

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 19, 2025 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

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No items.

Responses to Correspondence

- (7) Deputy Fire Chief, February 12, 2025, response regarding “Fire Department employees”**
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From: Alan Bardsley [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 2:33 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; correspondence; Corinne Ambor
Cc: Sue Ketler; Jill Lawlor
Subject: OGCS AGM on Wed, Feb 26 at 7 PM

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I'm pleased to invite you to the OGCS AGM on **Wed, Feb 26 at 7 PM** in the **Kiwanis Great Hall**. Parking at Kiwanis is limited. Nearby parking is available at the West Vancouver Recreation Centre or on streets such as Gordon or 21st. Doors open at 6 PM for socializing and snacking.

**OLD GROWTH CONSERVANCY SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 7:00 PM
Kiwanis Great Hall, 999 21st St., West Vancouver
Social Hour 6-7 PM – Pizza and snacks provided**

AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda
Adoption of Minutes of February 28, 2024 AGM
Directors' and Treasurer's Reports
Election of Directors
Presentation by Holly Reisner – *North Shore Bears of 2024*

There is a close connection between bears, salmon and forests. At last year's AGM we learned about salmon. This year we will find out what the local bears have been up to in 2024.



Holly Reisner is the Executive Director of the North Shore Black Bear Society. Holly was born and raised in Westlynn in North Vancouver, and she and her husband Henry raised their three children in Seymour, where she still resides. "Having grown up seeing black bears regularly in our backyard, and having had many more encounters around our home and on the trails in North Vancouver, I have never lost the magical feeling of awe they and our other wildlife inspire. I am honoured to be able to help North Shore residents learn about the true nature of these beautiful animals, so we can live together peacefully."

Alan Bardsley
OGCS President
1594 Nelson Ave
West Vancouver, BC

Please do not redact my name or address when publishing this.

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4:16 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Regarding tents under Lions Gate Bridge

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To Whom it may concern

Hello I would like to start off by introducing myself. My name is s. 22(1). I am a proud member of s.22(1) have been taking drastic measures to clean up our community. We have gone as far as s. 22(1) in order to try to save our neighbourhood. I live on s. 22(1). I hope by the time s. 22(1) I can show them a safer and cleaner surrounding. However, we have lands that connect to our lands where s. 22(1) has no authority when it comes to transient living in tents surrounding the reservation. I humbly wish to ask if you can have your local authorities join us in our fight and honor the Subsection 3.1. 6 of Division B of the BC Building Code and pertain to exiting and egress, occupancy and use, spatial separation, clearance from flammable material, tent material flame resistance, and location of electrical systems. For the safety of people from s. 22(1) alongside with the people of the local West Vancouver municipality general population. According to studies Indigenous women are four times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be victims of violence. Indigenous women make up 16% of all female homicide victims, and 11% of missing women, yet Indigenous people make up only 4.3% of the population of Canada. With s. 22(1) we are directly across from the outlook homeless shelter and now we have to worry about our children going out to play and our women walking alone at night. We are trying very hard to do our part in order to clean up our living environment. I feel Squamish Nation Council and the West Vancouver City Council should work together to keep our hiking and fishing areas clear of homeless living and perhaps West Vancouver build a homeless shelter in the general area opposed to the borders of indigenous lands. To ignore this would be a crime all on it's own as we have policies in place to protect our rights but some border issues of where the tent living is growing issue we have yet had any real revolutionary steps towards enforcing any bylaws. The people living in the tents are leaving garbage everywhere and not to mention the bush is now used as a washroom. Human waste contains disease-causing bacteria and viruses. Defecating near water can contaminate drinking water and spread diseases among humans and to wildlife. Human waste attracts disease-spreading insects and wildlife. This is so unsanitary to the extent I feel this growing problem needs immediate action to be taken before it becomes out of hand. The Good Neighbour Bylaw aims to help reduce nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations on private property. If there is an issue you wish to inform staff, please fill out the form below. If the issue calls for an inspection, our inspectors will schedule a visit to the property. I am requesting assistance and if possible have someone contact me by email, or by landline. s. 22(1) Yours Truly s. 22(1)

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 9:50 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dangerous and disgraceful condition of sidewalks Mathers Avenue

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to you to highlight and complain about the deplorable condition of the sidewalk on Mathers Avenue.

I chose to move to West Vancouver for its walkability for my family. [Redacted] s. 22(1)

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
[Redacted] s. 22(1) Since the recent snowfall the only sidewalk cleared of snow between 24th and 22nd where [Redacted] s. 22(1). This means they have to choose between walking in heaped up snow banks, or on the road. The snow is now solid lethal icy lumps or hard packed slippery icy. They have always been told not to walk on the road, as Mathers is a cross street where cars drive well over the 50 km speed limit daily, particularly up the hill and around school times when they are rushing. I have asked several times about speed bumps being installed on Mathers to slow traffic and reduce the speed limit to 30km similar to the other cross street in West Vancouver, Fulton Avenue. But this falls on deaf ears.

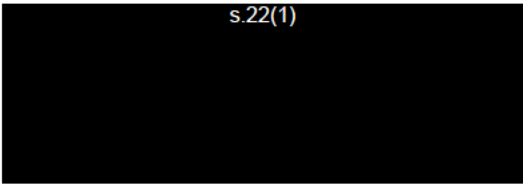
[Redacted] s. 22(1) walking this extremely dangerous route twice daily have had several falls in the last week. Today my [Redacted] s. 22(1) fell trying to climb off the frozen heaped snow on the sidewalk which became impassable, to get onto the road. [Redacted] s. 22(1)
[Redacted] s. 22(1) It took me several minutes to get him up from the ground, with several cars speeding by in both directions. My elderly parents cannot walk the dog as they have to walk on Mathers, and my mother who is [Redacted] s. 22(1) has been unable to walk with [Redacted] s. 22(1) as she is too afraid to be on Mathers, and be injured again.

This is a plea to enforce people clearing their sidewalks and assisting the residents who are too elderly or frail to do so. And to improve the condition of the side walk on this busy road which is a school route. The pavement is uneven and is often blocked with cars and plants, or overgrown trees, even when it is not covered in snow. Elderly people, wheelchairs and strollers cannot use this pavement. In addition, to please put in some speed control measures on Mathers avenue between 24th street and 15th street, before someone is seriously hurt.

I hope that someone on council will listen to this plea and something can be done to improve this really disgraceful situation.

Sincerely
[Redacted] s. 22(1)

[Redacted] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver



From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 10:49 AM
To: correspondence; hoogendam_linda@timhortons.com; mackay_darrel@timhortons.com; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; m@westvancouver.ca
Subject: Let's make a plan to stop the garbage :)

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Hi Tim Hortons,

People love your coffee as evidenced around my beautiful West Vancouver neighbourhood.

Thank you West Vancouver for cleaning up the area** recently, but I guess more has to be done.

Hey Tim Hortons! How about..

1. Start a DON'T LITTER! campaign
2. Partner with West Vancouver to provide garbage cans at bus stops that support the DON'T LITTER! campaign.
3. Offer discounts to guests that bring in their own mug.
4. Change the colour of the take out cups to blend better with the foliage??

Thanks for listening!

s. 22(1), West Vancouver, BC, s. 22(1)

** area in West Vancouver is the intersection of Marine Drive and 30th St.





From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:23 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing again to request that the DWV Environment Fund (i.e. WV Staff , WV Environment Committee and any consultants) be put towards our very real and serious DWV local environmental issues, instead of using our resources to fund federal/provincial responsibilities for implementing UN, Global climate change initiatives.

There may be an understandable cache to working on global initiatives, however, in my view this cannot happen at the expense of our WV community which is desperate need of our DWV Environment Fund to address our municipal, local environment issues. With all due respect, the DWV is mandated to use our taxpayer dollars for our DWV environmental needs which is, moreover, in desperate need.

This is not a misguided rant by someone that doesn't understand the global climate crisis. Below is an excerpt from the "Institute of Municipal Finance and Governance," part of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy' and the "Who Does What?", which you may or may not be familiar with at [BLOCKEDimfg\[.\]org/report/climate-policy/BLOCKED](https://BLOCKEDimfg[.]org/report/climate-policy/BLOCKED).

"... Funding is a major hurdle for municipal leadership. While provincial and federal governments can rely on sales and income taxes to fund climate policies, municipalities can rely only on a narrow set of revenue sources, largely property taxes and user fees.¹⁴ These revenue sources do not provide enough funding for action on climate change, placing municipalities in a precarious position as they navigate their responsibilities to their community and the threats on the environmental horizon....Smaller municipalities face particular challenges.¹⁷ They have less capacity to promote community resilience, reduce GHG emissions, support the transition to clean energy production, and allow their local economies to adapt.¹⁸ The *National Issues Report* recently released by the federal government notes that smaller municipalities disproportionately experience the impacts of climate change because they are highly dependent on "climate-sensitive natural resources," they have limited staff and funds, and they are highly sensitive to disruptions in infrastructure due to their size and locations....Despite their efforts, local governments are limited in their ability to shift energy production methods and emission levels to tackle climate change without support from other orders of government."

It's not clear whether the submission at point 10 of the Feb 10, 2025 DWV council meeting was voted in by Mayor and Council simply to receive the information; or whether you also voted to both receive the information and direct Staff resources to *exclusively - to the neglect of our local environment* - investigate what are almost certainly duplicative educational materials on climate change – and which

can be easily gotten and paid for by the responsible levels of government: federal and provincial for dissemination in the municipality.

Below is yet another example of many, of our local environmental issues that are in need both of Staff time (e.g. enforcement) and educational information dissemination to reduce the enforcement time necessary by having an informed community.

Last week I sent a graphic on the pervasive issue of chemical spills in our creeks and our southern resident orcas now at imminent risk of extinction and how we can help. Chemical spills are a widespread crisis on the North Shore (see for example a recent editorial “Why Are There So Many Chemical Spills on the North Shore?” for which WV appears to be notorious based on available information).

Yet the DWV does not even have information on its website about who to contact if they witness a spill – unlike every other municipality I randomly checked. Moreover, my polite emailed request that the DWV publish contact information has been rudely ignored, as are almost all such requests. Where are other people informed on such issues not speaking up? Haven’t they noticed? Are they afraid to point it out for fear of being sent a policy 4.2 email? Have they given up? I don’t know.

Below is another very serious issue. Many residents don’t even know what a riparian area is, much less what the provincial and municipal laws are protecting them, and most importantly why. The laws are not to annoy property owners who want to improve their view or have unshaded gardens or sunbath by a creek. This is a very serious environmental issue with serious consequences if we allow our riparian areas to be cut down.

I am not an expert or a graphic artist, but it did not take me very long to prepare the below Again, with your permission I will provide a link to these and other materials relying on expert opinions for the public correspondence file. There are other DWV taxpayers who are working to save their local environment and do the work themselves. However, in my view, it is much more difficult to do this work externally all while wondering if one’s good will is being taken advantage of by Staff and the Environment Committee who could do this work, but are choosing or being directed to focus on global climate initiatives which is the federal and provincial purview.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

Riparian Trees Work Two Jobs



What is a riparian area?

“Riparian areas link water to land.

They border [all of West Vancouver’s creeks] streams, lakes, and wetlands.

The blend of streambed, water, trees, shrubs and grasses in a riparian area provides fish habitat, and directly influences it.

Protecting riparian areas, while facilitating urban development that embraces high standards of environmental stewardship, is a priority for the Government of British Columbia.

Good quality streamside habitat is essential for ensuring healthy fish populations.”

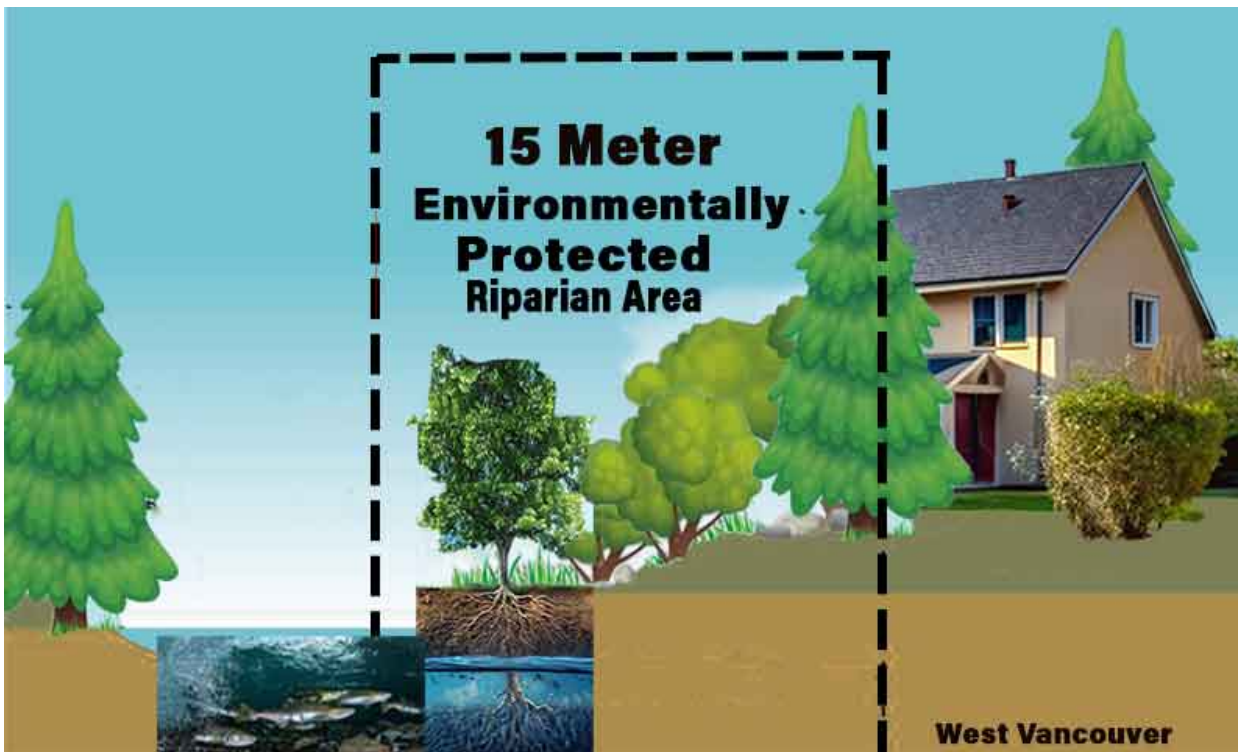


Image: Estimations for Illustration Purposes; Applicable to West Vancouver (Some bush, soil illustrations from Watershed Project)

First Job: All trees and vegetation:

“Lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade and cooling through evapotranspiration;
Reduced energy use and lower greenhouse gas emissions;
Improved air quality;
Enhanced stormwater management and water quality;
Improved Quality of Life, and Wildlife Habitat among other benefits.”

US Environmental Protection Agency

Second Job of Riparian Trees:

“The purpose of the [Riparian Area]Regulation is
to protect the many and varied features, functions and conditions that are vital for maintaining stream health and productivity, including:
Sources of large organic debris, such as fallen trees and tree roots;
Areas for stream channel migration;
Vegetative cover to help moderate water temperature;
Provision of food, nutrients and organic matter to the stream;
Stream bank stabilization;
Buffers for streams from excessive silt and surface run-off pollution”

[Government of British Columbia, Riparian Protections Regulation \(2022\)](#)



WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

January 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Welsh Hall

Present: A. Krawczyk [Chair], B. Hafizi, E. He, H. Kaart, W. Marais, P. Morris, A. Nimmons, S. Sanajou, S. Thompson, H. Vanee, L. Yu

Absent: T. Wachmann, A. Donovan

Staff: S. Hall, S. Gill, S. Dale

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: A. Nimmons
Seconded by: W. Marais

THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved by: L. Yu
Seconded by: S. Sanajou

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

The Board acknowledged Communications on their outstanding media report.

S. Hall advised that the physical circulation stats are down as the mezzanine has been closed which has been offset by digital borrowing. All items in long term storage may be requested and are provided within a day, but without the ability to freely browse and see

the items, the drop in circulation is predictable. Staff took care when moving the 35,000 items to keep the most popular items out on the floor to minimize patron impacts.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Committees – Trustee Interests

T. Wachmann will contact Trustees upon her return to find out where their interest lies, including leadership and liaison opportunities which will help determine committee appointments.

b) Workshop Topics of Interest for 2025

A. Krawczyk noted that workshops will continue to be held for Board Trustees prior to the regular Board meetings.

Upcoming topics for workshops include:

- Ambleside Stage 2 Commercial Area – Courtney Miller (Senior Urban Designer)
- Climate Action and Environment – Heather Keith (Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment)
- Youth Digitalization Framework – Patricia Lesku & Shannon Ozirny

c) SharePoint

A. Krawczyk thanked P. Lesku for her help assigning proper SharePoint document permissions to the Board. Some board members reported that despite this recent work, they are still unable to access SharePoint. This hampers their ability to fulfill their roles as trustees. Shannon Dale will connect with P. Lesku and IT to work on this.

5. Director

a) Update

Please see report attached report from the Director.

6. Governance

None.

7. Strategy

a) Draft 2025 Strategic Framework

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As the board reviewed the 2024 Strategic Framework and had no changes, the 2025 is just updated with year and image. It is shared here for information.

b) Draft 2025 Business Plan

S. Hall provided an overview of the Draft Business Plan and outlined the goals for 2025. Progress is reviewed after each quarter.

Discussion ensued and the Board suggested that a minor typo be updated. S. Hall will make the revision.

Moved by: W. Marais

Seconded by: B. Hafizi

THAT the draft 2025 Business Plan be adopted.

CARRIED

8. Finance

a) 2025 Budget and Financial Reporting Cycle

S. Gill spoke to the budget approval process and noted that the 2025 budget engagement period will take place from January 13 to January 31, 2025.

9. Infrastructure Committee

B. Hafizi reported on the following projects:

- We have received preliminary pricing from Modern Niagara for the heating system upgrade and are in the process of reviewing the details. Once finalized, we will begin work on contract negotiations. The plan is to commence construction in late spring/summer 2025.
- The elevator to the rooftop parking project has started. Safety fencing is up and some demolition work has been completed. We are awaiting a construction schedule from the contractor. We expect it will take a few months to complete the project, barring any unforeseen delays.
- An architect has signed off on the drawings and schedules for the Mezzanine renovation and we are working with the District on securing the building permit. Construction will start as soon as the permit is issued and will last several months with expected completion in the first half of 2025.
- We are awaiting a structural feasibility review for the Youth area and then we will engage an architect to work on a design. We expect to start the design work in the first half of 2025.

10. Engagement Committee

A. Krawczyk advised that T. Wachmann has assigned Trustees to Councillors for their Coffee meetings and has emailed the Board with contact information. He encouraged Trustees to meet with Council before the February meeting.

A. Krawczyk mentioned that the Library Board, Senior Team, and Foundation have been invited for a tour of Cypress Village on January 29, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

A. Krawczyk advised that the Community Relations Opportunities calendar is now a live document in SharePoint and encouraged Trustees to sign up for events that they are interested in attending.

11. Council Update

S. Thompson reported on the following:

- Her recent Council coffee with E. He and L. Yu and spoke to the importance of building these relationships.
- Spoke to the Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative in BC (expressions of interest must be submitted by January 17, 2025).
- For library priorities, including provincial funding, a recommended strategy would be to adopt a regional, sea-to-sky approach.
- Encouraged trustees to think about what presence the library would like to have in Horseshoe Bay.

12. New Business

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 7 p.m.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

All documents distributed at the meeting are available for perusal upon request.

s. 22(1)

Andy Krawczyk
Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library Board

From: Jeremy Duncan
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 2:34 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Council correspondence - week ending February 12, 2025 - "Fire Department employees"

Dear [REDACTED] s. 22(1),

Thank you for taking the time to reach out. West Vancouver Fire & Rescue strives to maintain the highest level of professionalism in all aspects of our service.

We are happy to explain why it is appropriate for our firefighters to shop while on duty. First, please know that the safety and well-being of our community are always our top priority, and our personnel are fully committed to responding to emergencies at any given moment.

Firefighters may stop by local stores to purchase necessary supplies or equipment while on shift as they are readily available to respond to emergencies. These quick stops are part of their regular duties, and strict protocols are in place to ensure they always remain prepared for immediate response. Shopping in local businesses is also a way for our staff to support local businesses, be visible, and interact with the community.

West Vancouver Fire & Rescue staff provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These services include training, education, cleaning and maintenance, public relations, fitness, and emergency response.

We appreciate your understanding and assure you that our staff maintains the professionalism and commitment your fire department expects.

Regards,

Jeremy

Jeremy Duncan
Deputy Fire Chief | District of West Vancouver



From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 11:59 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Fire Department employees

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Good morning, Mayor and Council. I am writing you today regarding the West van Fire department. Generally speaking, I think West Van does a great job. I am happy with the work that the Council does. The police and by-law are excellent as well. The works Department seems to do fine as well. I do have a problem with the Fire Department. My complaint is every time I go into Fresh street Market at 16th and Marine there seems to be 3 to 6 fire department employees in uniform in a district fire trucks shopping in the store. I never see works department staff in there. I have never seen a policeman in there buying his groceries while working. I wonder if you could let me know what is so special about these employees that allows them to shop on company time? Why can they not shop on their own time like the rest of us? Is this an approved activity sanctioned by the council and if so, why can't the rest of the staff do the same thing. I think that there is probably a better way to spend their time (training) doing something to earn their 6 figure salaries. Please let me know your thoughts.

Best Regards

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West Vancouver
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From: Jill Lawlor
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 4:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: Marine Drive Underpass

Dear [REDACTED] s. 22(1),

Thank you for sharing your concerns and for your efforts in keeping our community clean. We certainly understand your concerns about the conditions you have described in the underpass.

The section of Marine Drive above the underpass is also Highway 99, and therefore falls under the provincial jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT). The ownership and responsibility include the road above, but also the space underneath, bridge foundations and attached structures. The Province's designated contractor for maintenance is Miller Capilano Highway Services and they are responsible for maintenance including graffiti removal. MOTT installed a fence on the east side of the underpass to reduce available space for individuals to gather. While this area falls under provincial jurisdiction as part of the highway system, we have contacted the appropriate provincial authority to request maintenance and cleanup. We will continue to follow up to ensure the issue is addressed as soon as possible.

The segment of the Capilano Pacific Trail that runs under Marine Drive via the underpass is the District's responsibility. Our staff will perform clean up and ongoing maintenance of the section to ensure continuous usable condition.

In the meantime, if you notice any safety or fire-related concerns in the underpass area, we encourage you to report them directly to the police non-emergency line at [604-925-7300](tel:604-925-7300) or the fire non-emergency line at [604-925-7370](tel:604-925-7370).

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention. We truly appreciate your commitment to the safety and maintenance of one of our shared spaces and well-used trails. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further concerns.

Sincerely,

Jill

Jill Lawlor (she, her, hers)
Senior Manager of Parks | District of West Vancouver
t: 604-921-3467 | c: 604-418-3657 | westvancouver.ca



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (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: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:21 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: mayorandcouncil@westvancouver.ca
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Dear Mayor Sager and Council:

We wish to draw your attention to the unsightly conditions by the underpass beneath Marine Drive on the west side of the Capilano River. Not only are the concrete structures covered in graffiti but also there is considerable garbage that is left along the pathway. Further, recently there have been fires lit on the west side of the underpass roadway on a nightly basis.

Twice this week, we have cleaned up the trash, which has been a disgusting chore, in an attempt to discourage this type of activity. As you may appreciate, this is a somewhat unfair task for us seniors to undertake when it really should be the responsibility of West Vancouver.

The pathway through the underpass is used daily by many residents when going to Park Royal South as well as to Ambleside. Many are seniors who have expressed safety concerns with the deterioration of the area as well as with the activity which occurs at night.

We are therefore, appealing to you as the Mayor and the Council Members to address this situation with a view to ensuring the area is kept clean and as well the graffiti is removed when it occurs.

Placing large boulders along the west side of the underpass may help alleviate the problem by making it difficult to access. Paving the trail at the underpass and brightening the area would also make it more appealing and less derelict in appearance which of course would make everyone feel safer and reduce any strange activity.

We would encourage you and the Council to walk the area in order to fully appreciate this situation.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to a positive response.

Kind Regards,

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