

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 21, 2024 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) 2 submissions, February 13 and 15, 2024, regarding Establishing a Business Operation**
- (2) 3 submissions, February 14-15, 2024, regarding Pay Parking in West Vancouver Parks**
- (3) February 15, 2024, regarding “Dying trees”**
- (4) February 18, 2024, regarding “Fwd: Tripping Incident”**
- (5) D. Marley, February 19, 2024, regarding “DWV budget proposed for 2024”**
- (6) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting January 24, 2024**

### **Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies**

- (7) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), February 14 and 16, 2024, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

### **Responses to Correspondence**

No items.

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:01 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Inquiry About Business Operation at 1545 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is [REDACTED] s.22(1), and I am in the process of establishing a new venture, specifically a Board and Video Game Play Center, which aims to offer a unique and engaging entertainment experience to the West Vancouver community.

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of operating this business at a retail property located at 1545 Marine Drive, West Vancouver. Before proceeding with any formalities, I wanted to ensure that this location is zoned appropriately for such a business activity and to understand any specific regulations or requirements that might apply.

Could you please provide me with information regarding:

The zoning regulations for 1545 Marine Drive and whether a Board and Video Game Play Center is permissible within this zoning classification. Any specific permits or approvals are required to operate this type of business in a retail space within your jurisdiction.

Any other guidelines or restrictions that I should be aware of when planning to establish this business in West Vancouver?

I am very excited about the prospect of bringing this business to the area and contributing to the local community. Your guidance and assistance in ensuring that all local regulations and requirements are met would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response and any advice you can offer.

Best regards,

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North Vancouver,

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:02 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Inquiry on Establishing a Board and Video Game Playing Center at 1545 Marine Dr

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
North Vancouver, BC, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
02/15/2024

City of West Vancouver  
West Vancouver, BC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to follow up on a previous communication regarding my interest in establishing a "Board and Video Game Playing Center" at 1545 Marine Dr, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 1H9. I am concerned that my initial submission may not have been in the correct format, and for this oversight, I offer my sincerest apologies. To ensure clarity and adherence to your guidelines, I am resubmitting my inquiry.

In my original message, I outlined my proposal to create a welcoming and interactive venue for board and video game enthusiasts within the community. As a resident of North Vancouver, at the address noted above, I am deeply committed to contributing positively to our local area through this venture.

To move forward effectively, I seek detailed information on the zoning regulations, any required permits, and additional municipal considerations

pertinent to opening and operating such a business in compliance with West Vancouver's city regulations.

I am available for further discussion at your convenience and can be reached at [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Your guidance in navigating this process is invaluable to me, and I eagerly anticipate your response.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our community's vibrant and diverse offerings.

Warm regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:07 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** Paid Parking

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Dear Mr. Sager and Council Members,

It seems to me that the objective of introducing paid parking at the West Vancouver parks and other recreational facilities should be so that persons who do not otherwise contribute to the development and maintenance of these facilities pay a fair share for the opportunity to enjoy them. Clearly, this excludes District residential property owners, who contribute to these costs within their property taxes.

I fail to understand why, in addition to already paying for this basic right, District taxpayers should be burdened with an additional penalty.

I respectfully submit that a fair and equitable solution is to;

- institute paid parking at all West Vancouver parks, trails, beaches and all other recreational facilities,
- install "Residents Only" signs where appropriate, on neighbouring streets adjacent to the facilities.
- provide all West Vancouver residential property owners with one or two decals, similar to the Handicapped decals. This could be at a one time nominal cost of, say, \$20, to offset the cost of production.

Please give this proposal your consideration, and rescind the bylaw requiring Residents to pay an annual fee per car.

Your Truly

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
West Vancouver BC  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:42 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Parking fees

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Good day,  
I am responding to the new parking fees West Vancouver has implemented.

My concern is the amount of money I, and assuming many others, who spend the day (around 8 hours) will find this a hardship to visit these beaches on a regular basis. At a rate over \$5 per hour (includes taxes, fees etc) we are looking at over \$40 per day.

My wife and I are retired seniors living on a reduced budget, and will have to look elsewhere to enjoy our north shore (where, who knows). We have over the [REDACTED] s. 22(1) years enjoyed spending our days at Whytecliff beach during the summer months. Generally 3-4 times per week. At your imposed hourly rates (with no day passes like Stanley park, Sasamat lake have in place) we are looking at over \$160 per week, or about \$1200 over the summer. So much \$\$ to enjoy our "public beaches".

With these rates I would see a lot of visitors, like ourselves, looking elsewhere for our enjoyment in the sun.

If this is true a lot of these visitors would have spent \$\$, visiting the commercial outlets, for meals, shopping etc. This is something you should consider as well for reducing your fees..

I do hope you will look further into the rates and make some adjustments so that "everyone", not just west vancouver can visit without trying to worry about their budget.

Best Regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
[REDACTED]  
North Vancouver



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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:04 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** New Parking System in Whytecliff Park and Lighthouse Park

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Hello,

I am writing with respect to the new parking system introduced for Whytecliff Park and Lighthouse Park.

I am a senior from Vancouver who uses Whytecliff Park approximately once per week for walking and quiet reflection.

I've been doing so for a number of years and my visits to West Vancouver typically include stopping to shop at various merchants in Ambleside and Dundarave.

I am concerned with the high cost of the parking program. It's advertised as \$3.75 per hour but with taxes and fees the actual cost is \$5.23 per hour. This means a \$15.69 add-on to a three-hour outing. No money would be left over to visit the coffee shops and restaurants in West Vancouver on these outings.

This is a prohibitive cost. I am already renting a vehicle to get there. While your parking fees include a "translink tax", the park is not accessible by transit. There are no sidewalks on the road and the roadway is very narrow to access the park.

Additionally, I am not able to walk long distances, and your fees provide no discount for handicapped seniors.

I would be happy to pay for a \$20 parking pass but these are not available to Vancouver residents, and they are tied to one specific vehicle whereas my rental cars always have different license plate numbers.

Further, there is no way to pay for parking without a cell phone. I don't always use a mobile phone and do not have access to the internet on my phone.

This seems like a dangerous precedent to lock out the poor and elderly, and even just average working people from using these parks which are special "jewels" within the Province of BC.

Would you kindly reconsider this new parking scheme? Surely there are other ways to raise funds.

Thanks very much,

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Vancouver, BC, s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:46 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Dying trees

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Hello

I have a few tall cypress trees @ the edge of our property that are dying. My back lane is to another street. My address is [REDACTED] s.22(1), back to [REDACTED] s. 22(1). My concerns is that it might fall down on people's house or car or a passerby. I would like to hire an arborist to remove them but I don't know if they're my tree or the city's because they sit @ the edge. Please advise?

Thanks  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 2:42 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tripping Incident  
**Attachments:** Council letter.docx

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Attention: Mayor Mark Sager

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**To:** "mark" <mark@westvancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 2:12:53 PM  
**Subject:** Tripping Incident

Dear Mayor Sager,

Attached is a letter describing what happened to my wife on [REDACTED] s.22(1). This was a terrible incident that left my wife injured, in the hospital, in extreme distress and pain caused by a simple trip on one of West Vancouver's poorly maintained sidewalks. My wife fell under a parked pickup truck. Fortunately, it was not moving. And also fortunately, the driver did not return to roll over her as he pulled away from the parking spot! I believe this would have been avoidable had the sidewalk been maintained in a safe condition.

I think you should aware of this incident as it is likely to happen again. I have no way of knowing how many other incidents have involved other victims who have suffered a similar fate. I would like to know how long ago those orange strips were painted. Surely, we do not plan to use that as substitute for a proper repair. I sincerely hope you will communicate with the Engineering Dept. to assess these locations and make the necessary improvements as soon as possible.

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

17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

To: Mayor and Council  
West Vancouver Municipal Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> St., West Vancouver BC

Re: Tripping incident near 16<sup>th</sup> St. and Bellevue Ave.

Mayor and Council,

At approximately midday on [REDACTED] s.22(1) this year (2024) my wife was walking south on the East side of 16<sup>th</sup> St. between Marine Dr. and Bellevue Ave. when her foot became caught in an uneven piece of the sidewalk. She was sent sprawling forward into a very nasty tumble.

She was helped by a couple of strangers who recognized she was injured and called for the ambulance. She was taken by ambulance to Lions Gate Hospital.

X-rays revealed [REDACTED] s.22(1)

There are many uneven tripping hazards around West Vancouver. The location of this incident has an orange strip of paint across two parts of this uneven pavement. This is supposed to serve as a warning to pedestrians of West Vancouver. It is ineffective.

How long have these two orange strips been there? What is the date these strips were painted? They are quite faded right now. Why has something not been done to this location and other locations in the municipality?

In today's world graffiti is evident on walls, roads, sidewalks and even the change rooms of the West Van. Rec. centre. This ugly defacing of property has gone unchecked for a long time. A faded orange stripe now has no significance to an unsuspecting pedestrian. A splashing of paint does not relieve responsibility of duty to protect members of their community.

My wife is [REDACTED] s.22(1) old. I can only ask that West Van Council and Engineering take steps to attend to these long-neglected projects and avoid more tragic events for our seniors and indeed all residents and visitors to our community. It is a shameful situation!

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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West Vancouver BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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**From:** David Marley <domarley52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2024 9:17 PM  
**To:** correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt  
**Cc:** Scott Findlay; News NS; Seyd Jane  
**Subject:** DWV budget proposed for 2024

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“When the money runs out, the thinking has to begin.” - Thomas Sowell.

“It is a popular delusion that government wastes vast amounts of money through inefficiency and sloth. Enormous effort and elaborate planning are required to waste this much money.” - PJ O’Rourke.

Some thoughts to ponder before casting a vote to continue enabling our District’s long-standing curse of chronic fiscal incontinence.

During the 2022 municipal election campaign mayoral candidate Sager made some explicit commitments to the electors of West Vancouver. Specifically, in his campaign literature, he said, “As Mayor, I will commit to re-introduce the Finance Commission.” To date, this has yet to be done. Instead, we are evidently to get the recently announced ‘RoundTable’, the mandate of which is apparently merely to advise Mayor and Council on potential new sources of revenue. Nothing whatsoever respecting the provision of advice on getting the District’s operating expenses down. The publication of terms of reference for this advisory group ought to be imperative, as well as a time-line for deliverables and a brief description of who has been appointed to the group and why.

In his promotional literature, candidate Sager also said, “I will ensure that we take our responsibility for fiscal management seriously....all expenses will need to be fully justified to ensure value for taxpayers, including a line by line analysis of dollars spent which I commit to personally reviewing. With the assistance of a newly configured Finance Commission, which will tap into some of the brightest minds in our community, I am confident we can hold the line on expenses without impacting community services. With the prospect of a potential recession, there has never been a more important time to have people with real experience setting the budget.”

As I understand it, the RoundTable is to hold its initial meeting on February 28th next. So Council is about to vote, on February 26th next I believe, on the second District budget to be put before it without benefit of advice from “people of real experience”. And, in any event, as of now it appears RoundTable members are not to be asked for advice on budget-setting.

Our Mayor and four of our Councillors, those who sought election as part of an informal ‘slate’ with him, were handed an enormous electoral mandate in October, 2022. This support was in good measure based on their commitments made respecting a much improved approach to the management of taxpayers’ money. Evidence of this commitment has yet to be seen.

In particular, the District’s proposed budget for 2024 does not appear to have been subjected to the analytical rigour explicitly or implicitly promised by mayoral candidate Sager and those candidates for Council who sought office alongside him. In particular, it has not been put before “some of the brightest minds in our community...people with real experience” before being presented to Council for their consideration. In the circumstances, I respectfully suggest that

neither our Mayor nor any of the four Councillors referenced above can in good conscience vote to approve this budget as presented. It must first be subjected to a thorough vetting by qualified volunteers from our community, just as mayoral candidate Sager promised would be done. It is a matter of personal integrity.

And speaking of integrity, in his campaign literature mayoral candidate Sager had this to say about the introduction of a pay parking scheme in West Vancouver parks, "We can implement a pay for parking system which exempts West Vancouver homeowners (they pay enough already), but charges others." So, why pray tell has Council recently implemented a scheme which fails to exempt West Vancouver homeowners, the ones who "pay enough already"? A scheme by the way which has desecrated certain of our parks with obnoxiously aggressive signage and which requires disclosure to a commercial enterprise hired to oversee it of West Vancouver residents' personal information it ought not to possess.

I hereby request that my name and contact information not be redacted from this communication.

David Marley

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

604-926-8994

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024**

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Voting Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), P. Azarm Motamedi, K. Burnett, K. Hall, and C. Monsef attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: S. Price and M. Wilberg.

Non-Voting Committee Members: N. Brown (West Vancouver Board of Education); A. Krawczyk (Kay Meek Arts Centre Board of Directors); C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors); L. Yu (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board); and Councillors N. Gambioli and L. Watt attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

Staff: D Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator; L. Niehaus, Community Arts Supervisor; and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**2. Election of Chair**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT S. Swan be elected as Chair for 2024.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT K. Burnett be elected as Acting Chair for 2024.

CARRIED

**3. Committee Meeting Schedule**

Due to scheduling conflicts and the absence of some members, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule was not adopted.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the adoption of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024 be deferred to the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

**4. Annual Committee Evaluation**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Annual Committee Evaluation for 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 24, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 2, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**7. Review Proposed Municipal Art Collection Policy**

The Committee was requested to endorse the proposed Municipal Art Collection Policy before it is submitted for Council consideration on February 26, 2024. In 2023, the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Art Museum Advisory Committee worked on reviewing the policy and the two procedures connected with the Policy: Municipal Art Collection Public Art Procedure and the Municipal Art Collection Art Museum Procedure. These documents have not been reviewed since 2005. Key changes to the Policy include:

- Incorporating the Art Museum's collection policy and procedures into the overall District's Municipal Art Collection Policy;
- Incorporating Council resolutions since 2005 regarding the funding of public art through Community Amenity Contributions;
- Addition of policy regarding the repatriation of Indigenous Cultural Material which follows best practices of provincial and national organizations;
- Reference to working with the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and Musqueam Nation to interpret First Nations culture and history in accordance with the peoples concerned and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action; and
- Updates to the levels of authority required for the acceptance of donated, purchased, or commissioned works based on the value of the artwork(s) which is relevant to both the West Vancouver Art Museum and the District's Public Art Program.

The Procedure documents will be presented to the Municipal Manager for approval so were not presented to the Committee for review.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Municipal Art Collection Policy and recommended clarity in the wording in section 5.1 for levels of authority at or under \$10,000 and over \$10,000.

It was also noted that in Section 3.8 under Public Art Reserve Fund that there were more recent Council decisions regarding the allocation of 1% of unrestricted Community Amenity Contributions to the Reserve Fund. Staff to update this section from the Use of Community Amenity Contributions Policy 0131 approved in 2021.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee endorses the proposed Municipal Art Collection Policy, with corrections as noted.

CARRIED

## **8. Advisory Panel Appointments**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT K. Hall be appointed to the Art Museum Advisory Panel for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT S. Price be appointed to the Community Grants Advisory Panel for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT P. Azarm Motamedi be appointed to the Public Art Advisory Panel for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT P. Azarm Motamedi be appointed to the Ferry Building Gallery Advisory Panel for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

## **9. Annual Work Plan**

The Committee discussed the Annual Work Plan. The Chair suggested adding an item to the work plan regarding conducting outreach and education within the community to bolster the understanding of the overarching societal and economic benefits of the arts and culture sector.

It was suggested that item one be modified to "... and update the plan for Council consideration" rather than "develop plan to update."

The Committee members agreed to defer approval of the work plan until the next committee meeting.

Staff were requested to send the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Implementation Plan and the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee's work plans for the last three years for members information.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the endorsement of the Annual Work Plan for 2024 be deferred to the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

**10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Chair will follow up with staff regarding the next meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 24, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

**From:** Patrick Weiler MP <patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:00 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Constituency Office Open House on February 22

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MP Patrick Weiler

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# Constituency Open House

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February 22, 2024  
4-6pm  
6367 Bruce St, West Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council,

**A reminder that you're invited to join us at our Constituency Office Open House on Thursday, February 22 from 4:00-6:00pm.**

We hope to see you there for a great opportunity to meet me and my staff and your fellow constituents in West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. We're looking forward to chatting with you about the issues and priorities in our region and across the country, and answering any questions you may have.

Light refreshments will be served.

**[Please RSVP using the Google Form here](#)**

 February 22, 2024, 4:00PM-6:00PM  
 Constituency Office, 6367 Bruce St, West Vancouver  
(right by Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal)

**OFFICE OF MP PATRICK WEILER  
CONSTITUENCY OFFICE: 6367 BRUCE ST., WEST  
VANCOUVER**

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10AM-5PM**

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**From:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2024 2:21 PM  
**To:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P.  
**Subject:** [Possible Scam Fraud]Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Canada signs \$733 million bilateral agreement to help British Columbians age with dignity  
**Attachments:** Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Canada signs \$733 million bilateral agreement to help British Columbians age with dignity.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding this week's announcement that the Government of Canada has signed a \$733 million bilateral agreement with the Province of British Columbia to help British Columbians age with dignity.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Hemmat



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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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CANADA

*Patrick Weiler*

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

February 16, 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Every senior in Canada deserves to age in dignity, safety, and comfort, regardless of where they live. That is why the Government of Canada is investing close to \$200 billion over 10 years, which includes \$5.4 billion for tailored bilateral agreements with provinces and territories on [Aging with Dignity](#).

This week, the Government of Canada announced a bilateral agreement to invest \$733 million over the next five years to help British Columbians age with dignity, closer to home, through improved access to home and community care and long-term care (LTC). This funding builds on the \$1.2 billion bilateral agreement that was announced with the province in October of 2023.

Federal funding will support British Columbia's five-year action plan to improve health care for seniors. The plan will:

- **Expand home and community care services**
  - Continue to expand and integrate home and community care services for seniors with complex medical conditions and frailty to better meet their needs and help reduce pressures on hospitals and emergency departments.
- **Improve the availability of palliative and end-of-life care**
  - Increase access to palliative and end of life care for people outside hospital settings, enabling them to have these supports in their home, hospice, or community settings.
- **Improve the quality of long-term care services**
  - Improve dementia care through implementation of evidence practice knowledge, standardized education, and monitoring tools.
  - Strengthen the appropriateness, safety, and quality of LTC by enabling consistent, appropriate standards of care and oversight of LTC services.
  - Support aging in place through connecting frail seniors in their homes to a new outreach program through long-term care providing supports, services and respite care.
  - Support the delivery of excellent long-term care through improved long-term care experience for residents, by hiring and training diverse, skilled staff, and enhancing working conditions in LTC facilities.

Progress on these initiatives and broader commitments will be measured against targets which British Columbia will publicly report on annually.

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Through this new agreement and the Working Together agreement signed in October 2023, British Columbia will improve how health information is collected, shared, used and reported to Canadians; streamline foreign credential recognition for internationally educated health professionals; and facilitate the mobility of key health professionals within Canada; and fulfill shared responsibilities to uphold the *Canada Health Act* to protect Canadians' access to health care that is based on need, not the ability to pay.

Recognizing the significant disparities in Indigenous health outcomes, the Government of Canada and British Columbia also commit to meaningfully engage and work together with Indigenous partners to support improved access to quality and culturally appropriate health care services. British Columbia action plan is informed by continued engagement with its Indigenous partners and recent trilateral discussions involving the federal government. All levels of government will approach health decisions in their respective jurisdictions through a lens that promotes respect and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

British Columbia and the federal government will continue working together to improve access to health services and deliver results for seniors across the province, including responding to the needs of Indigenous and other underserved and disadvantaged populations.

For more information on this announcement, please [visit this webpage](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Weiler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Weiler, MP  
*West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country*