

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, December 24, 2025, regarding Happy Holidays**
- (2) Dundarave Festival of Lights Society (2 submissions), December 24 and 30, 2025, regarding Holiday Wishes**
- (3) December 30, 2025, regarding “Best Wishes for the New Year”**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

- (4) Supervisor, Bylaw and Licensing Services, December 24, 2025, response to Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association regarding “Request for Assistance Regarding Overnight Encampment and Doorway Occupation in Ambleside & Dundarave Commercial Areas”**

From: West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce <info@westvanchamber.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 1:11 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: 🌲 Happy Holidays from The West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

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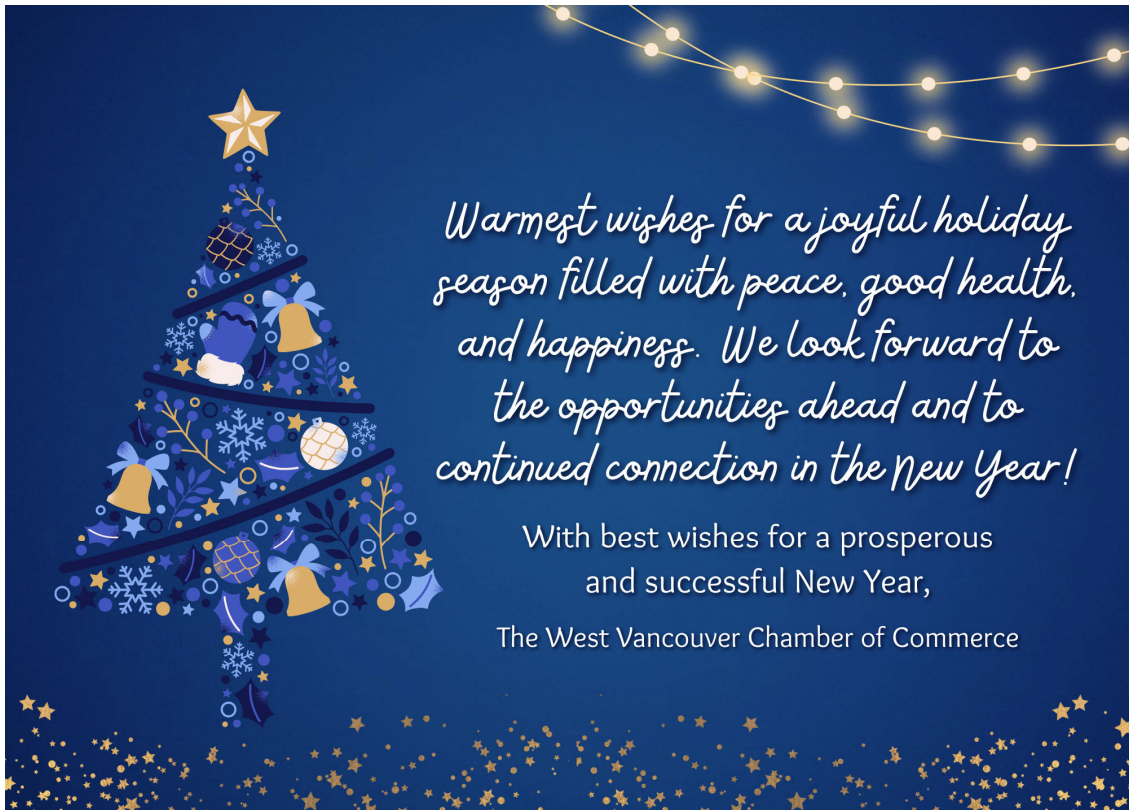
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*Serving the Communities
Of West Vancouver And Bowen Island*

West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

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Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season filled with peace, good health, and happiness. We look forward to the opportunities ahead and to continued connection in the new Year!

With best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year,
The West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce



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Develop valuable connections that lead to business growth and personal success. Access Chamber benefits only available to members.

Membership pays for itself



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Promote your business and help support the Chamber. Sponsor an event!

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From: Mary Markwick <mary@dundaravefestival.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 7:49 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Love & Joy Come to You 🌿

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every blessing of Christmas

As Christmas Day approaches, my heart is full.

By every measure, you have helped to make this season of the Dundarave Festival truly a time to celebrate the joy of belonging together.

I treasure every moment we've shared together.

May every act of love you've brought to others this season be magnified and returned to you.

May every blessing of Christmas be with you, and with everyone you love.

Love and joy come to you,

Mary Markwick
Executive Director
Dundarave Festival of Lights

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You are receiving this email because we want to celebrate the ways you've been part our Festival community in previous seasons, and we want to make sure you have the chance to shine with us.

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From: Mary Markwick <mary@dundaravefestival.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 6:12 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Every blessing for 2026 ✨

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loving kindness

The year's coming to a close, and a new one will be with us in a heartbeat.

Together, we have helped to make sure that the most vulnerable members of our community – from one end of the North Shore to the other – will experience loving kindness.

Every dollar you've given to the **Forest of Miracles Fund** will be put to work right here.

You've helped change lives of kids, youth, families and seniors through the transformative work of the Hollyburn Society. And you've helped to save lives through the Lookout Society's North Shore emergency shelter.

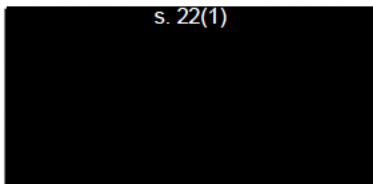
Here's the thing. Through gifts small and large, you've brought the **Forest of Miracles Fund** to a record-setting \$34,996 in charitable giving. Every penny is held and stewarded by the West Vancouver Community Foundation. This is *your* loving kindness in action.

With the last hours of the year upon us, let me throw you a challenge. Ask a friend to join you in giving beautifully to **the Fund**. There's glory – and love and kindness – enough for everyone.

In the immortal math of Rent, the musical, (I'm looking at you Burstin With Broadway), there are 525,600 minutes in a year. I wish for you and everyone you cherish every minute to be filled with loving kindness, seasons of love.

Mark your calendars: the Dundarave Christmas Fair and the Forest of Miracles will be back on Saturday, November 28th, 2026.

Love and joy come to you,



p.s. Everyone who gives to the **Forest of Miracles Fund** will be entered to win a chef's table dinner for six at the Beach House, or an O.E.B. gift card, or one of five free Evo memberships with a free one hour journey throw in. Choose your own adventure, and give beautifully.

p.p.s. The votes are in for the People's Choice Award, sponsored Grosvenor Ambleside. (And, yes, everyone who cast a vote's in the running to win a prize from the sponsor.) And the winners are:

2025 Forest of Miracles



Most Creative

The GRACSaurs, Orchard Recovery, So Social

Favourite Glitz & Glam

Westerleigh PARC, Mojdeh Affifi Notary Public, The Wild Violets

Favourite School Tree

Pauline Johnson, Mulgrave, St. Thomas Aquinas

Favourite Themed Tree

The GRACSaurs, Freedom Marine Yacht Sales, The Tea Shop

Most Sustainable Tree

Sandi Richmond Party Tree, Gingerbread Junction, The Red Hot Chilly Dippers

Mary Markwick

Executive Director

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Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 11:35 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Best Wishes for the New Year

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I want to wish you a Happy New Year and the very best in 2026. Thank you for your time and effort given for the betterment of our community.

Much appreciated,

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West Vancouver, BC

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From: Alisha Rafi
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 3:59 PM
To: Ambleside Dunderave BIA
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Encampments in Ambleside and Dunderave Commercial areas

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to contact us with your concerns.

I am responding in my capacity as the Bylaw and Licensing Services Supervisor.

The Bylaw and Licensing Services Department operates under the Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 4867, 2016 with respect to matters involving individuals experiencing homelessness. As these situations are occurring in front of commercial properties, the ability for bylaw officers to take enforcement action is limited. Currently, there are no applicable bylaw regulations beyond the scope of the Parks Regulation Bylaw to address these concerns. Additionally, the removal of individuals and any lifesaving or critical personal belongings from public spaces presents further challenges.

The District will continue to work diligently to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with the appropriate support services, while ensuring that all actions remain compliant with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

For concerns involving individuals located in front of or around commercial properties, we recommend continuing to contact the West Vancouver Police Department. The Bylaw and Licensing Services Department will continue to support the West Vancouver Police Department in addressing these matters.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these concerns further at your convenience

Regards,

Alisha Rafi
Supervisor, Bylaw and Licensing Services
District of West Vancouver
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the [Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw \(Squamish Nation\)](#), [səl̓ílwətał \(Tsleil-Waututh Nation\)](#) & [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm \(Musqueam Nation\)](#). 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. *Learn more about each of these Nations; click each name to visit their official website*

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From: Ambleside Dundarave BIA <info@ADBIA.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 9:54 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Findlay; Sharon Thompson; Nora Gambioli; John Lo (WVDP)
Subject: Request for Assistance Regarding Overnight Encampment and Doorway Occupation in Ambleside & Dundarave Commercial Areas

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Mayor Sager, Council, and Chief Lo,

I'm reaching out on behalf of businesses in Ambleside and Dundarave because we're seeing a growing issue that we really need some help with.

Over the past several months, more and more individuals have been sleeping in the doorways and sheltered spots of our commercial areas, especially along the 1400 block of Bellevue, Ambleside Lane, and the 1300 block of Marine Drive. This is happening across both villages and is affecting a number of different storefronts.

We fully understand that homelessness is a complicated and human issue, and we're not looking to penalize anyone. But many business owners are arriving in the morning to find people sleeping in their entrances, along with belongings, garbage, and in some cases drug paraphernalia. Staff sometimes feel uncomfortable walking into work, and customers are unsure about entering stores.

It's becoming difficult for businesses to manage this on their own, and they're feeling stuck; wanting to be compassionate, but also needing their doorways to be safe and accessible.

We're hoping for some support with:

- More police or bylaw presence in these areas later in the evening, overnight, and earlier in the morning.
- Help from outreach teams who know the individuals in the community and can connect them with services.
- A coordinated plan between the District, WVDP, and the ADBIA so we can work together on longer-term solutions.

Everyone wants to handle this respectfully and humanely, we just need a bit more structure and support so businesses aren't dealing with it alone.

I'd be happy to meet, talk through the concerns in more detail, or walk through the areas together if that would help.

Regards,

Maureen

Maureen O'Brien

Executive Director

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"It Takes a Village to Make a Village"