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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:02 AM
To: Transit Info; correspondence
Subject: Obeying Flashing Lights

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It would appear to be obvious, that since the killing of a pedestrian on a sidewalk, that West Van bus drivers would be watching carefully for pedestrians, especially those using marked crossings with flashing lights.

This is not the case.

At approximately 9 AM, Wednesday Feb. 25th, I was crossing a marked crosswalk, between 24th and 25th on Marine Drive in West Vancouver

A blue bus, traveling at 30 to 40 miles per hour, went through the flashing lights on the east bound lane. It did not slow down at all for the flashing pedestrian lights, which were active.

I fully realize that neither Blue Bus or the West Van Council will take responsibility or take any action.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:53 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: Kiwanis Parkade Ramp

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Could council please bring this to staff's attention, before someone gets hurt.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:46 AM
To: correspondence
Subject: please distribute to staff and council - request for exception on rentals for FIFA

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I'm writing with a question (and suggestion I guess) about the upcoming FIFA event and the ability for West Vancouver homeowners to benefit. I don't see any obvious information available with the exception of the city of Vancouver attempting to do a motion for exceptions to the existing short term rental rules.

My husband and I live in and own a home in Ambleside and have for over 20 years.

s. 22(1) We no longer have intentions regarding Airbnb type rentals, however we would like to entertain the idea of renting our home to visitors during FIFA. This would help us cover our lifestyle expenses, such as travel and if I'm honest, it feels like a good thing to do being that Vancouver has such a shortage of hotel rooms and they are projecting a 70,000 room night shortage. Forcing people to stay outside of the city or even on the island seems inhospitable in a world class city such as Vancouver, but that is the current reality.

So getting to my question, has there been any motion or discussion in west van Council regarding temporarily reducing or eliminating the licensing fee on Airbnb for the months of June and July?

I don't need to tell you about things like the increased cost of living or the impact of the tax levy from the wastewater treatment plant impacting all of us . That seems obvious.

But to pay almost \$600 in licensing fees (the majority of this from West Van fees) between the district and the province, for such a short time seems a bit excessive and a deterrent for owners who may wish to open up their home for visitors during FIFA. And as a primary residence, it seems less logical.

Thank you for your consideration and any information you can provide. I've inquired with FIFA and other resources, but haven't found any specific place where they are looking for housing, especially for athletes and security personnel.

If I'm honest, it doesn't seem the province and city of Vancouver are very ready for this onslaught (or else they're just not very communicative?) I really do hope as a region, we can put our best foot forward for this big event on the world stage!

Thanks and Regards

s. 22(1)

From: Jacob Ward [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:29 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Welcome Letter Request – BC Choral Federation Broadway Chorfest

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Dear Mayor Sager,

I am writing on behalf of the BC Choral Federation Broadway Chorfest, which I am helping to organize this year on the North Shore.

This year’s Chorfest has a **Broadway focus**, featuring repertoire from the musical *Come From Away* — the story of Newfoundlanders welcoming 38 stranded planes on 9/11. We are honoured to be bringing **Tony LePage**, a Broadway and film cast member of *Come from Away*, to serve as our guest clinician.

We anticipate approximately **200 singers from across British Columbia** participating, along with an additional **200 audience members** attending the final concert.

Event schedule:

May 30 – Full-day workshop in **West Vancouver**

May 31 – Afternoon workshop and public performance in Edgemont Village

Given West Vancouver’s strong support for arts and cultural programming, we would be honoured to include a **formal welcome letter from you** in our program and event materials.

If possible, we kindly request receipt of the letter by **April 30th, 2026**.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support of community arts on the North Shore.

Sincerely,
Jacob Ward
Broadway Chorfest Organizing Committee
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art <info@smithfoundation.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 2:35 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Auction Open for Bidding | Brilliance Gala & Auction

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Mixed media on paper
40 x 30 in, Framed
Donated by the Artist

Courtesy of Equinox Gallery
Value: \$10,000

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ROY ARDEN
Chamber Music, 2007
Archival Pigment Print
51 x 41 in, Framed
Donated by Bruce Munro Wright, O.B.C.
Value: \$9,500

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JAN WADE
Breathe, 2004-2021
Cotton Embroidery thread on Linen
11.5 x 39.5 in
Donated by the Artist
Value: \$4,500

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BARRIE JONES
Lion's Bay Jumper #25, 2024
Archival Pigment Photograph
52 x 19 in, Framed
Edition 1/4
Donated by the Artist
Value: \$5,000

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Donated by Bocci
Value: \$1,260

Bid Now



LYLE XOX

The Parnupple Siblings, 2021
Archival pigment print
29 x 21.5 in, Framed
Edition 1/3
Donated by the Artist
Courtesy of Gallery Jones
Value: \$5,000

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Advance bidding is available until March 11th at 12PM PST. The Live Auction artworks will be auctioned at the event by the auctioneer. Absentee or telephone bidding is available by emailing admin@smithfoundation.ca

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:25 AM
To: correspondence
Cc: Mark Sager, Mayor
Subject: FILE: 1765.02, RE: District Historic Grinder Pump Service Policy and Procedure Council DateE

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Dear Sir/Madame: We received the above named document on February 27. It is dated February 2 with a deadline for feedback of February 9. While our comments are “late”, we believe they should be provided.

The disruptive change in grinder maintenance service implemented July 2024 was uniquely disastrous for us as the grinder failed soon thereafter and we were left on our own to rectify it. We initially called the District in a plea for fee for service support but were denied. Accordingly, we engaged [REDACTED] s. 22(1) for emergency service on [REDACTED] s. 22(1). As a result of that service, it was determined that the District-installed pump was not completely repairable. The District would not sell me a grinder pump from their inventory. As a result, I instructed the same company to install a new grinder system [REDACTED] s. 22(1).

As you develop new policies going forward, our situation, perhaps unique, should be taken into account as our system is now not a District-installed unit. How will the new fee-for-service policy affect us?

Thank you,
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: John O'Flynn [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 5:45 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Happy Irish Heritage Month and St. Patrick's Day! Sláinte is táinte!

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages, made the following statement in Ottawa on March 1st:

"In March, we enthusiastically celebrate Irish Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to showcase the rich socio-cultural heritage of communities of Irish descent and to honour the memory of those who left everything behind to cross the Atlantic in the hope of building a better future here in Canada.

People of Irish descent, including myself, occupy a significant place in this country's history. As early as the 17th century, particularly during the Great Famine that decimated the population of Ireland, large waves of Irish immigrants poured into the territory we now call Canada. Today, nearly 4.4 million Canadians, both English-speaking and French-speaking, Catholic and Protestant, claim Irish ancestry.

Thanks to their courage and determination, these people have contributed to the growth and enrichment of their host country, infusing it with their skills, traditions and values. Today, this heritage continues to shine through in all spheres of our collective life.

March 17 is the highlight of the month, as it is St. Patrick's Day, a celebration that has been observed in this country for over 200 years. We strongly encourage you to take part in the parades and activities happening across the country and to learn more about Irish history and heritage."

For myself, as one who grew up in Vancouver as a son of Irish immigrants and having been a North Shore resident since 2002, I want to take a moment to recognize all those neighbours who

take pride in their Irish ethnic or cultural origins here in the District of West Vancouver.

There is no doubt we are grateful for the month's recognition by the federal government but might I ask whether a proclamation that comes highly noted from our respected Mayor and Council be at all possible this March? That would be grand, indeed!

I am more than happy to have my name published! 🍀 🍷 CA

John O'Flynn

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

From: Engineering Department
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:02 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: RE: Letter

Hello s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to share your feedback about the pay parking program at Ambleside Park. Your correspondence has been received by Council and forwarded to staff for response.

Staff are monitoring parking patterns on Bellevue Avenue, Marine Drive, and adjacent residential streets to better understand possible spillover effects. Enforcement in time-restricted areas is ongoing, and operational adjustments are made as needed to support turnover and access for businesses and their customers. The District's Bylaw Services team is actively monitoring the Ambleside business district to support turnover and ensure compliance with posted time restrictions. Enforcement presence and patrol patterns are adjusted based on observed conditions and community feedback. To clarify, the 2026 budget includes funding specifically for a Street and Traffic Enforcement Officer position to support parking regulation compliance.

Council has also supported moving forward with stakeholder engagement to better understand the concern and identify balanced solutions. We appreciate your continued engagement on this issue.

Kind Regards,

Steven Liu
Staff Lead, Pay Parking Programs
Engineering & Transportation Services | District of West Vancouver
engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca | 604-925-7020

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 4:53 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Letter

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Mayor and Council,

2026.02.24.

In the council meeting last night, you did not put pay parking on hold in Ambleside Park as requested by businesses, the ADBIA and sport field users. You did approve the possibility of a round table with the district staff and stakeholders which is a positive step forward.

You unfortunately do not seem to understand the concept that people will choose FREE parking in the Business Areas and residential side streets over pay parking in Ambleside Park at any price.

Enforcing the parking regulations in Ambleside's commercial areas would solve the parking problem immediately. Currently, everyone knows there is no parking enforcement in Ambleside's commercial areas, and this is the problem businesses face. Our clients are bypassing us and going where there is parking.

Park goers, sport field users and seawall walkers would not park their cars in the commercial areas if they knew they will be getting a \$65 parking ticket for not following the posted parking regulations.

Right now, you have it in your 2026 budget to hire one new by-law officer but is this for parking enforcement or just another by-law officer? Are you looking? Are there any plans to re-start the Parking Division of the By-Law department and if not, why?

The property tax collected from your commercial areas make the district millions of dollars, more than enough to hire 3 full-time Parking By-Law Officers. The hundreds of thousands in parking fines will make more than Ambleside Park Pay Parking will. You can patrol and ticket Dundarave and Horseshoe Bay too?

The parking problem in the Ambleside commercial area is bad right now but come spring and summer it will be grave and I fear businesses will fail. What an election talking point that you killed businesses in Ambleside.

Please put pay parking on hold until we have the district staff to enforce the parking regulations in the Ambleside commercial areas.

You can do this; it is not a defeat but a postponing and with the engagement of community residents and businesses alike. You can have your Ambleside Pay Parking when you have parking enforcement in the Ambleside business area, it is this simple.

Thanks for your time,

s. 22(1)



From: Engineering Department
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 2:21 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence
Subject: District of West Vancouver Engineering Public Enquiry - [REDACTED] s. 22(1) - Kiwanis Parkade Signage

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the parkade ramp at the Kiwanis building on 22nd Street. The District cannot install or require property owners to install stop signs and lines on private driveways.

Per section 176 Motor Vehicle Act: *“(1) The driver of a vehicle in a business or residence district and emerging from an alley, driveway, building or private road must stop the vehicle immediately before driving onto the sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alleyway or private driveway, and must yield the right of way to a pedestrian on the sidewalk or sidewalk area.”*

As this is an enforcement and education issue, we recommend you contact the West Vancouver Police Department’s non-emergency line at 604-925-7300 to request additional traffic enforcement in the area. You may also reach out to Kiwanis Housing Society directly to discuss solutions on private property.

Regards,

Engineering and Transportation Services | District of West Vancouver
engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca | 604-925-7020

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Could council please bring this to staff's attention, before someone gets hurt.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Hope Dallas
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:28 AM
To: Jonathan Weng
Cc: correspondence
Subject: February 23rd council meeting - YAGHA

Hello Jonathan,

Thank you for your email and your presentation to Council on February 23, 2026. While I cannot speak for Council, you and Matthew are welcome to provide additional information to Council by writing to correspondence@westvancouver.ca or writing directly to Council. You can find emails for Council members on our website, here: <https://westvancouver.ca/mayor-council>.

Regarding your request an official record of attendance, you may view the draft minutes of the February 23 regular Council meeting that will form part of the March 9 regular Council agenda package, published to the District website later today, at <https://westvancouver.ca/mayor-council/council-agendas-minutes>.

Alternatively, if you would rather have a formal excerpt from the adopted minutes, we could provide this following next Monday's meeting when the February 23 minutes are adopted by Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Hope

Hope Dallas, CMC
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From: Jonathan Weng <jonathan.weng@yagha.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:01 PM
To: Pascal Cuk; correspondence
Subject: February 23rd council meeting - YAGHA

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Dear Mr Cuk,

Thank you for having Matthew and I speak in front of council on Monday. I was wondering if the council would like additional information at this time, and if so, we can submit a written proposal.

In the meantime, could I please request an official record of attendance for our record-keeping purposes?

Thank you, and I look forward to future opportunities.

Yours Truly,

Jonathan Weng
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From: Jill Lawlor
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 2:11 PM
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: correspondence; Bylaw Dept
Subject: Re: Dogs on Seawall
Attachments: Dogs on Seawall..pdf

Dear s. 22(1)

Thank you for your email about dogs on the Seawalk. Your correspondence has been forwarded to me in my capacity as Senior Manager, Community Services (Parks). I appreciate you taking the time to share your observations, particularly regarding dog waste and the use of retractable leashes.

In response to concerns like those you've raised, the District amended the *Animal Control and License Bylaw* in April 2024 to clarify leash length requirements and the maximum number of dogs permitted per person on the Seawalk.

Leash requirements on the Seawalk

- Dogs must be kept on a leash no greater than 2 metres in length while on the Seawalk.
- The only exception is the designated dog path behind the fence, where dogs are permitted to be off-leash.
- A maximum of two dogs per person is allowed on the Seawalk.

More information is available on the District webpage: [New dog leash requirements in Lighthouse Park and on the Seawalk | District of West Vancouver](#)

Our Bylaws and Park Rangers teams continue to focus on public education and compliance, including appropriate leash lengths and picking up after dogs.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have further concerns, or if you are able to share specific locations and times where you are consistently seeing issues, this helps us target education and enforcement efforts.

Best regards,

Jill

Jill Lawlor (she, her)
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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 2:14 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Dogs on the Seawall.

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Hello.

I walk the seawall most days and have observed the following.

Ever since dogs were permitted to be on the paved walking area of the seawall, one has to keep a sharp lookout so as not to step in dog waste. Instead of just looking at the view, now one has to spend a lot of time also looking at the ground. This morning I counted 7 places to avoid stepping between 18th Street and 24th Street on the seawall. To be fair, some of those seven places were where people had already stepped in and tracked the waste, but none the less, not somewhere I would want to step in either.

Most of the dog owners I would say have their dogs leashed and pick up after their pets. I would even say that I don't think the vast majority of the offending owners are even aware of what Fido is doing. They are too busy either chatting with their friends or looking at their phones to notice.

A big part of the problem in my opinion are the retractable leashes. The owners are chatting away with their friends and Fido can be 25 feet or more behind them. I see this on a regular basis. No wonder Fido can relieve himself without the owners having the slightest bit of a clue.

And looking at Amazon 26 and 32 foot leashes are widely available.

From the dog owners perspective, I can see where it is nice to be able to walk their dog on the seawall. Years ago I had a dog. I found that when the dogs were in the fenced off dog run portion of the seawall, especially a narrow portion, a confrontation often occurred when 2 dogs came head on and had to get past one another. So I can see where they would prefer to walk with their dog beside them.

I would propose that the extendable dog leashes no longer be permitted on the seawall and see if that solves the problem. Failing that idea, I would propose going back to how it used to be with dogs prohibited from the human paved walkway portion of the seawall. It would be nice to go back to having it the clean walkway it used to be. I don't think anyone, dog owner or not, likes stepping in dog waste.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPhone