

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO DECEMBER 7, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) November 30, 2022, regarding “Of Immediate Concern November 23, 2022” (Watercourse Protection)**
- (2) Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association, November 30, 2022, regarding “ADBIA December 2022 Newsletter”**
- (3) Georgia Strait Alliance, December 1, 2022, regarding “Ending land acknowledgments”**
- (4) December 2, 2022, regarding “Bright White Christmas Lamp Lights in Ambleside”**
- (5) December 3, 2022, regarding “District staff use of gender pronouns (she,her,hers) on their work emails”**
- (6) December 4, 2022, regarding “Redundant heat pump rebates”**
- (7) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting September 14, 2022; Board of Variance hearing October 19, 2022; and Community Grants Committee meeting November 18, 2022**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (8) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (2 submissions), November 30 and December 1, 2022, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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Dear Mayor and Council of the District of West Vancouver,

Kindly find attached my 3 page letter 'Of Immediate Concern' regarding the out of date OCP and the resulting current critical effect on the protection of watercourses in the District of West Vancouver.

The letter continues with a 32 page outline of my research on the matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Of Immediate Concern - November 23, 2022

On September 26, 2022 s.22(1) legal petition to the District of West Vancouver (DWV) and a property owner, concerning the District issued Development Permit (DP) for a fully basement-ed coach house proposed to be located within the riparian area of Rodgers Creek.

s.22(1) legal counsel at West Coast Environmental Law was unaware of the loophole that the District's legal counsel advised they would rely upon due to the District's non-updated OCP, thereby relieving the obligation for the District to meet provincial standards as found in the current 2019 Riparian Areas Protection Regulations (RAPR) and the earlier Riparian Areas Regulations (RAR). In short, I quote - "The District has its own scheme."

Frankly, I am shocked by this conduct of clever avoidance by the District of a higher standard of ecological care -as legislated by the province.

Accordingly I bring awareness of the following to Mayor and Council :

1. Two levels of disconnection exist at the District of West Vancouver :

- The words of the District, of reverence and care of "our" natural assets - of watercourses, urban forest and myriad species that sustain our living

environment – become increasingly simply rhetoric each time the District’s bylaws fail to deliver on that pledge; and

- Secondly, the District’s long-held status of maintaining an outdated Official Community Plan (OCP) that has given rise to its own Watercourse Protection Bylaw, provide the District with a self-calibration that perpetuates non-compliance with a more rigorously protective ecological provincial standard.

2. If the DWV Planning and Development Department issues a Building Permit (BP), that includes the applied for basement to this secondary dwelling, the consequence would be the removal of 10,000 cubic feet of vital salmon-spawning riparian habitat from a riverine flood plain located at the fringe of the Coastal Marine Management Plan Development Permit Area (CMMP DPA) – above the estuary of Rodgers Creek.

Please take a moment to consider fully what this means and what precedent would be set.

This correction to the District’s legal, administrative and ecological governance speaks not just to one property owner -wishing to have a fully basement-ed coach house within the riparian area of a West Vancouver salmon-spawning creek- but to the need for harmonized legal protection of all live waterways throughout the District, the North Shore and British Columbia.

And so I request response as early as possible to the following :

- why is the District avoiding meeting the highest provincial standard of watercourse protection for ‘its’ salmon-spawning creeks? ;
- why is the District perpetuating a non-updated OCP that does not harmonize with provincial standards? ;
- when will the OCP be up-dated in order to harmonize with the standards of the province of BC ? ;
- as a first step in clarifying consistency between Mayor & Council and staff, what is the governance process understood by Mayor and Council to be followed by staff in responding to concerns of citizens and is this congruent with the actions of staff ; and,

- is the best resolve to be found in a tribunal process?

I propose that the most responsible action for the District to undertake is for a moratorium to immediately be placed on the issuing of any DP or BP for any development within 15meters of any creek or significant watercourse until this harmonization with provincial standards has occurred.

Therefore, I maintain the ecological need, and the ability, for the District to not oblige a Building Permit (BP) for, in particular, the basement to this coach house structure. Plenty enough damage will be done in the building of a structure upon posts or a foundation.

(One remedy could be for an architectural cantilevering in order for the posts or foundation to be as far back as possible from Top of Bank and for a basement to be denied. Instead, the Board of Variance could be called upon to allow 2 full storeys above ground, with the immediate improvement to the original design of 2 storeys of natural light.)

At this juncture, I include for your convenience the following 32 pages that outline my scientific and legal findings, which neither include my in-depth verbal communications with lead biologist for the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) nor my communications with DWV staff.

I look forward to your response and offer my on-going assistance to the over-arching issue of the need for sensitive ecological stewardship in the District of West Vancouver.

Most sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

The following has informed my course and actions and evidences the correction required for DWV to comply with RAPR ~

Provincial directives on streamside protection

12 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by regulation, establish directives regarding the protection and enhancement of riparian areas that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers may be subject to residential, commercial or industrial development.

(2) Directives under subsection (1) may only be established after consultation by the minister with representatives of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

(3) Directives under subsection (1) may be different for different parts of British Columbia and in relation to different local government powers and different circumstances as established by the directives.

(4) If a directive under subsection (1) applies, a local government must
(a) include in its zoning and land use bylaws riparian area protection provisions in accordance with the directive, or

(b) ensure that its bylaws and permits under Part 14 of the [Local Government Act](#) or Part XXVII of the [Vancouver Charter](#), as applicable, provide a level of protection that, in the opinion of the local government, is comparable to or exceeds that established by the directive.

(5) For the purpose of transition, a directive under subsection (1) may establish a time period during which a local government to which the directive applies must review and, if necessary, amend its bylaws in order that they meet the requirements of subsection (4) by the end of the period.

(6) On request by a local government, the minister may extend a time period under subsection (5).

Riparian Areas Regulation, BC Reg 376/2004

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Riparian Areas Protection Act

RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION

[includes amendments up to B.C. Reg. 41/2016, **February 29, 2016**]

Definitions and interpretation

1 (1) In this regulation:

"Act" means the *Riparian Areas Protection Act*;

"active floodplain" means an area of land that supports floodplain plant species and is

- (a) adjacent to a stream that may be subject to temporary, frequent or seasonal inundation, or
- (b) within a boundary that is indicated by the visible high water mark;

"assessment methods" means the methods set out in the Schedule;

"assessment report" means a report prepared in accordance with the assessment methods to assess the potential impact of a proposed development in a riparian assessment area and which is certified for the purposes of this regulation by a **qualified** environmental professional;

"development" means any of the following associated with or resulting from the local government regulation or approval of residential, commercial or industrial activities or ancillary activities to the extent that they are subject to local government powers under Part 26 of the [Local Government Act](#):

- (a) removal, alteration, disruption or destruction of vegetation;
- (b) disturbance of soils;
- (c) construction or erection of buildings and structures;
- (d) creation of nonstructural impervious or semi-impervious surfaces;
- (e) flood protection works;
- (f) construction of roads, trails, docks, wharves and bridges;
- (g) provision and maintenance of sewer and water services;
- (h) development of drainage systems;
- (i) development of utility corridors;
- (j) subdivision as defined in [section 872](#) of the [Local Government Act](#);

"development proposal" means any development that is proposed in a riparian assessment area that is within or partly within the boundaries of an area administered by a local government;

"fish" means all life stages of

- (a) salmonids,
- (b) game fish, and
- (c) regionally significant fish;

"floodplain plant species" means plant species that are typical of an area of inundated or saturated soil conditions and that are distinct from plant species on freely drained adjacent upland sites;

"high water mark" means the visible high water mark of a stream where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the stream a character distinct from that of its banks, in vegetation, as well as in the nature of the soil itself, and includes the active floodplain;

"ministry" means the minister's ministry;

"natural features, functions and conditions" include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) large organic debris that falls into the stream or streamside area, including logs, snags and root wads;
- (b) areas for channel migration, including active floodplains;
- (c) side channels, intermittent streams, seasonally wetted contiguous areas and floodplains;
- (d) the multicanopied forest and ground cover adjacent to streams that
 - (i)moderates water temperatures,
 - (ii)provides a source of food, nutrients and organic matter to streams,
 - (iii)establishes root matrices that stabilize soils and stream banks, thereby minimizing erosion, and
 - (iv)buffers streams from sedimentation and pollution in surface runoff;
- (e) a natural source of stream bed substrates;
- (f) permeable surfaces that permit infiltration to moderate water volume, timing and velocity and maintain sustained water flows in streams, especially during low flow periods;

"permanent structure" means any building or structure that was lawfully constructed, placed or erected on a secure and long lasting foundation on land in accordance with any local government bylaw or approval condition in effect at the time of construction, placement or erection;

"qualified environmental professional" means an applied scientist or technologist, acting alone or together with another qualified environmental professional, if

- (a) the individual is registered and in good standing in British Columbia with an appropriate professional organization constituted under an Act, acting under that association's code of ethics and subject to disciplinary action by that association,
- (b) the individual's area of expertise is recognized in the assessment methods as one that is acceptable for the purpose of providing all or part of an assessment report in respect of that development proposal, and
- (c) the individual is acting within that individual's area of expertise;

"ravine" means a narrow, steep-sided valley that is commonly eroded by running water and has a slope grade greater than 3:1;

"riparian area" means a streamside protection and enhancement area;

"riparian assessment area" means

- (a) for a stream, the 30 meter strip on both sides of the stream, measured from the high water mark,
- (b) for a ravine less than 60 metres wide, a strip on both sides of the stream measured from the high water mark to a point that is 30 metres beyond the top of the ravine bank, and
- (c) for a ravine 60 metres wide or greater, a strip on both sides of the stream measured from the

high water mark to a point that is 10 metres beyond the top of the ravine bank;

"stream" includes any of the following that provides fish habitat:

- (a) a watercourse, whether it usually contains water or not;
- (b) a pond, lake, river, creek or brook;
- (c) a ditch, spring or wetland that is connected by surface flow to something referred to in paragraph (a) or (b);

"streamside protection and enhancement area" means an area

- (a) adjacent to a stream that links aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems and includes both existing and potential riparian vegetation and existing and potential adjacent upland vegetation that exerts an influence on the stream, and
- (b) the size of which is determined according to this regulation on the basis of an assessment report provided by a qualified environmental professional in respect of a development proposal;

"top of the ravine bank" means the first significant break in a ravine slope where the break occurs such that the grade beyond the break is flatter than 3:1 for a minimum distance of 15 metres measured perpendicularly from the break, and the break does not include a bench within the ravine that could be developed;

"wetland" means land that is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, estuaries and similar areas that are not part of the active floodplain of a stream.

(2) For the purposes of the definition of "streamside protection and enhancement area," vegetation must be considered to be "potential" if there is a reasonable ability for

regeneration either with assistance through enhancement or naturally, but an area covered by a permanent structure must be considered to be incapable of supporting potential vegetation.

[am. B.C. Regs. 4/2010, s. 3; 41/2016, s. 31.]

Purposes of this regulation

2 The purposes of this regulation are

(a) to establish directives to protect riparian areas from development so that the areas can provide natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes, and

(b) to facilitate an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the ministry, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities including the ability for individual intergovernmental cooperation agreements with local governments for any of the following:

(i) the implementation of this regulation;

(ii) the confirmation of regionally significant fish by the ministry;

(iii) providing, sharing or confirming information on fish habitat conditions;

(iv) describing roles and responsibilities with reference to applicable and appropriate use of authority and program mandates;

(v) dispute resolution;

(vi) a compliance strategy, including education, training, monitoring, reporting, enforcement and auditing.

[am. B.C. Reg. 148/2006, s. 1.]

Application

3 (1) This regulation applies within the geographic boundaries of the following regional districts:

(a) Capital;

- (b) Central Okanagan;
- (c) Columbia-Shuswap;
- (d) Comox-Strathcona;
- (e) Cowichan Valley;
- (f) Fraser Valley;
- (g) **Greater Vancouver, other than within the boundaries of the City of Vancouver;**
- (h) Nanaimo;
- (i) North Okanagan;
- (j) Okanagan-Similkameen;
- (k) Powell River;
- (l) Squamish-Lillooet;
- (m) Sunshine Coast;
- (n) Thompson-Nicola.

(1.1) This regulation applies to the exercise, in relation to development, of local government powers under Part 26 of the [Local Government Act](#) by local governments in those parts of British Columbia described in subsection (1).

(2) This regulation does not apply to a development permit or development variance permit issued only for the purpose of enabling reconstruction or repair of a permanent structure described in [section 911 \(8\)](#) of the [Local Government Act](#) if the structure remains on its existing foundation.

[am. B.C. Reg. 148/2006, s. 2.]

Assessment reports required before development

4 (1) In respect of development proposals related wholly or partially to riparian assessment areas within the jurisdiction of a local government, a local government must not approve or allow development to proceed in those riparian assessment areas unless the development proceeds in accordance with subsection (2) or (3).

(2) A local government may approve or allow development to proceed if the local government is notified by the ministry that Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the ministry have been

- (a) notified of the development proposal, and

(b) provided with a copy of an assessment report, prepared by a **qualified** environmental professional who has carried out an assessment, that

(i) **certifies that the qualified environmental professional is qualified to carry out the assessment,**

(ii) certifies that the **assessment methods** have been followed, and

(iii) provides the professional opinion of the qualified environmental professional that

(A) **if the development is implemented as proposed there will be no harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes in the riparian assessment area, or**

(B) **if the streamside protection and enhancement areas identified in the report are protected from the development, and the measures identified in the report as necessary to protect the integrity of those areas from the effects of the development are implemented by the developer, there will be no harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes in the riparian assessment area.**

(3) A local government may approve or allow development to proceed if the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans or a regulation under the *Fisheries Act* (Canada) **authorizes the harmful alteration**, disruption or destruction of natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes in the

riparian assessment area that would result from the implementation of the development proposal.

[am. B.C. Reg. 148/2006, s. 3.]

Development of strategies for monitoring, enforcement and education

5 The local government must cooperate in developing strategies with the ministry and Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- (a) for obtaining certificates by qualified environmental professionals that the conditions set out in assessment reports have been properly implemented,
- (b) for monitoring and enforcement to ensure that assessment reports have been properly prepared in accordance with the assessment methods and properly implemented, and
- (c) for **public education with respect to the protection of riparian areas.**

Use of local government powers for protection and enhancement of areas

6 When exercising its powers with respect to development, **a local government must protect its riparian areas in accordance with this regulation.**

Preparation of assessment report by qualified environmental professional

7 An assessment report for the purposes of this regulation must employ the assessment methods set out in the Schedule and must report on all of the following:

- (a) the width of the streamside protection and enhancement area which must be protected;
- (b) the measures necessary to protect the integrity of the streamside protection and enhancement area.

Transitional

8 (1) In this section, "**former regulation**" means the [Streamside Protection Regulation, B.C. Reg. 10/2001](#).

(2) If, before this regulation came into force, a local government had established streamside protection and enhancement areas in accordance with the former regulation, the local government is deemed to have met the requirements of this regulation in respect of those areas.

(3) Despite section 6 (5) of the former regulation, an amendment of a streamside protection and enhancement area referred to in subsection (2) of this section must be in accordance with this regulation.

Schedule

[en. B.C. Reg. 148/2006, s. 4.]

Note: *the Schedule of Assessment Methods is exempt from publication. It may be seen at the office of the Resource Stewardship Division, Resource Management Objectives Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, 3rd Floor, 1520 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3K2.*

[Provisions relevant to the enactment of this regulation: *Riparian Areas Protection Act*, [S.B.C. 1997, c. 21, section 13](#)]

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Riparian Areas Protection Act

RIPARIAN AREAS PROTECTION REGULATION

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Government of British Columbia Environmental Protection and Sustainability - Natural Resource Stewardship - Laws, Policies, Standards & Guidance - Best Management Practices - Develop With Care 2014 - Environmental Guidelines for Urban and Rural Land Development

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Section 2 Community Planning

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Guidelines for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation during Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia (2014)

Preface to 2014 Edition of Guidelines for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

This 2014 edition of Guidelines for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation - Guidelines for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation during Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia (2014), is a companion document to Develop with Care 2014: Environmental Guidelines for Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia.

It is an updated version of Best Management Practices for Amphibians and Reptiles in Urban and Rural Environments in British Columbia (2003).

There have been extensive changes to the 2014 version of this document. The document format and content have been modified to make it (hopefully) more readable. In addition: Š

*** Hyperlinks and references to British Columbia Ministries and documents have been updated; Š**

*** Regional discussions have been updated to reflect the boundaries of the eight Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) regions; Š**

*** Species accounts have been updated and revised, with photographs and range maps added; and Š**

*** The document design has been modified to be consistent with Develop with Care. We hope that readers will continue to find this a helpful resource.**

**Note: Updates will be made to this document from time to time. The most recent version can be downloaded from the Provincial Guidelines website:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/BMP/bmpintro.html#second>**

1 Introduction

1.1 Stewardship and Land Development

British Columbia (B.C.) is recognized globally for its exceptional wildlife, diversity of ecosystems and rich natural resources. These valuable natural assets provide the essentials of life, as well as recreational activities and economic opportunities that are enjoyed by British Columbians throughout the province. However, rapid urbanization, especially in the southern areas of the province, has resulted in significant impacts on the natural environment, including an increase in the numbers of plant and animal species ‘at risk’, and a declining community livability. (Ministry of Environment 2007).

2.5 Legal Protection for Amphibians and Reptiles in British Columbia

2.5.2 Local Government Bylaws and Policies

While the provincial government retains jurisdiction over amphibians and reptiles in British Columbia, local governments are often in a better position to serve as stewards of amphibian and reptile habitat in urban and rural areas. Through the Local Government Act and Community Charter, local governments have the authority to regulate development within their jurisdiction. The role of local governments in the maintenance of amphibian and reptile populations is vital as much of B.C.’s best land for development also contains important amphibian and reptile habitat.

Municipalities and regional districts have several legislative and planning tools for protecting amphibian and reptile habitat, including the following.

Amphibians and Reptiles at Risk

In British Columbia more than one-half of the native amphibians and reptiles are considered to be at risk (on the Blue or Red list) by the provincial Conservation Data Centre.

For those species that have been evaluated by the federal Committee on the Status of Endangered Species within Canada (COSEWIC), 10 amphibian and eight reptile species are listed nationally as Special Concern, Threatened or Endangered.

- Local governments can identify and map important amphibian and reptile habitats in their jurisdiction, and develop bylaws and guidelines to protect these areas. This approach saves time and money for developers by providing information and certainty regarding what areas may (or may not) be suitable for development.**

- **Local governments can enact bylaws that support the protection of stream and riparian buffers. Where the Riparian Areas Regulation is in effect, bylaws must meet the requirements of this regulation.**
- **Official Community Plans (OCPs) can be used to delineate Urban Containment Boundaries, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and Development Permit Areas. Zoning can dictate acceptable land uses and bylaws can provide habitat protection (e.g., stream set-backs). OCPs can be used as a mechanism to protect important amphibian and reptile habitat features, such as snake hibernacula and wetlands used as breeding sites by frogs and salamanders.**
- **Local governments can facilitate the establishment of Conservation Covenants to protect habitats. Density transfers and density bonuses can be used to reduce urban sprawl and allow the establishment of wildlife conservation zones.**

As guided by this document and/or as assisted by expert advice, local government staff unfamiliar with amphibian and reptile ecology can gain confidence to assess, amend, approve, or reject a development application. Further information on how local governments can help conserve wildlife habitats and natural ecosystems is presented in Develop with Care and Nowlan et al. (2001).

Exhibits of email and phone conversation with:

FLNRORD Ministry Lead Biologist - Charlotte Billingham

Summary – Nothing is allowed to happen within 10m of ToB.

Re. Net Loss/Gain - diplomatically mocked as a failing, inferior, and antique outlook or protection strategy or methodology.

Community Mapping – Rob Knight

Summary - Human-made culverts above and below the subject property impede the natural functions of this stream habitat, stressing already the runs of coho and chum salmon that attempt to spawn successfully in this federally designated salmon-bearing creek.

Exhibits: Federal Fisheries
Community Mapping
Streamkeepers of the North Shore
Sartori Environmental Consultants – Development Permit
Report

The Partnership for Water Sustainability in design-
guidelines-for-streambank-stability-and-riparian-
restoration.pdfBC

Bowker Creek EAP Report

<https://waterbucket.ca/gi/category/ecological-accounting-process/>

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Conservation in heavily urbanized biodiverse regions
requires urgent management action and attention to
governance

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Abstract

Throughout history, humans have settled in areas of high biodiversity. Today these areas are home to our biggest urban centers with biodiversity at increasing risk from escalating cumulative threats. Identifying the management strategies to conserve species within such regions, and ensuring effective governance to oversee their implementation, presents enormous challenges. Using a novel Priority Threat Management (PTM) approach that calculates the

cost-effectiveness of conservation action and co-governance, we discover that the 102 species at risk of local extinction within Canada's most diverse, heavily urbanized coastal region, the Fraser River estuary, require urgent investment in management strategies costing an estimated CAD\$381 M over 25 years. Our study also suggests that co-governance underpins conservation success in urban areas, by increasing the feasibility of management strategies. This study underscores that biodiversity conservation in heavily urbanized areas is not a lost cause but does require strategic planning, attention to governance, and large-scale investment.

<https://conbio.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/csp2.310>



June 20, 2014

Re: Design Guidelines for Erosion and Flood Control: Streambanks and Riparian

This document, prepared by AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, on behalf of The City of Calgary Water Resources, provides guidance for the planning, analysis, and construction of new streambank and riparian restoration projects. The guidelines include soil bioengineering techniques for the restoration of streambanks and riparian areas. To date, these guidelines are not regulatory requirements, and have not yet been fully reviewed by all stakeholders.

The guidelines are intended to be part of a living document, with the flexibility to evolve over time as new regulations or techniques are developed. Discussions of regulatory requirements contained in this document are general in nature, due to the evolving nature of regulatory requirements and site-specific modifications and requirements. It is recommended to obtain more up to date information directly from regulatory agencies when interpreting the document for specific sites.

If you have any additional questions on these guidelines, please contact Norma Posada, Watershed Engineer, via email at Norma.Posada@calgary.ca, or by phone at 403-268-4779.

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What is lost through no net loss

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Abstract

No net loss approaches to environmental policy claim that policy should maintain aggregate levels of natural capital. Substitutability between natural assets allows losses in some assets to be compensated for by gains in others while maintaining overall levels of natural capital. This paper argues that significant goods that matter to people's well-being will be lost through a policy of no net loss. The concepts of natural capital and ecosystem services that underpin the no net loss approach to environmental policy cannot capture important dimensions of value that are central to human well-being.

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1. Natural capital, ecosystem services and no net loss

In environmental policy making natural environments, resources and beings have been increasingly conceptualized as ‘natural capital’. Central to this conceptualization of environmental goods as capital is the concept of ‘ecosystem services’. Natural environments, resources and beings should be understood as assets valued in terms of the services they provide to human beings, either directly for the welfare of those who use them and value their existence, or indirectly as inputs into production and as the background conditions for human life and production. A standard list of ecosystem services accompanies this claim: provisioning services, such as clean water and inputs into food production; regulating services, such as waste assimilation, carbon sequestration and pollination; cultural services, such as recreation or aesthetic enjoyment; supporting services, such as soil formation and photosynthesis (TEEB 2010: 7). On this account, then, environmental goods such as biodiversity are understood as capital that are conditions for the provision of ecosystem services.

This conceptualization of environmental goods in terms of capital and ecosystem services is the starting point in defence of a number of further independent claims that have underpinned environmental policy making. It informs standard approaches to economic valuation: the economic valuation of environmental goods is conceived in terms of ascertaining the monetary value of ecosystem services. It informs standard approaches to sustainability. Sustainability is a matter of maintaining those levels of capital required to provide these services. This understanding of environmental goods is largely shared by both sides of the debate between proponents of weak and strong sustainability in economics (O’Neill Reference O’Neill, Moellendorf and Widdows2015). Both assume that environmental goods should be understood as capital that provides services. **The point at issue is whether and how far natural capital can be substituted by forms of human capital.** Proponents of weak sustainability are taken to claim that a wide degree of substitutability of goods at the margin is possible and hence that all that matters for

sustainability is that the total level of capital, human-made and natural, does not decline. Proponents of strong sustainability are typically taken to claim that there are limits to the substitutability of natural and human-made capital and hence that sustainability requires that there is some level of 'natural capital' that does not decline (Beckerman Reference Beckerman1994, Reference Beckerman and Dobson1999; Daly Reference Daly1995; Jacobs Reference Jacobs1995; Dobson Reference Dobson1996; Holland Reference Holland and Foster1997).

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/economics-and-philosophy/article/what-is-lost-through-no-net-loss/88588B025D02E7C0857C8060CC981E6D>

Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)

https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/virtual_sara/files/species/CanadianWildlifeSpeciesAtRisk-2020.pdf

This publication can be cited as follows: COSEWIC. 2020. Canadian Wildlife Species at Risk. Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Web site: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environmentclimate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/cosewic-list-species-assessed.html> [[accessed 19 October 2020]

[Justice Laws Website](https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/page-17.html#h-435647)

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Species at Risk Act (S.C. 2002, c. 29)

Act current to 2021-08-26 and last amended on 2021-08-12

Excerpts from Full Document:

SCHEDULE 1(Subsections 2(1), 42(2) and 68(2))

List of Wildlife Species at Risk

PART 3

Threatened Species

- Whale, Fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*) Pacific population
Rorqual commun population du Pacifique
- Whale, Killer (*Orcinus orca*) Northeast Pacific northern resident population
Épaulard population résidente du nord du Pacifique Nord-Est
- Whale, Killer (*Orcinus orca*) Northeast Pacific offshore population
Épaulard population océanique du Pacifique Nord-Est
- Whale, Killer (*Orcinus orca*) Northeast Pacific transient population
Épaulard population migratrice du Pacifique Nord-Est

PART 4

Special Concern

- Whale, Grey (*Eschrichtius robustus*) Eastern North Pacific population
Baleine grise population du Pacifique Nord-Est
- Whale, Humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) North Pacific population
Rorqual à bosse population du Pacifique Nord
- Porpoise, Harbour (*Phocoena phocoena*) Pacific Ocean population
Marsouin commun population de l'océan Pacifique
- Sea Lion, Steller (*Eumetopias jubatus*)

Otarie de Steller

The Technical Basis of Zone of Sensitivity Determinations Under the Detailed Assessment Procedure of the Riparian Areas Regulation -

Joint authors from the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Pacific Region, September 2007
respectively Kaaren Lewis Director Ecosystems Branch, and
Rebecca Reid Regional Director Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/fish-fish-habitat/riparian-areas-regulations/rar_zone_of_sensitivity_rational_2007.pdf

Raincoast Conservation Foundation Wild Salmon Program

Pacific salmon are a *foundation* species in British Columbia's coastal ecosystems. For millions of years, they have journeyed between the ocean and the streams, rivers and lakes of their natal watersheds. In every life stage – from eggs to juveniles to adults – they are important food sources for marine, terrestrial and avian wildlife. Inherent in their lifecycle, is the provision of nutrients to the ecosystem when they return to spawn and die.

<https://www.raincoast.org/salmon/>

Mapping Salmon Habitat and Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy satellite image of Rogers Creek at 2859 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

An autumn spent tracking bald eagles and spawning salmon

Our surprising findings about a relatively unknown subject: the distribution of bald eagles across salmon watersheds.

By Kristen Walters, Lower Fraser River Salmon Conservation Program Coordinator September 27, 2021

Each annual pulse of nutrients up our rivers acts as a reminder that researching species like salmon and bald eagles must be based in reciprocity—the guarantee that we will return the gift they provide by advancing our conservation efforts to ensure their long-term resilience.

<https://www.raincoast.org/2021/09/an-autumn-spent-tracking-bald-eagles-and-spawning-salmon/>

Fisheries Management and Canada's Wild Salmon Policy

Fisheries management is a fascinating, albeit disheartening, vocation that is caught in the same conundrum that plagues most resource management – it's really the humans that need managing, not the resource. Where fisheries management gets really interesting however, is the divergent perspectives of biologists drawn to study it. Though attracted to fish and their biology, fisheries scientists have historically been employed to protect the fishery; and with that, the economic, employment and social benefits it might provide. This approach uses what ecologists term 'single species management'. It considers the dynamics of a fish population within the context of maximising the number of fish that can be harvested.

Increasingly however, biologists attracted to fish are studying their dynamics within the context of marine ecosystems. Ecologists study the food web and the relationships between species and processes. Their primary consideration is to protect the diversity of organisms at all trophic levels that interact with specific species.

<https://www.raincoast.org/fisheries-management/>

Towards a vision for salmon habitat in the Lower Fraser River

Dozens of streamkeeper groups, First Nations, and conservation groups have been working diligently for years to protect streams and habitat in the Lower Fraser River. Despite these efforts, they cannot stem the damage caused by the rapid pace of growth and development in the lower mainland and the dismantling of agencies that once had a mandate to mitigate habitat destruction.

<https://www.raincoast.org/vision/>

why are rivers left uncounted?

Despite tens of millions of dollars being allocated for wild salmon conservation in B.C., Canada's federal government has divested from salmon monitoring projects. If fewer than 10% of B.C.'s salmon runs are actually monitored, how is DFO reliably allocating wild salmon for fisheries and broader ecosystem needs?

The single greatest asset that informs salmon management and conservation on our coast is on-the-ground monitoring done by **charter patrolmen** (creekwalkers) and through Indigenous Guardian and Fisheries programs. Despite tens of millions of dollars being allocated for wild salmon conservation in B.C., Canada's federal government has divested from charter patrolmen budgets and is not investing adequate funds into local community and Indigenous monitoring efforts when it should be considered the very foundation of salmon management. Each year, critical management decisions by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) regarding subsistence, commercial, and recreational fisheries are meant to be made based on estimated annual returns of salmon (the spawner counts). But if fewer than ten per cent of B.C.'s salmon runs are

actually monitored, as is the current situation, how is DFO reliably allocating wild salmon for fisheries and broader ecosystem needs? What little data they have is not sufficient in making these decisions.

<https://pacificwild.org/why-are-rivers-left-uncounted/>

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

Time-delayed subsidies: Interspecies population effects in salmon

By Raincoast June 10, 2014

<https://www.raincoast.org/2014/06/population-effect-in-salmon/>

A cache of scientific articles jointly authored by Caroline H. Fox PhD

https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=list_mandates&hl=en&user=MJoIDegAAAAJ&tzom=480

Eco-fish 2021-07-12

page 36, figure 23 etc. etc. - defined sections of this report will follow

<https://www.kanakabarband.ca/files/ecofish-2021-07-12-2.pdf>

We do not inherit streams from our Ancestors, We rejuvenate them for our Children

Now in its 4th decade, the **Coho Society of the North Shore** is a volunteer, environmentally based organization registered under the Society Act of BC committed to supporting the protection and revitalization of North Shore salmon streams and rivers.

The objective of the society is to raise public awareness of current and potential threats to local waterways and fisheries and educating about the need to resolve these issues through protecting, enhancing and restoring salmonid habitats. The Coho Society helps to support volunteer-managed fish hatcheries and local environmental groups involved in stream protection. This work is done through partnerships between **community stewardship groups, local government, First Nations** and the **business community, and concerned citizens**.

MACDONALD CREEK AND RODGERS CREEK ESTUARY PROJECT

The **West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society (WVSS)** in concert with the **District of West Vancouver (DWV)** improved the estuary of McDonald Creek and are in the process of improving **Rodgers Creek Estuary** to permit salmon to enter the stream readily over a broader range of tides, from mid-tide to high tide. Presently returning coho and chum salmon are extremely restricted in gaining access to the stream.

The estuary can be described as braided with no defined channel and salmon only access the stream in high, high water conditions. During waiting periods they are subject to severe predation by seals and otters. We expect the modification of the estuary will result in substantially improved salmon escapement. A similar estuary project was completed on the adjacent Lawson Creek in 2008 which improved salmon returns significantly. This project falls into and complements the DWV long term Shoreline Preservation Plan.

For more information: [West Vancouver Streamkeepers](#).

<https://www.cohosociety.com/>

The following is a summarization of my introductory letter, reaching out to biologists and others, associated through their expertise in riparian area conservation and protection in order to allow natural functionality.

“ Over the past few years Mayor & Council together with staff have amended bylaws in order to exercise more care concerning watercourse protection and trees, have declared a State of Climate Emergency, and have published several fiscal, societal and of course ecological services acknowledgements for the precious bounty of 'West Vancouver's Natural Assets'.

I question the acceptance of the standards of ecological protection utilized within the Environmental Report, which as I see it, do not oblige District commitments, including those more recently made by way of municipal policy. “

Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast

Honourable Bernadette Jordan,

British Columbia’s salmon populations along the North and Central Coasts continue to experience historically low returns. Many wild salmon populations are at imminent risk of extinction.

For more than a decade, federal legislation, commissions, policies, and court rulings; including the Species at Risk Act, Wild Salmon Policy and the Cohen Commission, have spelled out the threats to wild salmon and the changes required to protect them. We do not need another policy or research study - we need action.

The basis of salmon stock assessment relies on spawner counts, or enumeration on the spawning grounds. These enumeration surveys are used to estimate the size of the next generation. It is the responsibility of your department to conduct and support spawning surveys wherever possible, yet there is limited capacity for the DFO scientists to do so in many watersheds along B.C.’s North and Central Coasts.

Under DFO’s B.C. Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund, the vast majority of projects chosen are located outside of the North and Central Coasts which has only received a mere 2% of funded projects.

There is an urgent need for increased funding and efforts to properly manage and assess Pacific salmon populations returning in these underfunded areas. Many of the charter patrolmen (Creekwalkers) tasked with conducting spawning surveys are doing so with limited capacity and funding. A diminishing workforce is also of great concern here (68 Creekwalkers in 1970, 39 in 1990, and now only 2)!

More and more, independently funded Indigenous Guardian and Stewardship initiatives have assumed responsibilities for critical activities where DFO has chronically reduced capacity and funding for government-led salmon monitoring, enumeration and stewardship programs over the past decade.

Indigenous Guardians and Fisheries Monitors should undoubtedly be doing the important work of monitoring and stewarding salmon in their traditional territories, but in order for this to be successful, DFO needs to step-up and adequately fund Indigenous Guardians and Fisheries Monitors.

On top of all this, DFO's choice to focus only on "key streams" is contributing to population knowledge gaps in smaller river systems that support a large proportion of wild salmon genetic diversity on the B.C. coast.

Wild salmon need help across our entire coast. To ensure the sustainability of salmon populations, as well as the irreplaceable economic, social, and cultural values they provide, will you take action on the salmon emergency and reinvest in an effective, long-term, federally-funded assessment and management program on the North and Central Coasts of B.C.?

Additionally, it is critical that all decision-making for salmon management is conservation-focused and that this is based on the latest population data.

I will like to receive confirmation of this commitment by return correspondence.

Sincerely,

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West Vancouver, BC,

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sent: December 20, 2021

Transforming the legal landscape

News & Events > [Environmental Law Alert Blog](#) > The problem with relying (too much) upon professionals > November 22, 2017 > Andrew Gage, Staff Counsel

<https://wcel.org/blog/problem-relying-too-much-upon-professionals>

From that article:

“ If government establishes a standard but leaves it to industry professionals to interpret it, then even well-intentioned professionals may start to interpret ambiguities in favour of clients, rather than the public interest. That’s not a slur on professionals – professionals are supposed to problem-solve for their clients within the bounds of the law. “

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What is spoken to by DWV in the permitting of known detrimental development in one area and the so-called compensation for that by way of improvement or restoration in another area can be likened to the destruction of homeland of any species, even to indigenous people who living in a forest are removed to a purpose-built ghetto in order to mine their native homeland.

If the institution of local government becomes stagnant with outmoded forms that no longer serve or protect adequately, then clarity of purpose must be prioritized so as to do away with this state of decay. The duty lies on good government to remove stagnation.

Correcting the error of staff requires adequate authority and strength of purpose corresponding with a higher truth.

Right moment, right way, right motive, right need.

I trust the government of this district will recognize the timeliness of this intervention as opportunity to correct the error of District staff in meeting the obligations for highest standard of conduct and efficacy in the protection of the District’s natural assets, consistent with Mayor & Council decisions and commitments.

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Prioritizing threat management across terrestrial and freshwater realms for species conservation and recovery

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Abstract

The need to manage threats to biodiversity, and to do so cost-effectively, is urgent. **Cross-realm conservation management** is recognized as a cost-effective approach, but it **requires collaboration between agencies and jurisdictions, and local knowledge of anthropogenic threats to biodiversity**. With its emphasis on stakeholder engagement and use of structured expert elicitation, Priority Threat Management (PTM) facilitates rapid, cross-realm planning at the regional scale. We used PTM to identify cost-effective management strategies with the aim of securing nine ecological groups, comprised of 45 species and one ecological community of conservation concern, across terrestrial and freshwater realms within the Wolastoq|Saint John River watershed in Canada. Under business-as-usual, four of nine groups are expected to have >50% probability of persistence over the next 25 years. Investment of \$141 million over 25 years in three management strategies could secure seven groups across both realms with >50% probability of persistence. Achieving higher levels of persistence comes at a cost—

securing six groups with >60% probability of persistence requires investing \$218 million over 25 years in seven strategies. Through a structured, iterative process, whereby stakeholders cooperate to clarify objectives, devise management strategies, and collate data, PTM can support timely and cost-effective management across multiple realms.

Landscape-scale, threat-based conservation facilitates simultaneous management of threats to multiple biodiversity values, such as species or ecological communities that may be at risk of extinction, and therefore may help reduce delays in management action. By considering the impact of multiple threats, landscape-scale threat management can also help account for potential interactions and complementarity among proposed management actions when prioritizing for implementation (Auerbach, Tulloch, & Possingham, **2014**; Chadès et al., **2014**; Evans, Possingham, & Wilson, **2011**). In particular, considering threats to biodiversity across terrestrial, freshwater, and marine realms can help account for cross-realm impacts of threats and benefits of actions (Adams et al., **2014**; Álvarez-Romero et al., **2015**; Giakoumi et al., **2019**).

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December 2022 Newsletter

Holiday Giveaway

We want to thank you for shopping, dining and using services in Ambleside and Dundarave this holiday season so we are giving away \$6000 in prizes!

This December, we will have five (5) prize packages worth \$1000 each plus ten (10) gift certificates of \$100 each.

HOW TO PLAY:

Shop, dine or use a service at a business in Ambleside and Dundarave between December 1st and midnight December 31st, 2022.

Clearly print your name, phone number and/or email address on the front or back of the receipt.

Drop your receipt in any drop box around town or enter via the [online submission form](#). Alternatively, you can send a copy to the ADBIA via [this link](#) or mail it to 200 - 1497 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC, V7T 1B8. Winners will be selected by random draw on January 5th, 2023. Full rules and regulations available on our [website](#).

There is no minimum purchase necessary and you can enter as often as you like. We hope this encourages shopping local, dining in our fabulous restaurants and using the many services available in our business community this holiday season! Receipts from gift certificate purchases are eligible as well so be sure to visit our shops and restaurants for all of your holiday gifts!



December Events

All month long we will be encouraging shopping local via our social media platforms. Each day we will feature a different business and will have random contests.

Friday December 9th: Late Night Shopping on Bellevue 6pm - 9pm

We will have strolling carollers singing Christmas songs, stores offering specials, sales and free gift wrapping, giveaways and refreshments. We

encourage visitors to visit the Ambleside Grosvenor Galleria to see the Christmas trees on display and then amble along Bellevue to enjoy the Christmas lights and decor along the street and in the shops.

Saturday, December 19th: Family Fun in Dundarave 1pm - 4pm

This family fun afternoon encourages families to bring the kids out for an afternoon of carollers singing Christmas songs they can sing along with, face painting, sales and specials from the businesses and a visit from The Grinch. Then grab a hot chocolate and a holiday treat and head down to visit the beautifully decorated trees at Dundarave Beach in the Forest of Miracles.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter at @adbiawv for more details on these events as well as random giveaways and holiday gift ideas throughout the month of December.

ADBIA News

TREE LIGHTING

This fall we had lights installed on the trees along Marine Drive in Ambleside and Dundarave, as well as on Clyde and Bellevue. This creates a much nicer ambience in our business community, gives light during our particularly dark winter months and encourages visitors and shoppers to the area. The positive feedback from our community has been overwhelming so thank you to all that have taken the time to reach out.

One story we would like to share comes from a business on Bellevue Avenue. A resident that lives several blocks up from Bellevue looked out from their apartment window and saw lights on the trees. Thinking there may be an event or an activity going on, they ventured out for a walk to see about the lights. They soon realized it was simply ambience and decor for our business community but on their travels discovered a store they never knew was there. They are now a regular customer of this store and quite happy they discovered it!

We have also heard from some youth that work in the service industry who leave work after dark and feel much safer walking along Marine Drive or waiting for a bus. We had another lady stop to chat while we were doing some Christmas decorating and thanked us for all the lights as she said it brings her so much joy and she makes sure she goes for a walk after dark each day so she can enjoy the lights. And another who had been out of town and was coming home late from the airport on a dark and rainy October night. Upon entering Ambleside, they were taken aback by beauty of the twinkling of the lights, making them even more grateful to be home and to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

This was exactly our goal was when the ADBIA decided to install the lights - create a warm ambience, make our business community feel welcoming, light up our sidewalks on the dark winter nights and to bring some sparkle and joy to our villages.

MURALS

Our two new murals in Ambleside are complete!



Opal

Located in Ambleside Lane between 14th and 15th, Opal was created by Drew Young. It is the largest mural we have done to date and really enhances the laneway.

Ambleside Mermaid

Our Ambleside Mermaid was designed by Tyler Toews. His 3D work is magical and we were so pleased he was able to share another creation in our community. Located on Marine Drive at 15th, she fits in perfectly next to the Village Fish Market. We are looking for a name for the mermaid so [please submit](#) and suggestions or ideas to us!



MEMBER PROFILE



Swiss Sports Haus is located in the heart of Ambleside on 15th between Marine and Clyde. Since 1980, this family owned shop has outfitted skiers from across the country. Take advantage of their kids trade-in program as well as great deals on ski wear, equipment, custom fittings and tunings!



It's the annual Christmas Coffee Sale at **Delany's in Dundarave!**

On December 9th and 10th only, all bags of beans are \$10. These make great stocking stuffers so be sure to pick some up for all of the coffee lovers on your Christmas shopping list.



The Modern Pantry, located 2232 Marine Drive, is hosting a **holiday brunch pop-up** until December 11th. Taking place on Saturdays and Sundays, they will be dishing up a decadent assortment of holiday-inspired food and drink.

Their made-from-scratch offerings include croissant toast topped with lox and lemon dill yogurt; orange amaretto bread pudding with amaretto crème anglaise and pomegranate seeds; the ultimate veggie burger, with a housemade patty, spicy tomato jam, mayo, mustard, pickle and caramelized onion on a potato bun; and peppermint hot chocolate with fresh mint leaves and a crown of freshly whipped cream and chocolate peppermint bark.

Seating is limited - to book, give them a call at 604-281-0014.

Please welcome these businesses to the ADBIA

[Ki Isu Japanese](#) at 1532 Marine Drive
[Formula Fig](#) at 1333 Bellevue Avenue
[Avenue Cannabis](#) at 1453 Bellevue Avenue

And everyone's favourite gift shop has re-located to their new home:
[Red Horses Gallery](#) is now located at 2412 Marine Drive

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Dear Mayor and Council:

On Sept 26th of this year, I sent an email to learn more about your government's commitment to Call to Action #43, which relates to adopting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation. To date I have received no response.

In the interim, I have been made aware of your decision to forgo land acknowledgments at the beginning of council meetings. I am writing to voice our support for the calls by the leadership of the Squamish Nation that you rescind this decision immediately.

Land acknowledgments are an important symbolic step in the work that is reconciliation with the Indigenous people of this land. To forgo the land acknowledgement is an act of disrespect and ignores the jurisdictional rights of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil Waututh Nations, in this case. To use the excuse of saving a few seconds in a council meeting is egregious and shows a lack of commitment to reconciliation.

We call on you to return to the practice of land acknowledgments at council meetings as a sign of your commitment to reconciliation and respect for the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil Waututh people. We encourage you to apologize for your decision and to take action to remedy the harm done. We also look forward to receiving your response to our letter sent in September.

Regards,

Christianne

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Christianne Wilhelmson, M.Sc. (she/her)

Executive Director

219 - 312 Main Street, Vancouver, V6A 2T2

Unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) people

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**Please note: I work Monday to Thursday**

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To whom it might concern.

While I appreciate the efforts to decorate our Ambleside Marine Drive and side streets with Christmas lights, it has all become rather an overkill! What with first the silver lit lamp posts, then changed to gold lit ones and finally to the absolute overkill addition of gold lights on every tree! The lights have become an unwelcome and invasive light pollution into apartment windows facing along Marine Drive. A suggestion would be that some trees could be missed and some light strings removed (or unplugged.) from each tree please!

Now, the recent further Christmas light additions to the lamps posts of a circle, and what appear to be five 'crosses' on the tops of lamp posts throughout Marine Drive in Ambleside using very intense bright white lights, have become a dangerous driving distraction similar to too bright vehicle high beam headlights approaching. There is no avoiding seeing these bright additions on both sides of Marine Drive as it now appears quite narrowed. Add rain and it's even worse! It is rather blindingly uncomfortable and feels unsafe to drive as one's eyes try to adjust to the contrasts in light. The road appears very black and seeing pedestrians difficult. (And yes, my eyes have been very recently tested and I'm deemed safe to drive at night!) In future, I will avoid driving along Ambleside's Marine Drive at night. I'm sure I'm not the only person to be so affected?

Perhaps some consideration could be given to the dimming and thinning out of all these lights in the near future please?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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West Vancouver,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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**Subject:** District staff use of gender pronouns (she,her,hers) on their work emails

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I recently received an email from a District of West Vancouver employee.  
This is not the first time I have encountered this particular practice from a District employee.

The email was signed as follows:

Michelle Yule, she, her, hers  
Head of Collections  
West Vancouver Memorial Library  
1950 Marine Drive | West Vancouver, BC V7V 1J8  
604-925-7420 | myule@westvanlibrary.ca

Gender pronouns are primarily used to let the recipient of the email know that the sender identifies as being either female or male etc. Given this persons first name, it is obvious and probably leaves nobody in doubt, that the writer is female. So my question is "why in God's green earth would I, of for that matter, anyone, be remotely interested in knowing how this employee identifies themselves? To me it is completely irrelevant - all I want is that the employee does their job satisfactorily.

I know that I am not alone when I say that I find this practice **completely inappropriate**. In my opinion, this should be reserved for **personal emails only** and not allowed in the work environment.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 4, 2022 8:24 PM  
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**Subject:** Redundant heat pump rebates

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The December 4, 2022 Council agenda includes consideration of a staff request to utilize \$189,080 from the Environmental Reserve Fund to provide top-up rebates to West Vancouver homeowners who install heat pumps. The purpose of the funding is to reduce District GHG emissions.

Unfortunately, the staff report for this item provides clear evidence that the funding won't result in any change to our GHG emissions. This defies common sense and it is surprising and concerning that the proposal could ever make it onto Council's agenda.

The request proposes an allocation of \$109,080 to provide retro-active (a red flag) top-up rebates to 54 homeowners who completed heat pump installations in the period May 2021 to July 2022, when the District's previous top-up funding was no longer available. Logic dictates that rebates for heat pumps that have already been installed will not result in any any new reductions in GHG emissions.

The request also proposes the remaining \$80,000 be used to incentivize new installations of heat pumps. The staff report states that according the CleanBC, approximately 40 to 50 homeowners in West Vancouver will complete fuel switching upgrades each year. Indeed. This is consistent with the number of homeowners who installed heat pumps when the top-up program was not active (54 over 14 months). In other words, the report affirms that the top-up rebates are redundant. They are not expected to change the rate of new installations.

In reality, homeowners will choose to install heat pumps for a variety of reasons and a top-up to existing, quite generous provincial and federal incentives won't make any difference.

The proposal would merely transfer taxpayer dollars to a small number of homeowners to install heat pumps they have already or will install anyway. There would be no net environmental benefit. This is not a proper use of the Environmental Reserve Fund and it appears to be inconsistent with the relevant bylaw.

If this is the best the District can come up with, it begs the question why we should have an environmental levy in the first place.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

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Committee Members: C. Sully (Chair), M. Beckerman, R. Finley, G. Froome, B. Helliwell, E. McHarg, G. Nicholls, J. Webb, J. Wexler, R. Yaworsky; and Councillor B. Soprovich attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: R. Brown and L. Nahanee.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Liaison); A. Mafi, Communications & Engagement Manager; K. Andrzejczuk, Communications & Engagement Coordinator; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 14, 2022 Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 13, 2022 Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Update**

R. Finley updated the Committee on the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) meeting on August 31, when the ACAC discussed the research into successful arts and culture initiatives, programs, and strategies of other communities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Update be received for information.

CARRIED



## **5. Governance Subcommittee Update**

J. Webb reported that the Governance Subcommittee meeting in July was cancelled.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Governance Subcommittee Update be received for information.

CARRIED

## **6. Capital Funding Subcommittee Update**

R. Yaworsky updated the Committee on the Capital Funding Subcommittee meeting on September 8. The Subcommittee discussed a proposal for a fundraising feasibility study, presented by Douglas Nelson from the Discovery Group. The Feasibility Study will identify whether an arts facility capital fundraising campaign is feasible/desirable in the marketplace and provide a potential range of gifts.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Capital Funding Subcommittee Update be received for information.

CARRIED

## **7. Arts & Culture Facility Vision and Concept**

C. Rosta introduced Shelley Craig and Alan Tse, from Urban Arts Architecture, who presented a detailed report with the key findings from the five public workshops held in June. The Committee asked questions and discussed the key ideas, concepts, language, and prompts summarized in the presentation. The visioning report will be updated with the results from the public survey that ends on September 16. It was recommended that Staff develop a summary report including a project overview, and project status update.

K. Andrzejczuk informed the Committee that the survey ends on September 16 at 4 p.m. A reminder was sent to over 4,000 registered emails. There were kiosks at the Harmony Arts Festival, and they are now available at the West Vancouver Community Centre. Pop-up information events were held in the West Vancouver Memorial Library, West Vancouver Community Centre, and Millennium Park to increase awareness and stimulate participation in the survey.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. Staff produce a project status update and a general project overview and circulate to the Committee for review; and
2. the verbal report regarding Arts & Culture Facility Vision and Concept be received for information.

CARRIED

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

### 8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

B. Chaworth-Musters: Commented that sending information to candidates is a type of lobbying and questioned the Committee's purpose. Commented on the number of participants in the workshop asking how many staff, consultants, and residents of West Vancouver.

J. Chalmers: Commented on the results of the workshops and asked about a breakdown between the results from the arts groups' workshops and the public's workshops; asked about the survey results and commented that it would be interesting to see the survey results separately from the workshops results, and a breakdown between residents of West Vancouver and others. Asked about workshops in September.

## NEXT MEETING

### 9. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for October 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. and be held in-person in the Cedar Room at the West Vancouver Community Centre.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 14, 2022 Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
BOARD OF VARIANCE HEARING MINUTES  
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

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**BOARD MEMBERS:** Chair L. Radage and Members S. Abri, J. Elwick, D. Simmons, and R. Yaworsky attended the hearing via electronic communication facilities.

**STAFF:** P. Cuk, Board Secretary; T. Yee, Building Inspector; and V. Rae, Legislative Services Clerk, attended the hearing via electronic communication facilities.

**1. Call to Order**

The hearing was called to order at 5 p.m.

**2. Introduction**

Staff introduced the Board Members and described the hearing procedure.

**3. Confirmation of the Agenda**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 19, 2022 Board of Variance hearing agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**4. Adoption of the September 14, 2022 Minutes**

Chair Radage referred to the minutes of the Board of Variance hearing held on September 14, 2022.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 14, 2022 Board of Variance hearing minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Time Limit of Board of Variance Orders**

Chair Radage read out the following statement regarding Time Limit of Order Approving a Variance and noted that the time limit applied to each application approved by the Board:

“Pursuant to section 542 of the *Local Government Act*, if a Board of Variance orders that a minor variance be permitted from the requirements of the bylaw,

and the Order sets a time limit within which the construction of the building or structure must be completed, and the construction is not completed within that time, the permission of the Board terminates and the bylaw applies. Orders of this Board of Variance that permit a variance specify that: if construction is not substantially started within 6 months of the issuance of the Building Permit, the permission terminates and the Zoning Bylaw applies; AND FURTHER THAT in the event the Owner is delayed or interrupted or prevented from obtaining a Permit by reason of any Act of God, labour unrest (including strike and lockouts), weather conditions or any similar cause reasonably beyond the control of the owner, the time for obtaining a Permit shall be extended for a period equal to the duration of the contingency that occasioned the delay, interruption or prevention, provided that commercial or financial consideration of the Owner shall not be viewed as a cause beyond the control of the Owner.”

**6. Application 22-021 (6411 Pitt Street)**

Staff confirmed the following requested variances regarding a proposed addition to dwelling:

- a) 0.87 m to Combined Side Yard Setback
- b) 0.28 m to Minimum Side Yard Setback
- c) 2.98 m to Minimum Front Yard Setback.

Staff informed that no written submissions were received for this application prior to the Board of Variance hearing.

Written submissions received:

| SUBMISSION AUTHOR | SUBMISSION DATED | # |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| None.             |                  |   |

Staff provided permit history of the subject property.

A. Camaclang (Architectural Designer, Kenorah Design + Build, representing the owner of 6411 Pitt Street) described the variance application for a proposed addition to dwelling.

Chair Radage queried whether anyone else had signed up to address the Board regarding the subject application. Staff informed that no one else had signed up to address the Board regarding the subject application.

Members of the Board considered:

- All of the submissions;
- Whether the application was for a minor variance that did not
  - result in inappropriate development of the site
  - adversely affect the natural environment

- substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land
- vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw; or
- defeat the intent of the bylaw; and
- Whether compliance with the bylaw would cause the applicant undue hardship.

Having read the application dated September 20, 2022, including the applicant’s letter, plans and all other related documents, and having read the statutory Notice of Hearing for the subject application, and having inspected and/or viewed images of the subject site, and having heard the submission of A. Camaclang:

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Board finds that undue hardship would be caused to the Applicant by compliance with the Zoning Bylaw and orders that Application 22-021 regarding a proposed addition to dwelling at 6411 Pitt Street with variances of:

- 0.87 m to Combined Side Yard Setback
- 0.28 m to Minimum Side Yard Setback
- 2.98 m to Minimum Front Yard Setback

BE ALLOWED pursuant to the plans dated August 25, 2022 submitted with the application; AND THE BOARD FURTHER ORDERS THAT if construction is not substantially started within six months of the issuance of the Building Permit, the permission terminates and the Zoning Bylaw applies; AND FURTHER THAT in the event the Owner is delayed or interrupted or prevented from obtaining a Permit by reason of any Act of God, labour unrest (including strike and lockouts), weather conditions or any similar cause reasonably beyond the control of the owner, the time for obtaining a Permit shall be extended for a period equal to the duration of the contingency that occasioned the delay, interruption or prevention, provided that commercial or financial consideration of the Owner shall not be viewed as a cause beyond the control of the Owner.

CARRIED

**7. Application 22-022 (3380 Mathers Avenue)**

Staff confirmed the following requested variance regarding alterations to a single family dwelling:

- a) 1.5 m to Front Yard Setback to Roof Overhang.

Staff informed of written submissions received for this application prior to the Board of Variance hearing.

Written submissions received:

| SUBMISSION AUTHOR | SUBMISSION DATED | # |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Redacted          | 2022 10 19       | 1 |

Staff provided permit history of the subject property and responded to a Board member's question.

A. Henche (Founding Principal, AH Design, representing the owner of 3380 Mathers Avenue) described the variance application for proposed alterations to a single family dwelling. Staff and A. Henche responded to Board members' questions.

Chair Radage queried whether anyone else had signed up to address the Board regarding the subject application. Staff informed that no one else had signed up to address the Board regarding the subject application.

Staff and A. Henche responded to Board members' questions.

Members of the Board considered:

- All of the submissions;
- Whether the application was for a minor variance that did not
  - result in inappropriate development of the site
  - adversely affect the natural environment
  - substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land
  - vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw; or
  - defeat the intent of the bylaw; and
- Whether compliance with the bylaw would cause the applicant undue hardship.

Having read the application dated September 20, 2022, including the applicant's letter, plans and all other related documents, and having read the statutory Notice of Hearing for the subject application, and having inspected and/or viewed images of the subject site, and having heard the submission of A. Henche:

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Board finds that undue hardship would be caused to the Applicant by compliance with the Zoning Bylaw and orders that Application 22-022 regarding proposed alterations to a single family dwelling at 3380 Mathers Avenue with a variance of:

- 1.5 m to Front Yard Setback to Roof Overhang
- BE ALLOWED pursuant to the plans dated May 5 and August 29, 2022 submitted with the application; AND THE BOARD FURTHER ORDERS THAT if construction is not substantially started within six months of the issuance of the Building Permit, the permission terminates and the Zoning Bylaw applies; AND FURTHER THAT in the event the Owner is delayed or interrupted or prevented from obtaining a Permit by reason of any Act of God, labour unrest (including strike and lockouts), weather conditions or any similar cause reasonably beyond the control of the owner, the time for obtaining a Permit shall be extended for a period equal to the duration of the contingency that occasioned the delay,

interruption or prevention, provided that commercial or financial consideration of the Owner shall not be viewed as a cause beyond the control of the Owner.

CARRIED

Member Abri voted in the negative

**8. Receipt of Written and Oral Submissions**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT all written and oral submissions regarding the following Board of Variance Applications:

- Application 22-021 (6411 Pitt Street);
- Application 22-022 (3380 Mathers Avenue);

up to and including October 19, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

**9. Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

**10. Next Hearing**

Staff confirmed that the next hearing of the Board of Variance is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 5 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 19, 2022 Board of Variance hearing be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Board of Variance hearing adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

L. Radage, Chair

s. 22(1)

P. Cuk, Secretary

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CEDAR ROOM, WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

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Committee Members: M. Hess (Chair), V. Holysh, K. Louie, J. Mascall, L. Rogers, J. Verner; and Councillor Watt attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre. Absent: J. Tammuz.

Staff: A. Beckett, Community Services & Community Development Manager (Staff Liaison); D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chair introduced Councillor Watt to the committee members.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 18, 2022 Community Grants Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Moving Items 6, 7, and 8 to be considered immediately following Item 4;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 7, 2022 Community Grants Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Council Appointment**

Councillor Watt answered questions and discussion was held regarding the Councillor Liaison role in the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Council Appointment be received for information.

CARRIED



## 5. Foundant Application Form Review

Considered immediately following Item 8.

## 6. 2022 Work Plan Review

M. Hess reminded the Committee of the priorities defined in the 2022 Work Plan:

- Communication and education for applicants on the Foundant platform and the community grants process;
- Increase the diversity in the Committee to better reflect both grant streams; and
- Review of the Framework.

The Committee discussed the challenges in learning and using the new software and the effort required to complete four rounds of adjudication this year. It was noted that the policy framework review could not be addressed this year and should be included in the priorities for 2023.

A. Beckett noted that four new committee applicants are being recommended for Council's consideration. The Committee thanked Staff for their help and support with the new software and committee members were recognized for their work and dedication especially considering the heavy workload of the adjudication process this year.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding 2022 Work Plan Review be received for information.

CARRIED

## 7. 2023 Work Plan Planning

M. Hess proposed a few items for discussion as objectives and priorities for 2023. The Committee agreed that the priorities for 2023 should include:

- Review of the 2017 Policy Framework;
- Discussion of committee members' questions and comments regarding the adjudication process;
- Training for new committee members, including case studies; and
- Revisiting the possible amalgamation of the Awards and the Community Grants Committees.

The Committee discussed new members for the Arts, Culture & Heritage stream and the need and desire to hold hybrid meetings.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding 2023 Work Plan Planning be received for information.

CARRIED

## 8. Annual Council Presentation

A. Beckett provided information regarding a future Council meeting in which Committees of Council present the highlights of the previous year and the priorities for the upcoming year, and where Council may ask questions of the Committee. After some discussion it was agreed that V. Holysh will make the presentation (with support from Staff). Staff will circulate the draft presentation to committee members for their review before the presentation. Discussion was held regarding the highlights for 2022 and there was consensus on three items:

- Committee's accomplishment in adjudicating two rounds of the grants applications;
- The use of the new Foundant platform for the first time in the application and adjudication process; and
- Recruitment challenges due to COVID restrictions and the heavy workload.

The priorities for 2023 should be as discussed in Item 7.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. V. Holysh be the individual from the Committee to be part of the presentation to Council in January 2023; and
2. the verbal discussion regarding Annual Council Presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

## **5. Foundant Application Form Review**

M. Hess reminded the Committee about the questions, comments, and feedback from committee members regarding the application forms and the use of the Foundant software. She reminded the Committee that the goal is to adjust the forms to clarify the questions and add the right prompts.

Discussion was held regarding the Arts, Culture, & Heritage application process and regarding different questions depending on amounts requested. It was suggested that a meeting be held to go through the application forms in detail and make the changes and updates as they go. The Committee agreed that V. Holysh, L. Rogers, and J. Verner should meet with staff to execute the necessary changes in the Foundant portal before December 1, 2022.

Due to privacy issues when adjudicating applications, the Committee discussed the option of asking for Council's approval to change the Community Grants Committee from a Committee of Council into a working group committee members defended the transparency of the process. Further discussion of this topic was deferred to a future meeting when the grants program framework will be reviewed.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Foundant Application Form Review be received for information.

CARRIED

## 9. Staff Updates

A. Beckett spoke regarding the proposed Community Grants Program budget for 2023 noting that there will be an increase of 4.9%. The annual increase is based on the Consumer Price Index of June 2022. The proposed budgets for 2023 are:

- Community & Social Services: \$219,358;
- Arts, Culture & Heritage: \$52,228; and
- Global Youth Initiatives: \$3,441.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal discussion regarding Staff Updates be received for information.

CARRIED

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

### 10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

## NEXT MEETING

### 11. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Community Grants Committee meeting be scheduled for December 2, 2022 at 9 a.m. and be held in-person in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 18, 2022 Community Grants Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

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**Patrick Weiler**  
Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-  
Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

# NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It was a busy November as the government tabled our [Fall Economic Statement](#) and passed legislation to enact key affordability measures, such as the [Canada Dental Benefit](#) that provides qualifying children under 12 access to free dental care, and support for low income renters. Read more below for more details on how the Fall Economic Statement can deliver for you and make life more affordable as we all work through uncertain global economic times.

I also had the opportunity this month to make important local funding announcements. This includes a federal investment of over [\\$10 million in funding for wildfire prevention in Whistler](#) and protection for local Indigenous communities, [funding to construct 40 affordable rental homes in Gibsons](#) at 571 Shaw Road, and \$100,000 to install [two EV fast chargers in the Village of Pemberton](#).

This month, I also was excited to host cabinet ministers, fellow MPs and Indigenous leadership in announcing \$1.2 billion as part of the [next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan](#) in Vancouver. This funding is to support 29 initiatives that will strengthen Canada's marine safety and prevention response in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.



Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, Khelsilem, Council Chairperson for the Squamish Nation, Mike Little, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver and I announced the release of Canada's first-ever [National Adaptation Strategy](#). This strategy is a whole of society approach to adapt to climate change, including \$1.6 billion in new federal funding commitments to help protect communities from coast to coast to coast.

Just this week, Canada launched its [new Indo-Pacific Strategy](#), which lays out a comprehensive framework to engage the region for the next decade, focusing on new trade opportunities, expanding visa services, collaborating on environmental priorities, deepening diplomatic engagement and supporting peace and security.

Bill C-5 became law, eliminating mandatory minimum penalties for drug offences and some minor firearm offences, while eliminating the criminal records of those convicted of simple possession alone. These changes allow for judges to levy punishments that fit the crime, address the overincarceration of Indigenous and racialized Canadians in our justice system, reduce re-offending and allow for rehabilitation.

November 11 marked Remembrance Day as we came together to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who served, and continue to serve, our country. I was honoured to be part of ceremonies at the West Vancouver Memorial Cenotaph this year, where we heard moving tributes to our fallen heroes and all those who have served. Let us always honour their memories. Lest we forget.



When back in the riding, I was out and about in our communities, attending the Future of Howe Sound Forum, visiting West Vancouver Secondary School students, and showing solidarity at protests in support of the brave protestors in Iran fighting for their basic rights.

Keep up to date on my work as your MP by following my social media channels below.



## Parliamentary Updates

### Fall Economic Statement

On November 7, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland tabled the [Fall Economic Statement](#) (FES). The FES is a mid-year update on the state of federal finances which signals the direction of where the following year's budget will be heading. This FES signals actions to address the housing shortage, tackle the rising cost of living and

global inflation, while setting the stage for Canada to be a leader in the clean economy of the future. **You can watch my speech [here](#).**

Through measures like doubling the GST tax credit, eliminating interest on student debt, and reducing credit card transaction fees, the FES will help tackle the rising cost of living. It will also help address housing costs through measures like the creation of the new \$40k Tax-Free First Home Savings Account, doubling the First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit, and cracking down on house flipping by making it so that profits from real estate held for less than 12 months are fully taxed.

We're doubling the GST tax credit to put **hundreds of dollars in the pockets of those who need it the most**



We're providing up to **\$1,300 over the next two years for dental care** for children under 12



We're **delivering \$500 in additional support** to qualifying low-income renters



These measures are meant to help address some of the immediate challenges that people are facing due to global inflation, but the FES will also begin to set the stage for making Canada more resilient to the kind of global supply-chain shocks that cause inflation. By reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and their fluctuating global market prices, and transitioning to a clean economy, we can make our country and our economy more resilient and more environmentally friendly at the same time.

We'll do this through the creation of the \$15 billion Canada Growth Fund, which will help to attract billions of dollars in new private capital to create good-paying jobs and support Canada's economic transformation towards a lower carbon future. This will also be supplemented with a refundable tax credit equal to 30% of the capital cost of investments in renewable energy, storage, heat pumps, zero emission vehicles, refueling equipment and more to help electrify our economy, and reduce our emissions. These measures, along with many others will play an important role in restructuring our economy to take advantage of the opportunities created by the new global clean economy and make Canada a leader in helping the world hit net-zero by 2050.

## **SUPPORTING RENTERS WHO NEED IT MOST**

We're delivering a targeted **\$500 payment** starting December 12, on top of other support.



## **SMILE!**

The Canada Dental Benefit is coming **December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

We are helping **kids under 12** get the dental care they need.



### **Delivering the Canada Dental Benefit and Housing Benefit**

The Canada Dental Benefit is now law, which will allow uninsured Canadians with children under 12 and a family income of less than \$90,000 to access interest free payments of up to \$650 per year for dental care. This will ensure that children get the care they need as soon as possible while we develop and build a National Dental Care Program.

The first benefit period is for dental care received between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Applications for this period open on December 1, 2022. [For more information, please visit this webpage.](#)

The Rental Housing Benefit Act, a top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit, provides a one-time \$500 payment to eligible individuals with incomes under \$20,000 and families with family net incomes under \$35,000. This tax-free payment is expected to help 1.8 million low-income renters who are struggling with the cost of housing.

Applications open on December 12, 2022. [See here for more info.](#)

## **Environment Committee**

On the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee, we've done our due diligence and now approved two pieces of legislation: **Bill C-248, to create the Ojibway National Urban Park**, and **Bill C-226, the National Strategy Respecting Environmental Racism and Environmental Justice Act**.

We are also currently studying **Bill S-5, the new Canadian Environmental Protection Act**. This new legislation is the first time that Canada's cornerstone environmental law has been updated since 1999 and it proposes to revolutionize our environmental protection regime by consideration of matters such as cumulative effects, restricting testing on animals and enshrining Canadians' right to a healthy environment in law. We've started calling witnesses to testify on the details of the bill and to provide their expertise on how the bill can be improved and strengthened. This is one of the most important and technical pieces of legislation I've had the opportunity to work on, and I am looking forward to the coming process to strengthen and improve the legislation as we go through each line of it.





### **Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee**

The Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs recently completed our study and passage of **Bill C-29, the National Council for Reconciliation Act**, which establishes the National Council for Reconciliation in order to fulfill the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action 53-56. My amendments to the bill will ensure a more timely and robust data and information sharing protocol is in place, as well as prioritize representation on the council that reflects the full diversity of arrangements that govern the relationships between Indigenous communities and the Government of Canada, such as Self Governing Indigenous Governments. These amendments were passed unanimously and will now be part of the bill. The bill is currently at third reading in the House of Commons.

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## **The Next Phase of the Oceans Protection Plan**



On November 18th, I joined my colleagues Minister Joyce Murray, Minister Omar Alghabra, Minister Wilkinson, MP Noormohamed and MP Bains, as well as leadership from the Squamish, Heiltsuk and Tlowitsis First Nations to announce \$1.2 billion as part of the next phase of the [Oceans Protection Plan](#).

This investment includes \$890.3 million for 19 initiatives to strengthen Canada's marine safety and prevention response. An investment of \$337.3 million will be provided for 10 initiatives to support measures that build partnerships between the Government of Canada and Indigenous and coastal communities to better protect our waters.

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# Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy



Expanding trade  
and creating  
good jobs



Building ties  
between our  
peoples



Growing the  
clean economy

## Announcing Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy

On November 27th, we released the Indo-Pacific Strategy – a comprehensive roadmap to deepen Canada's engagement in the Indo-Pacific over the next decade. This region comprises 40 countries and economies and is home to 4 billion people, accounting for 50% of the world GDP by 2040. The decisions made in the region are going to impact Canadians' lives for generations, so we need to be a key part of the process.

With investments of almost \$2.3 billion in the next five years, this Strategy is ambitious. It is built around five key objectives; (1) Promoting peace, resilience and security (2) Expanding trade, investment and supply chain resilience (3) Investing in and connecting people (4) Building a sustainable and green future (5) Canada as an active and engaged partner to the Indo-Pacific

This Strategy ensures that Canada plays an active role in shaping the future of our economy, trading relationships, immigrations policies, environment and security, and it positions us to be able to take advantage of the growing opportunities that the Indo-Pacific presents.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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## Announcing Canada's National Adaptation Strategy

On November 24, I was pleased to join Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson, Khelsilem, Council Chairperson for the Squamish Nation, and District of North Vancouver Mayor Mike Little to highlight the release of Canada's first-ever [National Adaptation Strategy: Building Resilient Communities and a Strong Economy](#).

The Strategy was developed through an extensive two-year consultation process, and it represents a whole of society approach to ensuring that Canada is prepared for a rapidly changing climate, including through metrics and timelines to ensure we remain on track. The announcement includes \$1.6 billion in new federal funding commitments to help protect communities from coast to coast to coast. Funding will enhance flood and fire mapping, improve scientific understanding, develop fire and flood preparedness programs, ensure the public has access to the information they need to stay safe during extreme weather events, and enable engagement and work with Indigenous communities on the development of region-specific health initiatives linked to changing climate conditions.

Over \$1 billion of this funding will help municipalities and townships build resilient public infrastructure, and implement projects to adapt to climate change. The additional funding builds on existing federal commitments to adaptation, disaster resilience, and disaster response that total more than \$8 billion to date.

To underscore the importance of the Strategy for Canadians in Western and Northern Canada, Minister Wilkinson highlighted new funding that is being provided to three federal programs that form part of the Action Plan and will be delivered by Natural Resources Canada for Canadians across the country:

1. Boosting the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program to advance nationwide flood mapping coverage; and share all accessible flood hazard information to help keep Canadians and communities safe.
2. Launching a Wildfire Resilient Futures Initiative to enhance the FireSmart Canada program, increase Canadians' resilience to wildfire while building wildland fire knowledge, and create a Centre of Excellence for Wildland Fire Innovation and

Resilience to help transform wildland fire management in Canada and internationally through innovation, knowledge exchange and supporting Indigenous fire stewardship.

3. Launching a Climate Resilient Coastal and Northern Communities program to support systems-based approaches to adaptation actions in coastal and northern regions. Pilot projects will work with coastal partners, Indigenous rights-holders and stakeholders.

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## Canada Summer Jobs 2023 - Call for Applications!

If you are looking to hire youth next summer, we can help! Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) provides wage subsidies to employers for not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

The CSJ 2023 employer application period is now open until January 12, 2023 at 11:59am PST. [You can apply here.](#)

If you are interested in learning more about the CSJ program, there are information sessions happening throughout December, and one in January. [Book your session here.](#)

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## Community Updates from West Vancouver & Bowen Island



My Constituency Youth Council (CYC) has invited me to do presentations with them at their schools to engage with their classmates and peers about politics. This month, Bardia invited me to talk with his class at West Vancouver Secondary School. I did a short presentation on how the government works and my role as an MP, and then we had a great discussion about the issues of the day and the priorities that matter to young people. Thank you to everyone who took part, asked questions and talked with me; I always learn a lot from young people!



Getting your COVID-19 booster is an important part of keeping you, your loved ones and your community safe. I stopped by Pure Integrative Pharmacy in West Vancouver to get mine - thank you to Barbara for making the experience smooth. I encourage you to get yours!

## Community Updates from the Sunshine Coast

### **Affordable Housing in Gibsons: 571 Shaw Road Breaks Ground**

On November 8th, the affordable housing project on 571 Shaw Road broke ground after years in the making. The Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society held a ceremony to share this exciting news. The four-story building will accommodate 40 units in total, 9 of which will be completely accessible, and the remaining 31 adaptable to individual needs. It will be mixed-income housing and will fit the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) definition of affordability (30% of the family's income).

The federal government provided \$2.6 million from the National Housing Co-Investment Fund in a project done in partnership with the Province of BC, the Town of Gibsons and the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society (SCAHS).



I unfortunately wasn't able to make the announcement due to a problem Coasters understand all too well - a BC Ferries mechanical breakdown! So thank you to my Sunshine Coast Liaison Donna Bell for announcing the funding on my behalf.

I wish to thank past SCAHS president Mike Alsop and his team for the dedication and commitment they gave to make this project happen. This project will ensure that families can raise their kids in a community they know and love. It will allow seniors to age gracefully in their home communities near family and it will improve the quality for everyone who lives here and foster a more vibrant and inclusive community.

### **Inaugural Cover the Coast Housing Information Fair**

Congratulations to the [Cover the Coast](#) team for a successful first housing fair. This is one of the initiatives that Cover the Coast has organized to work towards solutions to help address the critical shortage of affordable rentals on the Sunshine Coast. Cover the Coast is a housing initiative offshoot of SCAHS. It plays a significant role in the community in providing resources to raise awareness, pushing for affordable rentals and housing and working to create more education to make renting a successful experience.

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## **Community Updates from the Sea to Sky**

It was wonderful to be able to share two announcements for both Pemberton and Whistler earlier this month.



## Expanding EV Charging in Pemberton

On November 7th, I announced a \$100,000 investment from Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program to install two EV chargers to the downtown area for summer 2023. As electric vehicles made up over 20% of new vehicles sold in Q3, investments like these will be critical to ensure that the infrastructure is there to support it.

## Disaster Mitigation Announcement

On November 10th, I announced \$10.1 million in funding from the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for the Resort Municipality of Whistler to mitigate wildfire risk through fuel management treatments to 12 high-risk forested areas. This infrastructure will ensure residential areas are protected and allow for better understanding of the risk of wildfires to the area. With climate change increasing the likelihood of severe weather events, it is important that we invest in quality disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure.



I also attended the quarterly community event for the Howe Sound Biosphere and the future of the Átl'ka7sem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Forum where we discussed in roundtables our vision and the future of and long-term sustainability of the region. It's always incredible to have so many climate leaders, activists and orders of government in one room working together from across Howe Sound and our riding.

I'd also like to congratulate Squamish Terminals on their 50 years in business this month.

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## Remembrance Day 2022



On November 11th, I joined veterans, those currently serving, and community members in West Vancouver at a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Memorial Cenotaph. Remembrance Day is an opportunity to pause and reflect on those who have sacrificed so much for our country, and to pay tribute to those who served and continue to serve.



It is always an honour to meet and hear from veterans and those currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, as they defend our rights and freedoms here at home and around the world.

*Lest We Forget.*

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the 2023 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) employer application period.

Sincerely,  
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December 1, 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

I am pleased to inform you that the **2023 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) employer application period has now officially launched.**

This week, the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, Marci Ien, announced the launch of the employer application period for the CSJ 2023 program. Not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers, and private sector employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees can **apply for funding now until January 12, 2023, to hire young Canadians next summer. Full-time job placements will become available starting in April 2023.**

Each year, national priorities are established to prioritize job opportunities for youth facing barriers to getting a first job as well as jobs in small business and the not-for-profit sector. This year, the priorities are:

- youth with disabilities;
- Black and other racialized youth;
- Indigenous youth;
- small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that self-report as having leadership from groups that are under-represented in the labour market;
- small business and not-for-profit organizations in environmental sectors.

Here in our riding, CSJ also supports our local priorities, which are focused on projects that support:

1. Projects supporting small businesses
2. Projects supporting not for profit organizations
3. Projects supporting the skilled trades
4. Agricultural, forestry, fishing and hunting
5. Health care and social assistance

**Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2023 funding can submit their applications electronically via either the [online fillable application](#) or the [Grants and Contributions Online Service](#).** The online fillable application is the fastest way for employers to submit an application online, while the Grants and Contributions Online Service requires the user to create an account before submitting an application for CSJ.

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CSJ is part of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS), which helps youth, particularly those facing barriers, to gain the skills and experience they need to successfully transition to the labour market. Through the YESS, which is delivered by 12 federal government departments and agencies, youth can access skills training, internships and work experiences in important emerging sectors such as the digital economy, green jobs, environmental science and technology, and natural resources.

**For more information about the CSJ program, including the eligibility criteria and the Applicant Guide, go to [Canada.ca/canadasummerjobs](https://Canada.ca/canadasummerjobs), visit a Service Canada office or call 1-800-935-5555. If you have questions, there are also information sessions throughout December and one in January. [More information can be found here.](#)**

For any questions about the CSJ program in our riding, please do not hesitate to reach out to our CSJ contact, Pouyan Kimiayjan, who can be reached at [pouyan.kimiayjan.842@parl.gc.ca](mailto:pouyan.kimiayjan.842@parl.gc.ca).

Our office is happy to support your application in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Weiler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Weiler, MP  
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