

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO OCTOBER 15, 2025 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) Capilano Community Services, October 10, 2025, regarding Christmas Craft Market (November 15, 2025)**
- (2) Dundarave Festival of Lights Society, October 10, 2025, regarding “Happy Friends Giving”**
- (3) 3 submissions, October 13 and 14, 2025, regarding Tree Protection (Referred to the October 20, 2025 public hearing)**
- (4) 3 submissions, October 14, 2025, regarding Pay Parking**
- (5) October 14, 2025, regarding “Request for Municipal Oversight and Bylaw Review Regarding Residential Beekeeping”**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: Maralyn Wild <maralyn@capservices.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 10:28 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: 🌲 Save the Date! Our 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Market is Coming Up!

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CAPILANO COMMUNITY SERVICES

Christmas Craft Market

Saturday, November 15

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre
1733 Lions Gate Lane, North Vancouver

FOOD, MUSIC, & PRIZES

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING

Dear Community Partners,

Capilano Community Services invites you to one of the best Christmas Craft Markets on the North Shore! ✨

Get ready to kick off the holiday season with us at our **3rd annual Christmas Craft Market!**

Join us for a festive day filled with 50 local vendors, selling handmade arts, crafts, treasures, and holiday cheer.

🌟 Admission is **FREE** — bring your holiday cheer and your shopping bags!

Date: Saturday, November 15

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Location: Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre
1733 Lions Gate Lane, North Vancouver

Enjoy a fun-filled day featuring:

- Live Music
- Delicious food & beverages
- Raffle prize draws for beautiful gift baskets
- Exciting door prizes
- Free parking in our underground parkade
- A “visit from Santa”

And plenty of holiday spirit!

🌟 Bring your friends and family and together, let’s start celebrating the holiday season!

Questions?

Contact maralyn@capservices.ca for more details.

🔗 **Follow us on social media** for vendor “sneak peeks” and event updates!

Instagram: @capilano_community_services

Facebook: @Capilano Community Services Society

Hope to see you there! 🎄

Thank you!

From, Maralyn Wild

Manager, Community Development



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North Vancouver, BC V7P0C7

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Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 1:40 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Happy Friends Giving

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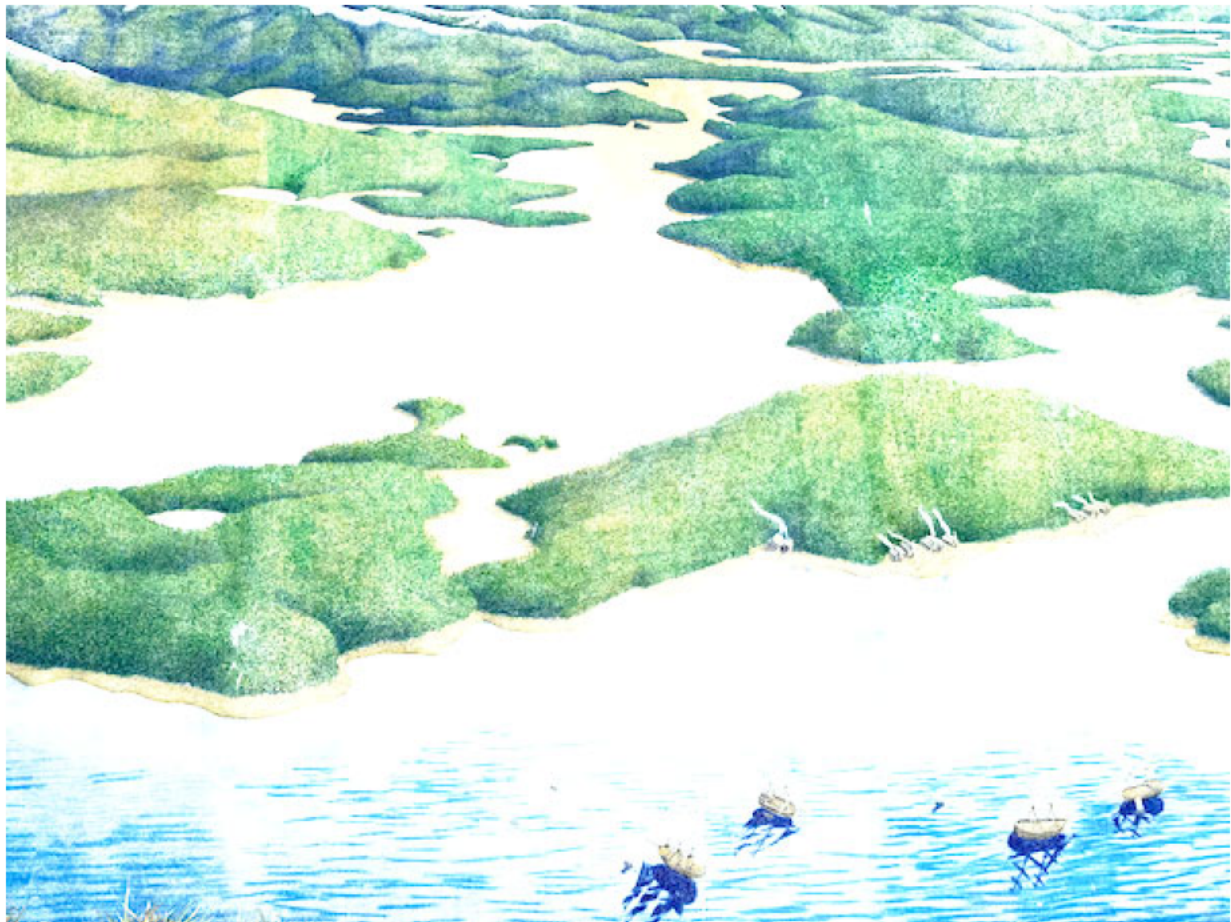
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Hooray! It's time.

Claim your tree. Make your pledge.



We are so blessed to live here, to grow and thrive together. Happy Thanksgiving, happy Friendsgiving.

The Dundarave Festival is about to launch our 17th season. We want you and everyone you love to be at the heart of it. Live your joy out loud in the ultimate Canadian Christmas.

So, go ahead and claim your tree. Mark your calendars and join us on ***Saturday, November 29th***, noon to dusk, for the **Seventeenth Dundarave Christmas Fair**.

We've been hard at work to make sure the Forest of Miracles allows all of us together to make sure no one's left out in the cold.

So, we're excited to announce our new partnership with the West Vancouver Community Foundation to launch the *Forest of Miracles Fund*. From kids and youth to families and seniors, the *Fund* allows us to make sure no one's left out in the cold. We'll have more details to share with you soon about how to make your pledge to end homelessness beautifully.

Even before we're out of the gate, about one third of our trees have already been claimed. That leaves us definitely feeling the love.

All the more reason to move quickly, because I've not seen the same level of excitement in all of the years we've been doing this.

We've created a website dedicated just to the Forest of Miracles to make it easier than ever to claim your tree and make your pledge. (Watch for our shiny and new Dunderave Festival website.)

Our commitment to support local Christmas tree farms is rock solid. When you claim your tree, know that you're helping local tree growers thrive. We've also kept the cost of tree sponsorship pretty much where it's been for the past several years.



By claiming your tree you're giving the Dundarave Festival the funding it needs to present four Saturdays of free concerts through the holidays. Your sponsorship helps us support local performers — everyone from school choirs to (see below) budding rock stars.

That's why, for the first, we're time we're giving you the option of increasing your sponsorship to help us out even more. Be an angel, or even an archangel and make sure we grow the ultimate Canadian Christmas.

Fun fact: long before he went on to help make Peach Pit a, well, global phenomenon, Neil Smith made one of his performance debuts right here at the Dundarave Festival.



So, when you claim your tree you're allowing us to help a local kid become a legit rock star. What's not to love about that?

Claim your tree. Make your pledge. That's a beautiful way to keep Friendsgiving.

As always, if you need our help with any of this, don't be shy. I'd jump at the chance to connect.

Love and joy come to you,

s. 22(1)

Mary Markwick
Executive Director
Dundarave Festival of Lights
[778.847-1426](tel:778.847-1426)



CLAIM YOUR TREE. MAKE YOUR PLEDGE



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

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 1:11 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Cc: Heather Keith; Jim Bailey
Subject: Constructive Perspectives for Urban Forest Public Hearing

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving weekend.

I am writing in advance of the October 20 Public Hearing on the Urban Forest motions adopted at your September 15 meeting. We support the five staff-proposed amendments, which will increase tree density after new home construction, and the additional motion to protect trees greater than 20cm DBH on new development properties.

I recognize concerns raised by Councillors Snider, Thompson, and Watt and respectfully offer alternate perspectives for your consideration:

Regulatory Overreach

Concern: Residents do not want more regulation.

Reality / Mitigation: The staff recommendations only affect new development properties—currently only 23 active development permits. Thus, these regulations will impact a small share of residents. Many years of engagement confirm most residents support reasonable measures to protect trees, which is reinforced by staff’s September 15 report showing strong public backing.

Impact on Provincial Density Mandate

Concern: Tree protections may impede housing density.

Reality / Mitigation: All six motions are carefully restricted to planting and retention outside the building footprint, so density targets and provincial mandates are unaffected.

Cost to Developers

Concern: Added landscape costs will hurt development.

Reality / Mitigation: Having recently built a home, I found that consulting an arborist (to try to – unsuccessfully – keep a large cedar) and planting 12 new trees was straightforward and comparable to standard landscape budgeting, with no significant cost burden.

Canopy Distribution – East vs. West

Concern: West neighbourhoods have more canopy cover than east

Reality / Mitigation: This is true, but the changes will mainly affect new development in western areas, and as mentioned above, a small number overall. And boosting overall canopy levels is a district-wide environmental goal.

Safety and Tree Hazards

Concern: Residents must be able to remove unsafe trees.

Reality / Mitigation: All motions allow for removal of hazardous or unhealthy trees, in line with existing policy and expedited permit processes when urgent issues arise.

Staff’s report also confirms there are “no financial implications”. Planned checklists and a tree planting calculator will build efficiency into implementation.

I hope these clarifications are useful for your deliberations and as context for the October 20 hearing. Thank you for your consideration, and for continuing to prioritize West Vancouver’s urban forest.

Respectfully,

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, West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 4:54 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Subject: Protecting trees during new builds

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Mature trees are irreplaceable for climate, air, and community well-being.

The Urban Forest Management Plan's motions strike a smart balance between growth and green space.

Tree protections for new builds and planting more trees are vital for keeping our canopy healthy and strong. I hope Council continues to show leadership on October 20.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 6:28 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur
Subject: Public hearing regarding proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 4662, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 5387, 2025 (Urban Forest Management Plan)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed bylaw amendment to protect mature trees with a diameter greater than 20 cm at breast height (DBH) during new home construction.

Mature trees contribute significantly to urban resilience including the sequestration of CO2. They provide natural cooling, improve water retention, purify the air, and reduce noise pollution. Unlike newly planted trees, they require less maintenance and offer immediate ecological value. Preserving existing mature trees also helps soften the visual impact of new construction and supports the character and livability of our neighborhoods.

I would like to remind you of the following recommendation in the District's Community Energy and Emissions Plan:

"URBAN FOREST & TREE STEWARDSHIP

- *focus growth in villages and gentle residential intensification to protect mature forests in Upper Lands*
- *protect and enhance trees and forests in public realms (parks and streets) and private realms (developed land and land in development)."*

As we face the growing challenges of climate change, it is essential that West Vancouver take proactive steps to protect its mature tree canopy.

I urge you to support this important initiative.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver, British Columbia,
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Cell: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 9:17 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Linda Watt; nora gambioli; Peter Lambur; Christine Cassidy; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; correspondence
Subject: Pay Parking Not Working in WV

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October 14, 2025

To Council:

This week, both the North Shore News and North Shore Daily Post (links below) reported on the negative effects of the District introducing pay parking to West Vancouver parks. These effects include significant loss of revenue to local businesses in the Ambleside area in particular, as shoppers are now finding parking adjacent to businesses taken up with park visitors.

I understand that you are also considering implementing pay parking along Argyle and at Dundarave Park and between 24th and 25th on Bellevue Avenue. As both of these areas are also adjacent to retail establishments, it is easy to see that the same issues will arise for businesses in these areas if pay parking is introduced.

Giving residents the option to sign up for free park parking does not solve this problem. Better enforcement of existing parking restrictions, timely collection of fines, and perhaps introduction of stricter time limits in congested areas would.

Given the evidence, and the growing negative opinion of local residents and business owners alike, I urge you to call off this experiment and find alternative ways of managing parking in West Vancouver.

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 2:39 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Parking in Ambleside

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Dear Mayor & Council,

I am not in favour of \$5.42/hour parking at Ambleside from 7am-10pm. It is far too expensive and will have many negative repercussions. We should be embarrassed to charge this!

This rate is much more than the cost of parking at Kits Beach, Jericho Beach and other city of Vancouver beaches, and at Deep Cove. We have a unique narrow strip of roadway adjacent to the beach and to our business district and we need as much affordable parking as parking. Families coming to enjoy the parks, the beach, and bringing their children to soccer and other sports at Ambleside can't afford that rate. Many go for lunch, visit galleries, and shop after the games but if they are paying that much to park, they will certainly not stick around.

After speaking with Maureen O'Brien of the ADBIA yesterday I am in agreement with her win-win idea. Offer two hours of free parking in Ambleside Park, followed by a modest \$3.50/hour rate with a \$20 daily maximum. That gives visitors time to enjoy sports, visit the shops, dine at a restaurant, and enjoy the seawalk.

Thank you for your attention to this.

best regards, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: Anne Eady [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 2:13 PM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Christine Cassidy; Scott Snider; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur
Subject: Ambleside Parking

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Whilst I certainly appreciate the requirement of being fiscally responsible and ensuring non residential users of West Vancouver's facilities pay their fair due, the parking situation that is unfolding presently in Ambleside seems totally irrational and unresearched.

The rates seem far too high and appear as "gouging". If these rates are necessary to facilitate Impark as the operator of choice, then maybe it is time to find another option - or maybe even use our own Bylaw Officers. And speaking of our Bylaw Officers - they are very often not in sight and seem to spend much time in their cars with devices in hand. Part of their job description should be "putting their feet on the ground" not their butts on their car seats! Their visibility and perceived engagement with the community is of clear benefit to all.

And lack of affordable parking rates for Ambleside park and sports fields, naturally mean those attending these venues will gravitate to the free parking in our commercial areas. This is very detrimental to our Ambleside retailers and service providers. And heavens knows in today's fragile economy our business sector needs all the support we can give them. As far as parking in the residential areas above Ambleside park and fields, this is also unacceptable as so many homes today accommodate rental suites and coach houses that further limit available parking in these areas.

As our municipal leaders it is incumbent on you to ensure your decisions solve problems, and not merely move them from one sector of our District to another.

Sincerely,

Anne Eady
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
West Vancouver
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

MY NAME MAY BE PUBLISHED

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:45 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: s. 22(1)
Subject: Request for Municipal Oversight and Bylaw Review Regarding Residential Beekeeping
Attachments: Cypress Falls Trail Park_bee sign.jpg; s. 22(1) Video_bees.mov

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing as a resident of Cypress Park Estates, West Vancouver, to raise a growing concern that has significantly impacted the enjoyment and use of our property; excessive bee activity originating from a s.22(1) beehive.

Over the past several months, s. 22(1), has become unusable due to a large number of bees congregating and circling around. In the attached short video, you can count more than thirty bees swarming simultaneously.

After speaking with Bylaw Services, I understand there is currently no bylaw that allows the City to regulate or enforce responsible beekeeping practices in residential neighborhoods. While I appreciate the ecological value of beekeeping, this gap leaves residents without recourse when bee activity becomes excessive and materially impacts the quality of life and property enjoyment.

For comparison, the City has clear oversight and guidelines for other animal-related activities — such as backyard chickens and domestic dogs — recognizing the need to balance personal freedoms with community well-being. Beekeeping, given its potential to directly affect surrounding properties, deserves similar consideration and structure.

This particular issue has further extended beyond s. 22(1). We recently noted a sign posted (picture attached) by the City at the park at Cypress Park Trails warning of unusually high bee activity. This park is s.22(1), indicating that the issue is now affecting both properties on s.22(1).

I respectfully request that Council consider drafting or amending bylaws to:

- Establish reasonable limits or conditions for residential beekeeping.
- Provide Bylaw Services with the authority to assess and address situations where bees are demonstrably interfering with neighboring properties.
- Include public consultation to ensure residents and beekeepers alike can contribute to a fair and balanced policy, taking into consideration the greater risk that bees pose in communities where anaphylaxis allergy may be present.

West Vancouver has long been known for its livability, balance of natural beauty, and respect for residents' property enjoyment. I believe this matter warrants review to ensure harmony between individual activities and the broader neighborhood experience.

Best Regards
s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC, s. 22(1)

