

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO MARCH 18, 2026 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) Gordon Smith Gallery (2 submissions), March 12 and 16, 2026, regarding Upcoming Events and Programs**
- (2) KidiKare Early Learning Centre, March 12, 2026, regarding “Formal Complaint – Traffic Control Contractor Conduct and Safety Concern at 11th Street WV”**
- (3) March 13, 2026, regarding “FIFA Inspector backlog”**
- (4) Vancouver Wharves, March 17, 2026, regarding “Mayor Sager: Invitation to attend: The North Shore Waterfront Gala - May 7, 2025”**

### **Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies**

No items.

### **Responses to Correspondence**

- (5) Bylaw and Licensing Services Manager, March 13, 2026, response to KidiKare Early Learning Centre regarding “Formal Complaint – Traffic Control Contractor Conduct and Safety Concern at 11th Street WV”**

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## Online Auction Closes Today at 12PM

Final Hours to bid on artworks by Ian Wallace, Russna Kaur, Guido Molinari, and Gordon Smith, as well as luxury items and one-of-a-kind experience packages.

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**Ian Wallace**

***Study for Abstract Composition (The Table)***

**V**

2011

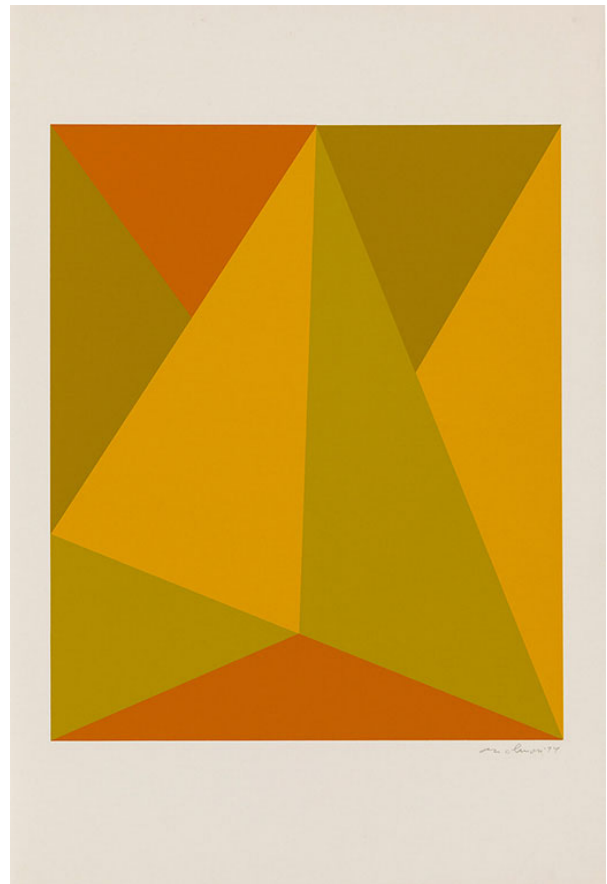
Colour pencil, graphite, and inkjet on paper

18 x 12 in

Framed

Donated by the Artist

**Value: \$3,500**



**Guido Molinari**

***Sans titre***

1974

Serigraph on Paper

22 x 15 in

Edition of 125

Framed

Donated by the James Family

**Value:\$2,850**

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# Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art

## Call for Expressions of Interest



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## The TD Curatorial Fellowship at the Gordon Smith Gallery 2026-2027

The Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from emerging curators for The TD Curatorial Fellowship at the Gordon Smith Gallery—a paid Curatorial Fellowship that supports career-entry into institutional curatorial work through mentorship, hands-on training, and community-engaged exhibition development. The Fellowship is grounded in the Gallery’s commitment to integrate curation and art education at every step, in close collaboration with the Artists for Kids (AFK) education team.

The TD Curatorial Fellowship is supported by TD Bank Group, through the TD Ready Commitment. This Fellowship is designed to help reduce barriers to curatorial careers, particularly for applicants from equity-deserving communities. Through the Curatorial Fellowship, the Fellow will partner with a senior curator who will guide key checkpoints and provide feedback on the exhibition concept, installation, and programming.

[More Information](#)

### About the Fellowship

- The selected TD Curatorial Fellow will work alongside: A Senior Curatorial Mentor, and
- The Artists for Kids (AFK) education team, to integrate child and youth-centered and public-facing learning experiences into the curatorial process.
- The Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation and Artists for Kids teams to support planning and programming for the 2026 and 2027 Fall Exhibitions
- The Fellowship culminates in a public exhibition (**April–June 2027**), curated by the Fellow, alongside related programs that help audiences of many ages and backgrounds engage meaningfully with Canadian art and ideas.

### Mentor

The TD Curatorial Fellow will be mentored by Kimberly Phillips, Director of the Marianne and Edward Gibson Art Museum at Simon Fraser University (formerly SFU Galleries). Phillips is an arts leader, educator, and writer who has curated over 60 exhibitions and public projects and has held previous roles including Curator at the Contemporary Art Gallery and Director/Curator of Access Gallery.

## Who this is for

We welcome EOIs from curators who are:

- Early-career / emerging (including independent curators and those transitioning into institutional work)
- Interested in how exhibitions can intersect with learning, access, and public engagement, including work with children and youth
- Especially encouraged to apply if they identify as part of an equity-deserving community, including but not limited to: BIPOC, Indigenous, LGBTQ2S+, newcomers, neurodiverse individuals, disabled people, and those from rural communities

## Curatorial focus

The Fellowship supports curatorial work that can:

- Recontextualize and question how Canadian art collections reflect and obscure cultural histories, and
- Foreground perspectives historically marginalized within the canon, while leaving creative freedom for the Fellow's specific approach and proposal direction.

## Deadlines

- EOI Deadline: Monday, March 30, 2026 (midnight)
- Shortlist Notified: Monday, April 13, 2026
- Proposals Due: Monday, May 11, 2026
- Final Decision + Offer: Friday, May 29, 2026

Visit Our Website to Find out more about the Application Process

Curatorial Fellowship



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**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:27 AM  
**To:** correspondence; Bylaw Dept  
**Cc:** info@unitedtraffic.ca  
**Subject:** Formal Complaint – Traffic Control Contractor Conduct and Safety Concern at 11th Street WV

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Dear West Vancouver Bylaw Services,

I am writing to formally report a safety incident that occurred on **March 11, 2026, at approximately 9:30 a.m.**, which negatively impacted the operation of our licensed childcare facility, **KidiKare Early Learning Centre**, located at **1112 Kings Avenue, West Vancouver**.

There is currently construction activity taking place on **11th Street**, with traffic control services being provided by a contractor identified as **United Traffic**. During peak morning drop-off time, one of the contractor's trucks was parked directly in front of our daycare entrance gate, the primary pedestrian access point used by parents and young children entering the facility.

In accordance with our duty to maintain a safe environment for children, our staff respectfully asked the traffic control workers to reposition the vehicle slightly forward or backward to ensure safe pedestrian access. Unfortunately, our staff were subjected to **verbal aggression, bullying, and the use of inappropriate and offensive language**. When our staff attempted to escalate the matter to the site supervisor, the response was **unprofessional, dismissive, and concerning**, including a statement to the effect that *"we don't care about children — we have a job to do."*

**West Vancouver Police Department (WVPD)** has been involved with this incident. The contractor alleged that our vehicle had ignored a stop flag; however, fortunately **our camera footage clearly shows that this allegation is unfounded** and that no such incident occurred.

As a **licensed childcare operator**, we have legal obligations under provincial childcare safety standards to ensure safe access, safe pedestrian movement, and protection from hazards during drop-off and pick-up times. Additionally, under **West Vancouver Traffic and Street Use Bylaws**, construction contractors and traffic control personnel are required to:

- Maintain **safe and unobstructed pedestrian access** to adjacent properties and businesses
- Conduct operations in a manner that **does not create hazards or unreasonable interference** with public use of streets and sidewalks
- Ensure that traffic control personnel act **professionally and in accordance with approved traffic management plans**

The parking of construction vehicles directly blocking a childcare entrance during peak hours, combined with aggressive conduct by traffic control staff, represents a **serious safety concern and potential bylaw non-compliance**.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the District of West Vancouver:

1. **Investigate this incident immediately**, including the conduct of the contractor and supervisor.
2. **Ensure that future construction and traffic control activities maintain safe pedestrian access** to our facility at all times.
3. Require the contractor to implement **clear safety protocols and professional conduct standards** when operating near childcare facilities and residential pedestrian zones.

The safety of children, families, staff, and community members is our highest priority. We expect all District contractors and traffic control personnel to operate responsibly, professionally, and in full compliance with applicable bylaws and safety requirements.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint and advise on the next steps in the investigation.

Sincerely,  
**Amir Falaki**



**KidiKare Early Learning Centre Ltd.**

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1315 Lawson Avenue, West Vancouver

1585 Taylor Way, West Vancouver

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**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2026 10:18 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** FIFA Inspector backlog

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Hello Mayor & Council;

I am writing today to request assistance in dealing with the “inspector backlog” to finalize short term rental business license.

I spoke with Zachary from the Bylaws and he shared that EVEN WITH THE RECENTLY HIRED 2nd INSPECTOR ...it could STILL take me over a month to get an inspector appointment.

FIFA is in June and I am very concerned the permits might not be processed in time.

Likely 30 to 40 days to get the West Vancouver District business license.

Possibly 30 days to get the provincial license for posting my home on AirBnB.

This could possibly mean I could not post my home on Airbnb till mid May. This could likely result in me not getting FIFA Bookings.

Would it be possible to hire another inspector short term? Is it possible to bring someone from a different department to assist in this for the next month?

There’s going to be huge demand for Airbnb for the FIFA World Cup as there are not enough hotel accommodations for the expected 300,000 FIFA visitors coming to Vancouver.

Your assistance in resolving this Inspector Backlog issue would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

**From:** Alexandra Schaff <ASchaff@pembina.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 2:57 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Mayor Sager: Invitation to attend: The North Shore Waterfront Gala - May 7, 2025  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Mayor, Sager,

We would be delighted to host you at this year's North Shore Waterfront Gala on Thu, May 7, 2026 – 5:30 to 9pm.

We invite you to sit at one of our founding member tables: Fibreco, Neptune, Pembina – Vancouver Wharves, Seaspn or SSE Marine (formerly Western Stevedoring).

The Gala is a sell-out event, attracts a great crowd and raises significant funds for local non-profits in supporting children and families in need on the North Shore.

This is our third year supporting Harvest Project and, [Family Services of the North Shore](#) who both do such amazing work.

Thanks to the generous support of our guests, donors and sponsors, the gala has raised over \$2.25m since inception.

Founding members are committed to supporting charity groups with a demonstrated track record of making a real difference. Connecting the North Shore waterfront industry and businesses to local charities has a dramatic impact on improving our community and supporting children and families in need.

Kind regards,

Alexandra  
NSWG Chair



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**From:** Matthew OConnor  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2026 2:17 PM  
**To:** info@kidikare.ca  
**Cc:** correspondence; info@unitedtraffic.ca  
**Subject:** RE: Formal Complaint - Traffic Control Contractor Conduct and Safety Concern at 11th Street WV

Good afternoon,

I am in receipt of your complaint and will respond in my capacity as Bylaw and Licensing Services Manager.

The Bylaw and Licensing Services Department received your initial complaint on March 12, 2026, at 9:27 a.m. via email. The incident you reported occurred on March 11, 2026, thus we did not attend as the incident was not reported to our department while actively occurring. Upon review of your submitted video evidence, we confirmed that we were unable to substantiate or determine whether there was a contravention of the traffic and parking bylaw. I will note that the area in front of your fence and gate, located along 11th Street, is considered a public boulevard, thus vehicles are permitted to park there. This was communicated to you by staff in our department on March 12, 2026.

We do acknowledge the need to ensure the safety and security of all parties involved. Your report has been forwarded to our Engineering Department, who is overseeing the project, and should you wish to consult them you may contact them at [engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca](mailto:engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca) / 604-925-7020.

This will conclude the involvement of the Bylaw and Licensing Services Department in this matter, as the other issues reported are currently with the West Vancouver Police Department and I am unable to speak on their behalf.

Sincerely,

**Matthew O'Connor** he, him, his  
Bylaw and Licensing Services Manager | District of West Vancouver  
d: 604 925 7153 | [westvancouver.ca](http://westvancouver.ca)

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