

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 (8:30 a.m.)**

### **Correspondence**

- (1) 3 submissions, September 1-3, 2022, regarding Ambleside Tree Lights**
- (2) September 4, 2022, regarding “Street Performance Festival was wonderful”**
- (3) September 6, 2022, regarding “letter to mayor and council-re airbnb complaint”**
- (4) West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, September 6, 2022, regarding Upcoming Events and Programs**
- (5) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting June 2, 2022 and Public Art Advisory Committee meeting July 12, 2022**

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

- (6) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country) (3 submissions), August 31 - September 6, 2022, regarding Federal Programs and Initiatives**

### **Responses to Correspondence**

No items.

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** Engineering Department  
**Subject:** Year Round "Disneyland" - Tree Lights in Ambleside?  
**Importance:** High

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The costs expended on this ridiculous exercise would be far better spent repairing our potentially life-changing dangerous tripping-hazard uneven sidewalks and road intersections that cause large vehicles to sound like they are exploding when going over the uneven cracked and sunken surfaces. (FYI - Call number M-98054 has been created on the latter from the Engineering and Transportation Services Dept.)

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Christine Ballantine. (Please do not redact my name.)

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West Vancouver,

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**From:** Patricia Tomlinson [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** correspondence; Engineering Department  
**Subject:** Fwd: Year Round "Disneyland" - Tree Lights in Ambleside?

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Hi Everybody,

I certainly concur with all that Christine has said, The tree lights fro 13th St. - 19th St. appear to me to be a bit 'over the top,' and what she says about the noise from trucks going over the dip in the centre of the road at Marine and 14th Street is absolutely true. It does sound like an explosion. That repair there would be much appreciated.

Regards,

Patricia Tomlinson, (Please do not redact my name).

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Subject: Year Round "Disneyland" - Tree Lights in Ambleside?  
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Cc: <[engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca](mailto:engineeringdept@westvancouver.ca)>

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**Cc:** Engineering Counter  
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Hello,

We are writing to say we agree with our neighbours' views regarding the new tree lights along Marine Dr. When we first saw these we were puzzled... wondering if perhaps Christmas preparations were already underway?

It does seem frivolous, when there are other matters needing attention, one being the the hazardous condition of the sidewalks particularly between 14th and 16th, north side. It's possible that this is being neglected in anticipation of the redevelopment of the entire block, but in the meantime there may be injuries incurred by walkers. Would the DWV be liable when this occurs?

Re: The situation at the intersection at 14th and Marine, please address this - it will be much appreciated.

Thank you,

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**From:** s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 4, 2022 9:35 AM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Cc:** info@parkroyal.ca; Ambleside Dunderave BIA; Christie Rosta; Doti Niedermayer  
**Subject:** Street Performance Festival was wonderful

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Dear Mayor and Council

My husband and I so enjoyed the street performances we saw at Park Royal on the past few weekends. We weren't the only ones - there were people who stopped and listened or watched, laughed, clapped along, some danced, and in some acts kids sat spellbound. It was enriching and it added live and brief moments of community with strangers talking to each other. Another bonus for us was it made the chore of shopping worthwhile! We actually timed our shopping with acts we planned to see ahead of time.

It was so well organized, and kudos to Scott Swan for organizing it so professionally. The quality of the performances was incredible.

Thanks, too, to Park Royal for generously funding it.

**Our sincere hope is that we see this festival continue, to expand to venues throughout our neighbourhood** where more people can be touched by it as we were.

Thanks for listening.

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West Vancouver BC  
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**From:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** correspondence; Bill Soprovich  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)  
**Subject:** letter to mayor and council-re airbnb complaint  
**Attachments:** letter to council Airbnb.docx

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per my conversation with councilor soprovich, please see attached letter for mayor and council.

thanks

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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Sept 6, 2022

To: Mayor and Council,  
District of West Vancouver,  
British Columbia

Re: air BNB [REDACTED] s. 22(1), west Vancouver

Further to my conversation with your by-law's office and subsequently with councilor Soprovich, please be advised that as part of the neighborhood watch for [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and the adjoining area, we wish to file a complaint about the above new development in our neighborhood.

This is problematic on a number of fronts:

1. It has changed the flavor of the neighborhood with transient tenants every 3-5 days ever since the owners have changed over the past 5 weeks.
2. We have no way of contacting whomever is the new legal owner to take care of the overgrown vegetation, which has been a standing issue, and was previously maintained to some degree by the then owners. The vegetation affects sightlines at the corner of [REDACTED] s. 22(1), where both drivers and pedestrians are at risk and the district is well aware of this.

In keeping with direction from the by-law's office, we did provide information on the above Airbnb link to the said property in question.

Your prompt attention to dealing with this complaint will be appreciated.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1),

[REDACTED] s. 22(1), on behalf of the neighborhood watch

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) Captain to neighborhood watch

[REDACTED] s. 22(1) assistant captain to neighborhood block watch

**From:** West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce <info@westvanchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** 📧 Private Tasting and Shopping Evening Event

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**Join us...**

**Date:** Thursday, September 8th

**Time:** 6pm - 8pm

**Location:** 1595 Marine Drive, North Vancouver

**Join Us**  
Sungiven Foods  
**Private Tasting  
& Shopping  
Evening Event!**

**6:00-8:00pm**  
**September 8, 2022**  
Sungiven North West Vancouver  
1595 Marine Dr, North Vancouver, BC

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Enjoy a glass of wine while sampling products throughout the store, store/product information tours, and Mooncake tastings in celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival (September 10th). Spin the lucky spinning wheel and win products.

[Sungiven Foods](#) is a top-quality east-meets-west Asian supermarket chain rooted in the community, Sungiven Foods is a healthy daily meals provider, focused on “more natural, less processed, and fewer additives” products, while advocating for local, organic, and healthy foods.

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# Navigating the Road to Success

JOIN US IN - PERSON at the West Vancouver Library  
Presented by Madison Mailey



**Wednesday, Sept 14th, 2022, 10am - \$10**

Madison Mailey, Olympic Champion and Wealth Advisor is going to speak in a three-part series with the Chamber of Commerce during September, October and November. Through storytelling, she will weave you through the life of a high-performance athlete sharing the peaks and valleys of her journey to her gold medal in the recent Tokyo Olympic Games. The next session will be titled Living fully today but planning for tomorrow. The importance of having a plan for our business and personal finances is a must for all.

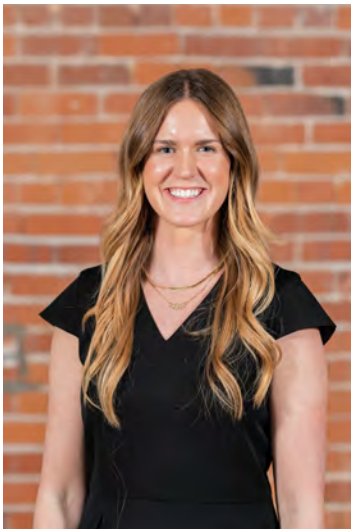
## KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- The benefits of Falling Forward. How to remain resilient in an uncertain world.
- Importance of Trust and Communication. Creating culture.
- The power of Planning in Sport and Finance. Creating a repeatable process to success, Total Wealth Offering.

**Madison will bring her Olympic Gold Medal, so come out, listen, learn and take a picture with her Gold Medal!**

**Please be sure to [REGISTER](#) for this in-person event in advance!  
Coffee, tea and a selection of snack breakfast options will be provided.**

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:



Madison Mailey has earned her place in history as an elite athlete after sitting in six-seat of the Gold Medal Canadian Women's Eight at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Not only was this the first ever postponed Olympic games in history, but this was the first Canadian medal in the event since 1992. She was the glue in her boat and helped nine women dream big, work with intention and embrace individuality. After graduating from Boston's Northeastern University, she received her BSBA concentrating in Management and

Entrepreneurship and received a joint certificate of Merit in classical voice from the New England Conservatory of Music.

Currently, Madison is a Wealth Advisor with the Mailey Rogers Group at Scotia McLeod and resides in Vancouver, B.C. Since 1986, the Mailey Rogers Group has been building meaningful client relationships with a select group of high-net-worth individuals, allowing them to make better financial decisions. The group is a proud West Vancouver-based team assisting clients across Canada to protect and grow their wealth. When Madison is not at work, you can find her cycling around Stanley Park, hiking the north shore mountains, or spending time with her family's dog, Scout - a mini Bernedoodle!



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MUSIC BOX  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

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Committee Members: P. Bowles (Chair), J. Baxter, R. Finley, D. Khormali, B. Milley, K. Rosin, S. Swan, and S. Tsangarakis attended the meeting in the Music Box. Absent: Councillor Lambur.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Music Box.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 2, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 12, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Strategic Planning Session**

Chair introduced P. Aldrich, facilitator for the session, who proceeded with the strategic planning session.

The Committee reviewed the ACAC's Terms of Reference and made suggestions on revisions for clarity. The draft revisions will be refined and presented to the committee at a future meeting for eventual recommendation to Council.

Key discussion outcomes included a number of action items for the committee's 2022 and 2023 work plan including:

1. Research successful arts and culture initiatives, programs in other communities to determine the factors behind their success that could be applied to West Vancouver. Factors could include grant funding, governance, community support, etc. (This can form the basis for best practices research for the ACAC, future work plan initiatives, and future meetings with arts and culture groups in West Vancouver.)



2. Meet with West Vancouver Community Arts Council board and Executive Director to share findings on outcomes of research into best practices in other communities, discuss issues and concerns, and seek common ground on the Arts Council's role in improving arts and culture in West Vancouver.

Four other action items were identified with lower priority including:

- Create an artist database for West Vancouver and resolve the best way to communicate this database to the public and artists, e.g., Culture Compass.
- Develop a communications strategy for ensuring effective 3-way communication with: Council, the arts community, the public.
- Reach out to Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation and immigrant communities to assess interest in a symposium on how to create closer connections. May be two separate workshops.
- Renew Arts & Culture Strategy with a new 5-year plan.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Strategic Planning Session be received for information.

CARRIED

## 5. Staff Update

There was no update.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

### 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

## NEXT MEETING

### 7. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2022 at 3 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

## ADJOURNMENT

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 2, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)  
[Redacted Signature]

Chair

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[Redacted Signature]

Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

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

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator, Cultural Services; 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 3:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 12, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 14, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Council Liaison Update**

There was no update.

**5. West Vancouver Art Museum Temporary Public Art Project Discussion**

H. Letwin presented the West Vancouver Art Museum's temporary public art project in conjunction with Martha Sturdy's exhibition in the Fall. The plan is to install the sculpture in the grass area outside the museum. Staff is in contact with the District's Risk Management Department to assess liability issues and may need to engage a Structural Engineer to consult on securing the sculpture to prevent it from falling over. Committee asked questions and discussed the project's details. One suggestion was to install the sculpture on a concrete slab which could be used in future projects.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding West Vancouver Art Museum Temporary Public Art Project Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

#### **6. Navy Jack House Temporary Public Art Discussion**

Committee members toured the site of the Navy Jack House after the presentation made by Geoff Jopson, a member of the Navy Jack House Citizens Group, regarding temporary public art at the location of the house for aesthetic, community awareness and engagement purposes. Discussion was held regarding options for a temporary public art project at Navy Jack House. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Navy Jack House Temporary Public Art Discussion be revisited at the next meeting.

CARRIED

#### **7. Community Public Art Program Discussion**

Chair reminded the Committee about Item 5 of the Committee's Work Plan: "Review and develop committee's position on community-based public art." Discussion was held regarding the development of a community public art program. It was recommended that a workshop be developed to provide more information on the types of programs developed in other communities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT a workshop outline be developed regarding a Community Public Art Program and be presented to the Committee for review.

CARRIED

#### **8. Staff Update**

Staff reported on the following:

- the unveiling of the Small World project at the West Vancouver Community Centre on June 29, 2022.
- the Navy Jack Point Park and Weston Park public art projects will be presented to Council for approval on July 25, 2022.
- the Harmony Arts Festival starts on July 29, 2022 with a full schedule of music, art market, art exhibition.

Staff will schedule a meeting with the Parks Department to discuss potential locations for public art at 14th, 17th, and 19th Streets as previously requested by the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion 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

1. the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled to August 31, 2022 at 4 p.m. and be held in-person at the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall.
2. the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting on September 13, 2022 be cancelled.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 12, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk

**From:** Patrick Weiler <patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 7:01 PM  
**To:** correspondence  
**Subject:** August 2022 MP Newsletter

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With warm and sunny weather, August welcomed many long overdue community events and vacations in the best way possible. With fall and the return to school on the horizon, I hope everyone is enjoying the last couple weeks of the summer.

This month, our Constituency Youth Council and I were pleased to [host the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, for a community townhall](#) at the West Vancouver Memorial Library, where we talked about a range of issues, from meeting Canada's climate goals to sustainable natural resource management. Thank you to everyone to made it out for this wonderful event!

I also had the opportunity to visit each part of the riding to attend some well-loved community events and engage with local leaders and organizations. From meeting with local mayors and councillors, visiting with Canada Summer Jobs students, attending Crankworx in Whistler, the Sunshine Coast Written Arts Festival, Bowfest on Bowen Island, Harmony Arts, and the long-awaited return of the Hoedown in West Vancouver, summer is definitely a time where our community festivals really shine.



Canada also played host to a delegation from Germany led by Chancellor Olaf Scholz where [agreements were signed](#) for Canada to produce and ship hydrogen made from renewable energy to Germany within three years, while German auto manufacturers BMW and Mercedes signed agreements to invest in sourcing minerals needed for electric vehicles from Canada. Collectively, this trade mission highlighted some of the roles Canada will play in the global economy that is rapidly decarbonizing.

Canada also recently [confirmed its newest Supreme Court of Canada justice](#), and Canada's first Indigenous Supreme Court Justice, Michelle O'Bonsawin.

Our government has also launched in the past couple of months consultations on policies that many have expressed interest to me about previously, including [aquaculture](#), an [emissions cap for the oil and gas sector](#), [permanent public transit funding](#), and [Canada's green building strategy](#), among others.

I unfortunately must add a sad note to this newsletter by reflecting on the [events that took place in West Vancouver on August 20th](#). Our hearts go out to the victims, family, and friends of our neighbours that have been impacted by this tragedy.





Looking ahead, Parliament resumes on September 19th. I will be focused on reconvening with colleagues in Ottawa and advancing key pieces of legislation in the months to come. One bill I am eagerly awaiting to make its way to the House from the Senate is Bill S-5, which makes important and long overdue updates to the [Canadian Environmental Protection Act \(CEPA\)](#). As a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, I will be working closely with my committee and caucus colleagues to review CEPA, which has not been updated since 1999, and ensure it meets the needs and priorities of environmental protection and our climate goals today.

As always, please feel free to follow me on social media, @patrickbweiler, for more immediate updates on the work that the federal government is doing and my work as your Member of Parliament.



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## Making Life More Affordable for Canadians

In a couple weeks, all constituents should receive our latest MP newsletter, detailing the work our government is doing to tackle the rising cost of living through Canada's Affordability Plan. [Click here to read the newsletter on our website](#). Note, as gas prices have dropped, so has inflation, which dropped in July from 8.1% to 7.6%.




### Supporting Individuals and Strengthening the Social Safety Net

#### Increasing the Basic Personal Amount

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With persistently warm and sunny weather, August welcomed many long overdue community events and vacations in the best way possible. With fall and the return to school on the horizon, I hope everyone is enjoying the last couple weeks of the summer.

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## Making Life More Affordable for Canadians

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Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Today, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, **announced a call for proposals under Stream 1: Investments in Training Equipment of the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP)**. Up to \$10 million in 2022–2023 is being invested by the Government of Canada for projects that provide unions with up to 50% of the cost of new training equipment and materials.

Selected projects will help unions across Canada improve the quality of training in Red Seal trades that registered apprentices and pre-apprentices (non-registered apprentices) receive. These projects will also support the development of environmental skills for Canada's transition to a clean economy.

This UTIP call for proposals supports the new Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy, announced in Budget 2019. This strategy builds on the success of existing programs, like the UTIP, to strengthen apprenticeship supports for Canadians and allows the Government to be more flexible and responsive to the needs of apprentices and those looking to work in the skilled trades.

The Government of Canada invests nearly \$1 billion annually in apprenticeships supports through grants, loans, tax credits, Employment Insurance benefits during in-school training, project funding and support for the Red Seal program. The Government is also working with the provinces and territories to harmonize apprenticeship training requirements in targeted Red Seal trades. According to the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, to meet the demand for skilled journeypersons in Red Seal Trades, an average of 75,000 new apprentices will need to be hired each year for the next five years. Skilled trades most at risk of not meeting the demand include welder, industrial mechanic (millwright), bricklayer, boilermaker, cook and hairstylist.

**For more information and to apply, [please visit this webpage](#). The application deadline is October 12, 2022 at 12:00pm PT.** As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

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