

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO NOVEMBER 16, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) November 10, 2022, regarding “Police Presence on Traffic Control”**
- (2) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, November 10, 2022, regarding Upcoming Events & Programs**
- (3) November 12, 2022, regarding “Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) 2023 Budget”**
- (4) November 15, 2022, regarding “Land Acknowledgement”**
- (5) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, November 14, 2022, regarding “Recognition of William Soprovich by the West Vancouver Chamber”**  
(Received at the November 14, 2022 Council meeting)
- (6) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Awards Committee meeting July 6, 2022; and Public Art Advisory Committee meeting October 26, 2022**

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

- (7) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country), November 10, 2022, regarding “Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Indigenous Business Navigator Launch”**

### **Responses to Correspondence**

- (8) Community Relations Liaison, November 9, 2022, response to P. Hundal regarding “Urgent request regarding Fuel Reduction Program”**

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Mark, Four Police Cars at Beans this morning, 45 - 60 min. ( 8:00am - 9:00am )  
Marine Drive is like a Drag Strip from almost Park Royal to Dundarave, for example , from 17th and Marine , this morning,next two traffic lights are blinking Green, cars fly along here.  
Suggest Radar at 23 & Marine.  
Bellevue Ave is 30 km, again cars fly along here.  
Spoke to an Asian Officer about speeding along Marine Dr. His answer was that the Traffic Lights control the Speed?  
By the way, on two of those Grey Police Cars had note on their windows not to park in this lot.  
I would like to see more policing for Speed, Running Red Lights, U Turns , maybe hire a couple of Police Officers dedicated to Traffic Control.  
I'm sure you could hire a couple of qualified officers from the soon to be disbanded Surrey police force.  
Regards s. 22(1)

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**West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce**

**Annual Holiday Gathering**

**Thursday December 1st, 2022 - Milestones Park Royal**



West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

# HOLIDAY GATHERING

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*Milestones Park Royal*

We are excited to let you know about the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce upcoming Holiday Gathering on December 1st at Milestones Park Royal. Our Holiday celebration is a popular social event and opportunity for local business and community leaders to mix and mingle. This year the Chamber is celebrating it's 70th Anniversary having been established by a group of business owners wanting to build a sense of shared comradery and success in West Vancouver. This continues to be a priority for members and board representatives - we hope you can join us!

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## Welcome to the new Mayor and Council

Congratulations to the members of the 2022-2026 District of West Vancouver Council; Mayor Mark Sager, returning councillors Nora Gambioli, Peter Lambur, and Sharon Thompson, joined by Christine Cassidy, Scott Snider, and Linda Watt. Over the past 70 years the West Vancouver Chamber has worked energetically with Mayors and Councils to support our business community. Discussions have already begun regarding the initiatives Mayor Sager would like to be part of in the coming months. We also extend a warm welcome to Councillor Snider as our new council liaison.



With this transition we thank members of the previous Council, former-Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, past-Councillors Craig Cameron, Bill Soprovich, and Marcus Wong who each have supported the Chamber, particularly through the pandemic. We look forward to seeing them in the community and at events.

*Photo:* Chamber Chair Elaine McHarg (centre) congratulates Mayor Mark Sager (left) and new Councillor Scott Snider (right) after the Inaugural meeting on November 7, 2022

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**Cc:** info@adbia.ca  
**Subject:** Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) 2023 Budget

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

**Re: Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) 2023 Budget**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) for their recent program to support public art through their mural program in Ambleside Village.

The recent new art murals along Clyde Avenue and Marine Drive have achieved their desired outcome of enhancing the identity and vibrancy our public spaces. They encourage a sense pride in our public realm and are welcoming to both local residents and visitors exploring our town centre.

I look forward to the future public art placemaking and public realm enhancements initiated by the ADBIA as included in their proposed 2023 Budget.

Thank you

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Cc: ADBIA

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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:39 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Mark Sager; Peter Lambur; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt  
**Subject:** Land Acknowledgement

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## RE: Land Acknowledgement

It is my understanding that the land acknowledgement will no longer be said at West Vancouver Council meetings.

Council members are our community leaders and therefore **must** represent West Vancouver's commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Process.

I sincerely hope the Mayor will reconsider this decision and include an apology to our Indigenous citizens.

Thank you

Yours truly

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West Vancouver, B.C.

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cc: Mayor Mark Sager  
Councillors Cassidy, Gambioli, Lambur, Snider, Thompson and Watt.

Received at the November 14, 2022 regular Council meeting for Item 4 (5)

West Vancouver

**Chamber**  
Of Commerce



Serving the Communities  
Of West Vancouver And Bowen Island

November 14, 2022

Mayor and Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 17<sup>th</sup> Street, West Vancouver, BC

**Delivered by Hand**

Dear Mayor and Council,

**RE: Recognition of William Soprovich by the West Vancouver Chamber**

On behalf of the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to recognize William (Bill) Soprovich for his years of service to the West Vancouver community as a Councillor from 1996 to 2022. In addition to his municipal service Bill has been a proponent of small and independent businesses throughout his life and career in West Vancouver. Bill is someone who always has the time and attention for members of the community, new and established.

In recognition, the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has voted to award Bill Soprovich a life-time membership in the Chamber, with the hope that he will continue to attend our networking, learning and special events.

In closing, we thank the mayor for hosting this special evening and the opportunity to recognize Bill Soprovich as a deserving and enthusiastic community contributor and leader.

Best Regards,

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Elaine McHarg  
Chair, West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce  
On behalf of the Board of Directors

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CEDAR ROOM, WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

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Committee Members: J. Saba (Chair), L. Brown, C. Burns, S. Hennessy, T. Hodgins, S. Mani, C. McLaughlin, D. Morrison; and Councillor S. Thompson attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Cedar Room, West Vancouver Community Centre.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 6, 2022 Awards Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

T. Hodgins absent at the vote

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 1, 2022 Awards Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

T. Hodgins absent at the vote

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Review and Debrief of 2022 Awards Process**

The Committee members provided comments regarding the 2022 awards ceremony. Committee members agreed that the ceremony went well, and the room setup encouraged people to engage with each other. Other items discussed included:

- Outreach plan: Distribution and communication of the application form; extended time between communication and deadline to apply, so people can have more time to consider nominations.
- Follow-up emails with recipients and nominators and a “reminder” for next year.
- Application form: Add wording informing that the Community Awards is not a competition; option for the nomination to remain anonymous.

- Community distribution list: Prior discussion about connections with groups; Members to consider the list as a guideline; other contacts should be added.
- Evaluation form: Update to include space for notes.

Committee discussed the research results provided by D. Morrison on awards programs from other municipalities.

T. Hodgins entered the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Review and Debrief of 2022 Awards Process be received for information.

CARRIED

#### **5. Consolidation of Awards and Community Grants Committees**

Committee discussed the benefits and concerns about a potential increased workload throughout the year. It was recommended that the awards program be moved back to the fall. Members agreed that Staff should draft a new Terms of Reference to be reviewed by the Awards Committee at the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Staff draft a new Terms of Reference for an amalgamated Awards Committee and Community Grants Committee to be reviewed in the fall.

CARRIED

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

#### **6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

### NEXT MEETING

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Awards Committee meeting be scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 5 p.m. and be held in-person in the Music Box.

CARRIED

### ADJOURNMENT

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

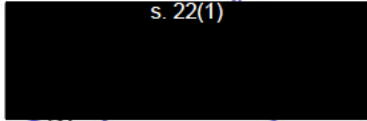
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 6, 2022 Awards Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

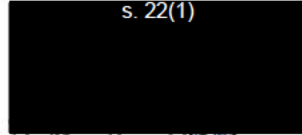
The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Chair

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Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022**

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Committee Members: E. Fiss (Chair), P. Azarm Motamedi, A. Green, B. Kaiser, N. von Meyenfeldt, and J. Wong attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.  
Absent: Councillor P. Lambur.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); I. Haras, Parks Planning & Development Manager; L. Thackray, Cultural Services Program Coordinator; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 26, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the August 31, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Ambleside Seawalk Public Art Discussion**

Chair reminded the Committee about previous discussion regarding potential locations for public art in Ambleside considering the “necklace” concept. I. Haras was present to discuss potential future projects for public art at the prioritized areas on the waterfront at the base of 14th, 17th and 19th Street previously identified. I. Haras explained that the Seaview Garden, located at the foot of 19th Street would be a good opportunity for smaller pieces of public art as it is also used as a gathering spot. He explained that the Fresh Street Market area at 17th Street has been adapted to the District’s Streetscape Standards which already considers public art in the streetscapes. The Engineering Department would have to be consulted on further discussion of adding public art to the 17th Street area. Committee members will schedule a site walk to identify potential locations at 17th Street and Seaview Garden Park. Other potential locations were also discussed such as the area on the northeast side of the Ferry Building where the granite rocks are located for future consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Ambleside Seawalk Public Art Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

**5. West Vancouver Place for Sport Public Art Discussion**

J. Wong provided a presentation about the proposal for public art at the Place for Sport, including information about the call to artists, project management, and budget. The School District would own the public art and be responsible for ongoing maintenance and insurance. A selection panel consisting of representatives from the community, School District, arts community, and potentially a student and one of the user sporting clubs would be created to select four or five artists to be invited to submit a proposal. The selection panel would also choose the artist(s) for the project. The Committee discussed various details in the presentation and exact location for the public art piece. J. Wong confirmed that the Committee would receive regular updates on the project's progress. The Committee discussed the request for \$100,000 to be transferred from the Public Art Reserve Fund to contribute to the total project costs. This recommendation will go to Council for approval in January 2023.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee recommends to Council that \$100,000 be transferred from the Public Art Reserve Fund to contribute to the total project costs of the Place for Sport Public Art Project, based on the October 11, 2022 proposal, pending guaranteed matching funds of a minimum of \$100,000.

CARRIED

**6. Community Public Art Program Discussion**

Chair presented examples of community public art policies and previous projects from several other communities to show the definitions of community public art and how the community can be engaged to develop and create interesting temporary or permanent pieces of public art. One of the outstanding items is to update the District's Public Art and Municipal Art Collection Policy and Procedures which will include a statement on Community Public Art which is currently missing. At the next meeting, the Chair will present implementation strategies from other communities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Community Public Art Program Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Public Art Reserve Fund**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Public Art Reserve Fund be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

**8. Staff Update**

Staff reported on the following:

- The Municipal Hall public art piece is getting closer to installation with completion of work on the building. Artist, Illarion Galant is working with staff to coordinate installation requirements, details and scheduling.
- Welcome Figure requires maintenance and repair work. Staff have connected with the artist, Stan Joseph to receive an outline of the work needed and budget.
- An online searchable database for the District’s art collection (including the Art Museum) and archives is being developed with public art to be included as well.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**NEXT MEETING**

**10. NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 3 p.m. and be held in-person in the Raven Room at the Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

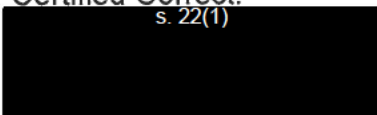
THAT the October 26, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

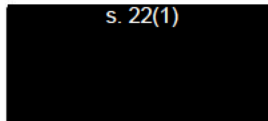
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Chair

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Committee Clerk



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**From:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P. <Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** Weiler, Patrick - M.P.  
**Subject:** [Possible Scam Fraud]Letter from MP Patrick Weiler - Indigenous Business Navigator Launch  
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from MP Patrick Weiler regarding the launch of the Indigenous Business Navigator.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Hemmat



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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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*Patrick Weiler*

Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

November 10, 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

I am pleased to share that Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has just launched an exciting new program to support Indigenous business owners and communities with new economic development initiatives.

The **Indigenous Business Navigator** is now up and running, a one-window access point for Indigenous individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities in accessing Government of Canada programs and services that could support their business and economic-development needs.

Whether you are an Indigenous business owner looking to access capital, or a First Nation looking for help with community economic development planning, the Indigenous Business Navigator will help you find the information and support you are looking for.

**To get help finding the programs and services you need, please contact:**

[navigateur-navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:navigateur-navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca).

Further information about the program and related initiatives can also be found here: [Strategic Partnerships Initiative \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/StrategicPartnershipsInitiative)

Stay tuned for more information about the Indigenous Business Navigator by the end of this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Weiler'.

Patrick Weiler, MP  
*West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country*

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**From:** Natalie Roizman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 5:12 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Cc:** Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson; correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Council correspondence - week ending November 9, 2022

Dear Paul Hundal,

Thank you for your email correspondence to Mayor & Council regarding the pilot project for wildfire fuel management along the Baden Powell Trail, which has been referred to staff for a response.

I would like to note that you voiced your comments and concerns during the recent virtual information session regarding wildfire fuel management, held on Thursday, November 3 via Zoom. Presenter Bruce Blackwell of B.A. Blackwell and District staff in attendance heard your concerns, and responded to them at that time.

As per a previous response sent to you on July 29, 2022, this project is part of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which was approved by Council in 2019. Fuel management is the planned reduction of living and dead forest fuel vegetation to decrease the intensity and rate of spread of a wildfire and is a key element of wildfire risk reduction. This project is focussed on human life and safety, and protection of residents, structures, wildlife, and forests in the District of West Vancouver. The fuel management objectives set out for this project are intended to reduce fire behaviour to a targeted level, thereby allowing for increased fire suppression opportunities and fire fighter safety.

Our staff are dedicated to serving the community and providing a high level of service. While we appreciate your efforts in bringing issues to our attention, staff's priority is to provide services and deal with issues as they arise District-wide, not in continually responding to ongoing associated correspondence and questions.

Thank you for understanding that staff will not be responding to any further enquiries on this topic as we consider these to be addressed.

Sincerely,

**Natalie Roizman** she, her, hers  
Community Relations Liaison | District of West Vancouver  
t: 604-925-7008 | c: 604-721-3776 | [westvancouver.ca](http://westvancouver.ca)



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), sə́l̓wətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and x̣m̓əθk̓əy̓əm (Musqueam Nation). We recognize and respect them as nations in his territory, as well as their historic connection to the lands and waters around us since time immemorial.

**From:** Paul Hundal [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Scott Snider; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; Nora Gambioli; Sharon Thompson  
**Subject:** Urgent request regarding Fuel Reduction Program

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To Mayor and Council,

First of all congratulations on your election, I look forward to working with you all over the next term.

Last week there was an article in the North Shore News about the new "fuel reduction program" brought in by staff to thin out the forest canopy on Hollyburn through logging. I wrote this Letter to the Editor in response that hasn't been published. It is relevant to your consideration on whether this program should continue.

"Years ago experts in forestry claimed that logging was good for water quality and persuaded the GVWD (that supplies Vancouver's drinking water) to log our watershed supply areas. That began in haste in the 1970's and by the late 1980's, when the rains came in autumn our water would come out of the tap brown. Old-timers knew that it didn't used to be that way and eventually the politicians stopped the logging of our watersheds. Now those same kind of forestry experts are saying we should log Hollyburn through thinning to protect us from fire. I never believed logging would improve water quality and I don't believe logging will reduce the risk of fire. If you open up the canopy by thinning, the forests will be more like the interior forest where guess what, there are way more fires."

I know that our new mayor was deeply involved in the watershed issues and understands it completely. I am deeply concerned that applying fuel treatment programs that may apply to interior stands and transplanting them to the coast does not have any proven history of working. It is based on modeling much like the claims that logging would improve water quality was based on modeling. In science you come up with models, which are hypotheses, then you test the hypotheses with extensive experimentation over time. Then other scientists independently test to see if they come up with the same results and only then do you have provable science. There is no provable science that this type of fuel reduction program on the coast will reduce wildfire.

I recently took one of the world's leading forest fire experts,(particularly on BC fires) Dr. Michael Feller, Professor Emeritus at UBC, through the proposed logging site. He kept on pointing out that there were minimal ladder fuels on the site. He also said the canopy is high enough off the ground and of an age that its fire risk is dropping considerably and will continue to drop if you do nothing. This forest is past the worst phase for crown fires.

My concern about his comment that there are minimal ladder fuels (like low level branches that can carry a fire up the tree or densely branched low trees) is that this program is paying a lot of money to remove ladder fuels. If there are already minimal ladder fuels, as stated by Dr. Feller, then why are we paying contractors to remove them. At the public information session I raised this and the consultant insisted there were substantial ladder fuels. I am asking that this be independently investigated now. If the cutting proceeds next week then the evidence will be lost. I believe this whole program is a waste of money. Even in stands with higher ladder fuels an argument can be made that intervention isn't going to change the overall risk enough to justify the expense. Dr. Feller said that in the US they have developed a

methodology for assessing whether intervention is worth it but he made a point of stating that methodology has never been applied to BC. In short, he says no one can answer, based on current science, whether this intervention is worth it.

I have taken some of the new Council up to the site and showed them how the ladder fuels were predominant at the edge of the forest by the power line. This is because all the extra light encourages branching right down the tree. However, as soon as we walked into the forest there were virtually no low branches. I urge you all to see this for yourself before it is cut. Then you can see for yourself that this whole venture is not worth spending the money on.

The two recent human caused ground fires on Hollyburn, after an exceptionally dry year, also reveals that on the coast under a dense canopy, even if a fire starts, it can be quickly suppressed. The ground cover is not tinder dry in spite of the dry conditions because of the closed canopy blocking light. This can be easily seen by walking the site. I note that the Minnekhada fire in Coquitlam was larger because of the steep terrain. Fire rises, so on a steep slope it will quickly rise up the slope. Hollyburn is not like that at all and I doubt thinning would make any difference in that situation anyway.

I urge you to seek an outside second opinion on the site conditions, such as pertaining to ladder fuels, before allowing the cut to take place rather than relying on the person who sold you the prescription. We have confidence in Dr. Feller's assessment rather than someone working in or for the forest industry.

Please act now.

Paul Hundal [please don't redact name]

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*from the unceded territories of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam people*