

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO MARCH 12, 2025 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 3 submissions, February 26 - March 8, 2025, regarding Pay Parking Expansion**
- (2) March 6, 2025, regarding “Gleneagles Proposed Pickleball Courts and Pump Track”**
- (3) 17 submissions, March 7-11, 2025, regarding Proposed Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 5334, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 5337, 2025 (Sports Court Booking Fees)**
- (4) Canadian Polish Congress, March 8, 2025, regarding “Proclamation Request - Polonia Day” (May 2, 2025)**
- (5) 4 submissions, March 8-11, 2025, regarding West Vancouver Art Museum**
- (6) March 8, 2025, regarding “Unhoused Persons”**
- (7) March 10, 2025, regarding Municipal Tree Trim Request**
- (8) March 10, 2025, regarding “Wildfire Hazard DPA Designation and It’s Actual Basis?” (Referred to the March 31, 2025 Public Hearing)**
- (9) March 10, 2025, regarding “Did an administrative error affect the issuance of 2025 WV Business Licenses?”**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 7:10 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Re: Paid parking

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Been living here [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Voted in every election since I came here. The city I fell in love at the moment. I came here. It's a beautiful place to live with beautiful people who are trying to make a living. People travel all over the province to work in the city and they cannot even look for to live here firefighters paramedics people that work in our restaurants in our grocery store in our mall teachers.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
est Vancouver

On Feb 26, 2025, at 10:23 AM, correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca> wrote:

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With regards,

Neetu Shokar
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From: correspondence
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:05 AM

To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Subject: RE: Paid parking

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 7:43 PM
To: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>
Subject: Paid parking

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Are you trying to shut down all the businesses in West Vancouver or just have a rich some of us are not rich, but some of us have doctors offices in West Vancouver and we should not have to pay to go see our doctors and restaurants should not have to have paid parking in front of the store with economy the way it is today we should be trying to help each other, not hinder

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:10 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Sharon Thompson; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Pay Parking in West Vancouver

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Hello.

Pay parking in West Vancouver seems to be a hot topic. Also controversial.

I support pay parking.

I support DWV Council and Staff choosing to put pay parking into effect without a community consultation.

I support DWV planning to put pay parking at John Lawson Park, Ambleside Park, and along Bellevue as well as the business areas of DWV.

I would support pay parking to go as far north as Fulton in the business areas, especially Ambleside.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) made a very good point (ADRA meeting) when he said pay parking must be monitored.

I have many years of experiences in [REDACTED] s. 22(1). Pay parking with resident permits for free parking works in those communities.

I don't support residential pay parking passes being given free to the residents of DWV. Residents should pay for their parking passes. A residential parking pass at a cost of \$60-80 for two years is not unreasonable and possibly would help pay to administer the program. Do any Vancouver residents get a parking pass for South Granville, Kerrisdale, West 10th, or Commercial Drive shopping/business areas?

Are employees/teachers of Vancouver given free parking passes for use at Vancouver parks and business/shopping areas? Why should DWV teachers/staff being given parking passes for DWV?

At the ADRA meeting on Saturday, March 1st, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) discuss pay parking with the ADBIA executive director. She seemed to have strong and unwavering views on behalf of ADBIA. One of her opinions, was that pay parking in the business district would put restaurants in Ambleside and Dundarave at a great disadvantage vs restaurants at Park Royal Shopping Centre which had the advantage of free parking. No one I know chooses a restaurant based on whether the parking is free. Choosing a restaurant is about choosing where one wants to eat, not about the parking. To think otherwise is ludicrous. The same applies to other businesses. I also don't accept the opinion vs fact that pay parking in John Lawson Park and Ambleside Park will cause patrons of those parks to now park in the business district. I believe there is evidence that when the John Lawson and Ambleside parking lots are full, users already park in other areas. Certainly I and my family have used parking outside of the parks parking area - specifically John Lawson. Another idea of ADBIA is that an hour of free parking should be given before one is then charged for parking. Why? I disagree with that opinion.

Again, I support Council and staff to make the decisions separate from the very strong opinions, not facts, of ADBIA.

s.22(1) - “How many businesses in Dundarave and Ambleside are supported by visitors to DWV?” No answer could be given. I expect that not even half would be supported by visitors to our community. Do visitors come to Ambleside and Dundarave to visit money exchanges and nail bars? Ambleside/Dundarave used to be a destination for a day out for shopping and lunch. Most of the retail businesses and restaurants that attracted visitors are now gone. Books, quilting, decorating, smocking, antiques (a few remain), stationary, gifts, pottery, galleries, even West Van Florist, other, and great places for lunch and supper - all gone. Visitors now come for the beaches and parks - paying for parking contributes to their upkeep.

Perhaps parking could be free after a certain time - 6 or 7 pm until 8 a.m? Maybe that is already being considered?

As a beach community, one can consider what policies other beach communities have. It is hard to think of a Canadian comparable. What other communities have staff looked at when planning for West Vancouver, especially considering visitor use for recreation?

Laguna Beach, Calif - pop. 22,332

- Shopper Permits are available only to residents of Laguna Beach and proof of residency is required.
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San Clemente, Calif - pop. 62,313

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Manhattan Beach, Calif - 33,369

A very complicated program - maybe due to beach access and no private residential parking spaces.

manhattanbeach.gov

Thank you for reading my views on this difficult change for DWV.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 5:01 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Pay Parking in West Vancouver

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My wife and I are long term residents of West Vancouver and are, with all due respect, disappointed with the lack of recent progress to expand pay parking to include the additional parks as outlined in the North Shore News dated November 20th, 2024.

Already in 2025 we are seeing increased crowds arriving at our parks from across the bridge and surrounding areas. This constant increase in usage of our parks continues to increase our costs for park clean up, garbage and recycle removal and washroom maintenance.

Many of the people that visit our parks tend to bring their own food and supplies and therefore contribute very little to the local economy.

This is not only a beautiful place to visit but it's free parking! What a bonus!

As councillor Christine stated and as quoted in the North Shore News dated November 4th, 2024, "The move to pay parking in WestVancouver Parks is overdue. We are the last community in the LowerMainland to have pay parking".

It was very encouraging to learn that more than \$560,000 has been collected from the district's pilot paid parking project between February, 2024 and September, 2024 - way above the district's original estimate of \$255,000.

We note that the estimated total income that could be derived from the overall pay parking objective could potentially bring in revenue of approximately \$1.05 million yearly to the district. (Based on the revenue produced by the pilot project I would consider this a conservative estimate).

We are certainly in favour of residents and renters being able to buy annual permits for \$20.00 per household.

It goes without saying the district of West Vancouver needs increased revenue to maintain the high standard of care that we enjoy in our parks and gardens and our day to day living in West Vancouver.

Unfortunately, even though the pilot program was started early last year it appears as though the expansion of the plan to incorporate the additional parks will not be instituted this coming summer. As a consequence the district will miss out on the additional revenue of at least \$1.05 million for this year.

We respectfully request that Mayor and Council move as quickly as possible to install pay paying and therefore generate this additional revenue.

Yours truly

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, B.C.

s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 7:40 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Gleneagles Proposed Pickleball Courts and Pump Track

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Hello,

I am a Gleneagles resident with [REDACTED] s. 22(1). I support the proposed pickleball courts and pump track as a great addition to our community. The current underused skate park (it is so dangerous for children), and dirt bike area could be better utilized, and the growing family population in the area would benefit from more community spaces. The proposed location near the golf course and parking lot is ideal for pickleball courts, minimizing noise concerns in residential areas. These new facilities would cater to a wide range of age groups, from children to the elderly. I believe these enhancements would greatly enhance our community, support the local businesses (such as The Orchard restaurant) and promote sport in Gleneagles.

I hope this development goes forward.

Regards,

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

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From: North Shore Tennis Society <info@northshoretennis.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:59 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Proposed Court Reservations and Fees on Public, Outdoor Tennis Courts in West Vancouver
Attachments: NSTS Letter to DWV Council re Court Reservations and Fees - 2025-03-07 (pdf).pdf

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Please see attached letter to West Vancouver Mayor and Council from the North Shore Tennis Society re above subject matter.

North Shore Tennis Society
280 Lloyd Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7P 3J6



Mayor & Council
District of West Vancouver

March 7, 2025
Via email

Dear Mayor Sager & Council Members:

Re: Sports Court Booking Fees

We were surprised to learn, late last night, that the March 10, 2025 Council Agenda includes consideration of a proposal to implement court reservations and fees on public, outdoor tennis courts in West Vancouver. *Found as Agenda Item number 8 "Proposed Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5334, 2024 Amendment Bylaw No. 5377, 2025 (Sports Court Booking Fees) (File: 1610-20-5377)"*

Reading the staff report, and having regard to the detailed fee proposals (being introduced for the first time ever in West Vancouver), it would be easy to assume that there has been proper consultation with the North Shore Tennis Society about these proposals. However, this is not the case. Nor has there been any public consultation.

In late January the Tennis Society was informed that court reservations were being considered, and we participated in a brief telephone conversation with the Parks Department, seeking clarification of what they were considering and why. They informed us that they were looking at a pilot project for on-line booking of Ambleside pickleball courts to manage significant demand problems at those courts, and that they were also thinking about doing the same at the Ambleside tennis courts.

We informed the Parks Department that there was no similar demand issue at the Ambleside tennis courts (despite their great popularity, and the shortage of courts in the Ambleside area following the closure of the Gordon Avenue courts, and Council's unfulfilled promise to replace them). We also noted that the demand problem on the pickleball courts relates to the communal style of pickleball, where large numbers of players rapidly moving on and off the court playing very short matches, and socializing while waiting to get back on the court. This problem does not occur in tennis.

However, we also informed Parks that we were actively considering court reservations (and associated fees) for other reasons, in particular, to allow people to play full tennis matches, without the application of the 30-Minute Rule (which limits play time to 30 minutes when others were waiting). Limiting such a system to peak times on evenings and weekends would accommodate those whose work and family responsibilities limit their ability to play at non-peak times during weekdays, while minimizing the impact on other tennis players during non-peak hours.

We also both mentioned that we were both looking into the provision of private tennis lessons and coaching on public, outdoor courts.

The Tennis Society has canvassed our 1,200+ members, and the broader tennis community on both of these (and other) issues, and our Board has been distilling the results and formulating detailed recommendations for each of the North Shore municipalities. The final element of this analysis takes place at our mid-March Board meeting, and we had been planning to table and discuss our considered recommendations at a meeting with the West Vancouver Parks Department later this month.

These are significant changes, with significant implications for the tennis community, and should not be rushed through without real and meaningful consultation. We understand that there may be a timing imperative because of the problem unique to the Ambleside pickleball courts, and fears of overcrowding there in the summer of 2025. We also understand that there have been ongoing discussions with the West Vancouver's Pickleball Advisory Round Table group. Again, this problem does not exist at the Ambleside tennis courts, and there is no equivalent Tennis Advisory Round Table group, and the Tennis Society has not had the same opportunity to provide input.

We, therefore, encourage you to defer this matter pending proper consultation with the Tennis Society, and public consultation with the West Vancouver tennis community or, in the alternative, detach tennis from this proposal, and proceed on March 10 with a proposal which relates solely to the Ambleside Pickleball courts.

We believe that consultation with the Tennis Society can be completed, and the matter brought back before Council by early April, so as to facilitate implementation of a better scheme before the summer.

Finally, we note that some particular important deficiencies in the proposal as it relates to tennis were shared with Jill Lawlor of the Parks Department earlier today.

As always, we would be more than happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Best regards,

North Shore Tennis Society
Duncan Brown, President
Marcus Shapiro, Vice President

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:14 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Ambleside Tennis Courts Booking Fees

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Dear Mayor Sager & Council Members,

I am writing to express my disappointment regarding the recent decision to implement a rather high fee for tennis court bookings as part of a pilot project this year.

Tennis is a beloved sport in our community, promoting physical health, social interaction, and overall well-being among residents of all ages. The introduction of elevated fees could significantly limit access to these facilities, particularly for families and individuals who may already be facing economic challenges.

Moreover, it is concerning that such a decision may discourage participation in a sport that fosters community engagement and encourages a healthy lifestyle. Many residents have enjoyed the newly refurbished tennis courts at Ambleside without financial barriers, and this change could alter the landscape of recreational activities available to our community.

As a member of this vibrant community, I urge the Council to reconsider this pilot project. Perhaps we could explore more equitable solutions that would allow for continued access to tennis courts without imposing prohibitive fees.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope to see a resolution that reflects the values of inclusivity and community support that we cherish in West Vancouver.

With great dismay,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 6:10 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Subject: Fwd: FEES ON NEW AMBLESIDE TENNIS COURTS?
Attachments: Tennis court rules 2025-03-09 IMG_5691.jpg

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

On Wednesday, when I read the staff report on agenda item 8, of the 10 March Council meeting, I was shocked to learn of this proposal to implement fees for the public use of the new Ambleside tennis courts. If implemented as proposed, I believe that there would be a dramatic decrease in the usage of the three courts. However, I have no problem with the proposal for implementing Commercial / Private Fees on the designated tennis courts.

This morning, I was pleased to receive the email below from the North Shore Tennis Society and agree to having this proposal for the Ambleside tennis courts put on hold for a few weeks so that a sensible and balanced plan can be developed to meet the needs to the tennis community.

Here is a suggestion that I think would meet the needs of the tennis community and allow maximum usage of the courts:

As a pilot, designate one of courts as a reservation priority court, which would allow individuals to book and pay for that one court for a specified 1.5 hour period. If that court is not being used by someone with a reservation, then it would be available for free play as on the other two courts which will remain available for free play all of the time that the courts are open.

Attached is a photo of the rules current tennis Ambleside tennis courts. Note that play on the courts is limited to 30 minutes when other players are waiting. Based on my experience and observation at the courts so far this year, I think that when all three of the new courts are going to be filled for free play will most likely only be during certain times during the week such as late afternoons and evenings on week days and at times throughout the day on weekends and holidays. This means that players coming to play, when the courts are full, have to wait until a court becomes free, then can only play for 30 minutes if others are waiting to play. This may be fine for many players, but for others, this waiting and limiting the amount of time on the court when players are waiting may not be satisfactory. Those who don't want to wait for a court to be free, or have their time of play limited to 30 minutes, might like to have the option of being able to reserve and pay for a court for a specific 1.5 hour period.

Please defer any further action on introducing fees for playing on the Ambleside tennis courts until there is adequate consultation with tennis players.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] s.22(1)
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Tel: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Subject:FEES ON NEW AMBLESIDE TENNIS COURTS?

Date:Sun, 09 Mar 2025 17:45:35 +0000

From:North Shore Tennis Society <info@northshoretennis.ca>

To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)



**FEES ON NEW AMBLESIDE TENNIS COURTS?
NOT WITHOUT CONSULTATION!
NOT WITHOUT A PLAN THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF TENNIS!**



This Monday night the West Vancouver Council is considering a proposal to impose fees on the Ambleside Tennis Court.

- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm – 7 days a week
- \$24.00 per 1.5 hours – Much higher than the Tennis BC Hub at Stanley Park
- No free drop-in play on unreserved courts – So these newly refurbished courts sit empty
- Seniors Tennis Permit for early morning weekday play cancelled

Why? Because of crowding at the new Ambleside Pickleball courts – that has nothing to do with the tennis courts.

There has been no consultation with the Tennis Society and no public consultation.

We have asked the Mayor and Council put this on hold for a few weeks so that proper consultations can take place, so that a proper, sensible and balanced plan can be developed the meets the needs to the tennis community.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION

If you agree, please email or call Mayor Mark Sager and Council Members, asking them to put this matter on hold, and to hold consultations before taking any action.

- Mayor Mark Sager: mark@westvancouver.ca – Office: 604-925-7001 – Cell: 604-921-8881
- Christine Cassidy, Councillor: ccassidy@westvancouver.ca – Tel: 604-690-3067
- Nora Gambioi, Councillor: ngambiolli@westvancouver.ca – Tel: 604-653-8823
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- If players are waiting, limit your game to 30 minutes.
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- Private lessons are not permitted.
- Do not adjust or tamper with court nets.
- Please be courteous and keep our courts clean.



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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:18 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Ambleside Pickleball Court Changes

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my concern about potential changes to the Ambleside Pickleball courts. I understand there is some consideration being given to making the courts to be used strictly through bookings with fees. This would be a serious mistake, and would be detrimental to all Pickleball players.

As an avid player, I want to express to you how essential and valuable the open-court drop-in playtime is for all court users. Court rentals are already available at many venues: However, it requires a great deal of advance, organization, communication, coordination, and extra fees for the players to use the court rental booking system. And nobody really wants to play with the same four people all the time anyway. Further, if one person cancels or gets held up in traffic, the game is spoiled for everyone for the duration of the booking.

The open drop-in playtime is far superior to court rental bookings for many reasons. I absolutely love how I can just show up at the courts and know that there will be a number of friendly players there, with a wide range of ability levels, just waiting to play all kinds of exciting Pickleball games. The social aspect is tremendous. I have met so many amazing and wonderful people through the game of Pickleball. This cannot be underestimated or overlooked.

I would never have met and become part of this fantastic Pickleball community if play was restricted to court rentals, to be arranged with a handful of my own friends.

So please stop and reconsider this decision. Perhaps there is a happy compromise that can be reached, in case there are a few people who prefer to book a court. But I can assure you that the vast majority of Pickleball players are quite happy with the wide -open court drop-in system that exists successfully across the North Shore in several locations. I believe it is the inclusive, social aspect of this game that has driven its exponential growth over the last few years. A court rental booking system would be the opposite of this: Exclusive and of limited social value.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and reconsider the proposed changes to the Ambleside Pickleball courts.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 10:15 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt
Subject: Protesting potential fees for outdoor facilities - Pickleball

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Dear West Van Mayor and Council Members,

My name is s. 22(1), I am a long-term North Shore Resident and member of the North Shore Pickleball Club.

First, I would like to thank the District of West Vancouver for having built 4 pickleball courts at Ambleside. As you have realized, they are a hit and very well enjoyed by the pickleball community. Huge thank you.

Second, I am writing today to protest and offer my indignation to the proposal of having fees at the Ambleside outdoor pickleball courts.

Outdoor facilities are funded by taxpayers and meant to be enjoyed by all and at no fee. Organized sports which occur at those outdoor facilities (soccer, baseball, tournaments, etc.) do incur fees as they are organized by people and that is accepted as the norm and athletes pay happily.

However, going to play drop-in sports at ANY of these outdoor facilities has always been enjoyed for free. You play if the court is free, or if not, you wait your turn or find another park. The notion of charging to play at an outdoor facility is a dangerous one and should be considered very cautiously.

For example, if a kid's park get really busy, will you also provide booking timeslot, a fee and a timeframe for a kid to enjoy the park and slides? That defeats the purpose of getting a kid to go and play outside, enjoy themselves and interact with others.

These pickleball courts are the exact same version but for a slightly older audience. Please do not take this away from us. Outdoor facilities are for the community to be enjoyed at no cost, and it should stay this way. Pickleball players do enjoy speaking with each other while waiting for a court to play on.

Additional issues: the weather (what do to when it rains, what if it starts in the middle of the timeslot?), additional staff required at the park to manage this (= additional costs), very negative view/feel from all (pickleball community and all community alike) on charging for outdoor facility.

Here are some proposed solutions to help with the congestion at Ambleside pickleball courts:

- Build additional courts (either at Ambleside or other location)
- Provide additional pickleball court time at indoor facilities (where it makes sense that fees are incurred, and people have no problem covering those fees) – this will maximise your revenue at indoor facilities
- Transform some other outdoor facility which are not heavily used or not used enough into pickleball courts

- Build a big indoor/outdoor facility specifically for pickleball (and tennis, if you must) where premium fees could be charged to play at that facility (open 7am to midnight, with restaurant, physio, etc.) . This could make revenue and capitalizing on the pickleball interest.
- Charging for parking (new revenue stream). Instead provide additional food options and players will spend their money there to give you an additional revenue stream.

In conclusion, please do not go ahead with approving fees for accessing pickleball courts at Ambleside, keep access to those parks free of charge and consider other solutions to address the pickleball craze/congestion or obtain additional revenue.

Thank you for your consideration,

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, North Vancouver

P.S. On a separate note, charging for commercial/private fees on sports courts make sense. However, popular outdoor courts should NOT be use for commercial/private coaching as they are already in full usage. There should be no private coaching occurring when the community wants to play. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 10:25 AM
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Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Kindest regards

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 11:26 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Opposed to fees on pickleball courts

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North Vancouver

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

North Vancouver BC

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 12:02 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Preserving Free Access to Ambleside Pickleball Courts

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a long-term North Shore resident and member of the North Shore Pickleball Club, I'm writing to express my gratitude for the Ambleside pickleball courts and my concern about the proposal to introduce fees.

The free, public nature of these courts has been instrumental in fostering a vibrant pickleball community. Here's why maintaining free access is crucial:

1. **Spontaneous Play:** The ability to drop in and play without booking or paying encourages regular, impromptu exercise and recreation.
2. **Community Building:** Free courts allow players to meet new people, fostering social connections that might not occur in a pre-booked, paid environment.
3. **Inclusivity:** No-cost play ensures that pickleball remains accessible to all community members, regardless of financial situation.
4. **Flexibility:** The current system accommodates varying schedules, allowing residents to play when it suits them without the constraint of reservations.

Introducing fees could:

- Discourage casual players and beginners from trying the sport
- Reduce the diversity of players and social interactions
- Create barriers for lower-income residents
- Diminish the spontaneous, community-oriented atmosphere that makes these courts special

Instead of fees, please consider alternatives such as:

- Expanding court availability by building additional courts or repurposing underused spaces
- Increasing indoor pickleball hours where fees are already expected
- Developing a separate premium facility for those willing to pay for additional services
- Introducing paid parking or expanding food options as alternative revenue sources

Let's preserve the unique, inclusive spirit of our public pickleball courts. Thank you for your consideration.
Best regards,

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North Vancouver

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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However, I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce fees for these outdoor courts. Public outdoor facilities, funded by taxpayers, have always been freely accessible for drop-in sports. Charging for access sets a concerning precedent. Will playgrounds or other outdoor spaces face similar restrictions next?

We are already paying higher taxes in addition to being unfairly penalized for the water treatment mismanagement.

Rather than fees, I urge you to consider alternative solutions to manage congestion and generate revenue:

- Build additional courts or repurpose underused outdoor spaces.
- Increase indoor pickleball hours, where fees are already the norm.
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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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North Vancouver

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First, I want to thank the District of West Vancouver for building the Ambleside pickleball courts—they have been a fantastic addition and are well-loved by the community.

However, the proposal to introduce fees for these outdoor courts is extremely distressing. Public outdoor facilities, funded by taxpayers, have always been freely accessible for drop-in sports. Charging for access sets a concerning precedent. Will playgrounds or other outdoor spaces face similar restrictions next?

The growth of pickleball has largely been because of its accessibility, inclusivity and ability to build community amongst its members. Instituting fees is counterintuitive since it will limit the sport, akin to tennis, and takes away the affordability aspect of it. Pickleball is not an elitist sport and we would like to keep it this way.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I'm [REDACTED] s. 22(1), a resident of North Vancouver. I frequently play at public courts around the North Shore, and I think the new Ambleside courts are wonderful. My family, friends, and I especially can't wait to use them all summer. They're such a wonderful community-building location. We all love them!

However, I've heard you're going to introduce outdoor court fees. I think this is a terrible idea. When have we ever done anything like this for public park facilities? I think that tennis and pickleball courts are public goods, to inspire free participation, activity, and community. There aren't enough "third spaces" in our society, PARTICULARLY on the north shore. Sports aren't just for rich people. They're for everybody. Public parks are for EVERYBODY! People who want private courts can already rent them at country clubs and other private facilities.

Rather than fees, I urge you to consider building additional courts or repurposing underused outdoor spaces in West Van, or provide more fee-based indoor times at community centers. That would be so popular!

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 2:08 PM
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Subject: Ambleside pickleball proposed fees

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Subject:Opposition to Fees for Ambleside Pickleball Courts

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My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) a long-term North Shore resident born and raised in west Vancouver. I am now a member of the North Shore Pickleball Club.

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Best regards

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] north vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:27 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Subject: Please keep my name confidential thanks

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Best Regards,
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:05 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Subject: Balancing needs between players, costs and equitable access

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I was going to attend last night's council meeting, but I thankfully received word that further review was going to occur on the topic of imposing a fee system for tennis court usage. I appreciate that more time will be taken on this matter. Particularly as the outcome of this pilot project could guide the use of all the public courts.

In an ideal world, public tennis courts would be free, just like playgrounds or basketball courts. Access to sports should be equitable, encouraging more people to be active without financial barriers.

However, I do understand there are valid reasons why municipalities are looking to charge fees:

- Maintenance Costs
- Preventing Overcrowding
- Lighting & Amenities

Other aspects to be considered: The idea of equitable, affordable, no-barrier fun is about making physical activity accessible to everyone, regardless of income, ability, or background.

1. Improves Public Health
 - Encouraging free or low-cost access to sports like tennis reduces sedentary lifestyles and promotes physical and mental well-being - creating healthier communities overall.
2. Increases Social Inclusion & Community Building
 - Public, no-cost recreational spaces bring people together across different socioeconomic backgrounds.
 - Sports help develop friendships, teamwork, and community pride.
3. Reduces Economic & Other Disparities in Sports
 - Public investment in recreation creates equity, allowing everyone access to fun, not just those with financial privilege.
 - For families who can't afford club memberships or expensive sports like hockey or figure skating, free courts ensure kids have a place to play and develop skills.
 - Financial and social barriers often limit participation in sports for people with disabilities, so free or low-cost programs reduce these barriers and encourage broader participation.

How to balance all the needs? Incorporate a number of models versus a single blanket approach.

- Public-private partnerships (businesses and nonprofits help fund courts and programs).
- Grants and sponsorships (local businesses, and community groups can support free tennis access).
- Hybrid models

- Only some courts setup for booking, while leaving others free at all times
- Free play access during off-peak hours on fee courts - not the time frame presented of 8am to 8pm, which wouldn't allow for any play, due to darkness setting in.
 - Mid-day & 7pm onward potentially for free access to the fee courts
- Charge for private use for lessons, etc, but do not over book this use, as public courts are for the public.

Once again, thank you for taking more time on this matter, so further models of organizing public tennis court use can be examined to ensure equitable, affordable, no-barrier access for everyone.

Sincerely,

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West Vancouver, BC

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From: Kobilewski, Konrad <president.bc@kpk.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:51 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Proclamation Request - Polonia Day
Attachments: Proclamation 2025 - District of West Vancouver.pdf

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Please see the attached letter addressed to Mayor Sager and council.

Regards,

Konrad Kobilewski
President
Canadian Polish Congress, BC Branch
(604) 809-7659



**CANADIAN
POLISH
CONGRESS**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 8, 2025

District of West Vancouver
Mayor & Council
correspondence@westvancouver.ca

Dear Mayor Sager and Council,

Re: Request for Proclamation of Polonia Day – May 2, 2025

On behalf of the Canadian Polish Congress BC and Belweder North Shore Polish Association, I am writing to respectfully request that the District of West Vancouver proclaim May 2, 2025, as Polonia Day.

Polonia Day is recognized internationally as a time to celebrate the contributions of Polish communities worldwide. Here in British Columbia, Polish-Canadians have played a meaningful role in shaping our province's cultural, social, and economic landscape. Recognizing this day would be a wonderful way to honor the 135,000 British Columbians of Polish heritage, many of whom call West Vancouver and the North Shore home.

In previous years, several municipalities across British Columbia have issued proclamations for Polonia Day. We hope that the District of West Vancouver will join them in acknowledging the contributions of Polish-Canadians by issuing its own proclamation.

We would be happy to provide any additional information required and look forward to your support in celebrating the rich cultural heritage of our Polish-Canadian community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

s. 22(1)

Konrad Koblewski
President, Canadian Polish Congress BC
president.bc@kpk.org
(604) 809-7659

Cc: Urszula Sulinska – President, Belweder North Shore Polish Association



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Vancouver, BC V5V 3C8



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Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 2:41 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; correspondence
Subject: Proposed acquisition of Sewell's "Boathouse" restaurant by the District of West Vancouver
Attachments: Parcel Report 6695 Nelson Ave FS Horseshoe Bay Folio 01-0183-100-001.pdf

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Your Worship and Councillors,

I add my name those amongst the residents and ratepayers of the District who have raised objections to the acquisition of Sewell's "Boathouse" restaurant to the portfolio of capital assets owned by the District of West Vancouver.

The Asset and the Condition of the Asset

The property is not suitable as a permanent home for the West Vancouver Art Gallery and Museum Archives for the simple reason that the subject property is not held in a fee-simple or free-hold title (i.e., there is no title to land) and the building and its pile foundations are wasting assets that as we know from experience with the wharfs owned by the District are subject to the vagaries of the seas and the seasons. The property is a foreshore lease in the gift of the Province of British Columbia. Examination of the pilings supporting the building, conducted on Friday, March 7th, 2025, indicated deficiencies in the understructure, including erosion of the cross-section of at least one supporting pile and the likelihood of the presence of latent defects in the structural support currently covered by sheet piling on the landward side. What "land" there is within the four-corners of the foreshore lease is "made land" (i.e., fill) which cannot be considered to be permanent though the engineers may give an estimate of its expected useable life remaining before the foundations, piles, wharf deck and building are condemned and torn down.

What a Suitable Site for the Permanent Home of the Art Gallery and Museum Archives should Have

An art gallery and museum, if it is to preserve the materials in its various collections, needs a sound, climate-controlled facility built on solid foundations in a seismically sound ground. The land on which such a facility is built needs to have a land title held in fee-simple or free-hold ownership. The facility needs to be away from the corrosive salt-water atmosphere and environment so prevalent on the water-front of West Vancouver. The facility needs to have adequate parking on site or in close proximity to the site to allow visitors such as families with young children and visitors who physical- and visual-handicaps ease of access to the facility.

Assessment of this Site

The Sewell Family's "Boathouse" restaurant building meets none of the basic requirements that are necessary to a permanent home for the Art Gallery and Museum Archives of the District of West Vancouver.

It is situated in the foreshore of Horseshoe Bay in a foreshore lease--see the appended PDF file downloaded from the WestMap application hosted on the District of West Vancouver's website for details.

It is not situated on fee-simple or free-hold title land. BC Assessment describes the foreshore lot as "GROUP 1, NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT, FORESHORE ENCROACHMENT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF 6695 NELSON AVE."

The restaurant building stands on piles and fill. It cannot be considered to be a permanent foundation on dry land. Like the former federal government public wharf standing just metres to the east south-east of the Sewell Family's "Boathouse" restaurant property, structures supported by piles -- a wasting asset.

Conclusion

It is indeed unfortunate that Council saw fit to move forward with an acquisition without first consulting with the broader community of West Vancouver. Had Council done so before irrevocably committing to the purchase of the Sewell's property, the aged "Boathouse" restaurant building sited on a foreshore lease in a marine environment inimical to the preservation of treasured manuscripts and paintings and watercolours, the capital cost and the attendant cost to remediate the building and the substructure that the building sits upon, would have been avoided, almost surely.

If Council can see its way to backout of the sale/purchase contract at this late date, it should do so with dispatch, for time is of the essence in property transactions, and, as every knowledgeable investor in risk assets knows from hard-won experience, it is far better to take the first loss rather than hold on in hopes that the pig-in-the-poke contracted for will turn into *El Dorado* if only you can hold on to it long enough to realize the promised (ephemeral, a.s.) transformation.

Sincerely,

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Property Information

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BCAA Legal Desc:	WATERLEASE WATER LOT HORSESHOE BAY-GROUP 1 NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT-FORESHORE ENCROACHMENT FRONTING 6695 NELSON AVENUE-PRIVATE MOORAGE	Date Built:	

Assessment Information

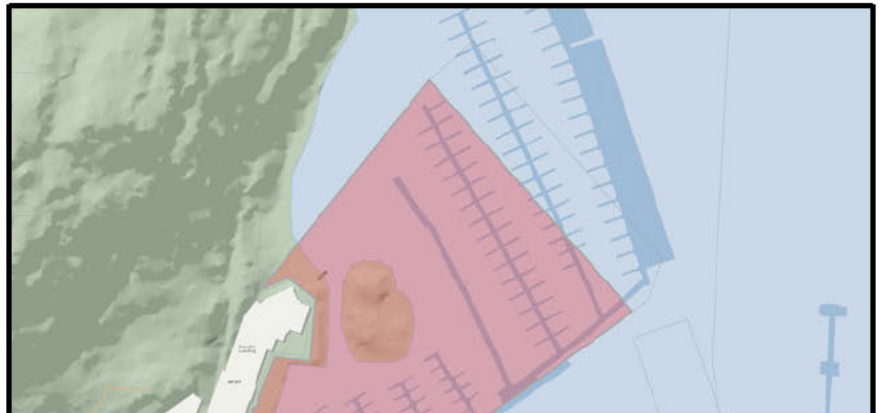
Year	Gross Land	Gross Improvements	Gross Assesment	NET Assesment	Tax Levy
2025	\$2,324,000	\$1,073,000	\$3,397,000	\$3,387,000	
2025	\$1,715,000	\$0	\$1,715,000	\$1,715,000	
2024	\$2,194,000	\$799,000	\$2,993,000	\$2,983,000	\$35,258
2024	\$1,978,000	\$0	\$1,978,000	\$1,978,000	\$35,258
2024	\$5,381,000	\$0	\$5,381,000	\$5,381,000	\$35,258
2023	\$2,163,000	\$767,000	\$2,930,000	\$2,920,000	\$51,624
2023	\$5,400,000	\$0	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$51,624
2022	\$2,049,000	\$597,000	\$2,646,000	\$2,636,000	\$48,729
2022	\$4,755,000	\$0	\$4,755,000	\$4,755,000	\$48,729
2021	\$2,103,000	\$602,000	\$2,705,000	\$2,695,000	\$51,970
2021	\$4,650,000	\$0	\$4,650,000	\$4,650,000	\$51,970

Zoning Information

Actual Use Code:	280	MARINE FACILITIES-MARINA	Manual Use Code:	8000	NON-MANUALIZED STRUCTURES
Zoning:	M3	Marine			

Waste Information

Recycling Service:	
Garbage Day Code:	



From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 8:40 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Horseshoe Bay Art Museum

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The recent announcement on the relocation of the West Vancouver Arts Museum to the foreshore in Horseshoe Bay makes me wonder - why bother? Who asked for ...this?

Once again, an inappropriately designed building that has seen better days gets repurposed as an arts facility in the wrong location.

This decision comes across as an excuse to continue to procrastinate on making a decision about the community's long standing desire for a purpose-built arts facility in Ambleside, consistent with the Arts and Culture Facilities Plan. Spending money on this building will use up funds that could otherwise have been put towards this goal. Council could have just made a decision on a site, such as the tennis courts on 13th, and allow the community to get on with fundraising.

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West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:57 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; correspondence
Subject: Questions Re Boathouse Purchase for Use as WVAM

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March 11, 2025

Mayor and Council:

On March 3, 2025 Council resolved to release information to the public regarding details of the purchase of the Boathouse for use as the West Vancouver Art Museum (WVAM), and the closed meetings of ACAC and AMAP held on December 6, 2024 to discuss the same. Some mention was also made at the Council meeting last night, March 10, 2025, that more details are forthcoming.

This is good to hear, but when exactly can we expect this information and will it be released in a format consistent with the public's expectation of consultation, or in the form of an announcement only?

I am asking because since the original announcement on February 24, 2025 that the WVAM would be relocated to Horseshoe Bay, several questions posed to Council by myself and other citizens in the form of letters to you, to the media, and in phone and in-person meetings, remain unanswered.

Here are a few of those questions:

The February 24 press release stated that the Boathouse property had been purchased by the District to house the WVAM. Yet in a phone call from the Mayor to me on February 27, he said that "If the art museum idea doesn't work out, we'll use it for something else." At what point would you decide the property is or is not suitable for the WVAM, and why would you announce the Boathouse as its new home without having done the research first?

On February 27, the Mayor also told me that ACAC and AMAP were consulted and agreed to the move. The two groups together constitute no more than 20 volunteers, and they were required to sign non-disclosure agreements before the Mayor would share any info with them. Why did they have to sign NDAs? And were there conditions attached to ACAC and AMAP's motions to agree with the acquisition and the move of the WVAM? Will those motions be made public? If not, why not?

Also on February 27, in response to a question I had about whether a larger arts centre might still be built, the Mayor said he was doing a "land swap and had a potential donor online for a \$40 million building at Ambleside." He has since shared this information with several other residents. Where is the plan for this project, and what financial commitments or "deals" might already have been struck on this front? Is there a plan for any consultation with regard to a site or other considerations related to the construction of a public building such as this?

As mentioned it is good to hear that more information will be shared by Council, and hopefully these and other concerns raised since the February 24 announcement will be addressed. It is clear that many of Council's decisions regarding the purchase of and intentions for the Boathouse property and a possible new arts centre in Ambleside are cloudy at best, and it would be great to have the opportunity for public consultation and input into a plan.

Thank you for your responses.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:20 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; nora gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; correspondence
Cc: Kirk LaPointe; brichter@nsn.com
Subject: The Boathouse Purchase

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

There are still a lot of unanswered questions about Council's plans for both moving the West Vancouver Art Museum (WVAM) to Horseshoe Bay and what happens to the Silk Purse and the Music Box.

Why not hold a meeting to explain to the arts community what is happening and what the plan is. Surely, after all of the strategic planning that took place a number of years ago, it's time to clear the air, update us and involve us going forward.

Here are some of my questions that I would appreciate some answers to:

Why are members of the ACAC required to sign non-disclosure agreements? I have been on a lot of committees in West Vancouver and elsewhere and never once was asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

What are the **conditions** attached to the ACAC's motion to agree with the acquisition and the move of the WVAM? Will you abide by those conditions? Surely the location at HSB has to be part of the conditions, as it is difficult from a parking and public transportation standpoint.

Where and what is the land swap all about? What financial commitments has the Municipality made regarding the land swap?

Who is this mysterious financial donor and what commitments/conditions have been made regarding the \$40 million?

What is the plan for a purpose-built arts centre, timing, budget, location?

While you say it had to be a secret negotiation because of legal requirements, surely the spending of taxpayers' money should involve some sort of public input and consultation before that decision is made.

You are, after all, elected by WV citizens and I would think, be obligated to seek their involvement and support for any significant financial decisions. I now know that you didn't do it when you arbitrarily allocated significant discretionary funds to build the sports field. I think that that was a mistake, but you escaped any criticism because most people were simply unaware of it happening because it was done in-camera.

Finally, it's no surprise a key reason for the negative response you received from some of us about The Boathouse acquisition is because no one knew about it or had been consulted about it in advance of the announcement.

Think about it. In a democratic society, government driven policy initiatives are far better executed with public and stakeholder involvement.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:26 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Unhoused Persons

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Over the past 2 weeks my wife and I have observed 3 separate unhoused persons loitering around the Ferry Building Gallery.

On Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at approximately 10.30 am we observed an unhoused person sleeping outside at the back of the Ferry building Gallery, (on the outside patio at the end of the public washrooms).

On Thursday March 6th, 2025 we observed the same person who was on the back and side of the rear patio. At this time this male individual was very loudly presenting to an imaginary audience from the deck. He was very dishevelled, was forcefully gesturing, shouting very loudly and was using exceedingly offensive and foul language

This was obviously disturbing and frightening to anyone who was approaching the Gallery and as a consequence people were avoiding this area altogether. We observed this behavior for approximately 15 minutes and it was non stop. Fortunately there weren't any children present at that time as it would have been extremely upsetting for them to have witnessed this.

We observed this same individual in the same area last year and the police were dealing with him at that time.

You will recall that a couple of years ago we did have another unhoused person who was living next to the washroom at John Lawson Park. After some months this person was eventually removed with the help of the police.

It is sad and troubling that this exists in our society. Having said that it is very concerning that we observed 3 unhoused people loitering around the Ferry Building gallery all within one week and we are very concerned about the potential of a tent city being created as has been experienced in many areas of Vancouver.

We therefore request that Council and the Police review this situation with the view of getting help for these people and removing them from the District of West Vancouver.

Yours truly,

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West Vancouver, B.C.
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 9:48 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Trim Request

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Hi there -

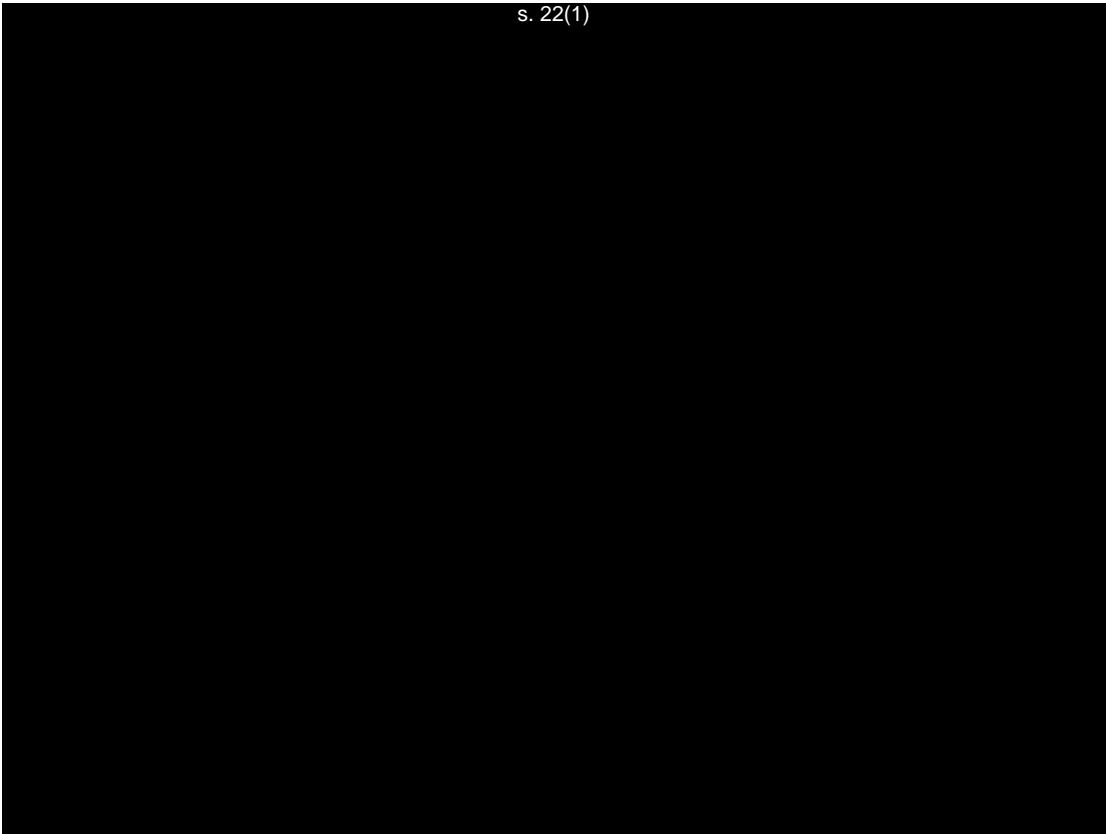
We have a City lane allowance between our property [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and the back neighbour. There is a fence along the approximate middle dividing our yards.

I am writing to confirm permission to trim on the city property (see current photo):

1. Large red bubble: trim wispy branches growing behind our laurel hedge, in order to have it look evenly kept.
2. Small red bubble: trim the wispy growth to continue our peek-a-boo view.

All trimming will be on City property and we would like official permission to go ahead with this maintenance ourselves.

Thank you,
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:56 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Wildfire Hazard DPA Designation and It's Actual Basis?

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I agree with letters dated March 1, 2025 from an organization stating: "The staff report was extreme and seemed inappropriate for a municipality located in a Coastal temperate rainforest, the CWH Zone. The rationale behind including the recent wildfires in Los Angeles County when formulating a wildfire strategy for West Vancouver needs to be explained"; and the letter from a resident dated March 2, 2025 that there be "a pause in the above proposal before such drastic measures cause many unintended consequences. The interruption of our cool moist micro- climate by the loss of trees will contribute to lack of cooling and shading, flooding, landslides and disturbances to wildlife habitats. Residents are fearful of fires impacting their properties but the decisions regarding the approach to manage wildfires must be based on science appropriate to our type of forests and climate."

Moreover, I found the following information that alerted me to *what was not stated* at February 24, 2025 meeting at which the proposed Wildfire Hazard DPA Designation was proposed to be not just for forested areas ,but all of the DWV. The below is surely a factor if not the entire basis for it as opposed to the Los Angeles wildfires cited to effect at the meeting perhaps by passionate climate wildfire concerns.

The District of North Vancouver, the City of North Vancouver as well as The District of West Vancouver form the North Shore Emergency Management System (NSEMS), as you will know. The NSEMS is headquartered in North Vancouver as are employees on its website.

The NSEMS, without citation for the basis for their opinion, states that "The North Shore is at significant and increasing wildfire risk due to the following factors..." It identifies what needs to happen to address that risk: "To protect your home, neighbourhood and community, check out the resources provided by FireSmart BC: FireSmart BC tools and resources; Get a home assessment through the Home Partners Program." As you know, those firesmart assessments advise that there be no trees, shrubs or grasses within 1.5m of a home and no fire resistant trees, shrubs or grasses within 10m of a home, etc. Again, there is no citation offered for this extreme language being used.

As Councilors pointed and Staff conceded at the Feb 24, 2025 meeting, such action is in indirect conflict with increasing our tree canopy under the UFMP to protect ourselves from the known dangers of the heat domes and atmospheric river landslides costing lives and property in DWV.

As previously provided (their being no Canadian equivalent I can find) the USDA under congressional order, did an analysis of all the regions in the US for wildfire risk. Notably, forested coastal communities directly adjacent to us in Washington state and similar to DWV (for example, Port Angeles) were rated at a low risk of wildfire. Unsurprisingly, Los Angeles with its uniquely different climate from DWV is rated as a high risk. Here is the text to the USDA website if you are interested. [BLOCKEDwildfirerisk\[.\]org/explore/BLOCKED](#)

So why would DWV even consider making all of DWV a wildfire hazard designation when the City and District of North Vancouver are not concerned enough to be implementing such an extreme measure in their communities, and are doing the opposite? The CNV protects all trees 20cm or greater and has a wide open free tree planting programs along with \$50,000 fines for illegal tree cutting, encouraging their population to protect themselves and the health of the community by planting trees, shrubs and grasses anywhere they can. DNC does not protect 20cm and up trees, however, it has a very hefty \$50,000 fine for every illegal tree cutting. So, the CNV and the DNV are protecting and creating deterrents to vegetation cutting to protect their communities from heat domes and atmospheric rivers and landslides.

Moreover, DWV, as you know, does not even protect our effectively irreplaceable (in our lifetime) mature working trees, except for the largest of trees at 20cm and has a measly \$1000 fine deterrent for illegal tree cutting.

Now the proposal is that the DWV not only, not protect our trees that experts advise help protect our community from heat domes and landslides, but cut them down in anticipation of a wildfire – which the CNV and DNV are not so concerned about as to implement a wildfire DPA for all of their city and district. I don't think anyone disagrees that e.g. fire resistant trees should be planted as the 3-5 tree replacements for every hazard tree cut down; and technology implemented to detect wildfires.

However, based on UBC advising we are at a high risk of a landslide what we most need is an atmospheric river, landslide and per the UFMP a heat dome amendment to the Tree Bylaw to ensure the protection and growth of our tree canopy by protecting all 20cm trees and greater, enforcing the protection of all riparian area trees, and having tree planting programs, and hefty fines for illegal tree cutting – as the DNV and CNV are doing for their communities. *And if there is a public hearing that it be limited to only WV stakeholder residents.*

Also, it was disturbing to see on the DWV website that taxpayers are already funding firesmart assessments and free chipping services as if all of DWV was a wildfire hazard zone - as advertised on the DWV website – *to all of West Vancouver*, not just the forest interface communities. This is even before this has gone to a public hearing and Mayor and Council have voted, and most importantly before those property owners are informed on all issues.

In my view, the DWV should put a halt to *even beginning* the process of a divisive and public hearing on trees and to make all of West Vancouver a wildfire hazard, *if and until*:

- there is a reputable scientific basis for making the claim of a significant risk of wildfire to counter the USDA's finding of a low risk; and one that is applicable specifically to West Vancouver considering our proven and existing climate challenges in our rainforest, oceanic climate
- the CNV and the DNV pass a bylaw that puts their entire DNV and CNV communities under a wildfire hazard designation and they implement the firesmart protocols across their entire city and district.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:11 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Did an administrative error affect the issuance of 2025 WV Business Licenses?

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Dear District of West Vancouver,

When the *Proposed Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5334, 2024* was adopted by Council last July, it appears several contractor categories were inadvertently omitted from the list requiring a West Vancouver business license. While *Amendment Bylaw No. 5376, 2025* aims to rectify the situation, I have specific concerns regarding the impact on 2025 business license issuance.

I ask this because a review of the District's online business license list reveals a significant absence of contractors, particularly in the "Tree Service," "Landscaping," and potentially "Logging" sectors. For example, only 3 out of the 9 tree contractors on the District's list of *Tree Contractors Approved for Work on District of West Vancouver Property*—Davey Tree Service, Bartlett Tree Experts, and Silverback TreeWorks—currently hold a West Vancouver business license, according to the District's list of *Current Business Licenses*.

Therefore, I have two primary questions:

1. Did the administrative error in *Bylaw No. 5334, 2024*, affect the issuance of 2025 West Vancouver business licenses, particularly for the contractor categories mentioned?
2. If the discrepancy is not due to this error, what alternative reasons explain why numerous contractors operating in West Vancouver are not required to hold business licenses?

Furthermore, the apparent lack of awareness regarding District bylaws among tree contractors and landscapers raises concerns. A business license application process presents an opportunity to educate businesses about relevant regulations and recent changes. Ensuring broader business license compliance could improve regulatory awareness and increase District revenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC