

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JANUARY 28, 2026 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 9 submissions, January 22-27, 2026, regarding Proposed 2026 Budget**
- (2) Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists, January 23, 2026, regarding “Brilliance Gala & Auction | March 11th, 2026”**
- (3) January 24, 2026, regarding “Fwd: De-Habituation: Understanding the Biology Behind Electrical Sensitivity”**
- (4) January 26, 2026, regarding “4310 Marin Drive, West Vancouver” (Proposed Townhouse Development at 4310 Marine Drive)**
- (5) January 26, 2026, regarding “Re. Protecting Parks in West Vancouver and Proposed Park Dedication Bylaw 5424, 2026”**
- (6) 2 submissions, January 27, 2026, regarding Pay Parking**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

No items.

Responses to Correspondence

- (7) Senior Manager of Parks, January 26, 2026, response regarding “Re. Protecting Parks in West Vancouver and Proposed Park Dedication Bylaw 5424, 2026”**

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 8:42 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: cut of Environmental fund in 2026 budget

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Dear Mayor Sager and Councilors,

Re: Environmental fund cut by \$400K for operational expenses to avoid tax hike

Climate issues have recently been supplanted by other issues: affordability, sovereignty, jobs, kids, work, Trump, wars, etc.) so perhaps it's understandable that it has been proposed to cut \$400k from the WV Environmental fund. But I will explain why I think this lacks foresight and will be seen as irresponsible, and a poor way to try to get re-elected.

CLIMATE SCIENCE has lately crystallized. 'Science' is the study of reality. I have studied math, physics, medicine, public health (economics, complexity) and have the privilege of belonging to [REDACTED] s.22(1)

The TRUTH can sometimes be disturbing and depressing, but the message here is realistic and optimistic.

We are on the verge of GLOBAL COLLAPSE: a META CRISIS

1. Global heating is already happening – we're past 1.5 °C – wildfires, heat domes, atmospheric rivers, floods, storms, droughts, sea level rise. We're at a 'tipping point' - could go to 4°C or more. This in itself could lead to **collapse**.
2. Ecological Overshoot – we have already transgressed 7/9 planetary boundaries (UN): CO₂, biodiversity loss, land/soil depletion (agric), fresh water shortages/depletion/pollution, ocean acidification/pollution, biochemical flows (nitrogen, phosphorous), synthetic substances releases. (only ozone, aerosols ok). And all key minerals and fossil fuels are being depleted- we are 'running on empty'.
3. Cultural crisis – our pathological global ideology (called Wetiko by some) sees humans as separate from Nature and sees the Earth's natural resources as a means to generate income, profits and wealth and SO demands continuous economic GROWTH on our finite planet (**not possible** – second law of thermodynamics).

These together have placed us on the verge of COLLAPSE – economic, ecological, political (WAR), quite possibly in this century, and this collapse *could* lead to our extermination as a species.

The fact that previous council decisions declared a Climate Emergency and subsequently created an Environmental Fund of \$1,200,000 shows that there has been an awareness of the seriousness of the current meta crisis that confronts us. The proposal by this council to CUT this Fund by \$400,000 in the

2026 budget, signals to me and many others in our District that you do NOT understand the truth and seriousness of this possible collapse of our civilization and that you are instead willing to spend taxpayer funds on 'operational' issues such as goose control and building restaurants. This signals to the community that you lack judgement, foresight, transparency and accountability and leads to a **growing lack of TRUST** in government.

There is still an OPPORTUNITY to avoid the total COLLAPSE of our civilization by adopting a different ideology and planning for a relatively slow devolution to remain alive and evolve a global civilization that honors and nurtures Mother nature with a civilization that consumes resources sustainably with an equitable sharing of prosperity where everyone has adequate food, shelter, care and support in a spirit of compassion and justice for all. Let us harness our **disappointment, anger, fear and anxiety** arising from world politics and our **love for nature and life on our planet** to work together to achieve this vision.

Is this possible? The answer is YES if we globally acknowledge the **TRUTH ABOUT THE CRISIS** and work together to reform our global ideology.

So please reconsider this decision to cut the Environmental FUND!

Yours sincerely,

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West Vancouver , BC, s. 22(1)

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 1:14 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli
Subject: Budget

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A big thank you to staff for providing such detailed information on the budget!

A plea for Council not to reject the requests for very small amounts of funding for the Arts (Kay Meek and WVCAC). Also do not keep reducing the Environmental Levy. We need a robust community response to Climate Change as well as other environmental concerns.

I also notice the various increases to parks and recreation programs. It seems that sports will always "trump" (sorry) arts and culture programs. The arts do contribute to a healthy community in a substantial way. It is just a quieter way than sports.

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West Vancouver

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 11:17 AM
To: correspondence; Nora Gambioli; Mark Sager, Mayor
Subject: Budget

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This is a request for Council to retain the requests for very small amounts of funding for the Arts (Kay Meek and WVCAC). Also I insist that the Environmental Levy be maintained. We need a robust community response to Climate Change and other environmental issues!

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West Vancouver

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 4:12 PM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider
Subject: West Vancouver 2026 Budget

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Dear Mayor, Council and Staff,

For the second year in a row the Environmental Levy has been frozen and the existing Environmental Reserve Fund is being reduced to cover other costs. It is most important to build up this fund. It may seem an insignificant amount when it comes to funding major projects which will require funding from other levels of government but there are smaller projects which would help mitigate climate change. For example, rain gardens, tree planting and watering our boulevard trees which are at increasing risk of dying from heat and drought. Cooling centres and resources for caring for the vulnerable in our community are needed every summer.

The wild- fire risk is certainly uppermost in resident's minds. Sensors for early detection have been discussed. If residents understood that their tax dollars were going towards this project it would most likely have strong support.

Freezing the Environmental Levy is short-sighted and should be slowly increased each year and it's use well publicized.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 9:56 AM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; correspondence
Subject: Proposed 2026 West Vancouver Budget

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I have a few comments, concerns, and questions regarding the proposed 2026 Budget.

Firstly, I support funding the long-range thermal Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras for wildfire and forest monitoring, as the monitoring and early detection approach to wildfire mitigation has the potential to reduce costs significantly over forest thinning -- according to the Five-Year Financial Plan: 2024-2028, the initial cost of the last round of forest thinning was \$600,000. This approach also can be more effective and environmentally responsible. The West Vancouver Environment Committee has studied this issue in the past and has endorsed movement in this direction as have many other West Vancouver residents.

I am not sure whether these cameras represent “phase one” of an evolving program. Recent reports on wildfire monitoring systems indicate that detection is moving toward integrated networks combining satellites, sensors, and cameras, with ongoing improvements in detection algorithms and AI (*Wildfire Detection Technologies*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, May 1, 2025).

PTZ cameras are indeed a primary tool in modern wildfire detection networks. They excel at verification and situational awareness but are not the fastest at detecting the very first ignition. Sensor networks—gas, heat, and particulate—are often capable of detecting the earliest signs of wildfire before visible smoke appears. A hybrid system—PTZ cameras + thermal + weather/smoke/gas sensors + algorithmic/AI analysis—is considered best practice for municipalities and utilities. I hope that the thermal PTZ camera request represents the first pieces of the technology toward this type of hybrid system.

I also support allocating funds toward fleet EV replacement.

However, despite the presence of these environmental and climate initiatives, I am concerned that the proposed 2026 Budget includes two major changes that weaken environmental funding:

- The Environmental Levy has not been increased for a few years now, and
- The Environmental Reserve contribution is being reduced this year by \$400,000 to cover “general operating pressures.”

Ironically, the District’s own budget overview states that significant new funding will be required for Climate Action Strategy implementation and sea-level rise adaptation. For example, it is costing an

estimated \$1.1 million simply to remove and bury the remaining concrete walls and patios from the former Argyle Avenue waterfront homes recently acquired by the District. Cutting or freezing environmental funding now puts commitments like these at risk.

I am also concerned about how the Environmental Levy reduction is being structured. It appears that the levy is being collected, but a portion is being intercepted before it enters the Environmental Reserve, with the intercepted amount redirected to “general operating pressures.” Has this structure been designed to avoid the conditions set out in the bylaw regulating the ERF? Did staff and Council receive legal guidance from the District’s solicitor before making this proposal? And do these “general operating pressures” include items such as the \$50,000 Horseshoe Bay Boathouse operating expense increase or the cleaning and maintenance of newly dedicated pickleball courts?

According to the 2021 Statistics Canada Census—the most recent full dataset—there are approximately 17,690 occupied private dwellings in West Vancouver. Reducing the annual contribution to the Environmental Reserve by \$400,000 in 2026 would therefore lower the average household’s tax bill by only about \$23 per year—less than two dollars a month. (I realize that the District has been using an average SFD estimate of about \$28 or \$29, although the cost to the average strata is considerably less – about \$13.) This small individual saving comes at the cost of significantly weakening one of the District’s only dedicated tools for climate resilience, hazard mitigation, and long-term environmental protection. The trade-off is disproportionate: the financial benefit to residents is minimal, while the loss to the community’s environmental capacity is substantial. I also question when members of the Environment Committee were informed of this “reserve redirection” and whether they had an opportunity to comment before the Preliminary Five-Year Financial Plan and the 2026 Budget Outlook were published.

Similarly, regarding the proposal to fund the Geese Nesting and Moulting Survey from the ERF, I would like to know whether the Environment Committee was consulted before Council amended the Parks Department’s operating budget request. If not, it raises the concern that the Environmental Reserve Fund is becoming a general-purpose pool used to finance projects only tangentially related to climate and the environment, rather than what was intended under the bylaw.

As I understand it, one of the functions of the Environment Committee is to develop a workplan to be implemented with ERF funding. The approach proposed in the 2026 Budget appears to compromise and undermine this process.

If we have another “bare-bones” budget, will we again find ourselves in deficit?

I recognize that this is an election year, but I remain concerned that we continue to discount the importance of our asset reserves and defer essential asset management and maintenance. As the former Director of Financial Services, Ms. Gordon, repeatedly emphasized, delays only increase the eventual costs we all pay—especially since construction-cost inflation often exceeds general inflation. Are we hamstringing future generations of West Vancouverites?

At a time when climate-related risks are accelerating, West Vancouver cannot afford to weaken its environmental tools or dilute the purpose of its dedicated reserve funds. I urge Council to reconsider these reductions and to reaffirm the District’s long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, and transparent governance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:27 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson
Subject: Re. FOI requests and the 2026 Budget

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Mayor and Council,

I would like to add one further comment to my previous email regarding the budget.

Recently, staff have noted the rising cost associated with Freedom of Information requests submitted to the District. Over the past few months, I have made enquiries about the existence of District-authorized tree permits and about projects taking place on public/District-leased Crown lands. Rather than receiving answers to what should be straightforward questions, I have been directed to submit an FOI request. In some other cases, I receive no response from staff at all.

I am not sure whether this is the result of increased NDA activity at the District or whether there is another explanation. However, if the District were to answer more citizen questions directly—without defaulting to the FOI process—it could reduce staff workload, lower costs (for the District and the public) and improve transparency at Municipal Hall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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West Vancouver

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 1:48 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Subject: Environmental Reserve Fund

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal in the 2026 budget to reduce the Environmental Reserve Fund by \$400,000, reallocating those funds to the operating budget.

This proposed reduction sets an unfortunate precedent for future councils. Using reserve funds—particularly those established for environmental and climate-related purposes—to support annual operating costs risks weakening the long-term integrity of those reserves and sends the wrong message to the public about the District’s commitment to addressing the climate change emergency.

I was pleased to read in the 24 December edition of the North Shore News that the District has acknowledged both the urgency and the scale of climate-related risks by considering an estimated \$55.7 million required to combat sea level rise. Given this reality to adapt to climate change, the Environmental Reserve Fund should be protected and strengthened, not diminished. In fact, the District should be increasing contributions to this fund on an annual basis so that sufficient resources are available when major adaptation and mitigation projects must be undertaken.

Climate resilience requires consistent, long-term planning and financial discipline. Reducing the Environmental Reserve Fund, even temporarily, undermines those objectives and may erode public confidence in the District’s stated environmental priorities.

I respectfully urge Council to reconsider this proposal and to reaffirm its commitment to environmental leadership by maintaining—and ideally increasing—the Environmental Reserve Fund in the 2026 budget.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, British Columbia,
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 4:05 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; correspondence
Subject: Appreciation for last night's budget discussion

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Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your thoughtful discussion on the budget at last night's Council meeting, and for directing staff to identify alternative ways to offset operating cost pressures rather than drawing from the Environmental Levy.

This direction sends an important signal about the value of safeguarding our environmental reserves, and I hope it remains a priority as the budget process continues.

Thank you again for your consideration and ongoing work on behalf of the community.

Kind regards,

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From: [Redacted] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 7:47 PM
To: Mark Sager, Mayor; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Subject: Environmental Reserve Fund

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is [Redacted] s. 22(1); I am the [Redacted] s. 22(1) [Redacted] s. 22(1) and a resident of West Vancouver [Redacted] s. 22(1). I am writing this note as a resident of the District and not as [Redacted] s. 22(1)

I recently attended the 2026 Budget Outlook at the District Hall. I was aware that Council was considering, for the 2026 budget, reducing the annual contribution to the Environmental Reserve fund by \$400K, taking the annual contribution from \$1.2 M to \$800K to help offset operating cost pressures. The Environmental Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 5188, 2022 confirms such a reduction to be in Council's purview in that they can designate a portion of the annual property tax to the Environmental Levy. Council needs to consider, for the 2026 budget, if a reduction in the Environmental Levy and diverting that amount to the operating budget is an appropriate step to manage property tax increases in the District and is in keeping with the Districts stated environmental priorities.

Based on approximately 16,000 occupied dwellings in West Vancouver, this amounts to a \$25 tax saving, at each dwelling, compared to not diverting funds from the Environmental Levy. Google, supported by AI tells me that West Vancouver is "consistently ranked as one of the wealthiest communities in Canada, frequently for having the highest average household net worth". I also understand that there are seniors in the district on fixed incomes where much of their net worth is within their home, whether a \$25 property tax saving is important to them, I do not know.

In my opinion, diverting any funds from the reserve sends the wrong message to the public - that it is not worth building up the Environmental Reserve fund for today and the future. The world is in a climate change emergency – sea levels are rising, daytime temperatures are rising, precipitation events are becoming more intense. West Vancouver is subject to all these stresses and more. If anything, the Environmental Reserve Fund should be increased to begin preparations for the planned and yet to be recognized capital expenditures needed to build resilience in the District.

Twenty-five dollars – the equivalent of five lattes - seems a small amount for homeowners in this community to afford and surely building a reserve to fund work to better understand how to build resilience into our community is far, far more important to the residents. Council should instead increase the Environmental Levy and build up the Environmental Reserve fund.

When it comes time to approve the 2026 Budget, I am asking you to reject the diversion of funds that would otherwise be added to support the Environmental Reserve Fund.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art <admin@smithfoundation.ca>
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Gala Tickets

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Gala Table \$3,400

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Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 11:37 AM
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Subject: Fwd: De-Habituation: Understanding the Biology Behind Electrical Sensitivity

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Very enlightening! We need West Van to lower levels of rads.

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De-Habituation: Understanding the Biology Behind Electrical Sensitivity

KEITH CUTTER

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By now, the testimony of electro-sensitives is familiar: life was fine—until it wasn't. Symptoms appeared. Patterns became clear. Synthetic field exposure tracked directly with suffering, and when exposures were reduced, suffering diminished. By rebuilding life around lower exposures, function returned.

My daily work as an EMF consultant has shown me the profound difference between environments that are merely “better than before” and those that are genuinely pristine—and how rare it is for people to be willing or able to do what's required to reach exposure levels that truly support recovery.

For those who pass through this gauntlet, a central problem emerges: how should this situation be understood? Is electrical sensitivity (ES) an individual weakness—or, normal avoidance behavior? If synthetic fields are as harmful as the research implies, and exposures continue to rise, why aren't many more people affected?

I'm blessed to learn from the afflicted around the world, and from those who serve them with integrity. In 2024, I learned that Shannon Rowan's partner recognized his own electrical sensitivity only after living for a time in a pristine environment [10], followed by a temporary return to high-exposure surroundings.

A similar pattern emerged several years ago in my own household: my wife remained asymptomatic until after living with me in a truly low-exposure setting. More recently, Christof Plothe, DO described how, after four days of extreme exposure, he temporarily lost his sensitivity—only to regain it, much to his relief, upon returning to a clean environment and finding his warning system intact once again [11].

These three cases—Shanon’s partner, my household experience, and Christof Plothe’s—form the core examples discussed below as Cases 1 through 3.

During my September 2025 interview with Professor Olle Johansson, I adopted his perspective that the general population could be electro-hyposensitive [7], and that what we call EHS may reflect normal avoidance behavior rather than pathology [8].

Then, in November of 2025, during my second interview with Christof Plothe [9], he spoke about habituation—the body’s way of adapting to continuous stimuli, whether environmental or emotional. He gives a simple example: when you encounter a strong scent, pleasant or unpleasant, your nose stops detecting it after a few minutes. The same neurological mechanism keeps us from becoming overstimulated by constant input. Without this built-in reduction of sensory response, he notes, we’d be overwhelmed—driven to exhaustion by the unceasing flood of information from all our senses.

What these accounts suggest to me is not that some bodies react abnormally, but that prolonged exposure may silence the very signals meant to protect us, while reduced exposure sometimes allows those signals to re-emerge.

Taken together, these helped me begin forming a hypothesis about the true nature of electrical sensitivity. These stories are not presented as proof but as windows into a process that normally goes unpublished. Few people today ever spend enough time in a genuinely low-exposure environment—one quiet enough, electromagnetically—to let the body recover or to clearly sense how exposure affects them.

Case 1

A married couple of thirty years had shared the same homes and daily exposures for decades. The husband first noticed his electrical sensitivity after their home underwent partial remediation. Only after they relocated to a much lower-exposure environment did the wife—over the course of several months—recognize her own sensitivity, which gradually intensified. Interestingly, she sometimes reacted more strongly and quickly than he did.

Their discoveries occurred at different times despite nearly identical circumstances and long familiarity with each other's health patterns.

Case 2

A woman who had noticed her developing electrical sensitivity moved with her partner to a low-exposure environment, and after several months there, her partner—previously symptom-free despite sharing the same exposures—became ill whenever re-exposed to synthetic electromagnetic fields and gradually realized his own sensitivity, which intensified over time.

Case 3

A man who had controlled his sensitivity for years by living in a low-exposure area spent four days in a location with extremely high-exposure conditions. He became ill within days, but after about ten days his symptoms suddenly vanished. This alarmed him—his body had stopped warning him even though he was still being exposed. When he went home, the sensitivity quickly returned.

A Working Interpretation

These accounts suggest that electrical sensitivity is not a rare defect confined to a few individuals. Rather, repeated exposure dulls perception and fosters habituation, causing the body to stop warning about what it endures. It may be a universal capacity—present in everyone but unnoticed because continuous exposure keeps the signal muted. Prolonged electromagnetic contact appears to numb awareness and blur cause and effect. When exposure is sharply reduced, the body's feedback—at least for some—becomes perceptible again. When exposure resumes, symptoms may reappear before the system readjusts and silences the warning once more. This apparent "improvement," meaning the disappearance of symptoms, does not imply that adverse effects have ceased—only that the alarm has grown quiet.

How It Might Work

Ongoing exposure to artificial electromagnetic fields could influence several basic biological pathways. It may alter calcium-based cell signaling [1], affect

voltage-gated ion channels, promote oxidative stress [2], or disturb the natural electrical coherence inside cell structures such as microtubules [6], as first described in Fröhlich's model of biological electrodynamics. These responses can adapt or desensitize under constant stimulation, similar to other well-known habituation processes in the nervous system [3].

Evidence from related research supports this general picture. Kujawa and Liberman [4] showed that even temporary auditory overstimulation causes lasting nerve damage long after hearing seems to recover—a good parallel for hidden biological effects under chronic electromagnetic exposure. Rankin et al. [3] described habituation as a reversible drop in responsiveness, not a true absence of activity. Pall [1] and Yakymenko et al. [2] outlined calcium-channel and oxidative mechanisms through which low-level fields act on cells, while McCraty et al. [5] demonstrated measurable electromagnetic exchange between human bodies, showing that weak field interactions are part of normal physiology.

Chronic electromagnetic exposure can therefore be compared to background noise: over time people stop noticing it, yet physical fatigue continues beneath awareness [4]. Electrical sensitivity may be the body's early-warning system—an internal alarm that modern environments have put to sleep.

Electrical sensitivity can therefore be understood not as an abnormal reaction but as a **form of natural avoidance behavior [8]**—a protective response that re-emerges when perception of environmental stressors is restored. Just as pain prompts withdrawal from heat, or sharp pressure, the sensations and discomfort some experience around synthetic electromagnetic fields may represent the body's effort to steer itself away from harmful exposure. In this view, *de-habituation* simply unmask a normal biological warning system that most people have learned, unknowingly, to ignore.

Framing and Purpose

Understanding these dynamics calls for the **widespread establishment of exclusion facilities**, where short-term stays can verify whether symptoms lessen under reduced exposure, and for the **development of larger, deliberately low-exposure communities, protected by law that allow rigorous epidemiological study of how chronic synthetic**

electromagnetic exposure influences health. The question is no longer whether electrical sensitivity exists, but rather **how thoroughly modern exposure levels obscure an innate protective sensitivity**—one that, when suppressed, weakens the human body’s ability to recognize and avoid harm.

Acknowledgment

With grateful thanks to Professor Olle Johansson, Christof Plothe, and Shannon Rowan, whose research and conversations have deepened my understanding of the consequences of forced synthetic field exposures on populations around the world.

Notes and References

Terminology note: I use “electrical sensitivity (ES)” for brevity. Clinically, the term “functional impairment electrohypersensitivity” is more precise, because it recognizes the observable loss of normal function in modern electromagnetic environments, regardless of cause.

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I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a resident who is in the process of downsizing and would like to formally express my support for the rezoning application for 4310 Marine Drive.

As housing options become increasingly limited, many long-term residents face challenges in finding suitable accommodations that allow them to remain within the community. Developments such as this provide an important opportunity to address these needs by offering well-located and appropriately designed housing, while maintaining the overall character of the area.

In my view, the proposed density is appropriate for the site and appears to be consistent with the intent and direction of the Official Community Plan. Allowing the application to proceed through the public process will ensure that it is subject to further review, community input, and refinement where necessary.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to responsible planning and community development. I respectfully encourage Council to support this rezoning application.

Sincerely,

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Gleneagles Playing Field	6100 Block Marine Drive	.50
Glenmore Park	Glenmore Drive	1.39
Gulf Beach Park	Gulf Place	.14
Hadden Drive Park	Hadden Drive	3.28
Hay Park	1900 Blk. Inglewood Ave.	1.75
Hollyburn Ridge Trails	Hollyburn Mountain	304
Horseshoe Bay Park	Royal Ave. & Bay St.	2.66
Horseshoe Bay Tennis Courts	Douglas Street	.22
Hugo Bay Park	1290 3rd Street	3.91
Irwin Park	2400 Blk. Kings Ave.	.93
John Lawson Park	17th St. & Argyle Ave.	1.88
John Richardson Park	Marine Dr. & Fulton Ave.	.61
Klahanie Park	Glenaire Drive	2.66
Klee Wyck Park	200 Blk. Keith Road	3.48
Kloutchman Park	Kloutchman Walk & Howe Sound	1.60
Larson Bay Park	Gleneagles Drive	2.47
Leyland Park	Braeside & Fulton Ave.	1.18
Lighthouse Park	Marine Drive & Beacon Lane	185
McKechnie Park	Bayridge & Mathers Ave.	1.10
Memorial Park	19th St. & Marine Dr.	1.90
Mount Moyne Square	Taylor Way & Stevens Dr.	.37
Navvy Jack Point Park	Inglewood Ave.	.50
Nelson Canyon Park	Upper Levels Highway	3.30
North Piccadilly Park	Clovelly Walk	2.35
Parc Verdun	5600 Blk. Marine Drive	1.56
Parthenon Park	Parthenon Pl. & Marine Dr.	.21
Pasco Road Park	Pasco Road & Squamish Hwy.	.25
Plateau Park	5200 Blk. Sprucefeild	.83
Rabbit Lane Park & Trail	Rabbit Lane	.30
Recreation Centre Area	22nd St. & Fulton Ave.	3.67
Sandy Cove Park	Marine Drive & Rose Cres.	.40
Seaview Walk	Along B.C. Rail	2.60
Ski Lift Park	2500 Skilift Road	.25
Sunset Beach Park	Sunset Beach & Squamish Hwy.	.50
Tall Trees Park	Gleneagles Place	.50
Tantalus Park	Nelson & Marine Drive	1.79
West Bay Park	Marine Drive & Maple Lane	.65
Westhill Park	Westhill Drive	.92
Westridge Park	Westridge Avenue	1.73
Woodwood Park	1500 Camelot	1.75
Whytecliff Park	7100 Blk. Marine Dr.	3.28
29th Street Tennis Courts	29th Street & Marine Drive	.72



SCHOOLS

	Playgrounds	Sport Fields	Tennis Courts
Caulfeild Elementary 4685 Keith Road	X	X	X
Cedardale Elementary 595 Burley Drive		X	
Gleneagles Elementary 6350 Marine Drive	X	X	
Hillside Secondary 2295 Queens Avenue		X	X
Hollyburn Elementary 1329 Duchess Avenue	X	X	
Irwin Park Elementary 2455 Haywood Avenue	X	X	
Pauline Johnson Elementary 1150 - 22nd Street	X	X	
Ridgeview Elementary 1250 Mathers Avenue	X	X	
Sentinel Secondary 1250 Chartwell Drive		X	X
West Bay Elementary 3175 Thompson Place	X	X	
Westcot Elementary 760 Westcot Place			
West Vancouver Secondary 1750 Mathers Avenue		X	X

*For more park information or booking of sport fields, please call the Parks and Recreation Department office at 922-1211, local 208.

*Hiking trail maps for Lighthouse Park and Hollyburn Mountain, and Ski Touring Trail Maps for Cypress Provincial Park are available in the Parks and Recreation Department, 750 - 17th Street, West Vancouver, V7V 3T3, 922-1211, local 208.

*For Recreation Facility bookings, please call Aquatic Centre 926-8585, Ice Arena, 926-8621, Recreation Centre 926-3266, or Eagle Harbour Community Centre, 921-7425.

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Capilano Canyon Park
Capilano Trail

From: Sue Goddard [s. 22(1)]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:58 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; [s. 22(1)]; Beverly Ann Lehman; Ruth Burr; Ambleside Dunderave BIA; President WVLL; [s. 22(1)]; Sue Goddard
Subject: Re: Request to Suspend Paid Parking at Ambleside and Surrounding Areas Pending Proper Consultation

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Mayor Mark Sager and Members of Council
District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Re: Request to Suspend Paid Parking at Ambleside and Surrounding Areas Pending Proper Consultation

Dear Mayor Sager and Members of Council,

We are writing to follow up on our previous letter respectfully requesting that West Vancouver pause the implementation of paid parking at Ambleside and adjacent park and waterfront areas, until meaningful consultation is conducted with key community partners who are directly affected. These organizations include:

- West Van FC
- West Vancouver Field Hockey Club
- West Vancouver Little League
- Hollyburn Sailing Club and;
- Ambleside–Dunderave Business Improvement Association (BIA)

Collectively, these organizations bring thousands of participants and families into the area and contribute to a thriving Ambleside community.

Significant Impacts on Volunteers, Coaches, Officials, and Visiting Teams

The introduction of paid parking has already created barriers for coaches, volunteers, umpires, referees, and team managers - individuals who donate countless hours to support youth sport in West Vancouver. Many of these roles are filled by volunteers who are now being asked to absorb recurring parking fees simply to do the work that keeps our clubs functioning.

We are hearing clear feedback from visiting teams across the North Shore and Lower Mainland that paid parking makes them less willing to travel to West Vancouver for games, tournaments, and events. This affects league scheduling, competitive play, and the reputation of West Vancouver as a welcoming host for youth sport. It is important to note that **no other sports fields, with the exception of only four in the City of Vancouver** require paid parking at their fields. The addition of this cost to existing fees for sports participation works against the principles of sport for life and building healthy, thriving communities which we know is a priority for the district of West Vancouver.

West Vancouver benefits from North Shore membership

The majority of West Vancouver sport clubs draw from the entire North Shore for membership and support. The demographics of West Vancouver on their own do not always fully support the membership and competition that is required for a thriving community sports scene within our city. In the case of WVFHC, North Vancouver membership financially supports the facilities and our non-West Vancouver members should not be treated differently when it comes to fees.

Reduced Family Attendance and Declining Local Business Activity

It is not only athletes who are impacted, a thriving sports scene at Ambleside fields helps to support local businesses. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends, who would normally attend games and then visit local businesses, are discouraged by the added parking costs. This is another negative impact to Ambleside businesses.

Sport field parking is now flowing into commercial and residential areas, creating challenges for local businesses and their customers. The Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association fully supports our local sports organizations and our suggested solutions.

We would also like to remind the council of sports groups' significant financial contributions towards the community and the fees we already pay towards using these spaces. Please see below for an itemized list.

Request for Council Action

We once again urge Council to:

1. **Pause paid parking at Ambleside and surrounding park/waterfront lots immediately**, and
2. **Initiate a proper consultation process** now, before Spring Season begins with the partner organizations listed above. As yet we have heard nothing from staff about engaging in any type of consultation.
3. In the absence of ANY consultation with DWV staff, the sport user groups have been working together on **possible solutions that would meet our collective needs**. These include:
 - Limit paid parking outside our busy seasons: September to June or:
 - Season-based pay parking (e.g. summer months only)
 - Initial free time for everyone to play their sport (similar to CNV) (e.g. first 3 hours free)
 - Time-of-day rates
 - Apply a maximum time limit
 - Annual free parking pass for sport club members
 - Single provider for pay parking on the North Shore (e.g. use same as CNV)
 - We understand that data is coming forward from CNV on the recent changes there. There is also data from the City of Vancouver. We suggest that paid parking be **PAUSED** until data is analyzed and consultations with user groups are conducted to come up with fair and reasonable solutions for all.

We believe the best path forward is working together. We continue to ask Council to pause pay parking in Ambleside Park and engage with businesses, sports groups, and residents to develop a parking approach that truly works for everyone. At its core, parking policy should support a vibrant, accessible, and collaborative community and we are a better community when we work together.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to the residents of West Vancouver. We note that 2026 is an election year and timely consultation with our groups, who represent thousands of DWV families, is a bare minimum requirement for endorsement of candidates. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to participate in any consultation process you establish.

Sincerely,

Ruth Burr, President, West Van FC

Sue Goddard, President West Vancouver Field Hockey Club

Beverly Ann Lehman, Commodore, Hollyburn Sailing Club

Shawn Lin, President, West Vancouver Little League

Maureen O'Brien, Executive Director, Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association

West Vancouver Field Hockey Club PO Box 92018 West Vancouver, BC V7V4X4

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Itemized List of Sports Groups Financial and Recreational Services contributions to the community

WVFC:

- 2025 \$85,000 for field rentals, 2026 budgeted \$91,000.
- Free elementary school program for West Vancouver schools: 10 schools so far this year reaching over 2200 children, cost of \$30,000.
- Rutledge Field development (opened 2011) including planning, upgraded washroom building, new warm-up pads for FH and soccer, team benches \$700,000. Upgrades post 2011 \$200,000 - total exceeds \$1 Million
- Contribution of \$ 50,000 towards the new Place for Sport Installation at West Vancouver High School.

West Van FC

- Field Rentals:
 - 2026: \$113,668.00 (amount is less due to the lack of Ambleside Turf during resurfacing)
 - 2025 \$137,414.00
 - 2024 \$131,161.00
- Capital Infrastructure Contributions:

• 2024 West Vancouver Place for Sport Founding Contribution	\$100,000.00
• 2010 Players' Bench Covers for Ambleside	\$40,597.33
• 2010 Rutledge Field Facilities	\$163,000.00

Not included in these amounts are donations made for: the resurfacing of Ridgeview Gravel field; lights installed at West Bay Elementary School; Ambleside B dressing room; lights for Parking Lot A; and Klahanie Field.

West Vancouver Little League

- Free elementary school program for West Vancouver schools: 7 schools including BICS

Hollyburn Sailing Club

- Hollyburn yearly lease payments in new lease:
 - 2023 \$3111.93 increasing at 3% per year
 - 2024 3205.29
 - 2025 3301.45
 - 2026 3400.49
 - 2027 3502.50

It should be noted that the Jericho Sailing Centre pays the City of Vancouver \$2.00 (yes, a toonie) per year for a site about 10 times as large as HSC has.

Under our lease, the Club has certain non-monetary responsibilities (From our lease, Schedule “B”, “Community Activities”)

During special events like the annual Community Day, the Club will encourage visitors and potential new members to visit their leased area and premises and will demonstrate the kinds of activities that are normally a part of the Club program.

The Club will:

- a. Provide youth engagement and mentorship opportunities by creating staff, volunteer and leadership positions, including youth membership on the Club’s board; and
- b. Expand its co-op program to provide benefits to Club members and the general community through the opportunity to use common boats and paddleboards.

Pay parking makes getting volunteers for special events more difficult as now volunteers must pay to volunteer for the Club.

We must provide youth volunteer and leadership positions and now the youth filling those positions must pay for the privilege of being a HSC volunteer, an instructor or to be a member of our Executive Board.

Our Co-op program has expanded and now members and the general community must pay for the Club to be able to fill its lease requirement.

Pay parking places an additional burden on HSC’s ability to fulfil our lease obligations.

During our recent (2016 to 2023) lease negotiations and during the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan discussions, “*Activation of the Waterfront*” was the District’s mantra. The Hollyburn Sailing Club has “Activated its Waterfront”. With 800 Sailing School program registrations in 2025 and an expectation of the same or more registrations in 2026, HSC *Activates* its waterfront. This activation does not happen in Ambleside Park, it happens in our lease area and on the beach in front of the Club. Our Sailing School and Training Programs account for approximately 10,000 people-day visits. If you add Ocean Ambassadors Canada program numbers, There are probably over 11,000 people-day visits on site during the School Summer Break. These visits occur between 9am. and 3pm. during the week, not on weekends. The 10,000 number does not include member visits which are much harder to calculate as we do not accurately track total member usage, only Member Co-op usage...Which is significantly up in 2025 and expected to increase in 2026. We do run some Adult Lessons on Weekends and some Race Team programs outside of the 9am. to 3pm. times. If you check our Events page, the lessons will be posted there: [BLOCKEDhollyburnsailingclub\[.\]ca/eventsBLOCKED](#) . HSC and Ocean Ambassadors also provide “School Field Trip” programs in the spring and fall. These too are posted on our Events page. Please have a look at our 2025 Events to get a true picture of how much HSC and Ocean Ambassadors contribute to the greater West Vancouver Community. We are currently booking for 2026.

In conclusion, Pay Parking at Ambleside Park is an impediment to the Hollyburn Sailing Club, a recreational service provider, from achieving the Lease requirements that HSC and the District of West Vancouver agreed

to. To achieve our mutual goals, as stated in our lease with you, HSC agrees with West Van FC, WVFHC, WVLL and ADBIA that Pay Parking at Ambleside Park be paused for more consultation with stakeholders.

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Mayor and Council,

Further to my comments at Monday night's Council meeting, I'm writing again to urgently ask that Council pause the pay parking program and establish a multi-stakeholder task force to develop a practical, long-term solution.

The current approach is creating growing problems that extend beyond businesses. Sports organizations, the sailing club, the farmers market, and nearby residents are all affected as parking spills from Ambleside Park into surrounding commercial and residential streets. Customers who want to support local businesses are struggling to find parking and are leaving, while park users avoid fees by parking in commercial areas, creating immediate economic impact.

When considered in context, the revenue generated so far is modest compared with the negative impacts on nearby businesses. This imbalance highlights the need to pause, reassess, and collaboratively design a strategy that supports both revenue goals and the long-term health of our commercial areas.

The ADBIA is actively working on solutions, but we cannot do this alone. By bringing together District staff, sports organizations, the sailing club, and the farmers market, we can identify and implement effective solutions quickly.

Pay parking in commercial areas may form part of the solution but implementing it successfully will take careful planning and proper consultation, including the Horseshoe Bay Business Association.

Ultimately, our shared goal is clear: accessible parking for residents and visitors while supporting the long-term viability of our local businesses. A short pause to collaborate now will ensure the final outcome works for the entire community.

This Council unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Ministry asking them to work with you on the provincial housing guidelines. You are the elected representatives who know your community and its challenges firsthand. Your input is invaluable in developing practical, workable solutions for both the province and the municipality. We are no different; we see every day what is happening in the Ambleside commercial area.

As Mayor Sager recently said in a radio interview regarding the Ministry of Housing:

"We are asking you to work with the people that are on the ground who deal with this on a daily basis. We can be part of the solution. It's really simple. Let's start 2026 with a resolution that we start working constructively and positively together to come up with solutions. That's my wish for 2026."

We share the same wish when it comes to pay parking in Ambleside Park.

Thank you for your consideration on this urgent matter.

Maureen

Maureen O'Brien

Executive Director, ADBIA

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"It Takes a Village to Make a Village"

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Kind regards,

Jill Lawlor

Jill Lawlor (she, her)
Senior Manager of Parks
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Gleneagles Golf Course	6190 Marine Drive	5.21
Gleneagles Playing Field	6100 Block Marine Drive	.50
Glenmore Park	Glenmore Drive	1.39
Gulf Beach Park	Gulf Place	.14
Hadden Drive Park	Hadden Drive	3.28
Hay Park	1900 Blk. Inglewood Ave.	1.75
Hollyburn Ridge Trails	Hollyburn Mountain	3.04
Horseshoe Bay Park	Royal Ave. & Bay St.	2.66
Horseshoe Bay Tennis Courts	Douglas Street	.22
Hugo Bay Park	1290 3rd Street	3.91
Irwin Park	2400 Blk. Kings Ave.	.93
John Lawson Park	17th St. & Argyle Ave.	1.88
John Richardson Park	Marine Dr. & Fulton Ave.	.61
Klahanie Park	Glenaire Drive	2.66
Klee Wyck Park	200 Blk. Keith Road	3.48
Kloutchman Park	Kloutchman Walk & Howe Sound	1.60
Larson Bay Park	Gleneagles Drive	2.47
Leyland Park	Braeside & Fulton Ave.	1.18
Lighthouse Park	Marine Drive & Beacon Lane	1.85
McKechnie Park	Bayridge & Mathers Ave.	1.10
Memorial Park	19th St. & Marine Dr.	1.90
Mount Moyne Square	Taylor Way & Stevens Dr.	.37
Navvy Jack Point Park	Inglewood Ave.	.50
Nelson Canyon Park	Upper Levels Highway	3.30
North Piccadilly Park	Clovelly Walk	2.35
Parc Verdun	5600 Blk. Marine Drive	1.56
Parthenon Park	Parthenon Pl. & Marine Dr.	.21
Pasco Road Park	Pasco Road & Squamish Hwy.	.25
Plateau Park	5200 Blk. Sprucefeild	.83
Rabbit Lane Park & Trail	Rabbit Lane	.30
Recreation Centre Area	22nd St. & Fulton Ave.	3.67
Sandy Cove Park	Marine Drive & Rose Cres.	.40
Seaview Walk	Along B.C. Rail	2.60
Ski Lift Park	2500 Skilift Road	.25
Sunset Beach Park	Sunset Beach & Squamish Hwy.	.50
Tall Trees Park	Gleneagles Place	.50
Tantalus Park	Nelson & Marine Drive	1.79
West Bay Park	Marine Drive & Maple Lane	.65
Westhill Park	Westhill Drive	.92
Westridge Park	Westridge Avenue	1.73
Woodwood Park	1500 Camelot	1.75
Whytecliff Park	7100 Blk. Marine Dr.	1.28
29th Street Tennis Courts	29th Street & Marine Drive	.72



SCHOOLS

	Playgrounds	Sport Fields	Tennis Courts
Caulfeild Elementary 4685 Keith Road	X	X	X
Cedardale Elementary 595 Burley Drive		X	
Gleneagles Elementary 6350 Marine Drive	X	X	
Hillside Secondary 2295 Queens Avenue		X	X
Hollyburn Elementary 1329 Duchess Avenue	X	X	
Irwin Park Elementary 2455 Haywood Avenue	X	X	
Pauline Johnson Elementary 1150 - 22nd Street	X	X	
Ridgeview Elementary 1250 Mathers Avenue	X	X	
Sentinel Secondary 1250 Chartwell Drive		X	X
West Bay Elementary 3175 Thompson Place	X	X	
Westcot Elementary 760 Westcot Place			
West Vancouver Secondary 1750 Mathers Avenue		X	X

*For more park information or booking of sport fields, please call the Parks and Recreation Department office at 922-1211, local 208.

*Hiking trail maps for Lighthouse Park and Hollyburn Mountain, and Ski Touring Trail Maps for Cypress Provincial Park are available in the Parks and Recreation Department, 750 - 17th Street, West Vancouver, V7V 3T3, 922-1211, local 208.

*For Recreation Facility bookings, please call Aquatic Centre 926-8585, Ice Arena, 926-8621, Recreation Centre 926-3266, or Eagle Harbour Community Centre, 921-7425.

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Capilano Canyon Park
Capilano Trail