointing it out to you. I have a ton of pictures of these cars. What dismays me the most is being sworn at by a child while the parent is in the car. The parent allowed it. Disappointing.



Here she is again (pictured below) in her regular "no parking" spot...I am standing in the crosswalk a few inches away, taking her picture as she leaves.



I plan to send a file containing pictures and the license plates of the repeat offenders to the wonderful by-law officers who continually try to enforce the rules. They can't be everywhere so I am in full support of more by-laws officers!

Thanks for looking into solutions. Both the cross walk areas on 24th at Jefferson and Kings are a daily problem at school pick up time. Let's get something done for September!

Sincerely, s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, BC

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From: Mostafa Keshvari <mostafa@grandmusepictures.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:42 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Public Art Proposal to Raise Awareness on Anti-Racism

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Dear city of West Vancouver,

My name is [Mostafa Keshvari](#), an award-winning minority local artist, internationally known for my work on relevant social issues. After talking to some of the city council members, I was advised to present our public art "[Sameness Selfie](#)" to your city as a suitable project.

Sameness Selfie is an interactive sculpture to raise awareness on racism and unite diverse people through sharing a selfie! It is a meaningful art with a relevant powerful message amid the recent anti-racism movements. we would love to have a meeting with the relevant city council community to present our public art. Please feel free to see our dedicated website for more information:

www.selfiesculpture.com

Thank you for making West Vancouver one of the most culturally colorful cities in Canada by supporting diverse artists.

Warmly,

Mostafa Keshvari

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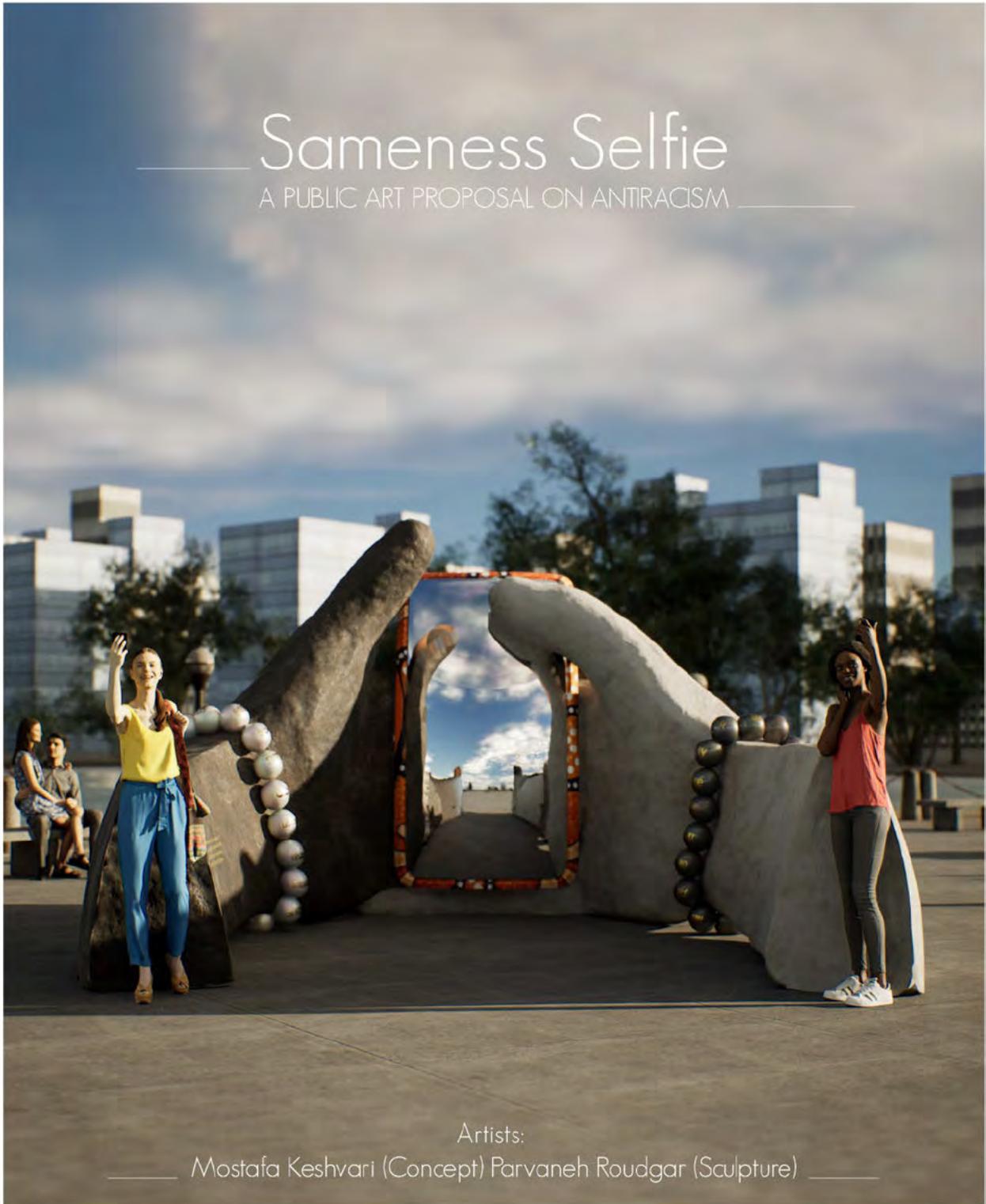
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Subject: group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council

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could you please send me the group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council;

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Thank you

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED]
North Vancouver BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:46 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Batchelor Bay Log Removal
Attachments: Batchelor Bay Beach Pic 1.jpg; Batchelor Bay Beach Pic 2.jpg

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) On Thursday August 12 we went down to Batchelor Bay for a swim and there was a scow (tended by a work boat) dropping a ramp onto the beach at 5 locations to allow a metal tracked excavator to cross the intertidal zone at low tide to remove logs from the beach. There were no precautions taken such as using heavy matting to protect the underlying environment. (Pictures attached)

A park ranger was present, and I asked him why this was happening, and he said there were complaints about the logs on the beach. I asked if DFO had been consulted or biophysical evaluation undertaken by an RPBio to assess the potential for Harmful Alteration Disruption or Destruction (HADD). He said, "I don't know". Any activity that results in a HADD is subject to significant charges under the Fisheries Act .

Another fellow came off the scow to retrieve some tools near us and I asked the same question and he also said, "I don't know".

I asked why this was being undertaken now; on a low tide and he said the contractor had an opening so they could come that day.

In my experience of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) I can tell you this was likely a chargeable offence under the Fisheries Act. You cannot put a scow ramp and steel tracked excavator into the marine intertidal zone unless there is some

very compelling reason to do so because there was a greater negative consequence to habitat by not doing so and this activity would have to be justified. The review process for projects can be found at the following website.

<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-001-eng.html>

I have lived on [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and have never seen logs removed from the beach. I understand logs are repositioned at Ambleside Beach and Dundarave Beach, for example, so beachgoers have something to sit on or lean against, but this activity is not undertaken in the intertidal zone and all the logs are not removed.

Please provide me with details as to why this activity was undertaken including:

- if it was in fact a result of a citizen complaint,
- if so, who complained,
- why were all the logs removed,
- why weren't the local citizens notified and consulted prior to this activity taking place,
- whether DFO or an RPBio was consulted,
- whether there was a proper application made and review completed,
- whether Port Metro Vancouver was made aware of the project,
- whether Transport Canada was made aware of the project (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-22/page-1.html#h-1198460>)

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)



s. 22(1)



From: Nazlin A. Lakhani [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 5:28 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: FW: Traffic matters - TransCanada Highway #1, at 3rd Street, West Van.
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From: Nazlin A. Lakhani [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca; 'MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca'
Subject: Re: Traffic matters - TransCanada Highway #1, at 3rd Street, West Van.

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Please see the attached correspondence of today's date in respect of the above-noted matter, together with an accompanying map.

Also enclosed for your ease of reference is my earlier letter regarding said matter, dated August 18, 2020.

The full package follows by mail.

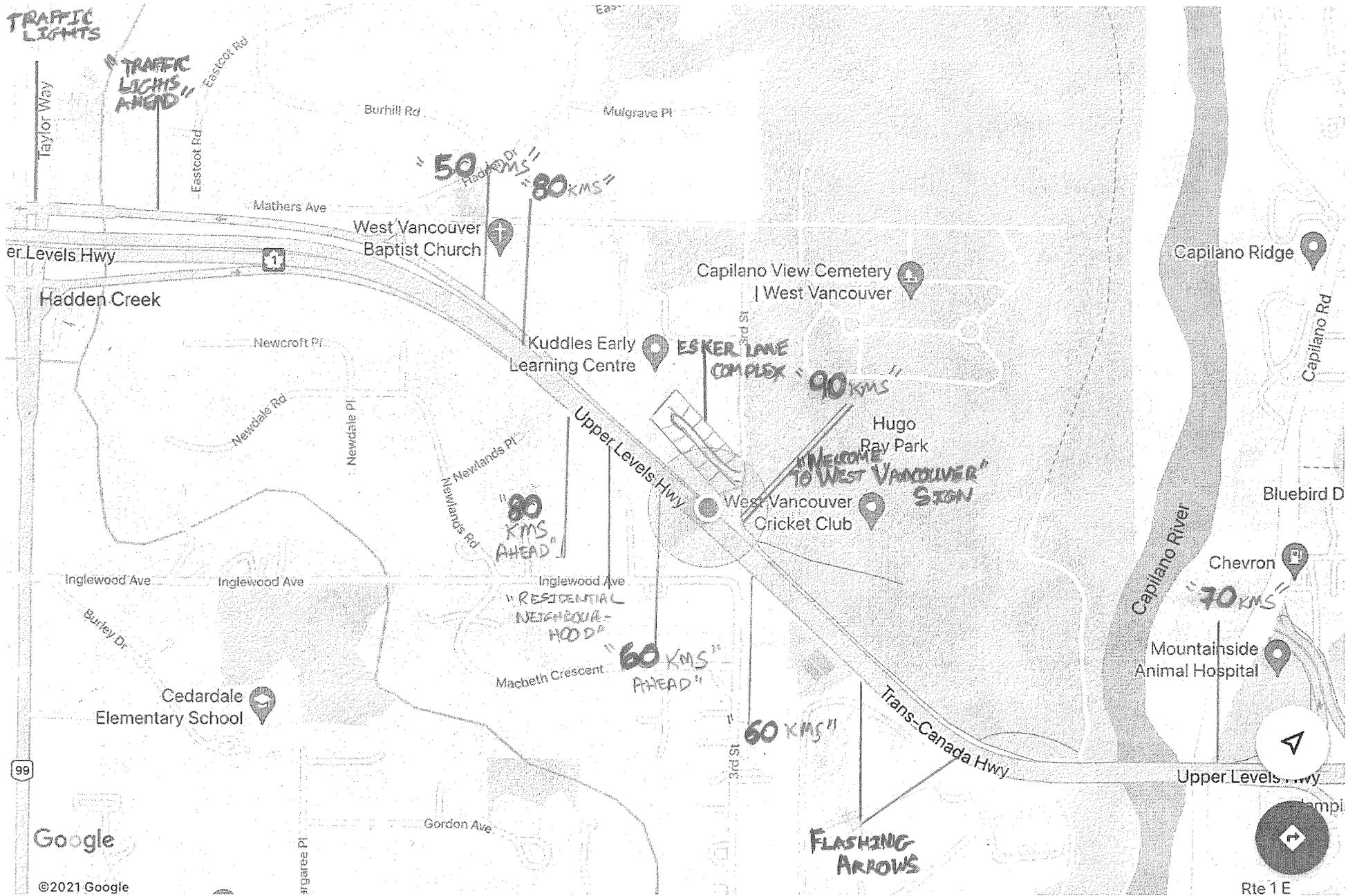
I look forward to your respective offices' early replies.

Sincerely,

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August 16, 2021

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Traffic Signage changes - TransCanada Highway #1, at 3rd Street, West Vancouver.

I write on behalf of the Strata Council and residents of Esker Lane (“the Complex”), a residential development located at 3rd Street, adjacent to the TransCanada Highway in West Vancouver and directly above the “Welcome to West Vancouver” sign.

I wrote one year ago to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the impact on safety and traffic of the situation created by the speed and infrastructure changes in the area. I now write again as unfortunately, the residents of the Complex and its neighbors have been subjected to another summer of revving, roaring, reverberating noise as a result of traffic hurtling by this residential neighborhood at inappropriate speeds, exacerbated by the extensive and still-unremediated de-vegetation consequent to the installation by the District of its recent bike path.

My letter of August 18, 2020 is attached hereto for your ease of reference, and reproduced below are the suggested changes from it to address the traffic issue:

Accordingly, we ask that the Ministry consider implementing the following three changes:

- 1. Re-locating the 90km sign currently posted adjacent to the front of the Complex to a point instead along the Highway a few hundred feet west of the Exit 13 lane, and perhaps parallel with the traffic lights at Taylor Way;*

2. *Additionally, the exit speed sign of 50km for Exit 13 be moved a few hundred feet east, to a point at which it can be easily sighted by cars driving past the bicycle lane and the Complex after having crossed the Bridge, and perhaps to where the 90 km sign is currently located;*
3. *Conduct infrastructure maintenance on the Bridge and Highway surface heading west, such that the road and Bridge surfaces more closely resemble the smoother and safer ones heading east.*

We believe these three changes are necessary and will bring greater safety and calm to this often hazardous portion of the Highway, and consequently to the users of the bicycle path and to the residents of the Complex.

We have been given no specific reasons for why these changes have not been implemented. Moreover, along the same stretch of highway heading east, there are consistently lower speed limits posted, as well as a “Residential Neighborhood” sign requesting no use of engine brakes. We are at a loss to square this with the lack of responsiveness shown by the Ministry to our request that the west side of the Highway, being residential, be similarly speed-posted.

We note that in the space of just the few hundred feet between the end of the Capilano River Bridge and before the traffic lights on Taylor Way, there are speed limit signs on the west side of the highway that range from 70 to 90 to 80 to 50 to traffic light warnings. To assist in more clearly illustrating the randomness of the speed signage in that stretch, we include a map of the area with the current signage noted thereon. We ask that the Ministry reconsider our requests. Additionally, we ask that a “Residential Neighbourhood” sign be posted well east of the Complex to address both safety and noise in the area.

In respect of the de-vegetation undertaken to install the bike path, we ask that the District kindly confirm the type and timing of a plan to re-vegetate along the bike path area to replace the trees removed and to aid in cutting down the sound transfer to the Complex and neighborhood, both of which long pre-existed the bike path.

We look forward to hearing from each of you at your early convenience.

Sincerely,

Nazlin A. Lakhani

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cc – Esker Lane Strata Council, under separate cover

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Via email: *Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca*

August 18th, 2020

Dear Minister Trevena:

Re: Safety at TransCanada Highway / 3rd Street, West Vancouver

I write on behalf of the Strata Council of Esker Lane (“the Complex”), a residential development located at 3rd Street, adjacent to the TransCanada Highway in West Vancouver.

Recently, an extension of the North Shore bicycle path was completed along the Highway, between the Upper Capilano River Bridge (“the Bridge”) and just east of the Complex. Following that completion, there were some changes made to the roadway and to traffic signage in the immediate vicinity - which is a high-crash area - especially along the curved Bridge. These changes included:

Heading east on the Highway;

- the installation of a flashing lights board indicating an upcoming speed reduction to 60km;
- the posting of a high-visibility yellow 60km sign for the Highway and Bridge area;
- flashing arrows posted along the Bridge curve;
- the resurfacing of the Highway in the area (eastward only).

Heading West on the Highway;

- the retaining of the 70km speed limit over the Bridge (a reduction from the 80km applicable along the Highway up to that point);
- no resurfacing of the Highway and no repair of the badly-rutted Bridge surface westward;
- the posting of a 90km sign directly after the length of the bicycle path, at approximately level with the Complex entrance and with the newly-installed 60kms/flashing lights board on the east side of the Highway.

It has taken some months to evaluate the effect of these changes, but it has now become apparent that the posting of the 90km sign adjacent to the Complex boundary heading west has had the effect of causing vehicles to accelerate to that speed (and indeed, seemingly beyond it) as soon as they come off the Bridge and sight the sign. This, despite the very uneven Bridge deck and the un-resurfaced Highway in this direction, and the 80km limit leading up to the Bridge.

As a member of the Strata Council of the Complex, I have canvassed residents and there is a consensus that the noise level (and presumably the fumes) resulting from vehicular acceleration and reaching residents has increased markedly. In contrast, traffic headed east at approximately the same point is being slowed to 60km – on a smoother and safer surface.

Additionally, nearly parallel with the 90km sign at the Complex entrance is the commencement of the lane for Exit 13 of the Highway (to Hadden Drive and Taylor Way) - with an exit speed sign of 50km posted just a few hundred feet down from the 90km sign.

Further, the lane that becomes the Highway proper curves fairly significantly as it continues immediately westward.

Of course, there is also now more foot and bicycle traffic in the area a result of the bicycle path completion.

Based on these facts and on the individual and independent observations of many of our residents, it is our considered opinion that there has been an overall reduction in safety due to the higher speed permitted along the un-resurfaced subject section of the Highway, headed west.

We submit that safety would be enhanced generally if a lower speed were to be maintained in a more equivalent manner on both the east and west sides of the Highway to accommodate the area's various conditions. Such would be more consistent with the efforts generally to slow traffic in the vicinity with a view to reducing the high accident rate it is subject to. It would also enhance safety to conduct infrastructure maintenance more equivalently along the Bridge and Highway in both directions.

Accordingly, we ask that the Ministry consider implementing the following three changes:

1. Re-locating the 90km sign currently posted adjacent to the front of the Complex to a point instead along the Highway a few hundred feet west of the Exit 13 lane, and perhaps parallel with the traffic lights at Taylor Way;
2. Additionally, the exit speed sign of 50km for Exit 13 be moved a few hundred feet east, to a point at which it can be easily sighted by cars driving past the bicycle lane and the Complex after having crossed the Bridge, and perhaps to where the 90 km sign is currently located;
3. Conduct infrastructure maintenance on the Bridge and Highway surface heading west, such that the road and Bridge surfaces more closely resemble the smoother and safer ones heading east.

We believe these three changes are necessary and will bring greater safety and calm to this often hazardous portion of the Highway, and consequently to the users of the bicycle path and to the residents of the Complex.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these three proposals. We look forward to hearing from you on these requests at your early convenience.

Sincerely,

Esker Lane Strata Council

Per:

(Ms) Nazlin A. Lakhani

From: Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>

Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 12:42 PM

To: Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Government of Canada launches consultations on proposed Luxury Tax

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of consultations on the proposed Luxury Tax.

Sincerely,



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Patrick Weiler

Member of Parliament
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

August 13, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Taxes help pay for the government programs and services that Canadians depend on. They provide a social safety net on which all Canadians can rely in times of crisis.

The impact of the COVID recession has been very uneven. Some Canadians have lost their jobs or small businesses, while some sectors of the economy have flourished. That's why it is fair today to ask those Canadians who can afford to buy luxury goods to contribute a little bit more. To that end, the recent budget followed through on the government's commitment to introduce a tax on select luxury goods.

This proposed Luxury Tax would apply on the sale of new luxury cars and aircraft with a retail sale price over \$100,000, and new boats over \$250,000. The tax would be calculated at the lesser of 20 per cent of the value above these thresholds (\$100,000 for cars and aircraft, \$250,000 for boats) or 10 per cent of the full value of the luxury car, boat or aircraft. The tax is proposed to come into force on January 1, 2022.

We know though that there remains a number of questions about the implementation of this proposed tax. That is why this week, through the Department of Finance, the Government of Canada is launching consultations with stakeholders on the design of the proposed Luxury Tax.

Full details on the government's proposed approach can be found in the related background paper. Stakeholders are invited to provide their views on the government's proposed approach by September 30, 2021. Details on how to participate can be found in the consultation notice, which is linked below.

For more information about the consultation, [please visit this webpage](#) and the [backgrounder](#). If you have any questions about this consultation, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP
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Subject: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Government of Canada launches Zero Emission Transit Fund

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the Government of Canada's Zero Emission Transit Fund.

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August 13, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Better public transit helps people get around in faster, cleaner, and more affordable ways. Helping communities invest in zero-emission transit options ensures cleaner air for our kids, creates jobs and supports Canadian manufacturing.

This week, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities announced the launch of a \$2.75 billion [Zero Emission Transit Fund](#) – a five year national program that will help communities invest in zero emission public transit and school transportation options by switching to cleaner electrical power and supporting the purchase of zero emission public transit and school buses and associated infrastructure.

This funding is part of a \$14.9 billion federal investment in public transit over eight years. It will support municipalities, transit authorities and school boards as they transition to or expand the electrification of their bus fleets. It also supports the government as it delivers on its commitment to help purchase 5,000 zero emission buses over the next five years.

What's more, the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) has committed to invest \$1.5 billion in zero emission buses through its three year Growth Plan. These funds complement Infrastructure Canada's funding for zero emission transportation through this program.

The Government of Canada understands that successful zero emission bus deployments require strategic planning and a sound understanding of the technological implications of bus fleet electrification. That is why we are seeking applications from not-for-profit organizations and academic institutions to partner with the Government of Canada in advancing supports for the planning of transit bus fleet electrification in municipalities and regions in Canada. Further details for interested organizations can be found on the [Zero Emission Transit Fund's website](#).

Investing in public transit infrastructure will build strong communities across the country and deliver a better quality of life for all Canadians. The Government of Canada is working to secure the health and safety of Canadians, rebuild businesses, and promote jobs and growth as we build toward economic recovery and a net-zero emissions future. Together, we can create a Canada that is cleaner, more competitive, and more resilient for generations to come.

If you have any questions about the Zero Emission Transit Fund, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Weiler'.

Patrick Weiler, MP
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Subject: Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Launch of the second phase of Connecting Families to deliver affordable high-speed Internet for low-income seniors and families

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the second phase of Connecting Families, which will help connect hundreds of thousands of low-income seniors and families to affordable high-speed home Internet in 2022.

Sincerely,



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August 13, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Now more than ever, Canadians need access to reliable Internet, yet many struggle to pay for it. Through the [Connecting Families](#) initiative, the Government of Canada is supporting affordable Internet service for those who need it most. **This week, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, and the Honourable Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors, announced the second phase of Connecting Families, which will help connect hundreds of thousands of low-income seniors and families to affordable high-speed home Internet in 2022.**

Connecting Families 2.0 is introducing significantly faster speeds and increasing the data usage amount. At 50/10 megabits per second (Mbps), the download and upload speeds will be five and ten times faster respectively than Connecting Families 1.0, with 200 GB of data usage for \$20 a month. This new phase will also broaden eligibility from families receiving the maximum Canada Child Benefit (CCB) to include low-income seniors. The previous Internet plan offering under Connecting Families 1.0 will also remain available. [Access Communications](#), [Bell Canada](#), [Cogeco](#), [CSUR](#), [HayCommunications](#), [Mornington](#), [Novus](#), [Rogers](#), [SaskTel](#), [Tbaytel](#), [TELUS](#), [Vidéotron](#) and [Westman Communications](#) are all participating in offering improved Internet quality, coverage and price to eligible Canadians.

The Government of Canada announced Connecting Families 1.0 in Budget 2017—an investment of \$13.2 million over five years to help close gaps in Internet affordability and accessibility. This funding enabled the government to partner with [Computers for Success Canada](#) to provide computers to low-income Canadians at no cost through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's long-standing Computers for Schools Plus (CFS+) program, and to develop a secure online portal through which eligible Canadian families could access low-cost Internet service packages from Internet service providers that voluntarily participated without government subsidy. Over 75,000 families have benefited to date.

The Connecting Families initiative aligns with Canada's Digital Charter, a principles-based approach to building trust in the digital world. The first principle of the Charter is focused on ensuring that all Canadians have equal opportunity to participate in the digital world and the necessary tools to do so, including access, connectivity, literacy and skills.

If you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Nearby residents response to reduced pickleball hours at 29th Street

Hi [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email regarding the pickleball courts at 29th Street.

As per our previous correspondence, reduced hours of play have been implemented and staff are proceeding with the plan to move the dedicated pickleball courts at 29th Street to Ambleside Park.

With regards to your request to install signage at the pickleball courts at 29th Street, please be advised that the District does not grant permission to install signage.

We appreciate your patience as we move forward.

Regards,

Andrew

Andrew Banks

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Wautu h Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

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Cc: Jennifer Notte; [Redacted] s. 22(1); [Redacted] s. 22(1); [Redacted] s. 22(1); Ian Haras
Subject: Nearby residents response to reduced pickleball hours at 29th Street
Attachments: august pickleball letter to council from residents.pdf

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Dear Madams and sirs,

While we applaud the reduced hours implemented by the parks department to the pickleball courts at 29th Street, we also wonder why we [Redacted] s.22(1) are simply collateral damage - we are still being plagued by this noise 9 hours a day, every day of the week.

One more avenue of recourse for us is to start an action to declare the courts a nuisance, with mischief thrown in because the bylaws people are prevented from doing their job maintaining the peace and quiet for the residents in our neighborhood.

Please read the attached pdf.

Sincerely,

[Redacted] s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, B.C.

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[Redacted]

Aug 08, Summer 2021

Dear Mayor, Counselors, parks department staff,

As some of you are aware pickleball has become a VERY contentious issue with residents who are neighbors with those courts. Here is one example, in Vancouver...



It is the same for residents surrounding the 29th St pickleball courts - the constant noise from the pickleball courts here is worse than infuriating to us.

We are asking permission to put up a sign similar to this on the 29th street pickleball courts, and we would like an answer from council or the parks department: a detailed yes or no.

Here's why: with the continual presence of the courts, this city (under council's tacit agreement) has accomplished nothing less than devaluing our properties and making a number of our daily lives miserable.

In response to numerous letters and petitions addressed to the mayor and councilors and the parks department about removal of the pickleball courts on 29th street as requested by the neighboring residents, Mr Andrew Banks of the parks department responded to the residents on 14 April, 2021:

*"We are seeking to have alternative site(s) for dedicated pickleball courts identified and available for play in **later 2021 if possible**".*

????????????? "... if possible"...*what* the **hell** does that even mean?

For almost 3 years now, this incessant, loud, disturbing noise from the courts throughout the entire day, every day, has been causing health problems to the people in the neighboring households. The persistent noise and level of noise continually violates the city's noise bylaws, (which we have noted before) and which the bylaw department has been instructed to ignore when nearby residents complain to bylaws about it.

I have cited health professionals in another long letter of Dec 10,2020, so that you can be fully aware that there is in reality issues promoting damage to the health of our residents as a direct result of the continual racket from the courts.

This situation is undermining our health, and by allowing the continual and disturbing noise from these courts to continue you have instead of "enriching our lives" as the parks department would like to believe, has greatly succeeded in diminishing the quality of our lives.

Here is another example from a lady in Vancouver who is far more eloquent than me but who is having **the same problem** we residents are:

"Vancouver Sun letters to editor June 1st 2021

The constant sound of pickleball is a nightmare (Re: [Canadians can't get enough of pickleball](#))

I just wanted to give you another viewpoint on Jill Barker's article on pickleball.

It's a great activity if you're playing it, but if you live anywhere close to the courts it's a nightmare. I live across the street from the Queen Elizabeth courts where they have eight official courts and one illegal court — it's approximately 30 metres away and up on a hill above us.

We hear the sound of the ball hitting the racket in almost every room in our house — we can still hear it with windows closed — and every part of our outside area. We listen to this noise from as early as 6 a.m. until after dark — I don't know how they even see — when it rains and even when there's snow on the ground.

I have resorted to wearing noise cancelling headphones when I'm outside now. I can still hear the noise but it's a little better. I get woken up in the morning to the sound of "thwack, thwack."

As a result of this constant noise I feel stressed, angry, depressed, and sad. My front porch used to be my happy place, but now I can only try and block out the noise with my headphones. Gardening is also no longer such a pleasure and stress reliever when having this constant noise.

Some neighbours are reduced to tears as they can't take it anymore. We have all been here long before pickleball came to the park. Tennis has never been an issue or other regular park noise. There has to be a balance between providing courts for pickleball and protecting the rights of the neighbours to a reasonable amount of peace and quiet.

Christine Briggs, Vancouver “

Please note that most of our homes near these 29th street courts are half or LESS than the distance than poor Ms. Briggs above!! For almost 1200 days now (longer than the siege of Leningrad), the incessant, loud, disturbing noise from the courts through the entire day every day has been causing health problems to the people in the households around these courts: we all feel like Ms. Briggs, and we have been informing you of this for some time.

One more example from a different source down in Florida, with some legal implications:

“What to do about constant pickleball noise?”

By [Patrick Fraser](#), [Ambar Rodriguez](#)

Miami-Dade: 305-953-WSVN

March 27, 2019

This is a ball.

This is a pickle

And this is pickleball.

Linda Waldman, annoyed by pickleball racket: “It’s a wonderful game. I love the pickleball players. Most of them are my friends.”

Pickleball is a relatively new sport played at Wynmoor in Coconut Creek by people who aren’t quite as agile as they used to be.

Linda Waldman: “This is a retirement village for 55 and over, and people are now able to, that couldn’t play tennis, can now play pickleball.”

Which is why two of the tennis courts near Linda’s condo were converted into eight small pickleball courts. Linda Waldman: “Which gives you 16 people on a former tennis court, which is 32 people on those two courts. It’s a very noisy game, unfortunately.”

Thirty-two people taking turns playing all day with a hard ball and a hard racket creating quite a racket.

Linda Waldman: “So there is a ‘pong’ not also from the racket, but also when it hits the ground. Ponging and screaming. It’s a very enthusiastic game. The people love it.”

Linda and Paul hear the noise from their condo starting at 8 a.m. The people at the pool also are complaining about what Paul calls **Chinese water torture**.

Linda Waldman: “You cannot relax by the pool. You can sit by the pool, but you can’t relax.”

Linda has a suggestion — move the pickleball courts away from the condos by swapping them with tennis courts that are further away, but some residents want to keep these pickleball courts and add more courts.

Linda Waldman: “They want lights to open it up at night as well. It would really be a horrible thing for us.”

Linda has no problem with her friends playing pickleball.

But don’t play this close to her condo.

Linda Waldman: “I can’t live with this constant ‘pong, pong, pong’ every morning. Do I have the right to live here in a quiet environment?”

...

Howard Finkelstein, 7 News Legal Expert:

“Because it’s a new sport, there have not been many court rulings about pickleball, so you rely on the law governing nuisances, which says while Linda may need to put up with some noise, she does not have to deal with loud noise all day long. If she went to court, I think a judge would force them to stop or move the pickleball courts, but she probably won’t have to do that because this is Wynmoor, and they have a reputation of trying to work things out to make everyone happy.”

At Wynmoor, there are 5,260 units, and if every association president was as easy to work with as Jackie Railey, our job would be much simpler.

Railey said she wants to find a solution.

They are forming a committee to come up options to cut down the noise or **move the pickleball courts**.

As Railey put it, “We need to do something.”

Linda Waldman: “It’s definitely an imposition on our life, absolutely.”

Absolutely a headache for Linda and Paul, and maybe a hit on their wallet as well.

Linda Waldman: “A real estate agent mentioned to us that our values will be going down because of the noise.”

There is a lesson here for any association thinking about adding trendy pickleball courts. It's noisy. With 32 people playing at the same time, it's a real racket, **so if you put them in, make sure it's not too close to houses** or condos."

And so it goes. Has the parks department who answers to the city been responsible for noise pollution for 3 years?

“What if your neighbour is causing pollution?”

“From “Legalline.ca”_____ <https://www.legalline.ca>

...Region: British Columbia Answer # 4477

...It is not uncommon for disputes to arise between neighbours. It is generally best to try and solve the problem informally. However, if a problem persists, the person being disturbed may make a complaint to the municipality, the Province or to the police who can lay criminal charges in serious cases. If you have suffered a loss because of your neighbours, you can sue them for compensation...

...One of the most common problems between neighbours is noise. Noise problems can arise from a variety of causes such as machinery, people, or animals. Most municipalities have a by-law about when and how much noise is acceptable. If there is an immediate noise problem, you can call the police, or if the noise is ongoing you can call a municipal by-law enforcement officer to inspect. **If the noise exceeds the levels allowed, the person or company responsible for the noise may be fined.**

Recommendations for the Construction or Installation of Public Pickleball Courts in BC Communities

Tennis BC (in Collaboration with Pickleball B.C.)

February 2021

...Ideally, a pickleball hub will be distanced at least 50 meters from nearby tennis courts and **at least 150 meters** from neighbouring homes. These distances will help buffer the significant noise that solid pickleball paddles make as they strike hard pickleballs.

150 meters is about 500 feet [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] We residents would love the pickleball players to keep playing, but not here. These courts are far too close **s.22(1)** [REDACTED] - an unfortunate blunder I think, still many of us are extremely distressed by the duration and the unending disturbance that these courts have created and the noise just keeps dragging on.

Here are some brave souls – why don't our representatives listen to us in West Vancouver???

Pickleball banished from Port Moody court after neighbours complain of rising stress, anxiety

Mario Bartel Apr 24, 2021

...“These games are loud, and the courts are far too close to the neighbours,” Krieger said.

In fact, he even produced results of a study by Spendarian & Willis Acoustics and Noise Control, of Tuscon, AZ., that's worked on noise abatement projects for pickleball courts. It said the "impulsive" sound of racquets striking balls creates stress, fatigue and anxiety that can affect concentration, and the ability of people to relax or sleep.

Beverly McQuitty, another resident, said the sound of a pickleball game in progress is harsher and much more disruptive than the soft thwack of a tennis match.

"Pickleball is a very different noise," she said, "a sharp noise that's disturbing everybody."

Councillors were sympathetic.

Coun. Diana Dilworth said while staff may have had good intentions to meet demand for the sport by adding pickleball markings to the tennis courts at Chestnut Way Park, with more people staying at home all day because of the COVID-19 pandemic, she could understand the intrusiveness of the noise games generate.

Port Moody's city manager, Tim Savoie, admitted the neighbours' noise complaints caught staff off-guard.

"We didn't anticipate the neighbours being upset," he said."...

Here in West Vancouver there are numerous options to set up courts elsewhere. They are available and can be instituted with alacrity - Benbow or McEchnie parks are 2 examples, and there are numerous others.

To delay the resettling of these pickleball courts is antagonistic and I think rather foolhardy. This situation has been building up a remarkable level of acrimony.

We ask you again to MOVE these unhealthy pickleball courts straightway.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

s. 22(1)

From: Sheryl LeBlanc <sleblanc@westvancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 10:39 AM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Cc: MayorandCouncil <MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Mayor & Council Correspondence: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) August 4, 2021- Re: Automobile Lock Horn Alarms

Good Morning [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email and for forwarding your concerns.

The District of West Vancouver *Noise Control Bylaw No. 4404* contains provisions regulating the use of motor vehicle horns.

While there are no specific regulations around 'lock horn alarms,' you may wish to contact Bylaw and Licensing Services Department at 604-925-7152 to allow for an officer to attend and investigate. Our Officers are available to respond from 8:00am to 8:00pm seven days a week.

Sincerely,

Sheryl LeBlanc
Manager, Bylaw & Licensing Services | District of West Vancouver
d: 604-925-7459 | westvancouver.ca

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 1:04 PM
To: correspondence; correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Fwd: Automobile Lock Horn Alarms

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Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to request that you

- 1) change the noise bylaw to include the prohibition of the sounding of automobile horns when the automobile is being locked,
- 2) write a letter to all businesses selling new cars to advise them of the new bylaw,
- 3) educate and notify the public, and
- 4) enforce the bylaw by issuing fines.

The honking of automobile horns is a completely unnecessary, annoying and disturbing practice that can easily be removed from the locking function and replaced with something else such as flashing lights.

I have noticed that there has been a dramatic increase lately. This may be due to new cars having this as a default. For this reason I have suggested that notice be sent to car sales businesses.

Horns are very loud even at a distance let alone under the many windows of a multi family building and beside people relaxing at a restaurant patio or walking on the sidewalk or backing out of a parking space. Horns are designed to be loud, they demand attention, interrupt normal activity in the community and alert people to danger and create alarm in individuals. It causes unnecessary confusion, shock, alarm and disturbs the peace.

Many people and especially babies, shift workers, ill people and people who are simply napping could be sleeping at any time of the day in either their apartments or in the case of babies, in carriages on a restaurant patio. Late night horns affect an even greater majority of people.

I implore you to take action against this increasing phenomenon that pits neighbour against neighbour, community member against community member. Is it acceptable that one neighbour who believes that honking their vehicle horns indiscriminately is a right that is more valuable and important than sleep or maintaining the peace and quiet enjoyment of our community?

Please write back to me to let me know that you agree and that you have instructed staff to take action or let me know why you disagree.

Thank you

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

From: Mark Chan <mchan@westvancouver.ca>

Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 12:09 PM

To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Mary-Ann Booth <mbooth@westvancouver.ca>; Craig Cameron <ccameron@westvancouver.ca>; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; Peter Lambur <plambur@westvancouver.ca>; Bill Soprovich <bsoprovich@westvancouver.ca>; Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>; Marcus Wong <mwong@westvancouver.ca>; correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>; MayorandCouncil <MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca>

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Robert

Bartlett <rbartlett@westvancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: Navy Jack House Project

Hi [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

My name is Mark Chan and I am the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the District. I am leading the Navy Jack House Project, which as you note comprises the Creek Restoration Project and the House Restoration Project.

Thank you for your detailed email, your drawing and the photos attached your email. I want to let you know that I've read your email carefully, and I am specifically acknowledging your strong objections and rationale in points 1 to 4 of your email, and the other concerns in your email. I will make sure to inform Council of your views.

As you are probably aware, the District will be conducting public engagement on the Navy Jack House project in September of this year. That public engagement will largely be focused on the Creek Restoration Project; however, we will also be listening to the public about their comments regarding the House, and will make sure we provide information to the public about the current status of the House project at the same time.

I note your comment that "*We strongly feel that there is still time to express our collective concerns about the Navy Jack house relocation and purpose*". Your email is timely, as the House Restoration Project is still in its early stages, and we are gathering financial information and conducting feasibility analysis. As mentioned above, we will also be conducting public engagement in September.

With respect to Councillor Gambioli's comments at the July 26, Council Meeting, I wish to clarify that the District has no intention of moving the House west of its current location, or retaining the House at its current location. All options currently being considered are to move the House east of the existing concrete flume and towards John Lawson Park.

As stated in the Council Report dated July 14, 2021, the District is currently conducting financial analysis on two scenarios: a Bistro (the original form of the House plus a new 1,400 sf addition); and a Cottage Coffee scenario (the original form of the House only). More work is being done now to consider the cost, commercial interest and financial viability of those two scenarios and Staff will report back publicly later this year. We note you do not support the addition of a "*coffee shop/bistro or any commercial venture*" and that you believe "*a nature/educational centre should be the only vocation*", and will make sure to inform Council of this.

It would be helpful to hear from you about the discussion Council had with the neighbours in the 1990s regarding your reference to the "Quiet Buffer Zone" park.

If you like, I would be pleased to meet with you and other residents of your building and neighbours to discuss the Project. This would allow me to hear directly from your group, and make sure I can pass on your comments to Council so they can decide how to best proceed with the Project. I can meet virtually or in person, whichever you prefer, next week. I'd be grateful if you would send me some available times and dates for a one hour meeting.

Thanks,

Mark Chan

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-925-7098 | westvancouver.ca



From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong; Mark Chan; correspondence
Cc: s. 22(1)
Subject: Navy Jack House Project

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Dear Madam Mayor Booth and councillors:

We are writing to you as ONE voice. We are the residents and property owners of the s. 22(1) building located s. 22(1) in West Vancouver. The property is s. 22(1) from the 18th Street park (corner of 18th Street and Argyle Ave) that we will refer to as the 'Quiet Buffer Zone park' herein (see map attached). We are also the s. 22(1) building s. 22(1) of the Navy Jack house.

First and foremost as West Vancouver taxpayers, our Strata council and residents appreciate the long hours you spend running the West Vancouver Council.

In 2019, several owners in our building completed the WV survey for the then proposal for the Navy Jack Nature Centre. Many of our concerns, suggestions and input to the survey, together with our follow up letters to Council seem to have been totally ignored thus far. As a whole we would have liked to see this property either moved to better alternative location or demolished altogether with the erection of a commemorate plaque at the site.

Now, two years later in 2021, it is with great interest that we have watched item #8 of the last Council meeting of July 26th, specifically regarding the two issues discussed, the Lawson Creek proposal and the relocation of the Navy Jack house. We would like to provide our input on the latter as we understand that ultimately we will not have a say in the Creek proposal. We strongly feel that there is still time to express our collective concerns about the Navy Jack house relocation and purpose.

This project continues to morph! We appreciate all efforts to preserve and celebrate West Vancouver's heritage, as we also appreciate the Lawson Creek Restoration project by the WV Streamkeeper Society. However, we **do not** support relocating the house on the north west corner of the 'Quiet Buffer Zone park' as it was suggested at the July 26th City Council meeting.

On July 26th 2021 at 9:46:40 pm **Councillor Gambioli said:** " I think that in terms of that site, that people would prefer to see the buildings, whatever we decide to be placed, as far north as possible and as far west as possible (...) as far back as Argyle and preferably even between those two trees on the west in terms of a patio or the building as close to the existing flume as possible or actually what is going to attract the most support from the public (...)."

Moving the Navy Jack house to the north west corner would show no consideration to the neighbours. Furthermore, we **do not** support the addition of a coffee shop/ bistro or any other commercial venture to the Navy Jack house project. A nature/educational centre should be the only vocation for the Navy Jack heritage house as per the city proposal in 2019 : “The district has an opportunity to honour a significant heritage asset by giving it new life as a nature centre to support education and awareness of our rich cultural heritage and natural environment (...).”

We understand the aesthetic of moving the Navy Jack house north on the property, instead of propping it up, to protect it from the the rising sea levels, but again, we **do not** support moving the house on the corner of 18th Street and Argyle Ave where the ‘Quiet Buffer Zone park’ now stands. In the **1990s** when the house on the corner of 18th Street and Argyle was demolished and the property converted to parkland, **Council promised** the park’s residential neighbours that it would preserve their quality of life and the value of their residential real estate by designing this new waterfront parkland as a quiet zone without picnic tables or any infrastructure for large group activities. To fulfil this promise, this "Quiet Buffer Zone" park was designed as a walkway with park benches, and, now, mature landscaping, all of which continue to serve this original purpose. The then West Vancouver Council, the residents of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) property, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) to the park, shared that vision then and hopefully the present West Vancouver Council will continue to share the same vision and keep the promise of the former electorate.

We strongly object to:

1. Relocating the Navy Jack house to the north west corner of 18th Street and Argyle Ave, in the "Quiet Buffer Zone park’.
2. Having any walkway access to the Navy Jack house on its west side.
3. Having any form of commercial annex or food services attached to Navy Jack House.
4. The removal of any trees in the ‘Quiet Buffer Zone park’.

Major reasons for our objections:

1. The lost of privacy for the residents of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and [REDACTED] s. 22(1).
2. The increase in noise from a north west corner relocation of the Navy Jack house and from an addition of a bistro/coffee shop. Also the multifaceted negative effects associated with a food operation right at the door step of the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and of the [REDACTED] s. 22(1), including the smell of food exiting from industrial fans and the garbage odour from outdoor receptacles, intensified in the summer months with the heat.
3. The increase in motorized vehicle congestion, which would affect the residents of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) [REDACTED] s. 22(1), all located in the 18th Street and Bellevue/Argyle grid. The increase in traffic would exacerbate existing traffic issues and create additional dangerous situations:
 - Potential large food delivery trucks maneuvering issues and/or school buses added to the existing converging of railway level crossing, dog and cycling paths, pedestrians using the roadway to access the WV Centennial Seawalk plus all the motorized vehicles already coming and going from the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) (cars, garbage/recycling pick up, contractors/delivery vans, Canada post/ couriers/ delivery trucks plus random firetrucks/ambulances etc.)
 - Illegal stopping of cars dropping off/picking up passengers on the Centennial Seawalk at the foot of 18th street. Bottleneck of cars parked illegally at the foot of 18th Street, despite the posted **No Stopping** road signs, impeding the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) residents from entering/exiting the parkade.
 - Dangerous maneuvers of vehicles reversing all the way to Bellevue or turning around in the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) driveway or doing a 3 point turn to exit 18th street.

- The [redacted s. 22(1)] is an older building [redacted s. 22(1)], and with each new owner moving in, ensues extensive renovations and an increase flow of containers/delivery trucks to/from the property.

In Summary:

We would like to see the Navy Jack house moved to a better suited location away from John Lawson Park area; this would minimize any negative outcome on us residents and taxpayers. If this scenario gets rejected by the different stakeholders, we would like the **Navy Jack house to be moved to the east of the existing Lawson Creek.** We **do not support** any commercial addition of any kind to the Navy Jack house as stated above.

[redacted s.22(1)], is already a busy traffic area. It accommodates vehicular traffic, but perhaps the most usage is by pedestrians entering or exiting the WV Centennial Seawalk. We would like to see **any motorized vehicle access** to the Navy Jack house **from 16th Street and not from 18th Street.**

We do not believe it is necessary to encroach upon the existing buffer zone, 'Quiet Buffer Zone park, between the Navy Jack House and the [redacted s. 22(1)] residence building; any enlargement of the footprint such as a walkway should be to the east of the Navy Jack house where there is ample land. **We do hope that as elected officials you will honour the decision made by your predecessors of the West Vancouver Council and that you will maintain the 'Quiet Buffer Zone park' that is very important to all residents in the vicinity of the park.**

We have attached, below, a few photos depicting some of the traffic issues (and heavy pedestrian use) encountered on a daily basis for the residents of [redacted s. 22(1)].

We look forward to your collective decision and consideration of our concerns.

Original signed by all [redacted s. 22(1)] owners and taxpayers:

[redacted s. 22(1)]

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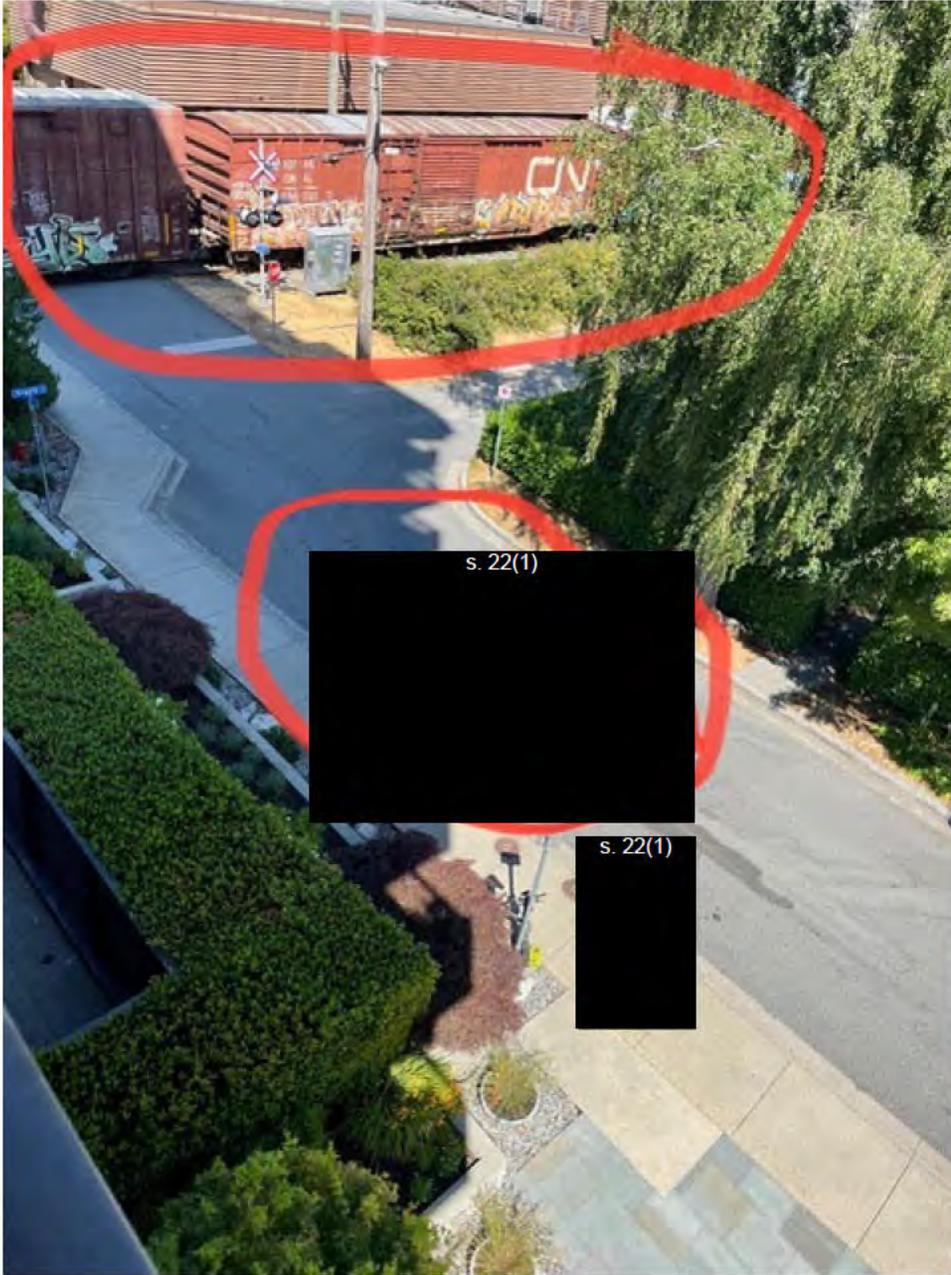
Pedestrians on road and
standing at top of driveway

at the foot of 18th
street

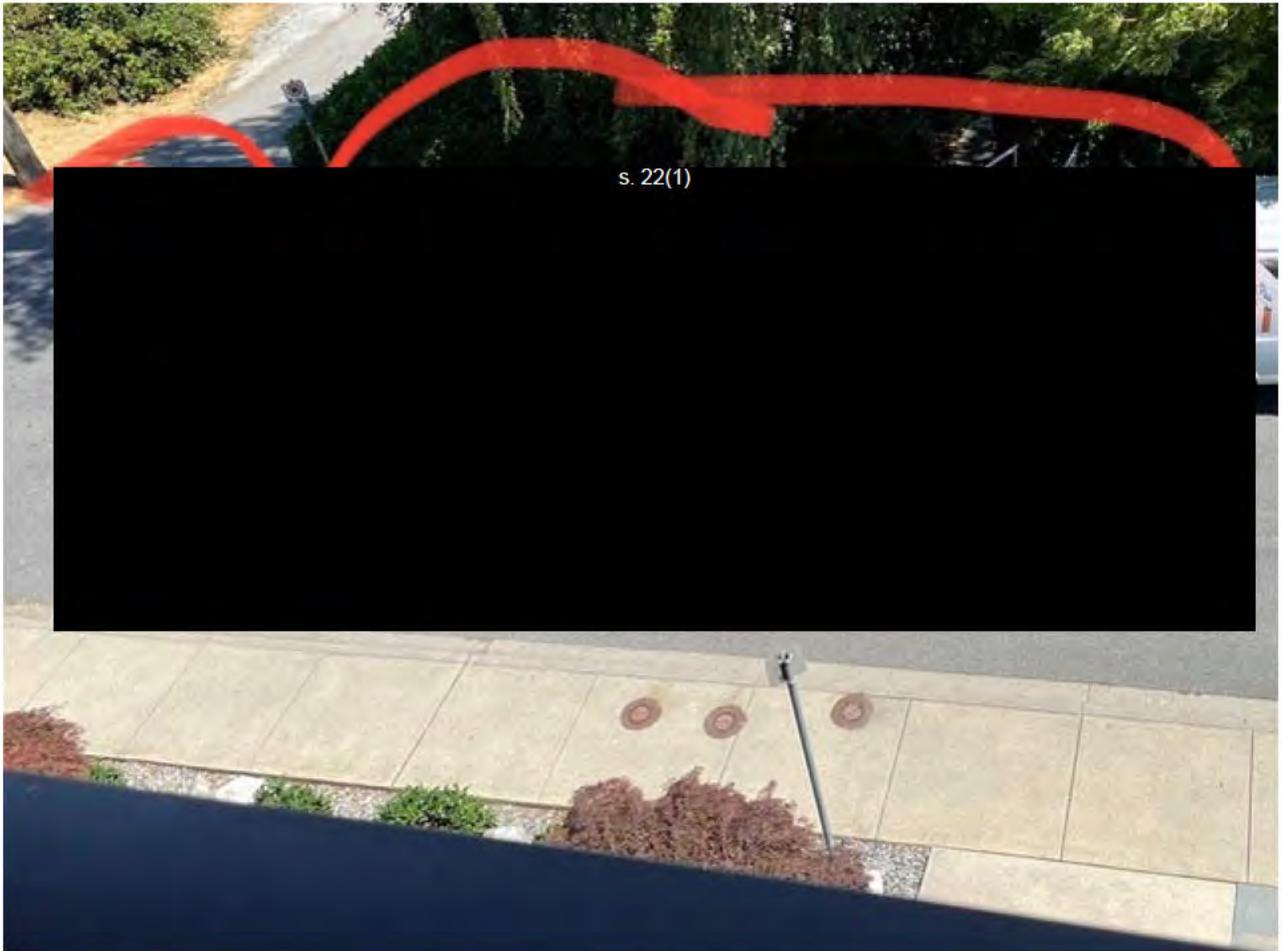
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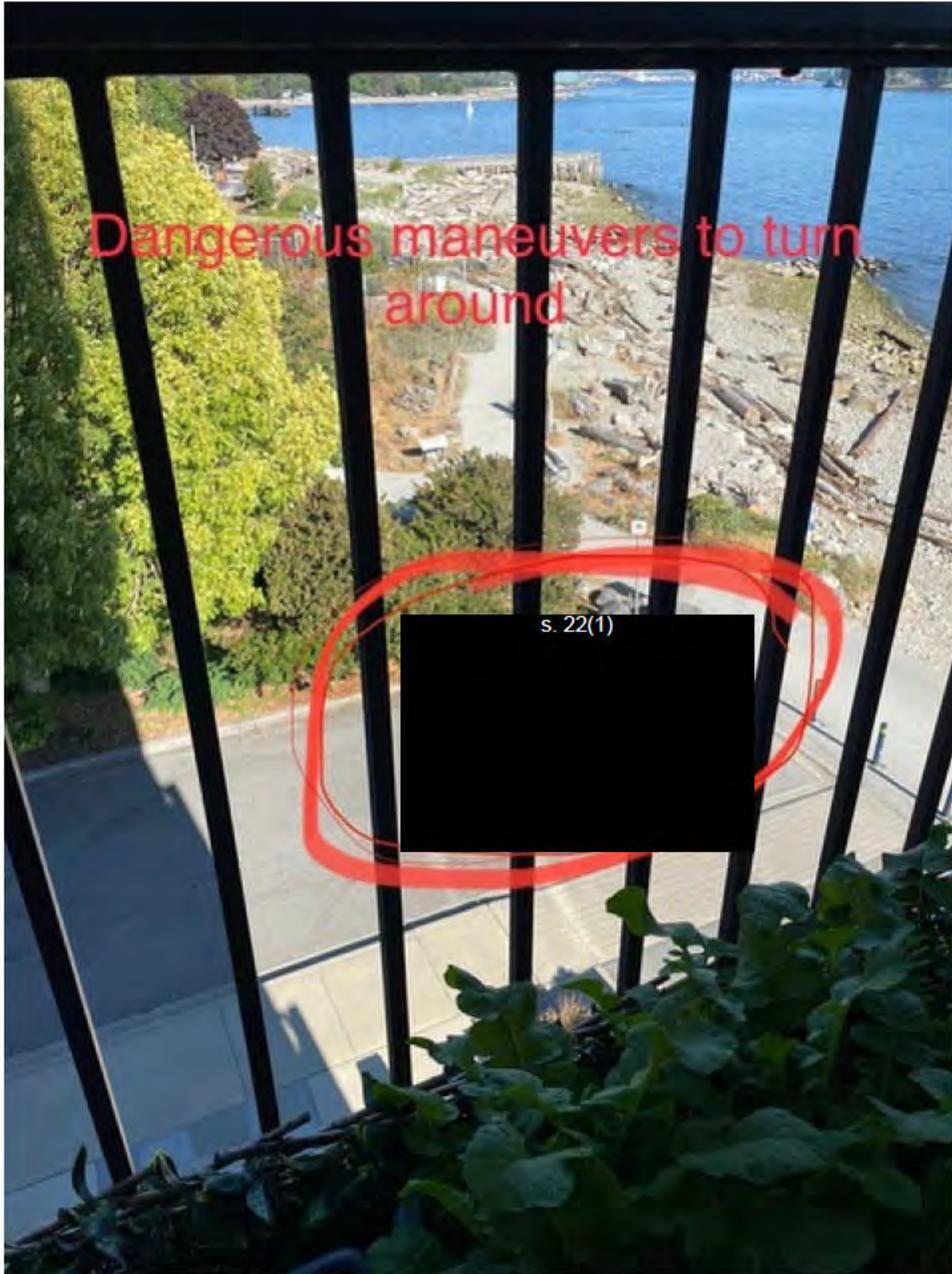


Big trucks must back up on Argyle to exit 18th St



s. 22(1)

Pedestrians using 18th as walkway



From: Theodore Azuma
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:07 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: RE: group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council
Attachments: group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council

Good morning s. 22(1)

Thank you for your attached correspondence and question.

There are three ways to communicate directly with Council by email:

1. Email individual Council members directly:
Mayor Booth: mbooth@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Cameron: ccameron@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Gambioli: ngambioli@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Lambur: plambur@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Soprovich: bsoprovich@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Thompson: sthompson@westvancouver.ca
Councillor Wong: mwong@westvancouver.ca
2. Email correspondence@westvancouver.ca
3. Email correspondence@westvancouver.ca and copy the Council members of your choosing

Additional information may be found on our website under "[Correspondence](#)".

Kind regards,

Theodore Azuma
Acting Manager of Legislative Operations
Legislative Services | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-925-7004 | westvancouver.ca

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:22 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council

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Hi
could you please send me the group email for West Vancouver Mayor and Council;
There is a web link to access this on your web page but I was unable to open it up successfully without Outlook installed.

Thank you
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
[REDACTED]
North Vancouver BC
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Doti Niedermayer
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:12 AM
To: mostafa@grandmusepictures.com
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Public Art Proposal to Raise Awareness on Anti-Racism

Hello Mr. Keshvari,

Thank you for your email regarding a potential public art project for the District of West Vancouver. Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

The District is currently completing three public art projects and will focus on these until they are completed. The Public Art Advisory Committee is also reviewing potential sites for future projects along the Centennial Seawalk.

There will be future opportunities to submit a proposal to the Public Art Advisory Committee when locations have been identified and approved.

Artist Calls are posted on the District's website so please check back periodically.

Sincerely,

Doti

Doti Niedermayer

Senior Manager, Cultural Services | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-921-2938 | c: 604-250-0476 | westvancouver.ca

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Musqueam Nation. We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

From: Mostafa Keshvari <mostafa@grandmusepictures.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:42 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Public Art Proposal to Raise Awareness on Anti-Racism

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Dear city of West Vancouver,

My name is [Mostafa Keshvari](#), an award-winning minority local artist, internationally known for my work on relevant social issues. After talking to some of the city council members, I was advised to present our public art "[Sameness Selfie](#)" to your city as a suitable project.

Sameness Selfie is an interactive sculpture to raise awareness on racism and unite diverse people through sharing a selfie! It is a meaningful art with a relevant powerful message amid the recent anti-racism movements. we would love to have a meeting with the relevant city council community to present our public art. Please feel free to see our dedicated website for more information:

www.selfiesculpture.com

Thank you for making West Vancouver one of the most culturally colorful cities in Canada by supporting diverse artists.

Warmly,

Mostafa Keshvari

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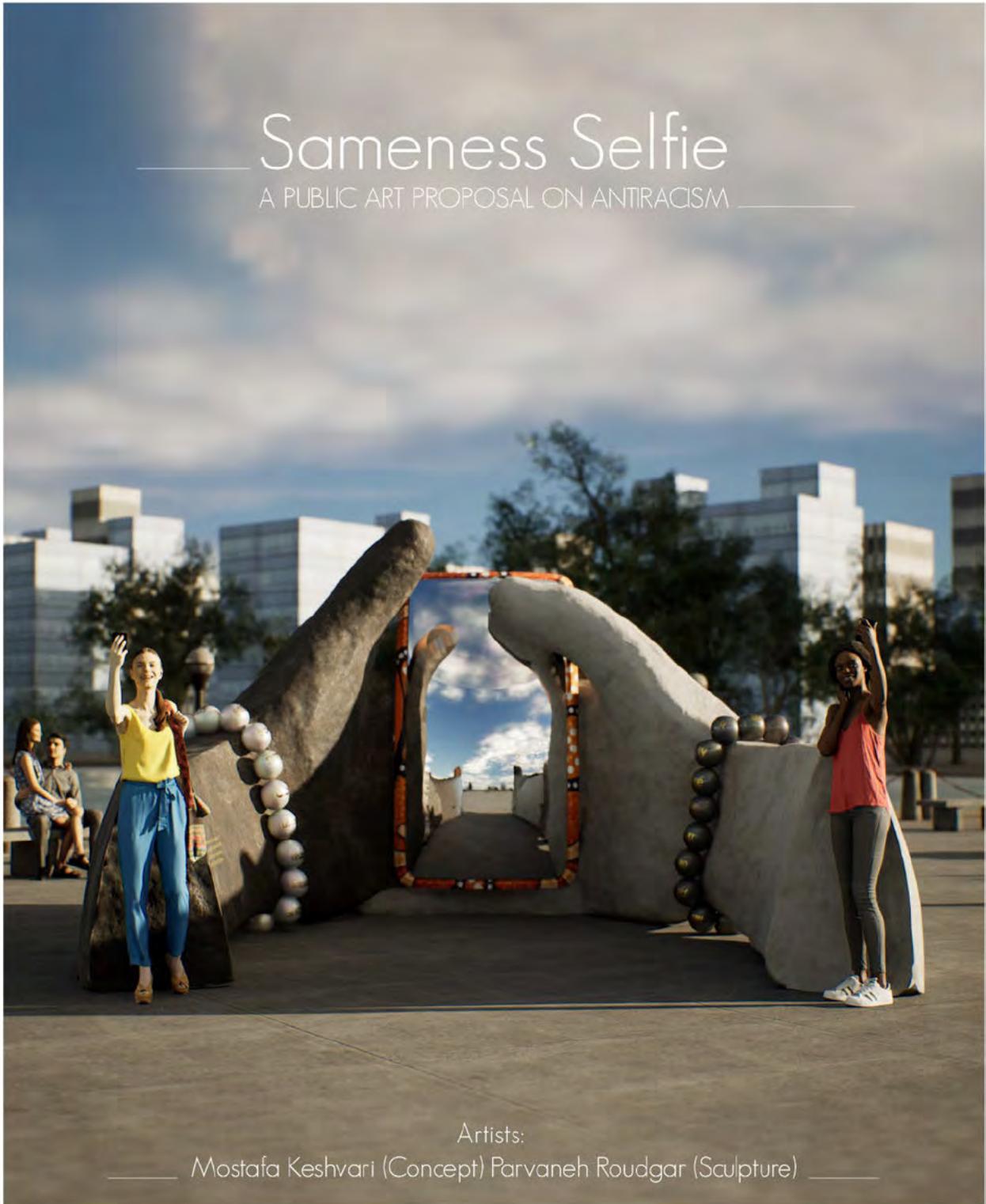
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Sameness Selfie

A PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL ON ANTRACISM



Artists:

Mostafa Keshvari (Concept) Parvaneh Roudgar (Sculpture)

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