

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO JUNE 29, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) 3 submissions, June 22 and 23, 2022, regarding Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021**
- (2) 2 submissions, June 23 and 25, 2022, regarding 2195 Gordon Avenue (Received at the June 27, 2022 Council meeting)**
- (3) 2 submissions, June 23 and 25, 2022, regarding Pickleball at Hugo Ray Park**
- (4) 2 submissions, June 26 and 27, 2022, regarding “Parc Verdun”**
- (5) June 27, 2022, regarding “Question Welch Street Bridge”**
- (6) June 27, 2022, regarding “Ambleside Basketball Court Follow Up”**
- (7) West Van Matters, June 29, 2022, regarding West Van Matters Newsletter**
- (8) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Finance and Audit Committee meetings March 14 and May 9, 2022**

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

No items.

### **Responses to Correspondence**

- (9) Assistant Chief of Fire Protection, June 23, 2022, response regarding Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021**
- (10) Parks Stewardship Manager, June 23, 2022, response regarding Dog Bylaws**
- (11) Assistant Chief of Fire Protection, June 23, 2022, response regarding Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021**
- (12) Assistant Chief of Fire Protection, June 23, 2022, response regarding Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021**
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- (14) Assistant Chief of Fire Protection, June 23, 2022, response regarding Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021**
- (15) Parks Stewardship Manager, June 24, 2022, response regarding “Proposed Pickle ball Courts at Hugo Ray Park”**
- (16) Parks Stewardship Manager, June 24, 2022, response regarding Pickleball at Hugo Ray Park**
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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:48 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** New Garage Regulations  
**Attachments:** Garage Regulations B.docx

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Attached, please find my comments and opinion on the new storage/garage regulations involving me and my co-tenant's livelihood.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, B.C.,

s. 22(1)

To: Mayor and Council – District of West Vancouver

Dear Madam and members of the Council, I am writing this letter as I have been informed about the newly adopted resolution to forbid all non-automobile and or people moving devices stored in our oversized enclosed garages. Moving from house to an apartment is always challenging and we would have never purchased this new place, if there would not been the selling feature of having extra area for storage of valuable and at different time of the year necessary components to utilize. We have stored our pressure washer as we have 2100sq.feet of terrasses, winter storage of external furniture, etc. To issue such directive on building build under the previous building codes is very unfair. In my view, this could and maybe should be applied on new construction (we will not purchase our self and stay in our house). I know, the same is most likely going to hit private homes as well, I am not going to be around, being s.22(1) old, how lucky for me.

We have spent extra money to have all steel shelving, professionally installed, wall mounted attachments to hold garden tools and related equipment, almost as in a house we had.

Instead of retirement that I have visualized, to start search for of site storage, somewhere in Surrey, as nothing like that exist in West Vancouver for the thousands that will be hit with this unfair and illogical decision by you and the council.

Very disappointed tenants of West Vancouver,

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 6:44 PM  
**To:** correspondence; Mary-Ann Booth; Marcus Wong; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Peter Lambur  
**Subject:** 220620 Mayor & Council Re Fire bylaw re Garage usa

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Dear Mayor Booth and Council Members,

I am writing this email to seek your assistance in correcting the retroactive application of Fire & Rescue bylaw passed 31 December 2021 as it adversely affects the use of private garages in strata properties. I believe you have already received the email from a few members of our property. I am with [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and really hope that you and your team can help us out to solve this issue. Thanks a lot.

Regards,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)



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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:36 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Mary-Ann Booth; Marcus Wong; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Craig Cameron  
**Subject:** Mayor and Council Re Fire bylaw Re Private Garage Usage

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Dear Mayor Booth and Council Members,

I write to seek your assistance in reconsidering the retroactive application of the new Fire & Rescue bylaw 5163 passed in the end of 2021. This bylaw in which prohibits storing personal items other than vehicles, bikes/motorbikes or boats in our private garage.

Our family has been studying and living in West Vancouver for more than 15 years, we purchased an apartment called [REDACTED] s.22(1) from the renowned developer [REDACTED] s. 22(1). One of the absolute favorable features of the apartment included a private owned garage. We had consulted both the developer and our realtors and lawyers to ensure we could store our personal items in our secured private garage. Upon we moved in, we also consulted our building council as well as our property management company, [REDACTED] s.22(1), the largest property management company in North America, to get the permission to install expensive storage shelving systems in our garage. All the sudden, we were informed by our council that we could no longer store our personal items in our own garage, and everything including our installed shelving systems has to be removed from our garage. This bylaw will cause a huge adverse affects on our daily life, and it will inevitably lead to a devaluation of our property, for which we paid almost [REDACTED] s.22(1) property tax annually. When this bylaw takes effect, we will have to remove all of our personal items from our private garage, and we have to find an appropriate commercial storage place since [REDACTED] s.22(1) did not incorporate any other storage option into our apartment when they built it. Base on the up to date information, the limited public storages on the North Shore are all running on really tight capacity. I couldn't even imagine what will happen if suddenly hundreds of the strata owners rushed out desperately to find spare storage spaces.

I've also complained to [REDACTED] s.22(1) regarding the new bylaw. They assured that they followed all the bylaws and regulations when they designed and built the apartment building, and every feature they've advertised complied with the local bylaws and regulations. Our building [REDACTED] s. 22(1) was a concrete building and each private garage was built with concrete floor, ceiling, three concrete walls, and each garage as well as other common areas have sprinklers. This means that our private garages are infinitely safer than any single family home in West Vancouver.

I've asked some friends living in apartment buildings all over the Metro Vancouver Area. None of them have encountered similar bylaw ever. I therefore would like to ask West Vancouver council please to reconsider the application of the Fire & Rescue bylaw 5163, or amend the bylaw to exempt existing apartment buildings. I firmly believe that West Vancouver council has the ability to come up a better solution.

Best Regards,

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West Vancouver s. 22(1)

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** 2195 Gordon Ave

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Dear Mayor & Council

I support this project because it creates more housing in an area that is woefully under serviced in West Van.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Van

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Bill Soprovich; Craig Cameron; Marcus Wong; Mary-Ann Booth; correspondence; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson  
**Subject:** 2195 Gordon Ave Development Permit

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Dear Mayor & Council,

I support the Development Permit – i.e. ‘form and character’ -- of this project due to the significant benefits to environmental conservation. This is a priority in our community as set out in Council objectives, OCP goals, site zoning, required BC Energy Step Code, and site DPA Guidelines – all approved by Council.

The current climate emergency demands the reduction of GHG emissions now:

- The building design supports lower energy emissions with multiple units under one roof; the more shared walls, the lower the energy emissions and higher the energy efficiency.
- 70% of West Vancouver’s workforce commute into the municipality adding traffic congestion and air pollution because they cannot afford to live where they work. Energy Emissions are lowered with employees' reduced travel time to work.
- Location has high potential for increased ‘active travel’ such as walking, biking and transit.
- Location is well served by schools, shops, park areas, and recreational facilities.

I support Council approval of the Development Permit without further staff reports.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1), WV

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:08 PM  
To: Bill Soprovich <bsoprovich@westvancouver.ca>; Craig Cameron <ccameron@westvancouver.ca>; Marcus Wong <mwong@westvancouver.ca>; Nora Gambioli <ngambioli@westvancouver.ca>; Peter Lambur <plambur@westvancouver.ca>; Sharon Thompson <sthompson@westvancouver.ca>; Mary-Ann Booth <mbooth@westvancouver.ca>  
Subject: Hugo Ray Park Pickleball

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Good afternoon Mayor and Councils Members:

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am writing to you today on behalf of myself and my wife, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and as such are heavily weighted stakeholders in the proposed creation of new pickleball (PB) courts at HRP.

Unfortunately, [REDACTED] s. 22(1) do not allow for us to attend the in-person meeting at HRP this weekend, so we would like to use this opportunity to express the basis of our concerns.

I will note that we are in no way against sport or opposed to it, much the opposite as I play in a West Vancouver (WV) [REDACTED] s. 22(1) league and have for several years (and will for several more, God willing). We very much support sport and all the positives it offers but we are afraid that the plans, as currently proposed, for HRP have costs that far outweigh the benefits in both a monetary sense but more importantly from an environmental and safety point of view which I will elaborate on further below.

In addition to this, the proposal feels rushed and leave us with heightened feelings of stress and anxiety as these proposals were just announced and we were presented with very limited options, both of which are at HRP, and the process from residents of the neighbourhood's point of view feels unfair in the way and via the options

presented. In a sense it feels like we are in a lunch line and the options presented are either 'steak' or 'chicken'....

As residents of the neighbourhood, we feel rushed into this decision with a narrow set of options to decide between; both of which would create significant negative impacts to everyone in the area.

My wife and I joined the city council meeting a few weeks ago where the plans were briefly discussed and laid out by the proponents of the PB courts. However, it seems as though no extensive or complete surveys for sound, traffic, etc have been done. One of the 2 options laid out for us involves the removal of a significant number of large trees (estimated by some at upwards of 20+) which provide a sound barrier from the highway traffic noise for the community, the churches, the cemetery and the residents of the area. So not only will we be facing the added noise of PB, which national studies in Canada show exceeds the WV noise bylaws, but we will also be left with a significant increase in highway noise from the removal of trees which provide a very necessary sound barrier for everyone in the neighbourhood. Ultimately, this will be a double negative on the noise side for all stakeholders in the nearby area, be it worshippers, cyclists, dog walkers, mourners and/or residents.

We are also concerned about traffic on Mathers. I drive to and from work daily and am constantly coming up behind bikers, dog walkers and runners (sometimes all 3 at the same time) who use and share this street (which is the only way to HRP and the proposed PB courts). There are no sidewalks or curbs of any kind which creates an already dangerous situation. I believe it was estimated that the addition of 4 PB courts would potentially increase traffic to 1 car every 4 minutes during "peak hours". I am curious to read more about this traffic study if possible as even today with no PB traffic there seems to be more than 1 car per 4 minutes at most times of day as traffic comes to and from the cemetery, church, daycares or homes in the area. I would also note that 'peak hours' for PB will also be "peak hours" for dog walks, runs, bike rides and neighbourhood kids' street hockey games which all happen on the same (and only) street that would be used to get to and from the proposed PB courts. I fear this is an accident waiting to happen and hope that more time and deliberation will be spent doing traffic studies prior to any decision being made.

We are also concerned about the environmental impacts of the creation of the proposed PB courts. How many trees will need to be removed and what impact will this have on noise? Were the noise studies that were presented at the council meeting done with this in mind? Or were they done based on the current state of the park which will certainly need to be altered in a material way to add the proposed courts? How will the removal of trees impact animals, birds and wildlife in the area?

We have other, lesser concerns, however in the respect of your time we wanted to highlight the most critical ones today.

We certainly support sport and see all the benefits of it in lives and communities. However, we live in this beautiful neighbourhood and we are very concerned that if the proposal does indeed go ahead, as planned, without these proper studies being completed and other possibly more viable options being explored (for example Ambleside and/or Eagle Ridge) the net impact will be a very negative one basis our understanding of the proposal today.

We are aware that previous PB courts in other residential neighbourhoods of WV have been permanently closed due to ongoing noise complaints by stakeholders in those neighbourhoods. Albert Einstein said, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results".

With all due respect, we plead to council to not rush this major decision and to provide ample time to follow the process through for all stakeholders involved; from due diligence, to planning, to community engagement, especially for those most impacted. We realize PB is a rapidly growing sport, and it is not difficult to get several hundred residents from around GVA to support the creation of new courts but as WV taxpayers and residents s.22(1) the proposed courts we want to ensure that our voices are heard and considered in a fair and equitable way before any decision is made. I am sure all of you would agree that the last thing we want to do is spend taxpayer dollars to export a problem from other neighbourhoods and communities to ours only to have a multi year battle that ultimately ends the same way that 29th street, Victoria and several other courts around Canada have; ie: closed due to excessive noise complaints due to lack of proper process and oversight by decision makers that may have been rushed in those decisions.

We love West Vancouver and the British Properties and hope we can call it our home for years to come and for this very reason we are passionate and vocal about issues that will directly impact us, our neighbours and the environment around us.

Thank you for your time and for reading our letter. We are happy to discuss further and can be reached at s. 22(1)

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** Alex Turko | President WVCC <president@westvancouvercricketclub.ca>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:35 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** PICKLE BALL AT HUGO RAY PARK

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to clarify the West Vancouver Cricket Club's views and concerns the regarding pickleball courts proposal at Hugo Ray Park.

HRP has been Cricket's only West Vancouver home since early 1970s. Cricket has good league participation and good interactions with the neighbouring residents, churches, and cemetery visitors. The current proposal for pickleball courts at HRP will affect all of these, as well as Cricket itself.

First, I need to clarify a mistaken impression I have recently become aware of. I have seen a letter dated February 5, 2022 that was sent to Mayor and Council advocating HRP as a "Good spot for pickleball courts" which letter goes on to state "*...the administration of the West Vancouver Cricket Club has also thought this would be a benefit for them and allow for a cost and maintenance sharing of the existing Cricket clubhouse.*" I want to clarify that this statement was not made by the administration of the Cricket Club, nor is it true to the facts as they are known to me. Thank you for ensuring Cricket's views are not continued to be misunderstood in this regard. I, as the current President of the Cricket Club have spoken to the various Pickle Ball groups but we as a Club have not issued any official statement. We have suggested o the various pickle ball groups that if the courts are approved that they be placed well east of the Pavilion/clubhouse and that the trees not be cut providing a natural sound barrier.

Please note we are not against other user groups at Hugo Ray Park. The Pavilion/Clubhouse is used by other sport groups such as Field Hockey and WV Football Club. Also, other community groups use the Pavilion/Clubhouse for meetings, seminars, and other events. The Cricket Club would like to see a full and comprehensive study into the effects of Pickle Ball on cricket and the neighbourhood. The Cricket Club's main concern is the noise which will affect the current ambience during cricket games and events held at the Pavilion.

On behalf of Cricket, I would also like to ask for the following further information to be provided to the Cricket Club;

1. I have heard that the number of pickleball courts will not remain at 4, but that a Centre for Excellence comprising 16 courts is planned for HRP. Such a development will affect Cricket hugely, and Cricket is therefore not comfortable supporting any proposal the future extent of which has not been publicly disclosed.

Please confirm the full extent of pickleball development contemplated at HRP.

2. We are concerned that the pickleball proposal will introduce significant noise. We know that cemetery and church visitors as well as residents are very concerned about noise, as is Cricket. I have received a verbal assurance that pickleball will not be played while cricket games are ongoing. However, I do not know how this can be enforced at a public venue.

Please advise what acoustic studies have been done.

Please advise how pickleball (noise) will be prevented from being disruptive to ongoing cricket matches.

2. The increased traffic will affect the churches, residences and cemetery visitors and the additional people coming and going will adversely affect cricket ambience and participation. Cricket is concerned about the proposal's effect on the general ambience and relationships with area locals, and more directly on parking sufficiency for Cricket. Both proposal A and proposal C will reduce the parking available to Cricket, with proposal C being worse.

How many parking spaces are allocated for each of the two proposals?

3. The proposal for Field A contemplates the removal of tall trees behind the Clubhouse. This will effect both the sound curtain between the Clubhouse and Highway, and the acoustics from pickleball that reach or reverberate onto the cricket pitches and beyond.

Please advise how many trees are to be removed.

Please advise what the decibel level is expected to be if the specified number trees are removed, and 4/8/12/16 courts are in use?

4. The proposal mentions "earthworks" to be done. As we know, there is contaminated soil beyond our east cricket pitch.

Please advise what sort of earthworks are to be undertaken, and whether the contaminated area will be remediated.

I look forward to receiving your responses to my questions above.

Sincerely,

Alex Turko  
President | West Vancouver Cricket Club  
778-229-7858

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 11:02 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Ian Haras  
**Subject:** Parc Verdun

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Hello West Vancouver Council Members,

I'm writing to you today in an attempt to gain some understanding about why the Parc Verdun court and stream project is still ongoing a year after it started.

Last year at this time, as our neighbourhood kids were gearing up for their summer holidays, the district chose to close the Parc and then do nothing with it. Frustrated kids and parents accepted that this is the cost of getting a much improved place to play despite the lack of forethought on the timing. Now as kids are again finishing up school and looking forward to playing in their Parc is still closed. And looks almost the same as it did a year ago.

To say that the neighbourhood is frustrated is an understatement.

Can one of you please explain why this project has been delayed so unreasonably long? I have attempted to gain this understanding from Ian Haras, but he has chosen to dodge the question. I hope you don't chose the same route, given that you are elected to work for the Eagle Harbour community as well as the more visible communities that would have had this project completed months ago.

We currently have no information on the timeline to completion. So maybe you can update us on that too? I am tired of telling my kids "maybe next week".

And before you even start, please park any supply chain, weather or COVID excuses. None of them hold water when we're a year into this.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)



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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 11:27 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Ian Haras  
**Subject:** Parc Verdun

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Hi W Van Council,

I am writing to voice my disappointment and confusion over whats causing the delays with the completion of Parc Verdun. This project has been in the works for months, almost years and has, at times, sat idle for months at a time with no activity but with a fence erected preventing any use of the facility.

I was very happy, and so were the many children in the neighbourhood, to see some progress earlier this month; only to see it stalled again with no activity.

Could council please provide some clarity and firm dates of completion?

I look forward to a timely response.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] West Vancouver.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1) >  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:19 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** bridgeinfo@parkroyal.ca  
**Subject:** Question Welch Street Bridge

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Dear Sirs, Mayor and Council,

As well as being a [REDACTED] s.22(1) homeowner and tax payer in West Vancouver, I am an everyday user of the Welch Street Bridge to get to [REDACTED] s.22(1) Pemberton Avenue. I would just like to ask why wasn't this work done when the new bike/pedestrian walkway was put in last year? It was pretty obvious after the walkway etc. was finished that the actual bridge deck itself was falling to bits! Anybody with common sense could see it. The amount of traffic it takes off of Marine Drive helps so much with keeping the traffic moving onto the Lions Gate Bridge, but perhaps you haven't noticed as you don't need to drive there very often?

Traffic on the North Shore is already horrendous, which is putting it lightly; and when the two buildings being finished at Park Royal are completed, it's going to be even worse, together with the new Executive on the Park (what park???) is complete, I hope you realize traffic will be gridlocked the entire day and evening and possibly for 24 hours even. Goodness knows what is going to happen in a real emergency when an ambulance or other safety services need to get to Vancouver.

Please don't tell me to take the bus or ride a bike, like many others on the North Shore I am a senior citizen and a lot of us don't ride bikes! And nowadays even the bus has to wait and wait to get on the bridge. I watched it wait for almost 15 minutes to get on the bridge on Saturday afternoon when nothing was moving, so I would imagine the bus schedules are probably hit an miss these days. And I was in my car for a legitimate reason, going over to [REDACTED] s.22(1) where my family live, to babysit my Grandchildren. And for your information it took me 1.5 hours to go from my home in Ambleside to my [REDACTED] s.22(1), usually in normal times a 40 minute at the most, drive. 45 minutes of that waiting to get onto the bridge!

Please stop building these huge buildings, which, lets be honest, are not going to be affordable to the average person who might be the ones who want to rent them. It's too bad all of the Councils energy and their relationship, which we know is mostly monetary, with Park Royal, isn't put to better use and advocate for a much needed third crossing of some sort with the Province, or God forbid, even figure out how to utilize the barely used train line which runs the entire length of the North Shore, for public transportation. And perhaps, rather than figure out what Main Road now needs to have a bike lane maybe have a Seabus Station from West Vancouver to downtown, even a passenger ferry would help.

I would think, before any of these decisions affecting every single person living on the North Shore, you would have the courtesy to find out what the majority wants through a referendum where you might hear from all of us and not just the entitled minority.

I would not be very proud to have the Municipality, of which you are charged with taking care of, be confirmed as the most stagnant growth municipality in the Province, that's because you can't get young families here, and we desperately

need them as we are a dying municipality, with the obscene home values, and allowing these 3 blocks at Park Royal isn't going to change anything.

As it stands now, none of you will get my vote come the Fall.

s. 22(1)

Sent from my iPad

**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:58 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Ambleside Basketball Court Follow Up

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Dear Mayor and Council,

One month ago, s.22(1) that presented to you recommendations for improving Youth Livability in West Vancouver.

I wanted to follow up and see if any of these recommendations were taken into consideration, especially the recommendations for improving the Ambleside Basketball courts.

The courts at Ambleside could be the premiere place to play in North Vancouver, drawing young people from all over to play there. In order to make this happen, they need to be updated. This could be as simple as painting new lines to as complicated as leveling and fixing the court.

I would be more than happy to talk more about this if you are interested.

Thanks,

s. 22(1)

North Vancouver, BC

s. 22(1)

**From:** Carolanne Reynolds <EditorWVM@westvan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 12:54 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Carolanne Reynolds  
**Subject:** Fwd: 📧📧 CA WVM 2022-37: WV Electoral Boundaries; Mtgs/Events/Notices; UK + Life of Boris

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**From:** Carolanne Reynolds <EditorWVM@westvan.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 4:34 AM  
**Subject:** 📧📧 CA WVM 2022-37: WV Electoral Boundaries; Mtgs/Events/Notices; UK + Life of Boris  
**To:** Carolanne Reynolds <editorwvm@westvan.org>  
**Cc:** Carolanne Reynolds <chair@heritage.westvan.org>

Greetings, all. Such a busy week.

Aim to let you know what's coming (imminent) and what's passed -- important info black or red, and sometimes underlined or bolded so you can scroll for speed {\*s for addl info}.

{ Even a footnote re the rare family name Pajari :-)} }

Zip! Indigenous Peoples Day; WV Historical Society AGM and Book on WV launch; a Bard Opening Night -- but it's late so will write about those in "NOTES" in WVM 38.

The agendas for the ccl mtgs Monday were in prev WVM, so not here, but will also be in next b/c often Friday has a revised agenda or more info.

Hv inserted at the beginning, info on possible changes to our electoral BOUNDARIES b/c of its importance.

That's followed by mtgs, events this weekend, DWV info, the Mayor's Update, and will pick things up in a day or two. Actually think free VSO performance will be at Sunset Beach on Saturday so, as forecast, hope sun continues! Do let me know if you hv info for WVM 38.

***NB:** The municipal election is in October and this is federal, but am sure many of you hv an opinion on this now, and it's important to express it for their consideration.*

### **Election map change would 'cut out the heart' of West Van, MP says**

The electoral boundaries commission will hear from the public this week in West Vancouver on plans to redraw the map for federal ridings. Another meeting takes place in North Van on Monday.



Jane Seyd

Jun 21, 2022 3:17 PM

... Not surprisingly, Weiler is opposed to the plan, as is John Weston, the former Conservative MP for the riding, who recently wrote to the federal electoral boundaries commission, urging them to “keep West Vancouver intact.” ...

... Under the proposed change, the easternmost part of West Vancouver – including Park Royal, Sentinel Hill and half of Ambleside (everything east of 15th Street) – would be cut from the West Vancouver electoral district and added to the North Vancouver riding. ...

... In-person public hearings – where those who have registered in advance can make their views known – happen this Thursday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. at West Vancouver Memorial Library and **next Monday, June 27, 7 p.m. at North Vancouver’s Pinnacle Hotel**. A virtual public hearing session will also take place Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. The public can also submit comments on the proposed changes by mail, through email at BC-CB@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca or online. ...

**ALL:** <https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/election-map-change-would-cut-out-the-heart-of-west-van-mp-says-5503195>

## **MTGS + NOTICES**

- **MEET AT HUGO RAY PARK** \*

Jun 25, 2022 - 10:00 am

at Hugo Ray Park (1200 3rd Street, West Vancouver)

- **AMBLESIDE FARMERS' MARKET**

Jun 26, 2022 - 10:00 am

Ambleside Park parking lot

- **\*\*\***

**ARTS PLANNING: VISIONING WKSHOP (CMNTY-WIDE)**

Jun 27, 2022 - 10:00 am

*Entire June Calendar:* <https://westvancouver.ca/calendar/202206>

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**Saturday, June 25 - 10am** at Hugo Ray Park (1200 3rd St, WV)

*from:* <https://westvancouver.ca/calendar/meet-hugo-ray-park>

Four permanent dedicated pickleball courts are being proposed to be built at Hugo Ray Park. Pickleball is a fast-growing sport that can be played by people of all ages.

Two location options within the park are being considered, and the District is now seeking community feedback on these two options.

The feedback will assist in determining the optimal location for dedicated pickleball courts in Hugo Ray Park.

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

We want to know which of the two location options you prefer.

Visit [westvancouverITE.ca/hugo](https://westvancouverITE.ca/hugo) to learn about the location options and **share your feedback before 4 p.m. on Monday, June 27.**

## ATTEND AN INFORMATION MEETING IN THE PARK OR ONLINE

Join us at one of the following information meetings to ask questions and share your feedback with staff:

- Attend a virtual mtg via Zoom on Tues, June 21 from 6 - 7:30 pm
- Meet at Hugo Ray Pk on **Saturday, June 25 from 10am - 12 pm**

Registration for the virtual meeting is recommended. Visit the project webpage at the link below to register.

[westvancouverITE.ca/hugo](https://westvancouverITE.ca/hugo)

**\*\***

**Monday, June 27, 2022 - 10:00 am**

**Millennium Park**, in a tent next to the Music Box (1564 Argyle Ave)

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ARTS PLANNING WORKSHOP!

The District of WV invites you to be part of Arts Planning. This is a time to explore what participating in WV arts and culture looks like.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Attend a workshop to be part of the visioning process.

The goal of this engagement (Arts Planning: Visioning) is to **develop a working vision and concept for a replacement arts facility.** This work will inform the development of funding planning and a proposed governance model.

## WORKSHOP DETAILS



Location for **all workshops**: **Millennium Park**, in a tent next to the Music Box (1564 Argyle Avenue).

Workshops for June 22 and 23 are full. An additional workshop has been added and open to anyone to register to attend:

**Workshop #3: Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

Please register online to reserve your spot at [westvancouverite.ca/artsplanning](https://westvancouverite.ca/artsplanning).

**Additional workshops may be added.** Sign up for updates to stay informed on the many feedback opportunities of this project.

**SEE:** <https://westvancouver.ca/calendar/arts-planning-visioning-workshop-community-wide-1>



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## 50 things to do in Vancouver this weekend

Take your pick among comedy, dance, film, music, theatre, visual art, and more.

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:** [The Days](#) is a duet created by English choreographer Theo Clinkard in collaboration with Finnish dancers Maria Nurmela and Ville Oinonen, performed at the **Scotiabank Dance Centre**.

**FOOTNOTE:** FYI, Pajari is a Finnish name; G's mother's family name was Spencer. :-)

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY:** the [Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival](#) features more than 130 teams competing in dragon-boat races, with events taking place at Concord Pacific Place, Creekside Park, and False Creek. Performers on the mainstage include such local indie favourites as the Zolas, Hotel Mira, and Mauvey.

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY:** showing at the **Polygon Gallery** until July 3 is [Gathering Darkness](#), an exhibition of photographs of Russia's war on Ukraine by **Alexander Glyadvelov**.

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY:** a princess masquerades as a man to win love In Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux's 1732 comedy, [The Triumph of Love](#), at PAL Studio Theatre.



See: <https://r2.arts-mail.com/3QJTJ-HN83-24F9780DD33B864F730Q1118E467A66F828505/cr.aspx>

**" (Dream is) a perfect piece of theatre... "**

- The Globe and Mail

### *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



**" Marci T. House turns a tour de force performance... "**

- ReviewVancouver

### *Harlem Duet* by Djanet Sears



Summer is officially here, the sun is shining, and we have a one-time, exclusive offer for you. For performances this July long weekend (July 1 to 3, inclusive):

- **purchase one (1) regular price ticket in zone A+ or A and save 50% off one (1) additional regular ticket in the same zone.**

Join us once again for Shakespeare's all-time favourite comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, or an award-winning drama with connections to *Othello*, *Harlem Duet* – all from the best views in the house!

#### **TO BOOK:**

1. Select any performance from July 1 to July 3, 2022 (matinee or evening).
2. Enter promo code **22bogo50** when prompted at checkout to activate your discount.

[\*\*BOOK A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM\*\*](#)

[\*\*BOOK HARLEM DUET\*\*](#)

Questions? [Call](#) or [email](#) our Box Office, open daily from 12 – 6pm.



----- Forwarded message ----- From: **The Polygon Gallery** <[info@thepolygon.ca](mailto:info@thepolygon.ca)>  
Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 1:29 PM. Subject: Summer Starts Today At The Polygon  
To: <[editorwvm@westvan.org](mailto:editorwvm@westvan.org)>

**LOTS! for all the info:** <https://mailchi.mp/thepolygon/summer-starts-today-at-the-polygon?e=fc8d6eaf91>

**Some:**

## ***Today***



## **Carts of Darkness**

**June 23 from 7 – 11pm**

Our outdoor movie series kicks off with Murray Siple's *Carts of Darkness*. Film starts at sundown. Join us early for music by Paisley Eva.

## ***Sunday***

## **Kids First on Cates Deck**

**Launches June 26**

An outdoor expansion of Kids First, join us for art-making and fun every Sunday from 11-3pm.

## ***On Now + Podcast + News + ...***

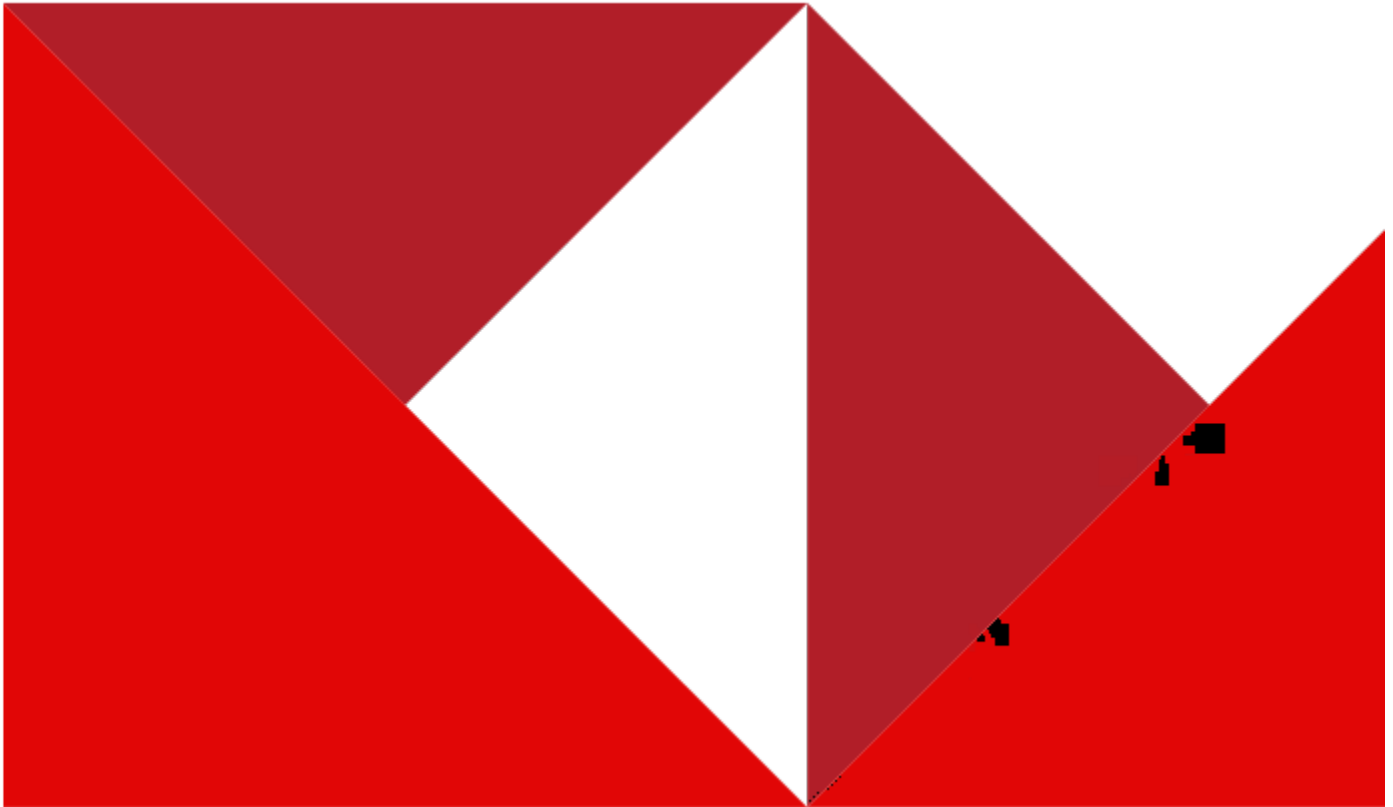
***> Late but still Fri and Sat! <***

## **Festival d'été francophone de Vancouver returns with an outdoor stage and food trucks after two years of online shows**

*posted on June 2nd, 2022 at 9:00 AM*

<https://www.straight.com/arts/festival-dete-francophone-de-vancouver-returns-with-an-outdoor-stage-and-food-trucks-after-two>

The 33rd edition will take place from June 15 to 25, at multiple indoor and outdoor venues in Vancouver and North Vancouver. Along with resuming real-life performances, the festival will still be providing streaming options for those who prefer virtually attending events.



See: <https://kaymeek.com/events>

**ON NOW -- Last day Sunday June 26**

## **RECITAL REUNITED 2022 - IN PERSON**

- **Thursday, June 23, 2022. 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.**
- **Grosvenor Theatre - Presented by Driftwood Dance Academy**

**[VIEW EVENT →](#)**

**Jun 22, 2022**



Everyone is invited to a traditional Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) blessing ceremony on Thursday, June 23, to honour artist Sinámkin (Jody Broomfield) and learn the story behind the design of new streetlight banners installed along the Spirit Trail in Ambleside Park, the waterfront parks, and the Centennial Seawalk.

### Event details

Date/time: Thursday, June 23 at 4 p.m.

Location: Millennium Park (15th Street & Argyle Avenue)

### About the project:

<https://westvancouver.ca/news/S%E1%B8%B5wx%CC%B1w%C3%BA7mesh-%C3%9Awxwumixw-%28Squamish%20Nation%29-blessing-ceremony%20to-honour-artist-Sin%C3%A1mkin-%28Jody%20Broomfield%29%20whose%20streetlight%20banners>

### Jun 23, 2022

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for the North Shore, including West Vancouver, to advise of high temperatures this weekend.

The first heat wave of summer is expected from Friday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 28. Daytime temperatures are forecast to reach up to 30 degrees celsius.

**READ:** <https://westvancouver.ca/news/be-prepared-summer-heat-weekend>

**> Saturday, June 25 <**



District of West Vancouver

@WestVanDistrict

10h

A win-win in our books: Drop off your soft plastics and foam packaging this **Saturday, June 25** for easy recycling at Ambleside Field H (13th Street & Marine Drive)—and then explore the park!



**SOFT PLASTICS AND FOAM  
COLLECTION  
EVENT**

**DATE** June 25 + July 9      **TIME** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**LOCATION**  
Ambleside Field H



**Jun 22, 2022**

The District is offering free FireSmart Home Assessments until July 29 to all West Vancouver residents interested in learning how to improve the resiliency of their homes in the event of wildfire.

By signing up, a local FireSmart representative will visit your home and provide recommendations on how to reduce the risk of wildfire on your property.

### **[SIGN UP FOR A FREE FIRESMART HOME ASSESSMENT](#)**

Schedule a free FireSmart home assessment to receive recommendations from a local FireSmart representative on how to help reduce the risk of wildfire on your property.

[... READ MORE](#)

**Jun 21, 2022.** *from:* <https://westvancouver.ca/news/mayors-update-june-2022>

- o Today is National Indigenous Peoples Day! ...
- o Arts Planning Continues ...
- o Racist Land Title Covenants
- o Ambleside Local Area Plan Planning Process ...
- o Fire Safety Update ...
- o Revision To Federal Electoral Boundaries

Recently proposed changes to Federal Riding boundaries would see all residents east of 15th Street in West Vancouver added to the riding of North Vancouver, while all residents west of 15th Street would remain part of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. A public hearing is scheduled for June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Vancouver Memorial Library. For further information, or to make written submissions please visit [here](#).

#### **o Getting Back Into The Swim Of Things ...**

... It's the first day of summer, and while we seemed to have skipped spring altogether, I'm hopeful that the summer season will arrive on time. See you all at the beach!

Warm regards,

Mayor Mary-Ann Booth

Projects by the District of West Vancouver and partner agencies with upcoming work are posted [here](#).

When necessary, construction signage and traffic control personnel will be on-site to assist traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Please use extra caution while travelling through construction zones.

Major event road closures are also posted on this page.

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## **SHORT TERM WORK IMPACTING TRAFFIC**

**JUNE 24–30**

**Highway 1 eastbound and westbound, between Exit 8 (on-ramp) and Exit 7 (off-ramp)**

- Expect single-lane traffic and periodic slow lane closures on Highway 1 eastbound and westbound, between the Exit 8 on-ramp and the Exit 7 off-ramp, from Friday, June 24 to Thursday, June 30 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., owing to work related to the Five Creeks Stormwater Flood Protection Project.

[View project details](#)

*Info on ALL the projects:* <https://westvancouver.ca/transportation-roads/traffic-updates>



INFO: [View online](#)

<https://click.mailsender05.com/m/e12118abd9d779aae7b5812b1e7c2978/m/79d8f9d223ad6bc2d2762a7949193dd5/?eid=02d804b17448a5fca1083633affb333e>

## GB byelection June 23 GB



*Do not suggest you read this:*

## Tories lose two key byelections on same night in Wakefield and Tiverton and Honiton

Labour takes Wakefield and Lib Dems snatch Tiverton and Honiton, piling pressure on Boris Johnson

**Peter Walker** *Political correspondent*

🐦 @peterwalker99

Fri 24 Jun 2022 10:16 BST

First published on Fri 24 Jun 2022 04:15 BST

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/jun/24/tories-lose-byelections-wakefield-tiverton-honiton-labour-lib-dems>

*but I have, and here's an excerpt:*



... Labour took Wakefield, while the Liberal Democrats overturned a 24,000-plus majority to snatch Tiverton and Honiton.

The Tiverton and Honiton result, where the Lib Dem candidate, Richard Foord, defeated the Tories' Helen Hurford by 6,144 votes to take a constituency that has been Conservative in its various forms for well over a century, is believed to be the biggest numerical majority ever overturned in a byelection. ...

*The loss was no surprise. What amazes me, is how Boris got to be PM. Watch this video -- utterly amazing ...*

**The life and lies of Boris Johnson**

371,298 views Jun 6, 2022 Message to Tory MPs. This is who you're voting [for]

[8:52]. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p-Ta83V7iw>



*à bientôt,*

*Carolanne ✍*



---> West Van Matters, s.22(1), West Vancouver, BC

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

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Committee Members: Mayor M. Booth (Chair); Councillors N. Gambioli, P. Lambur, W. Soprovich, S. Thompson, and M. Wong attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: Councillor C. Cameron.

Staff: R. Bartlett, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Boy, Manager, Financial Planning; I. Gordon, Director, Financial Services; and L. Taylor, Committee Clerk attended the meeting via electronic communications facilities.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 14, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 14, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Proposed 2022-2026 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5185, 2022 and Proposed 2022 Phase 1 Capital Funding Report**

Items discussed:

- Municipal Hall \$1.5M funding - Committee requested a list of capital projects that were deferred in order to accommodate the additional funding needed. List will be requested from Facilities and forwarded to the Committee.
- Senior's Activity Centre is planning a major study which will require additional funding of \$75K. Where will this funding come from? I. Gordon (Director, Financial Services) noted that funding could be listed under Phase 2 of the Capital Projects, or it could come from the "innovation fund." A decision would require Council approval.
- Active transportation – Committee requested a workshop or information session with the Engineering Department related to mobility and the new Strategic Transportation Plan for Council.

- Heat-pumps – Committee would like to know the process regarding funding for heat-pumps which the District of West Vancouver has participated in the past with a rebate program. Is this being resurrected? Councillor Gambioli noted that in order for the District to meet its 2030 target that \$500K/year would be needed in order to motivate 250 homes/year to switch to heat-pumps.
- Mayor asked if the Water Asset Management Plan and relevant asset management dashboards could be shared with Metro.
- Noted in the 2022 capital projects was the long list of vehicle replacements. Acquisition of electrified vehicles for the fleet has been delayed because of COVID-19 supply issues and high demand. In the meantime, Fleet Manager asked to prolong the life of the assets.
- Climate Mitigation or Policy Workshop to be set up to discuss community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions as well as corporate GHG reductions. Metrics to be set up. Workshop to be set up once the new “Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment” is hired.
- Committee asked about the 2195 Gordon Avenue \$22M funds and disposition of funds. Should funds go to the Land Reserve Fund, pay back the Endowment Fund or be directed towards funding other major projects? This would be a Council discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Proposed 2022-2026 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5185, 2022 and Proposed 2022 Phase 1 Capital Funding Report be received for information.

CARRIED

#### **5. Community Amenity Contribution Reserve Balances as at December 31, 2021**

The report was discussed, and questions were responded to from the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Community Amenity Contribution Reserve Balances as at December 31, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

#### **6. Endowment Fund Reserve Balance as at December 31, 2021**

Items discussed:

- Funds in the Endowment Reserve are almost at the threshold which is set at \$18M. Funds could be used to pay down the loan at the ten-year anniversary or build this as a debt levy into the actual budget. Council discussion required in regard to how the fund is to be used.
- Funds from the sale of 2195 Gordon Avenue could be used to pay down the loan but this would require a discussion with Council.
- Committee would like the history on the 2195 Gordon Avenue funding.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Endowment Fund Reserve Balance as at December 31, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Update on 2021 Additional Staff**

The report on Update on 2021 Additional Staff was discussed and questions from the Committee were responded to by staff.

Items discussed:

- Review fees and charges in the planning department to fully recover costs. Look at alternative ways to structure fees so that applications that do take extra staff time would be charged in addition to a base fee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the report regarding Update on 2021 Additional Staff be received for information.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**NEXT MEETING**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 1 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

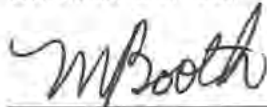
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 14, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

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Committee Members: Mayor M. Booth (Chair); Councillors N. Gambioli, P. Lambur, W. Soprovich, S. Thompson, and M. Wong attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: Councillor C. Cameron.

Staff: R. Bartlett, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Boy, Deputy Director, Financial Services; I. Gordon, Director, Financial Services; M. Panneton, Director, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer; D. Powers, Director, Community Relations & Communications; C. Shi, Manager, Financial Accounting & Reporting; and L. Taylor, Committee Clerk attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 9, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Wong absent at the vote

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

This agenda item will be moved to the next meeting on June 20, 2022.

Councillor Wong joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**NEXT MEETING**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 1 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. all remaining committee meetings, including subcommittee meetings, for 2022 be held via electronic communication facilities only;
2. the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the committee and subcommittee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance at the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

CARRIED

It was noted by the Chair that the Finance and Audit Committee meetings will continue to be held via electronic communication facilities until hybrid committee meetings are in place.

### EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

#### **6. RESOLUTION RE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PURSUANT TO s. 90 and s. 93 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT in the public interest, members of the public be excluded from part of the May 9, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting on the basis of the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
  - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
  - (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures, and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual municipal report*].
93. In addition to its application to council meetings, this Division and section 133 (of the *Community Charter*) also applies to meetings of the following:
  - (a) Council committees.

CARRIED

### ADJOURNMENT

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 9, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m. The Committee then proceeded with the closed session.

Certified Correct:



Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

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**From:** Jeremy Calder  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1); District of West Vancouver Communications; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Marcus Wong  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** RE: Your correspondence dated June 15, 2022, titled Appeal to Mayor and Council Re: Strata enclosed garages.  
**Attachments:** DWV-#5529820-v1-Response\_to\_[REDACTED] s. 22(1).pdf

Dear [REDACTED] s.22(1),

Please accept the attached response to your correspondence dated June 15, 2022, titled Appeal to Mayor and Council Re: Strata enclosed garages

Regards,  
Jeremy

**Jeremy Calder**  
Assistant Chief | Fire Prevention  
West Vancouver Fire Rescue  
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), sə́lílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation). We recognize



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June 23, 2022

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

Dear s. 22(1):

**RE: Your correspondence dated June 15, 2022, titled Appeal to Mayor and Council Re: Strata enclosed garages.**

Your correspondence of June 15, 2022, to the Mayor and Council has been referred to me for response. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

West Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services is responsible for upholding the *British Columbia Fire Services Act* and the *British Columbia Fire Code*. The *British Columbia Building Code* also applies to the matter at hand. The District of West Vancouver's *Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021* provides for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings in the municipality because municipal Fire Inspectors are Local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner and are required to ensure compliance with these provincial regulations. Your complex, designed under Part 9 of the *British Columbia Building Code* (BCBC) not under Part 3, as in the high rises and other larger multi family complexes, has an inspectable storage garage. Many townhouses on a common storage garage do not have a common rated storage room as part of the design. The garbage/recycling room would be rated, as well as the mechanical and electrical rooms. Regardless, the parking area is a storage garage, which does not provide for storage other than vehicles.

This system of inspections is required by provincial regulations and is therefore not optional for the residents of any municipality.

The *British Columbia Building Code* has specific requirements for storage garages. Violations of the building code are enforced in conjunction with the Permits & Inspections department and Building Inspectors.

It's important to note that storage rooms are a different occupancy classification than storage garages. Many multi-residential properties have separate storage rooms that comply with the *British Columbia Building Code* and the *British Columbia Fire Code*.

For your information, I have included the relevant sections of these regulations in **Appendix A**.

The routine annual Fire Department Inspection requires inspection of all public spaces within your building. By definition, enclosed storage garages are public spaces, which are not separated from the rest of the storage garage space by 1.5-hour fire separation. Private storage garages are not permitted. This is regulated in the *British Columbia Fire Code* and is enforceable with *Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021*, as it was with West Vancouver's previous bylaw.

This enforcement program is in place now because of the long-established use of this space in contravention of the *British Columbia Fire Code*. If a storage space was constructed in a storage garage, whether recently or in the past, it is likely that it was constructed without the benefit of permit or inspection approvals; and therefore, is not permitted to be there. A 'legally non-conforming' or 'grandfathered' status does not apply to these installations.

The large number of incidents (and the residents affected by them) has guided us in determining our approach to these violations of provincial regulations:

- A conditional pass will be issued for non-compliant storage spaces
- Residents have until January 1, 2024, to bring the storage garage into compliance by returning it to its original use as vehicle storage
- The conditional pass and long compliance timeline will provide ample time to residents and stratas to correct violations.

This measured approach will reduce the impact on residents while still achieving compliance with provincial regulations.

As in previous years, a failed inspection is issued when there is an accumulation of combustibles within the storage garage. Residents have 28 days to remove the identified combustibles before re-inspection.

The *British Columbia Fire Code* also requires your strata to have and maintain a *Fire Safety Plan*. One of the objectives of a *Fire Safety Plan* is fire prevention. Your strata should have a Fire Safety Director and Deputy Fire Safety Director(s) who are responsible for ensuring that all occupants of the building are aware of fire prevention procedures.

The provincial regulations providing for a *Fire Safety Plan* also note "it is the owner or the owner's authorized agent who is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the *British Columbia Fire Code*."

Installation of storage spaces within your storage garage is contrary to code and this work was not completed with permits. This contravention of the *British Columbia Fire Code* may put a strata's insurance coverage at risk. West Vancouver is empowering your strata through this enforcement to achieve compliance with the *British Columbia Fire Code* and protect your legal liability.

We acknowledge that your strata is one of many that are affected by enforcement of long-standing violations of provincial regulations. This enforcement has been ongoing in 2022 and there has been significant progress on properties achieving compliance. I have had many constructive discussions with Stata Presidents and property owners, most of whom are thankful for the District's commitment to implementing the conditional pass and extended timeline to achieve compliance.

I realize it may come as a surprise to realize that your storage garages are both non-compliant with provincial regulations and pose a fire risk to your property. Some residents will incur costs to bring their storage garages into compliance, but this must be weighed against the potential liability the strata may incur if compliance is not achieved.

Some stratas are approaching the Planning Department in regard to other possible storage options. These solution-based discussions are ongoing and we are moving forwards towards meeting the requirements of the British Columbia Fire Code in West Vancouver.

I look forward to answering any further questions you may have.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)



Jeremy Calder  
Assistant Chief | Fire Prevention  
West Vancouver Fire Rescue

*Encl: Appendix A*

Appendix A  
British Columbia Fire Services Act  
Fire Code Administration Regulation

Persons responsible for administration and enforcement

1 (2) The fire commissioner and local assistants are designated as the persons responsible for the enforcement of the British Columbia Fire Code.

British Columbia Fire Code

2.2.1.1. Fire Separations

1) Where a building contains more than one major occupancy, such occupancies shall be separated from each other in conformance with the British Columbia Building Code.

British Columbia Building Code

3.3.5.6. Storage Garage Separation

1) a storage garage shall be separated from other occupancies by a fire separation with a fire-resistance rating not less than 1.5 hours.

Note: storage rooms are a different occupancy classification than storage garages. Many multi-residential properties have separate storage rooms that comply with the British Columbia Building Code and the British Columbia Fire Code. This occupancy classification has been addressed and upheld numerous times in the BC Building Code Appeal Board with the Appeals Board Decision that:

“The Board considers the storage spaces to be a different occupancy than a storage garage as defined.

It is the determination of the Board that a fire separation with a minimum fire resistance rating of 1.5 hours is required between the parking garage and the storage spaces.”

The British Columbia Building Code defines a storage garage as a part of a “building or part thereof intended primarily for the storage or parking of motor vehicles and containing no provision for the repair or servicing of such vehicles.”

The British Columbia Building Code also indicates that “as a subsidiary use, storage garages may also contain space for parking or storing other vehicles (bicycles, boat, etc.)”.

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British Columbia Fire Code

2.8.2.1. Measures in a Fire Safety Plan

1) In buildings or areas described in Article 2.8.1.1., “a fire safety plan conforming to this Section shall be prepared in cooperation with the fire department and other applicable regulatory authorities”

In your Fire Safety Plan Part 2, Fire Safety Director and Deputy Fire Safety Director Responsibilities, it states one of these responsibilities is:

“Ensuring that building maintenance, alteration or renovation does not expose the building or occupants to undue fire hazards and precautions are taken to ensure building and occupant safety (Refer to Precautions During Repairs, Alterations and Renovations in this part of your Fire Safety Plan) This should include checking the Fire Safety Plan and the British Columbia Fire Code when such activities take place to ensure that they meet with the Fire Safety Plan and British Columbia Fire Code regulations.”

Under Precautions During Repairs, Alterations and Renovations it states:

“...frequent inspections of the affected area(s) is suggested in order to ensure the

following;

3) ensure contractors have obtained all required building and operation permits.”

In your Fire Safety Plan, Part 6– Legal Basis for Fire Safety Planning it states:

“As per (British Columbia Fire Code) BCFC Div. C, Part 2, Section 2.2 “it is the owner or the owner’s authorized agent who is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the (British Columbia Fire Code) BCFC”

British Columbia Fire Code

#### 2.8.2.1 Measures in a Fire Safety Plan

1) In buildings or areas described in Article 2.8.1.1., a fire safety plan conforming to this Section shall be prepared in cooperation with the fire department and other applicable regulatory authorities and shall include

g) the inspection and maintenance of building facilities provided for the safety of occupants

2) The fire safety plan shall be reviewed at intervals not greater than 12 months to ensure that it takes account of changes in use and other characteristics of the building

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Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163 further defines these requirements for the Strata:

Enclosed Storage Garages for Vehicles

9.60 Enclosed Storage Garages in any multifamily residential development must be used for the parking of vehicles only (including bicycles, scooters, motorcycles and watercraft).

9.61 Private Storage Garages are not permitted.

9.62 “NO STORAGE PERMITTED” signage must be installed in all Enclosed Storage Garages.

9.63 The Fire Safety Plan for an Enclosed Storage Garage must require the Owner or Strata Corporation to inspect the Enclosed Storage Garages monthly and enforce for compliance with sections 9.60 through 9.65, inclusive.

9.64 Enclosed Storage Garages must be available for inspection by the Fire Department at any time without notice and must not have the access or visibility of the garage blocked at any time.

9.65 Replacement of the door at the entrance to an Enclosed Storage Garage with a solid door is not permitted.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:26 PM  
**To:** correspondence; District of West Vancouver Communications; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Marcus Wong  
**Subject:** Appeal to Mayor and Council Re: Strata enclosed garages.  
**Attachments:** Letter to Mayor and council.pdf; WV Fire&Rescue letter.pdf

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Attached is a response letter to a directive from the West Vancouver Fire & Rescue with respect to enclosed garages in stratas.

Thank you for your consideration with respect to this problem.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

2022-06-15

Subject : Letter from West Vancouver Fire and Rescue, March 30, 2022  
re: Enclosed Garage and Storage Bylaw No. 5163 2021

Dear Mayor and Council:

We were surprised and horrified to learn of a requirement to empty our private garage of everything except our 2 automobiles. [REDACTED] s. 22(1) is relatively modern, well designed and well maintained. It has a sprinkler and alarm system which is regularly inspected. There have been no serious incidents of fire on the premises. There are no identified real problems.

We purchased our unit [REDACTED] s.22(1) ago from its original owner who had installed wooden cabinets to neatly store normal household items. The enclosed private garage which is part of our unit was a major selling point for choosing a [REDACTED] s.22(1) townhouse for our downsizing and where we could maintain most of our customary quality of life.

We have recently received a copy of a letter to [REDACTED] s. 22(1) from West Vancouver Fire and Rescue, March 30, 2022 which advises that we must open the garage on demand for inspection. In addition, we cannot keep anything in it except the automotive equipment that poses the only obvious fire hazard.

We have problems with the logic and definitions of the items enumerated in the letter:

- 9.60 The garage should be treated as any garage of any dwelling, The fact that the individual garages are separated from the main access parkade by a metal door would seem to be an advantage in containing any outbreak of fire.
- 9.61 Private garages are universally used for storage. What is the problem?
- 9.62 Who is going to read the sign “no storage permitted”?
- 9.63 Our garage is private property, but, some professional advice could be welcome..
- 9.64 Inspections must be available at any time, with the owner or not , is not acceptable. Our door would have to be removed. If the door is replaced or modified to accommodate a viewing panel, access to internal lighting would be required.

We are aware of no problem that will be solved by these provisions of the Fire Rescue Bylaw

We consider ourselves to be responsible adults and we certainly do not want to endanger ourselves or others with unnecessary hazards.

Please revise the onerous and useless requirements with respect to enclosed garage storage in the Fire Rescue Bylaw..

Yours sincerely,

s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, BC

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Attach: Letter from West Vancouver Fire & Rescue



# WEST VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE

760 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WEST VANCOUVER BC V7V 3S1

T: 604-925-7392

[fireprevention@westvancouver.ca](mailto:fireprevention@westvancouver.ca)



March 30, 2022

Dear: Property Manager

## **RE: Enclosed Storage Garage**

Your Routine Annual Fire Inspection requires inspection of all public spaces within your building. The Fire Inspector has assessed your storage garage and determined it contains interior spaces that cannot be fully viewed from the exterior due to the installation of solid doors and walls.

As per Fire Rescue Bylaw No. 5163, 2021,

### **Enclosed Storage Garages for Vehicles**

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As construction of your building's enclosed storage garages was completed with permit, replacement of the door at the entrance with a non-solid door will not be required. A Fire Inspector will contact your Property Manager to arrange inspection of these spaces during your Annual Fire Inspection.

**As the owner or owner's agent, *you* are responsible for ensuring compliance with the BC Fire Code and Municipal Bylaws.**

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area of the letter.

Assistant Chief Jeremy Calder  
District of West Vancouver Fire & Rescue  
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**From:** Corinne Ambor  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your email regarding dog bylaws

Hello, s. 22(1),

Thank you for your emails of June 2 and June 7, regarding dog bylaws in our community.

In the past, the District held extensive public engagements with our residents about the use of the Centennial Seawalk, beaches, and parks, and developed policies to reflect their input. At that time, in 2010, after considerable public input, Council made no changes to the Animal Control Bylaw from 13th Street to Dundarave Park. Improvements were made to the Bylaw and to signage to permit on-leash dog walking through Ambleside Park. It is not currently on the Council or staff 2022 work plan to make changes to the Animal Control Bylaw.

There are many areas in West Vancouver where dogs are permitted, including quite a few off-leash areas, listed below. We encourage dog owners to visit these areas where dogs are permitted.

1. Ballantree Park
2. Benbow Park
3. Seawalk, north of the fence (19th to 24th Streets only)
4. Clovelly Walk
5. Cypress Falls Park
6. Douglas Woodward Park
7. Hay Park
8. Klahanie Park (trails only)
9. Lighthouse Park (trails only)
10. Walking trails and fire access roads in the undeveloped lands above the highway (with exceptions)
11. McKechnie Park
12. Seaview Walk
13. Westhill Park
14. Whytecliff Park (east of Marine Drive)

You will find more information about where dogs are permitted in the District of West Vancouver on our website: <https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/parks/dogs-parks>.

The District does not have an official petition format, however, all feedback is welcome and a petition may be submitted in any format you choose.

For your convenience, I include instructions for sending correspondence to Mayor and Council below which you can also find here: <https://westvancouver.ca/government/mayor-council/correspondence>.

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**1. Email individual Council members directly:**

- Council members personally manage their individual email inboxes and will respond at their discretion;
- Staff do not receive correspondence sent to Councillors individually; and
- Correspondence sent to Councillors individually is not published on the correspondence webpage.



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**3. Email [correspondence@westvancouver.ca](mailto:correspondence@westvancouver.ca) and copy the Council members of your choosing**

- The Council members of your choice will receive your email immediately; and
- Correspondence items will also be processed by staff in accordance with option 2 (above).

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You may also consider registering to speak at a regular Council meeting by phone or Webex. For more information on how to participate please visit: <https://westvancouver.ca/government/mayor-council/join-virtual-council-meeting-or-public-hearing>

Sincerely,

Corinne Ambor  
Parks Stewardship Manager | District of West Vancouver  
T: 604.925.7138 | [westvancouver.ca](http://westvancouver.ca)

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), sə́ilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation). We recognize and respect them as nations in this territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

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**From:** s. 22(1) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:11 PM  
**To:** correspondence; MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca; Corinne Ambor  
**Subject:** Dog By-Laws Follow Up

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Hi Corinne,

I am following up on the dog by-laws in our community. I have been corresponding with WV residents on a neighbourhood forum regarding beach access for dogs and in addition, leashed dogs being allowed to walk on the WV seawall.

I see that there seems to be a great amount of community support for these suggestions.

I would like to submit my ideas for change to the Mayor and Council and if necessary, if this involves a petition, I'd like to know the accepted format.

Also, a suggestion was raised about putting this question out to all dog owners through the annual licensing renewal fee.

I'm not sure this is your area of expertise but would you kindly let me know who I should be contacting with the above questions?

Thank you so much!

s. 22(1)  
West Vancouver

s. 22(1)

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**From:** Corinne Ambor <cambor@westvancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 4:46:39 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** RE: follow up on phone call today

Hi again,

I just saw updated information that maintenance work on the Seawalk dog walk will begin next week:  
<https://westvancouver.ca/news/dog-walk-along-seawalk-closed-annual-maintenance-june-16-17>.

Corinne

Corinne Ambor  
Parks Stewardship Manager | District of West Vancouver  
T: 604.925.7138 | westvancouver.ca

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**From:** Corinne Ambor  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 4:36 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** follow up on phone call today

Hi [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Thank you for calling me back this afternoon. As discussed, here is a link to Council's strategic plan:

<https://westvancouver.ca/government/mayor-council/priorities>. I have inquired as to whether there is an updated plan available for 2021 – 2022, and will let you when I hear back.

Regards,  
Corinne

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022 8:24 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Mary-Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong  
**Subject:** It is Time to Amend By Law 4654, 2010 Section 7.2.1 (a)

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Hi!

This is not the first time that I have contacted Mayor and Council about the dog by-laws in West Vancouver, it has now become my priority to make a change.

There are almost 50 beach access points in our beautiful municipality and dogs are only welcome at one - the Ambleside dog park (and technically Lighthouse Park beach), dogs are not welcome on mostly all of the miles and miles of waterfront. The beaches are amazing and most of them very lightly used - most often by the owners of these waterfront homes that surround these access points.

I am proposing the following 2 changes:

- Allow leashed and under control dogs to use the West Van beaches at 4 or 5 access points (to be determined). There is much room for compromise such as allowing dogs access to these (or all) beaches during off-season months (as they do in Vancouver) and/or allowing dogs access to these beaches during specific hours of the day.
- Allow leashes and under control dogs to walk along the entirety of the West Van seawall. Again, much room for compromise regarding hours of the day, times of the year, etc.

s.22(1) made the suggestion on a community West Van Internet forum and was met with resounding positive feedback. I have attached an unedited (names redacted) copy of the comment string so that you can read and you definitely should read the comments s.22(1)

- Note: I have attached the redacted images in batches of 5 addressed to Correspondence ONLY so as not to flood you with emails.

I had expected some mixed feedback to my post but was overwhelmed with the almost completely positive feedback s.22(1) This forum is a general community forum, it is not directed at pet owners but you will note the enthusiasm for a by-law change! It is TIME to do this, our community is ready for a change to this by-law, it has not been amended or reviewed in over 12 years!

I would like to present this proposal for change as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing your response.

Thank you

s.22(1)

West Vancouver

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
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Please attach these images to my email dated today regarding [REDACTED] s.22(1) proposal amendment.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)



s.22(1)



### West Van Dog By-Laws - suggestions?

Hi! I have approached Council and also the WV Parks Department more than once about the dog by-laws in West Van. There are over 50 beach access points in our beautiful municipality and dogs are only welcome at one - the Ambleside dog park (and technically Lighthouse Park beach) I feel my dog is not welcome in most of my community. The beaches are amazing and most of them very lightly used - most often by the waterfront homes that surround these access points. It would be nice to share these beaches and I've suggested many compromises; let's allow dogs to use beaches at 4 or 5 access points, and/or allow dogs access to beaches during off-season months (as they do in Vancouver). To add to this frustration, as we all know, dogs are not allowed to walk along the west van seawall, not even on a leash. Why not? I've been told that this is what the 'WV residents want' and regarding the beaches, it is a matter about contaminating the ocean water with fecal matter. Really? During the winter months when very few people are swimming? Next to the wastewater treatment plant by the Lions Gate Bridge? Along with all the geese depositing their matter in the ocean? Obviously, dog owners would be expected to pick up after their dogs and maintain them in a controlled fashion. Anyone have any thoughts on this or am I barking up the wrong tree? Haha.



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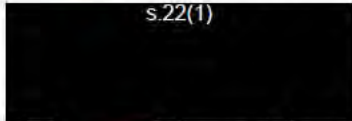


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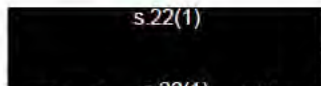
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Eagle Harbour



I went for a walk with my doggo by Dundrave and was surprised that dogs are not allowed on the seawall! Why?? Is the same question I asked myself! Even on leash !?? And the dog run ... super dangerous I say ! What if the train comes .. my dog probably freak out and run right into it! I also agree with you of why West Vancouver is not a dog friendly city ! I find ambelside dog park way too crowded and I would have to drive it it ! Yet I can't go to anyone of the beaches that are walking distance to me with our dog !

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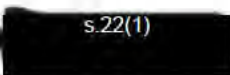
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Westmount



Thank you for your comments and yes, the train is super dangerous! I would love to have ideas about how to change these by-laws!

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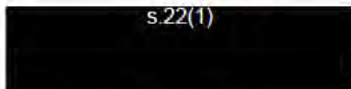
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Westmount



I totally agree. Thank you for your efforts with Council. It is very frustrating that there can't be some compromise such as seasonal, as you suggested, or perhaps restricted hours?

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Queens



100% agree!

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Westmount



I don't even have a dog, and I wish leashed dogs were allowed on the Sea Walk, because I like to meet them!

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Sandy Cove



A couple of weeks ago I would have fully agreed with you, but I was walking my <sup>s.22(1)</sup> a couple of weeks ago just in front of my house when a young girl appeared with a big dog on a leash, I had my <sup>s.22(1)</sup> in my arms since I could see the dog was aggressive and so powerful the girl couldn't really control it, the dog went after my <sup>s.22(1)</sup> even though I was carrying her in my arms and bit my hand(!).

I believe some people shouldn't walk their dogs on public spaces at all, not only on beaches but also on the streets if they know their dogs are powerful and aggressive and they can't fully control them, it is dangerous for other dogs, other people and even their own dogs.



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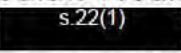


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I love dogs and all animals, but I do also believe that walking a dog in public areas is a responsibility and in some cases even with a leash, a powerful and aggressive dog can be dangerous, so even though I understand your frustration of not being able to take your dog to all those wonderful places, I do believe that it isn't such as easy as you think to change the bylaws, it isn't just water contamination, but also public safety.

By the way, even though the owners of the dog that bit me know me well, they never approached me to see if I was ok, after the incident while still bleeding I went their house to make sure the dog have had the rabies vaccine and found only the young girl again who could



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By the way, even though the owners of the dog that bit me know me well, they never approached me to see if I was ok, after the incident while still bleeding I went their house to make sure the dog have had the rabies vaccine and found only the young girl again who could barely open the door without the dog lurching towards me again and assured me it did had its vaccines; I was disappointed and surprised her parents never showed interest in my injury which luckily did not get infected and healed in just over a week by itself.

I believe that even with a leash some people who can not fully control their aggressive pets shouldn't walk them at all, specially in places frequented by others and since it would be difficult to determine these cases and enforce them, regretfully, dogs shouldn't be allowed in some places like all the beaches that are frequented by people.

I don't know if a bylaw that determines who can walk a dog even with a leash exists, but in the case of powerful aggressive dogs, they should obviously only be walked with a leash and ONLY by people who know how and are capable of controlling them, not children or teenagers.

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 Thank you for your comments and I am so sorry to hear of your recent experience. That is shameful behaviour on your neighbour's part, especially since you



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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) Westmount ...

s.22(1) thank you for your comments and I am so sorry to hear of your recent experience. That is shameful behaviour on your neighbour's part, especially since you know them as you do! Having said that, you are absolutely right, dog ownership is a responsibility. Public safety is in fact, the one reason I would agree with dog by-laws in any community. As you have just described, dogs need to be controlled 'at all times', your experience happened on a public street where dogs are allowed to be walked. Personally, I think I would have had a very strong follow-up conversation with your neighbour. At any rate, rest assured, I am not looking for dogs to be allowed to roam freely along beaches and sea walls. Simply put, I have only suggested a seasonal compromise at a handful of beach access points with the additional change of having leashed (and controlled - thank you!) dogs on the seawall. Would you still be opposed to this?

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) Sandy Cove ...

s.22(1) thank you

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s.22(1) [redacted] Caulfeild ...

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Caulfeild



s.22(1) that's a terrible incident that happened to you. There are certainly some dogs that should not be running free and are a risk even if leashed, just as there are people who are dangerous on the streets for whatever reason. Sounds to me like the owners of the dog that bit you are pieces of work themselves. So sorry that happened to you.

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s.22(1) Thank you, I prefer to believe their daughter never told them what happened.

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Eagle Harbour



Crazy traffic?

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Sandy Cove



s.22(1) that is the advantage of having a  
s.22(1) if she doesn't want to cooperate  
I just carry her. 😏

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Hollyburn



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s.22(1) [redacted] · Sandy Cove ...

I do agree with allowing dogs in many more places, they are part of the family, but reminding owners they are responsible for the dog's actions.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] · Altamont ...

I have also thought it is such a shame that we have a huge area of coastline with so many access points but most of it is really only enjoyed by waterfront properties and most are rarely used by anyone except for the summer months. In many parts of Victoria and Saanich they allow dogs on some of their beaches October to May. This seems like a sensible compromise.



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Totally agree. We NEVER walked the seawall when we owned our dog as we would NEVER let her walk beside the train tracks. It would be easy to have a bylaw office patrol the seawall for dogs not on leash or not licensed. Also a good suggestion re designated beach access points or ( as in California) dogs allowed October through May. Is a petition in order??? I'll be the first to sign!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Westmount ...

s.22(1) [redacted] Thank you for your comments. Yes, a petition is the way! I'm just trying to determine if there is enough support and what the concerns are of those that oppose these compromises I've suggested.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Hollyburn ...

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] · Sentinel Hill ...  
Isn't it about time dogs had votes? Then the politicians would pay some attention.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] · Westmount ...  
s.22(1) [redacted] haha!

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] · Sentinel Hill ...  
s.22(1) [redacted] I didn't mean it literally but it would be simple to give each registered dog owner with a current license a 2nd ballot in each municipal election to cast on the dog's behalf.

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Westmount

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That's brilliant. Do you have insight as to how I could accomplish this?

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Cleveland

I agree, it's ridiculous that dogs are so limited in west van. It makes me so angry that you can't walk them on leash to Dundarave on the seawall. Letting them off leash along a railroad track isn't safe and doesn't make sense. I don't even go there anymore because of it ( maybe that's what they want though!). Also, having such a high concentration of dogs at Ambleside makes it smell like urine in the warmer months and it's quite gross! We should be able to go to the beach with our furry friends and have a picnic. I love going to the Sunshine Coast because all of their beaches are dog friendly! I hope we will see changes in the near future regarding this! Maybe a petition to the city would help??

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Ambleside

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Yes I've written, my letters are on record. I think a petition is what's necessary. I didn't know you could speak though! I like that! Thank you so much!

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The only downside to speaking at a meeting is that the PQP is at the end, and sometimes the meetings are very long

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Capilano ...

the West Van seawall rule is ridiculous and needs to be changed. I have stopped walking my dogs there because they were never comfortable walking alongside me on the other side of the fence. Not to mention right next to the railroad tracks? like many policies in West Van, it is outdated.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) Hollyburn ...

I would also like to walk my dog on the seawall. I have a 6 pound dog that I would never consider having her walk by the rail tracks. I believe this issue was put to a vote about 10 years ago and unfortunately there are many residents that do not agree. Perhaps our demographics have since changed . It is amazing how many teams of bylaw officers walk the seawall to give out warnings. I would definitely agree to a petition

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) Westmount ...

Thank you for your comments and yes, I believe it's been at least 10 years since this question was raised. I'm not sure if the demographics have changed but alcohol is now allowed in some areas of our parks. That's a good sign!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Hollyburn ...

I am thinking that some of the older demographics that say no to everything..

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) Altamont ...

I agree totally with you. There is a part of the seawall in Ambleside where alcohol is allowed but no dogs,go figure. I have a small Shih Tzu and I'm not supposed to walk there with my dog. Hu in West Van wants our parks to be totally dog free? I think we should get together on this see what we can do.

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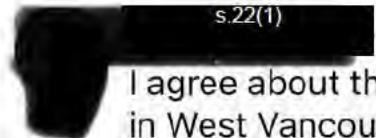
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Horseshoe Bay

I agree about the West Van seawall. I have lived in West Vancouver for many years - 40 or so - and could never understand the rule about not allowing leashed dogs along the seawall. When I go for a walk I always bring my dog as a companion as I love her company and sharing her sweet enjoyment of being out in nature with me. It is beautiful to walk near the sea - bordering the sea (without industrial complexes alongside) is what makes our community so incredibly unique and a desirable place to live in. I find it completely unfair that I cannot walk the lovely seawall with my leashed dog - we are considered 'unworthy' together. Consequently, I do not get to enjoy it for walks and must drive over the Lion's Gate Bridge to Stanley Park to get that special nature experience. I know of those who consider animals simply messy objects to keep at a distance and its seems they have the loudest subjective voices when it comes to making rules - the rationale appears to be for all these years best to keep the dreadfully poopy beasts at bay and subject them to being killed on the train tracks when the loud noise of a train terrifies them. Sad folks. Fortunately, I believe our youth have a much more embracing attitude about animals and appreciate their precious value in our lives. Times are a'changing and so should the rules regarding leashed dogs on the seawall. Perhaps I will get to walk my dog there before I die.

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Thank you. Leashed and under control, that is important, I agree.

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Westmount



Thank you for your comments.

Agreed, hygiene is important to all, all dog owners need to pick up after their dogs as they're supposed to! Anyone who doesn't pick up needs to pay a fine, I'm all for that! Regarding hygiene however, I am afraid to say that bird dung is probably a bigger hygiene issue. Are you aware of how the waste water treatment plant works and where it's located? To me, this is the bigger hygiene issue. In the summer months for example, the chloroform count often goes up and we hear about swimming 'alerts'. This has nothing to do with dog excrement in the water, this hygiene issue is not dog related. Secondly, you've raised being bothered by dogs on the beach, that's a good point, which is why I've suggested making only 4 or 5 access points 'dog friendly' (out of 50). People who don't want to be near or bothered by dogs could easily avoid these 4 or 5 access areas. A compromise is all I'm looking for. :)

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British Properties



Hey s.22(1) think you mean coliforms not chloroform 🤔

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Westmount



I knew that didn't look right! Thanks for catching that! 🤔

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s.22(1) agree with the original post that there should be more opportunities for dog owners to walk on the beach. I have always been perplexed about the ban on the sea wall.

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s.22(1) Eagle Harbour

No perpexion on my side. It's either people or dogs, not both.

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s.22(1) Agree, only 4 or 5 (out of 50) access points could be dog friendly. Seasonal and/or rules about dog use during certain hours of the day would mean everyone, including dog owners, could share our beaches.

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There are quite a few dogs on certain beaches.. If all the dog owners thought the same way it would be a huge problem..

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Caulfeild

never a problem. Always pick up after. No one has ever complained or even looked at me side eyed. It's a dog on a beach for crying out loud. Who cares. West Van has much bigger problems.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount

So true.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Eagle Harbour

Not a good citizen, not at all.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) · Ambleside ...  
 I love dogs, and I walk the dog park daily for the fun of it. However I do feel that many people own dogs that they can't control.

Perhaps the annual dog licence should be renewed only with an assessment done by the SPCA (which is next to the dog park)? In the same way that you licence both the car and driver, you need to licence the dog AND the walker.

The SPCA already have online training for their own dogwalkers, and they do "buddy training" before you're allowed to walk their dogs. Maybe this could be expanded to local residents (for a donation). I thought I knew how to walk a dog, until I did their training!

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 s.22(1) Interesting idea s.22(1) I hear you, you don't know what you don't know!  
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s.22(1) s.22(1) · Queens ...  
 It took 4 years but I finally got the signage changed on the Seawall to include Certified Guide and Service dogs. I am a volunteer puppy raiser with BC & Alberta Guide Dogs and I have





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Ambleside



I have a small dog and would really enjoy walking along the sea wall with her. Last week I was walking in Ambleside and a chihuahua snarled and tried to bite my dog. I think people that have aggressive dogs, and these people should know who they are, should somehow not be allowed to walk along the sea wall. This would make it unpleasant for other dog walkers. Not sure how this could be enforced though.

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Sandy Cove



the enforcement won't be easy, only the owners know if their dogs are friendly.

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just remind owners they are responsible for what their dogs do and the courtesy rules we all respect keep the same when walking with our pets.

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Sandy Cove



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I thought Ambleside Park was under the jurisdiction of the Squamish Nation, which would mean bylaw officers cannot ticket there, only warn?

I agree with your proposal of more dog walking options. There are so few sidewalks in West Van, which is charming, but dangerous for dog walking at times.

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s.22(1) Canyon Heights

I strongly agree with the dog bylaws as is.. Dogs do not belong on beaches, especially in the summer..

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s.22(1) Westmount

Thank you for your input. Are you opposed to even sharing the 50 or so access points as well? In other words, allowing dogs at only 4 or 5 beach locations? I'm curious what your concern is specifically? Hygiene? Something else? My proposal also includes seasonal changes. You'd be opposed to dogs on beaches in the winter months as well?

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s.22(1) Caulfeild

I agree with the original post that there should be more opportunities for dog owners to walk on the beach. I have always



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s.22(1) s.22(1) Canyon Heights ...

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount ...

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Caulfeild

The Capilano river section and the dog park ocean access is a huge area dedicated to dogs. It smells awful in that area and is unpleasant to walk through at times. The remaining areas of water access and seawall should be kept safe and clean for people to enjoy all year round. People swim from these beaches and children play in these areas all year round. Dogs on leashes make no difference to the abandoned poop in dog friendly areas all year round.

4d (edited) 1 Like Reply Share

s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount

Thanks for your comments. I agree, it does smell a bit nasty at the dog park but because this is the only area allowed for dogs to swim and run free, it is heavily trafficked. I venture to say that you are also smelling the wastewater that is being funnelled out right in front of the dog park. I have 3 children and several grandchildren. We do use the beaches year round but in all honestly, very rarely in the off-season and I often see no one else on the beaches. Do you have an issue with the seawall as well? Keep in mind, dogs are not allowed along any single part the waterfront from eastern Ambleside west. Does my small compromise seem truly unfair to you?

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s.22(1) [Redacted]

Caulfeild



Keep the seawall dog free (there is a dog section that runs along side part of the trail recently refreshed). It is a busy trail that does not need dog problems. There are so many other more suitable dog walking options available already.

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s.22(1) [Redacted]

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Dundarave



We love dogs and we often walk in Ambleside dog park just to enjoy seeing and petting them (when allowed) BUT there has to be some places where those who don't want to be surrounded by dogs or who fear dogs can walk. Fair is fair. I can't speak to other places, beaches etc but there is no need to turn the seawall into another dog walk and it wouldn't be much good for them anyway. Just asphalt. There actually are many trails we walk where dogs are welcome in West Van. If you check.

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s.22(1) [Redacted]

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Westmount



[Redacted] agreed, fair is fair. As I mentioned, I'm only proposing 4 or 5 beach access points out of 50. In addition, I suggested seasonal usage as so very few people use the beaches during winter months. Lastly, the seawall is lovely, dogs on leashes pose no hazard, do they? Could the seawall be divided? Your comments are very appreciated! I'm truly just looking for a



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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Altamont ...  
 I totally agree on all points. We should approach council together on this topic. They should be allowed on the sea wall on leash. And a few beach access points would also be very good. Thank you all

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Westmount ...  
 s.22(1) [redacted] I've emailed council and Parks for the next step and will post their reply. Thank you for your feedback and support.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Caulfeild ...  
 Yes, I agree whole-heartedly!

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Altamont ...  
 With you!!

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Eagle Harbour

You've had a lot of responses that are positive to your post, however...

It's not the dogs. They are doing their thing where they are lead to do it.

Unfortunately responsible "owners" are grouped in with the irresponsible ones. Riding my bicycle, I suffered 14 fractured ribs swerving from two dogs on those thin leashes that come out of a fishing rod style leash. I swerved to miss the dogs and hit a post on the multiuse trail between the field hockey fields and the baseball fields in Ambleside. I was not going fast but had to react quickly. Months of rehabilitation. Laying on the pavement, I was able to pull my phone out of my pocket and record the person coming to my help and the dog walker casually walking away from the scene as I lay there in pain. The dog walker walked away like nothing happened. I have video of the man with the dogs. I didn't proceed with anything. How could I?

About 10 years ago I had a small breed dog that we would walk on the seawall between John Lawson and the Beach House. My little doggie would have to go on the fenced trail next to the seawalk that was not well-maintained trail parallel to the train tracks. What about bikes, scooters and skateboards?

The seawall between John Lawson and Dunderave is very narrow with a steep drop to the ocean. We have a significantly elderly population that lives in that neighborhood. The



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The seawall between John Lawson and Dunderave is very narrow with a steep drop to the ocean. We have a significantly elderly population that lives in that neighborhood. The seawall from John Lawson to the beach at Dunderave is an inappropriate place to walk our dogs considering our population and irresponsible dog "owners".

Maybe it's just crazy traffic. Maybe it was OK with less dogs. What about the trail to Whyte Lake? It's supposed to be a dog friendly, on leash trail. No dogs that I have seen on that trail or on leash. The riparian zone. Before the Olympics, when it was a little known trail, I would see and hear Red Legged Frogs from Nelson Creek and up Whyte Creek to the lake. No more. They are Blue Listed endangered species. It's not the dogs. It's the people.

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s.22(1) · Westmount

s.22(1) Thank you, you've raised some great points. I agree with you, it's the people, not the dogs. Firstly, your bike incident; so very sorry to hear of your accident! Sounds like you were on the multi-use Spirit Trail and that trail is so dangerous! Even more so with the electronic bikes currently being used, I assure you, council is well aware of that hazard. I don't agree with this concept of multi-use trails as it is dangerous exactly for the reason you've described and what I've proposed does not include sharing with bicycles. Second your point regarding the



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mentioned. Sadly, I think there will be an increase in the use of these wooded trails as our WV population is ever growing. Check out the planned community up cypress Bowl Road, it will lead to busier trails all around I'm sure.

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Queens



I agree we should put the council on notice and if they fail to respond let's vote them out in September this is a very good time to swop legislation for votes

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Westmount



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I agree!

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Eagle Harbour



I would totally support this. I have had by law officers tell me to take my dogs off a beach at 7:15 am when there is not a single other person and it's the middle of January.

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Westmount



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Ridiculous, there's no common sense being used.

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Ambleside



Go s.22(1) totally support this initiative. (from s.22(1) old roommate)



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s.22(1) Go s.22(1) - totally support this initiative. (from old roommate:)

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Sandy Cove ...

As long as dogs have to be on a leash I totally support it too and wish they could also be welcome in some restaurants, at least in the outside tables like it happens in many other countries.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount ...

Access to some more of the local beaches in the winter months would be wonderful. I have seen this system work well in other jurisdictions.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Dundarave ...

As a dog owner I am supportive of more access to beaches on a limited basis. I am disgusted with the irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Sandy Cove ...

Totally agree with you!

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] British Properties ...

I agree s.22(1) [redacted] I'd love to walk my dog on the sea wall. Perhaps a compromise could be on certain days only to keep everyone happy

3d 1 Like Reply Share

s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] British Properties ...

Fully agree with your initiative for more access points and off-season usage of beaches for dogs. Enforcement officers could spend their time better by enforcing leash and waste regulations and educating new dog owners on dog walking practices.

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s.22(1) [redacted] s.22(1) [redacted] Altamont ...

s.22(1) [redacted] you asked for potential community concerns, so I'll offer some ideas, but dear readers, please don't bark at me 😊. Most of you are responsible dog owners, but opponents to the petition will focus on the typical problems encountered with the irresponsible dog owners:

1. The dog park beach boundaries are often ignored at Ambleside. Dogs are also at other shorelines with clearly marked "no dogs allowed" signs. Opponents to your petition will suggest that since dog owners are unwilling to respect the current rules, there's no reason to believe that they'll respect new rules.
2. Dog poo and dog poo bags are found everywhere: residential streets, parks, trails, schools, & sports fields. Opponents will suggest there's no reason to believe that dog owner's behaviour will improve if given access to additional beaches and shorelines where

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3. Opponents to the petition may say that dog ownership is a personal choice and residents should be able to enjoy public spaces without having to deal with other people's pets (insert aggressive/untrained/uncontrolled dog encounters here).

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Vestmount

Thank you! All true, frankly all valid points too! I am with you, these issues will need to be addressed. I will be calling the Vancouver Parks people next week to get some feedback from them on what their issues have been and how they've dealt with them. Im sure everything you've raised here has been problematic in Vancouver, yet they've made it work. What you've written is great feedback and thank you for your helpful insight! Ps. I hate seeing those poo bags everywhere!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Ambleside

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Ambleside

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Westmount

s.22(1) Wow. I love your post!

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Altamont

s.22(1) although I have a dog, I agree with your points. I've noticed in the last two years there are lots of new dog owners and a shortage of dog trainers and it shows. I see so many more dogs off leash on the trails with owners who have no control at all over them. I would love to see more access for dogs but I think if we tried it



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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount ...

s.22(1) Sure, let's put it on paws for a few years and see what improves?

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Altamont ...

s.22(1) ok that make me laugh out loud. I really do love the idea and maybe if we start now, by the time we get there those puppies will be ready!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Sandy Cove ...

in Vancouver there is a little more movement to change the Dog friendly parks situation: <https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.6095179>

It is time to call for changes in our neighborhood.

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount ...

Thank you! Great info!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount  
s.22(1) Thank you! Great info!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Eagle Harbour

This is a fantastic initiative! Petition is one way. But how about requesting DWV to setup the working group to review the inventory of dog friendly parks and trails and review the current access for dogs along the beaches? And send formal recommendations and/or even make an amendment to the current policy? Working group is usually made up of a council member and the representatives from the community. Back in 2010, I was a member of the working group to improve the accessibility at the beaches and made an amendments to the relevant policy. We presented during council meeting and later approved. I have lived over 32 years in West Van Eagle Harbour area, raised three children. I'd love to help to improve our community! Sorry for a long message. Thank you

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount  
s.22(1)

Amazing info! Thank you! Your valuable experience would be so helpful. I've been beating this thing down for two years! Perhaps we could speak next week? I'd love your feedback on the best way to move this proposal forward. It's pretty clear that our community isn't all opposed to this idea ... like I was told!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Eagle Harbour ...

s.22(1) I'm happy to chat with you.  
s.22(1) Also when you have time, visit DWV website to view the information of current and past working groups.

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s.22(1) [redacted] Westmount ...

s.22(1) Here is my contact number so that we can connect. Thank you!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Altamont ...

please let me know if I can help!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Westmount ...

Thank you, I will!

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s.22(1) [redacted] Whytecliff ...

I agree, and will absolutely sign a petition that perhaps we can present council with? Please let us dog owners know what we can do to support you.

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s.22(1) [redacted] Westmount ...

s.22(1) Thank you s.22(1) I'm still waiting for a response to my letter from my last communication about this issue. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in a coffee



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s.22(1) s.22(1)

Westmount



Thank you s.22(1) I'm still waiting for a response to my letter from my last communication about this issue. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in a coffee meeting to round up some ideas, that might be a start. I will wait til next week to give this post a bit more time for all to see, get my responses from the city then add to my post with a suggested meeting date and time. I look forward to meeting you!

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s.22(1) s.22(1)

Altamont



Thank you Sharon. You are absolutely right on all points. We should be encouraging dog walking. At a minimum there could be a 6 month trial period to assess how responsible dog owners can enjoy the sea wall as well.

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s.22(1) s.22(1)

Whytecliff



Dear s.22(1) Your thoughts about access to beaches, etc. is right on! Example: I live on s.22(1) -- it USED to be that dogs were allowed on the beach (Bachelor Bay) for a number of months. For reasons unknown, that option was discontinued. ALL THIS ON A BEACH THAT IS DESERTED FOR MANY WINTER MONTHS! I would be pleased to come to a meeting to discuss the issue. And, as this platform is very awkward (do others agree?), I suggest getting the exchange going on email; email is easier to respond, follow, find all the comments, not just some, etc. Use Dish Message



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s.22(1) Westmount  
 s.22(1) my mistake, I referenced s.22(1) post instead of yours. Great idea re email usage, I'll be working on that this week and will update here. Thank you for your comments!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Whytecliff  
 s.22(1) - good to hear from you. I think this is a good time to raise issues like this. I think people are looking for more thoughtful, imaginative and rational solutions to these sorts of community issues. Plus -... See more

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Eagle Harbour  
 Seems to me with a municipal election coming up in October, that it's a good time to reach out to the current Mayor and Council as well as those who have recently indicated their desire to run. Funny the way people tend to pay better attention when there's a desired consequence in the near future!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount  
 s.22(1) Thank you for your comments! Great idea re email s.22(1) I will set up email correspondence this week. No surprise to hear your beach is deserted during the winter months. You've noticed my proposal...

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s.22(1) Westmount ...

s.22(1) Thank you for your comments! Great idea re email s.22(1) will set up email correspondence this week. No surprise to hear your beach is deserted during the winter months. You've noticed my proposal has been met with overwhelming positive reactions, it gives me some hope! I will be in touch via email soon!

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s.22(1) Westmount ...

s.22(1) Yes, your point is a good one. The timing might be just right. Thank you!

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s.22(1) s.22(1) Westmount ...

Oh oops, the deserted beach is in reference to s.22(1) post!

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s.22(1) Eagle Harbour ...

s.22(1) I agree. My dog will only go on grass, and I pick up after him every time. The rules have become so stringent that I don't take him further than our neighbourhood these days. I raised a great dog (he's better than most kids), so these rules are disappointing.

s.22(1) and I would love to go to the beach, but he's not welcome. As an indoors dog, he's also very clean. I don't know if there's a happy medium here. Hopefully, we can find one. 🙌

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Westmount

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Thank you for your comments and yes, the goal is to find a compromise. We will!

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Eagle Harbour

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... would be welcome to any suggestions. Thanks so much! Sully also thanks you. 😊

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Horseshoe Bay

...his says it all to me. We NEED more dog parks in West Vancouver especially off leash fenced area's. It's absurd. I'll gladly sign any petition. Highly agree people need to pick up after their dogs more. It is awful they don't and sucks for the rest of us responsible owners. But there are so many dog owners in West Vancouver something needs to change. Ambleside is over used, crowded. As soon as you get into



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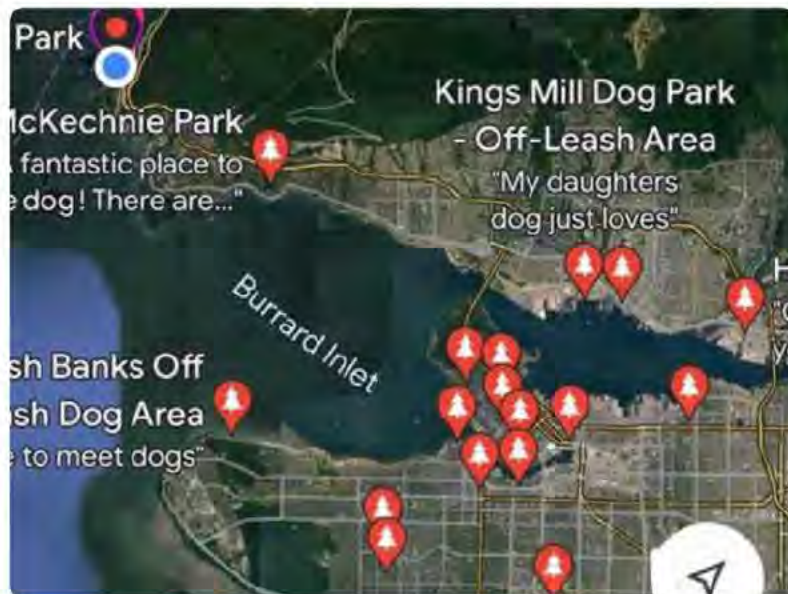


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s.22(1)

Westmount

Thank you for your great and helpful comments! I will be updating more information within a few days, your support is so appreciated!

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**From:** Jeremy Calder  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your Correspondence Dated June 17, 2021 Titled REQUEST TO REPEAL FIRE RESCUE BYLAW 5163 – SECTIONS 9.60-9.65

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:29 AM  
**To:** Jeremy Calder <jcalder@westvancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Council Report

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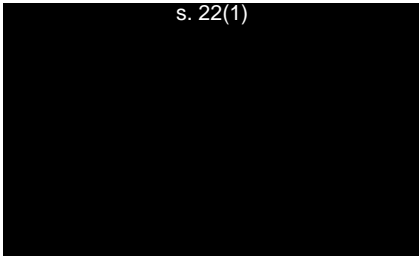
Thanks for getting back in touch with me yesterday. Sorry I couldn't talk at that time.

I am attaching a letter I sent to West Van Council, FYI. See the very end of this email chain.


We have guests from [REDACTED] s. 22(1) visiting, and I won't be very [REDACTED] s.22(1) [REDACTED] Tomorrow would be better, and I will try you then.

Regards,  
[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)



On Jun 20, 2022, at 3:19 PM, Jeremy Calder <[jcalder@westvancouver.ca](mailto:jcalder@westvancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi 

Thank you for your messaged request for the Report to Council from last November. I am sorry you did not have time to speak on the phone today. Please place your request through West Vancouver General Inquiries and they may assist you.

You indicated in your message that you have questions regarding storage garages. If you would like to share your building address with me I look forward to answering any further questions you may have.

Thank you,  
Jeremy

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2022 9:49 AM  
**To:** correspondence; Mary Ann Booth; Craig Cameron; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Bill Soprovich; Sharon Thompson; Marcus Wong  
**Subject:** Agenda Item for June 27; Repeal Bylaws 9.60 9.65  
**Attachments:** repeal bylaw 9.60.docx

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Please find attached my letter regarding Bylaws 9.60-9.65, for the agenda of the next Council meeting, June 27, 2021.  
Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

June 17, 2021

The Mayor and Council  
District of West Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council:

## **REQUEST TO REPEAL FIRE RESCUE BYLAW 5163 – SECTIONS 9.60-9.65**

### **BACKGROUND**

I have just learned of the change made to the West Vancouver Fire Code Bylaws effective December 31, 2021. I am a homeowner at the [REDACTED] s. 22(1), and am severely affected by the change.

Yesterday, I placed a call and left a message for Assistant Chief Jeremy Calder, and at time of writing, have not heard back. Also yesterday, I contacted the Legislative Services Division at District Hall, and was assisted by Pascal Cuk, who provided the information I requested. I am writing now so that this request for repeal is put on the agenda of Council's upcoming June 27 meeting, as I understand the deadline is today.

I have reviewed the information. The history of the change seems to be as follows: A report from Jeremy Calder recommending the changes was given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings at the November 22, 2021 meeting of Council, and at its December 13, 2021 meeting, Council adopted each of the bylaws (9.60 through 9.65) by consent resolution, along with a number of other matters that were grouped together that day. Given the fairly quick review by Council, I'm not sure the significance of the change was appreciated, and a second look is warranted.

### **THE ISSUES**

The report states the purpose of the change is to come into line with the City and District of North Vancouver, following extensive consultation with them, to introduce best practices, collaboration and alignment being key. While this is laudable as an objective, it should not be the sole driving force, in my opinion.

The report does not mention any consultation with individuals or groups affected by the change. How many buildings in West Vancouver beyond [REDACTED] s. 22(1) are affected? How many homeowners?

The report does not cite any examples of issues that the Fire Department has had to deal with in West Vancouver. How often per year is the Fire Department called to a building to deal with fire in a private garage?

The report does state the new bylaws will ensure "that all storage is contained within rooms designed for storage and combustible materials are not permitted to accumulate or be stored in and around buildings in quantities or locations that constitute a fire hazard."



The report does not consider a simple prohibition to storing flammable and combustible materials in garages, but rather prohibits all storage of any type, much like trying to swat a mosquito with an atom bomb.

The report does not take into consideration the consequences of banning all storage. For example, where should luggage, sports equipment, Christmas decorations, hardware, power tools, a freezer, wet outerwear and the like be stored? The buildings in our complex were purposefully designed to have storage in the garage. The apartments were not designed for storage because the garages were. At s. 22(1), there is very small "back of the house" space; we do not have spacious pantries and laundry rooms, etc. for storage. Consequently, there is nowhere else for it.

The report does not take into consideration the loss of real estate value of the bylaw. Without the ability to store items such as mentioned above, there would be a significant price drop to each unit. I'm not a real estate expert, but it would look like the things I need to store that are currently in my garage are not disposable, and would need to be stored in a room in my apartment, so my unit now becomes much smaller. Let's speculate ... if the approximately 100 homeowners at s. 22(1) each experience a value drop of, say conservatively, \$300,000 as a result of this bylaw, that's a \$30,000,000 loss. Who is going to make that up to them?

#### **THE SOLUTION**

We all want to live in a safe environment. If the issue is really flammable and combustible materials, then these Bylaws should be replaced with one that prohibits their accumulation and storage. An accompanying list of examples, (say solvents, fuel, propane etc.) would be helpful.

It does not need to prohibit the storage of everything.

I recommend that Council repeal Bylaws 9.60-9.65 and replace them with a bylaw that prohibits the storage of combustible and flammable materials, and enable the Fire Department to conduct inspections to ensure compliance at any time.

Yours truly,

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West Vancouver, BC s. 22(1)

**From:** Jeremy Calder  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:31 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your Correspondence Dated June 22, 2022 Titled New Garage Regulations

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**Subject:** New Garage Regulations  
**Attachments:** Garage Regulations B.docx

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Attached, please find my comments and opinion on the new storage/garage regulations involving me and my co-tenant's livelihood.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

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West Vancouver, B.C.,

s. 22(1)

To: Mayor and Council – District of West Vancouver

Dear Madam and members of the Council, I am writing this letter as I have been informed about the newly adopted resolution to forbid all non-automobile and or people moving devices stored in our oversized enclosed garages. Moving from house to an apartment is always challenging and we would have never purchased this new place, if there would not been the selling feature of having extra area for storage of valuable and at different time of the year necessary components to utilize. We have stored our pressure washer as we have 2100sq.feet of terrasses, winter storage of external furniture, etc. To issue such directive on building build under the previous building codes is very unfair. In my view, this could and maybe should be applied on new construction (we will not purchase our self and stay in our house). I know, the same is most likely going to hit private homes as well, I am not going to be around, being s.22(1) old, how lucky for me.

We have spent extra money to have all steel shelving, professionally installed, wall mounted attachments to hold garden tools and related equipment, almost as in a house we had.

Instead of retirement that I have visualized, to start search for of site storage, somewhere in Surrey, as nothing like that exist in West Vancouver for the thousands that will be hit with this unfair and illogical decision by you and the council.

Very disappointed tenants of West Vancouver,

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:31 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your Correspondence Dated June 22, 2022 Titled Fire bylaw Re Private Garage Usage

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:36 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Mary-Ann Booth; Marcus Wong; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Craig Cameron  
**Subject:** Mayor and Council Re Fire bylaw Re Private Garage Usage

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Dear Mayor Booth and Council Members,

I write to seek your assistance in reconsidering the retroactive application of the new Fire & Rescue bylaw 5163 passed in the end of 2021. This bylaw in which prohibits storing personal items other than vehicles, bikes/motorbikes or boats in our private garage.

Our family has been studying and living in West Vancouver for more than 15 years, we purchased an apartment called [REDACTED] s.22(1) from the renowned developer [REDACTED] s. 22(1). One of the absolute favorable features of the apartment included a private owned garage. We had consulted both the developer and our realtors and lawyers to ensure we could store our personal items in our secured private garage. Upon we moved in, we also consulted our building council as well as our property management company, [REDACTED] s.22(1), the largest property management company in North America, to get the permission to install expensive storage shelving systems in our garage. All the sudden, we were informed by our council that we could no longer store our personal items in our own garage, and everything including our installed shelving systems has to be removed from our garage. This bylaw will cause a huge adverse affects on our daily life, and it will inevitably lead to a devaluation of our property, for which we paid almost [REDACTED] s.22(1) property tax annually. When this bylaw takes effect, we will have to remove all of our personal items from our private garage, and we have to find an appropriate commercial storage place since [REDACTED] s.22(1) did not incorporate any other storage option into our apartment when they built it. Base on the up to date information, the limited public storages on the North Shore are all running on really tight capacity. I couldn't even imagine what will happen if suddenly hundreds of the strata owners rushed out desperately to find spare storage spaces.

I've also complained to [REDACTED] s.22(1) regarding the new bylaw. They assured that they followed all the bylaws and regulations when they designed and built the apartment building, and every feature they've advertised complied with the local bylaws and regulations. Our building [REDACTED] s. 22(1) was a concrete building and each private garage was built with concrete floor, ceiling, three concrete walls, and each garage as well as other common areas have sprinklers. This means that our private garages are infinitely safer than any single family home in West Vancouver.

I've asked some friends living in apartment buildings all over the Metro Vancouver Area. None of them have encountered similar bylaw ever. I therefore would like to ask West Vancouver council please to reconsider the application of the Fire & Rescue bylaw 5163, or amend the bylaw to exempt existing apartment buildings. I firmly believe that West Vancouver council has the ability to come up a better solution.

Best Regards,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver s. 22(1)

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**From:** Jeremy Calder  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:31 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your Correspondence Dated June 22, 2022 Titled 220620 Mayor & Council Re Fire bylaw re Garage usa

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 6:44 PM  
**To:** correspondence; Mary-Ann Booth; Marcus Wong; Sharon Thompson; Bill Soprovich; Peter Lambur  
**Subject:** 220620 Mayor & Council Re Fire bylaw re Garage usa

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Dear Mayor Booth and Council Members,

I am writing this email to seek your assistance in correcting the retroactive application of Fire & Rescue bylaw passed 31 December 2021 as it adversely affects the use of private garages in strata properties. I believe you have already received the email from a few members of our property. I am with s. 22(1) and really hope that you and your team can help us out to solve this issue. Thanks a lot.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

s. 22(1)

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**From:** Corinne Ambor  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your email regarding proposed pickleball courts at Hugo Ray Park

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed pickleball courts at Hugo Ray Park. Your correspondence has been referred to staff for response.

Some of your questions are addressed in the FAQ section of the public engagement page for the proposed pickleball courts at Hugo Ray Park, <https://www.westvancouverite.ca/hugo>.

Regarding the types of paddles used for pickleball play, our understanding is that the paddles referenced are a prototype. Until more information is available, it is anticipated that standard pickleball paddles will be used. Please note that standard pickleball paddles were utilized for the acoustic study.

Regards,

Corinne Ambor  
Parks Stewardship Manager | District of West Vancouver  
T: 604.925.7138 | [westvancouver.ca](http://westvancouver.ca)

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**From:** s. 22(1) >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 3, 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Proposed Pickle ball Courts at Hugo Ray Park

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I see that Mayor and Council ignored pleas from those s.22(1) the proposed locations for these courts in HRP s. 22(1).

It was dismaying to see that 200 West Van residents have so much political clout to sway Mayor and Council to give them a unanimous vote completely ignoring concerns raised by the neighbourhood who will be directly affected.

Please confirm two things:

1. What is the traffic plan once these courts are installed? People will travel from all over the North Shore. There is one road in and out. Surely you have considered this important issue.
2. Confirm that users of the courts will be REQUIRED to use the quieter paddle. If they don't have one they will not be allowed to play.
3. I would like to receive details of your cost estimate. I assume if there are cost overruns you will deal with them by reducing the number of courts vs spending more taxpayer money.

I continue to have grave concerns about this proposal but, like all things with this Council it appears to be a fait accompli. Clearly you had all made up your minds about this proposal before a vote was even taken.

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver, BC

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Corinne Ambor  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 1:54 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence  
**Subject:** Your correspondence regarding pickleball at Hugo Ray Park

Dear s. 22(1),

Thank you for your correspondence to Council regarding pickleball in Hugo Ray Park. Your correspondence has been referred to staff for response.

Most of your questions regarding choosing Hugo Ray Park, trees, traffic, costs, and other considered locations are addressed in the FAQ section of the public engagement page for the proposed pickleball courts at Hugo Ray Park, <https://www.westvancouverite.ca/hugo>.

This final acoustic study will be completed once a site is selected which will take into account factors including existing vegetation and trees. Any additional possible noise mitigation measures, such as acoustic barriers, will be determined by the final acoustic study. The preliminary acoustic study will be available be posted on the District’s website shortly.

An environmental site assessment is underway and is required before the commencement of construction. The Capilano River lies to the east downslope from Hugo Ray Park. Leachate from the decommissioned landfill is monitored by the Engineering Department in conjunction with Metro Vancouver.

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- 1 - Why are trees being removed and how many?
- 2 - Why is there no acknowledgement of the trees as a sound curtain from highway noise? (B)(b)
- 3 - What are you doing about the increased traffic to the area - safety for kids, bikes, pedestrians?
- 4 - The current costs to build these courts is around \$500,000-\$750,000 but include no provisions for sound barriers or shielding - why?
- 5 - Are there plans to expand the parking for buses and extra cars?
- 6 - Are there plans to add fluorescent lighting and/or bleachers to the park (as suggested by the North Van pickleball club)?
- 7 - Why are you putting pickleball courts in an area with no transit (thus forcing people to drive)?
- 8 - What will people do while waiting for the courts (there are no benches, no amenities, no dogs allowed?)
- 9 - Why are you not considering other viable locations like Ambleside Field H and Gleneagles?
- 10 - When will a proper environmental study be done on the area to help clean up the contaminated soil in and around the fields?
- 11 - What is being done to protect the fish bearing and other 'riparian' areas that lie adjacent to the park?

## CLOSING STATEMENT

Staff is supposed to be conducting a public input session - but really it's just a popularity contest which is pitting the neighbourhood residents (which are only about 50-100 people) against the entire North Shore and a special interest group that claims numbers over 300+ (and which includes people who don't live in this community).

This is NOT proper public engagement. We should have been approached as a stakeholder in the beginning. Our requests to meet with staff have been rejected. Why? And when will you invite us to the table properly to discuss this matter instead of taking part in this one-sided David vs Goliath battle.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:10 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** correspondence; Ian Haras; Natalie Roizman; Sue Ketler  
**Subject:** Parc Verdun

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Regards,

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Last year at this time, as our neighbourhood kids were gearing up for their summer holidays, the district chose to close the Parc and then do nothing with it. Frustrated kids and parents accepted that this is the cost of getting a much improved place to play despite the lack of forethought on the timing. Now as kids are again finishing up school and looking forward to playing in their Parc is still closed. And looks almost the same as it did a year ago.

To say that the neighbourhood is frustrated is an understatement.

Can one of you please explain why this project has been delayed so unreasonably long? I have attempted to gain this understanding from Ian Haras, but he has chosen to dodge the question. I hope you don't chose the same route, given that you are elected to work for the Eagle Harbour community as well as the more visible communities that would have had this project completed months ago.

We currently have no information on the timeline to completion. So maybe you can update us on that too? I am tired of telling my kids "maybe next week".

And before you even start, please park any supply chain, weather or COVID excuses. None of them hold water when we're a year into this.

I look forward to your response.

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Hi W Van Council,

I am writing to voice my disappointment and confusion over what's causing the delays with the completion of Parc Verdun. This project has been in the works for months, almost years and has, at times, sat idle for months at a time with no activity but with a fence erected preventing any use of the facility.

I was very happy, and so were the many children in the neighbourhood, to see some progress earlier this month; only to see it stalled again with no activity.

Could council please provide some clarity and firm dates of completion?

I look forward to a timely response.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

[REDACTED] West Vancouver.