

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE TO FEBRUARY 8, 2023 (8:30 a.m.)

Correspondence

- (1) 4 submissions, February 1-7, 2023, regarding Proposed Zoning Amendment, Official Community Plan Amendment, and Development Permit for 671, 685, and 693 Clyde Avenue and 694 Duchess Avenue**
- (2) February 2, 2023, regarding “Restoring lost and degraded wetlands is urgent! Happy World Wetlands Day.”**
- (3) 7 submissions, February 3-7, 2023, regarding Proposed 2023 Budget**
- (4) Old Growth Conservancy Society, February 7, 2023, regarding “Protecting West Vancouver Old Growth”**
- (5) V. Grimes, February 7, 2023, regarding “multi family density, low vehicle ownership, is a good thing =+”**
- (6) Committee and Board Meeting Minutes – Art Museum Advisory Committee and Subcommittee meetings October 18 and November 15, 2022; and Awards Committee meetings December 7, 2022 and January 11, 2023**

Correspondence from Other Governments and Government Agencies

- (7) P. Weiler, M.P. (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country), February 1, 2023, regarding “[BULK] January 2023 Newsletter”**

Responses to Correspondence

No items.

From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:23 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence; [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Subject: Clyde Ave .. Proposed Development of Micro rental units =+

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[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

01 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver:

Proposed Development of 201 Rental Units in 6 floors

Location: Taylor Way & Clyde Ave

Affordable if Tenant's gross income is more than \$84,000

Your file: 05.1010.20/21 - 185.2022

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

This is my vote:

- I OPPOSE the proposed 201 unit development at Taylor Way and Clyde

It disappoints me that this "spot zoning" development is even before council because it is my recollection that during the election campaign our Mayor and most members of the this Council specifically stated that they were opposed to 'spot zoning'. That is changing zoning of land before the Local Area Plan has been completed and approved by local residents and Council.

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I am opposed to the Clyde & Taylor Way 201 unit development because the Local Area Plan has not been completed for the Taylor Way area and I oppose 'spot zoning'.

Traffic will also be unbearable on Taylor way.

Units are not "affordable " rentals. That's misleading information.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 9:34 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Proposed Rezoning of 671,685,693 Clyde Ave. And 694 Duchess Ave.

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Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 5:37 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence; [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
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02 Feb 2023

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Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

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Did you not get my email (below). Would appreciate a response.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

West Vancouver [REDACTED] s. 22(1)

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Subject: Proposed Rezoning of 671,685,693 Clyde Ave. And 694 Duchess Ave.
Date: February 1, 2023 at 9:33:50 PM PST
To: correspondence <correspondence@westvancouver.ca>

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West Vancouver, B.C.

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 10:53 AM
To: correspondence; Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Scott Snider
Subject: Restoring lost and degraded wetlands is urgent! Happy World Wetlands Day.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

With due respect to groundhogs and their top-hatter handlers, today is World Wetlands Day. Happy World Wetlands Day!

The theme for this year's World Wetlands Day is: "It's time for wetlands restoration -- restoring lost and degraded wetlands is urgent!"

It is not only the District's streams and riparian areas that are under constant threat – most are listed as "endangered", a few, "threatened" (*Wild, Threatened, Endangered, and Lost streams of the Lower Fraser Valley, Summary Report, 1997 - Habitat and Enhancement Branch, Fisheries and Oceans Canada*) – our wetlands are in peril as well. We can't simply write off degraded wetlands, abandoning them to filling and development, they must be restored as they are a crucial ecosystems for biodiversity and humans alike. Wetlands are vital, but we are at a tipping point. Our wetlands, riparian areas and streams, both east and west of Eagle Creek need to be properly protected and restored. This is the time.

Our OCP calls on us to, "Manage our urban environment by strengthening existing environmental regulations and facilitating environmental restoration and enhancement actions; Protect and enhance the ecological integrity of specific natural assets, including our watercourses, riparian areas and watersheds, foreshore areas, and sensitive habitats; and Respond to climate change and build climate resiliency across the community." So, it's time for wetlands retention, protection and restoration.

As was pointed out by a number of successful candidates during last fall's election campaign, we cannot simply rely on "virtue signalling" that is not followed up by commensurate action.

Some facts about wetlands:

- **Wetlands store more carbon than forests.**

Peatlands cover 3% of our planet yet store around 30% of all land-based carbon.

Coastal wetlands sequester and store carbon up to 55 times faster than tropical rain forests.

Wetlands, a nature-based solution to climate change, are masters at carbon sequestration, sucking in carbon and storing it in wetland soil.

- **Wetlands help us cope with storms and flooding.**

Wetlands act like giant sponges.

Inland, a single acre of wetland can absorb up to 1.5 million gallons of floodwater.

When it's dry and the land is parched, wetlands are able to release water back into the environment. This can help keep our forest floors moist and protect against forest fires.

Wetlands are the "kidneys of the planet" – they have the awesome ability to remove pollutants from water thanks to their lush vegetation.

Wetlands are able to get rid of 90% of water-borne pathogens.

Wetlands recharge groundwater and act as natural infrastructure to clean stormwater.

- Wetlands are being lost three times faster than forests.

They're the Earth's most threatened ecosystem.

More than 80% of all wetlands have disappeared since the 1700s.

The trend is accelerating. Since 1970, at least 35% of the world's wetlands have been lost.

- Human activities are driving wetland degradation.

Wetlands are being drained and filled in for urban construction and agriculture.

Water pollution and over-fishing are harming wetland ecosystems, along with invasive species (including humans).

Other human activities negatively impacting our sensitive environmental areas include: riparian removal, channelization/dyking, urbanization, the introduction of EIAs ("effective impermeable areas"/development), water diversions/manipulation of water flow, degraded water quality (e.g. water chemistry and nutrients), logging and other forms vegetation removal, commercial and recreational development/overdevelopment.

- Wetland species are facing extinction.

Wetlands are one of Earth's most productive ecosystems and support an incredible amount of biodiversity, including waterfowl and a variety of migratory and year-round birds and bats.

Fish species, frogs, turtles, muskrats, minks, shrews and beavers are also long-term residents (for example, the Godman Wetlands are known to be home to the endangered Pacific Water Shrew.)

Wetlands are a favourite ecosystem of osprey, eagles and hawks.

Wetlands also feature a wide assortment of aquatic invertebrates that form the base of this ecosystem's food chain.

One in three freshwater species and 25% of all wetland species face actual extinction from wetland decline.

81% of inland wetland species and 36% of coastal and marine species have declined in the last 50 years.

(Sources and citations: Ramsar, Convention on Wetlands; National Environment Treasure; WWF; Wild, Threatened, Endangered, and Lost streams of the Lower Fraser Valley, Summary Report, 1997)

Restoring lost and degraded wetlands is urgent! It is time for wetlands restoration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

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West Vancouver, BC



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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 7:44 AM
To: correspondence; Robert Bartlett
Subject: Fwd: Remote Work versus Workplace Work

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Hello Mr Bartlett

Today Feb 3 is the staff deadline for Budget questions from West Van residents. Starting last weekend (Jan 28-29) I sent various questions to staff (including yourself), but I have not received any replies. Hence this follow-up email.

What direction did you get from Council before you publicly released this Staff led budget ?

In the context that West Van's population is relatively unchanged and there are various job cuts in the local economy, I note that you are proposing to hire an additional 14 - 15 people. **Can you please provide a brief but detailed summary of the rationale for each of these 14 new employees (FTEs)?**

I see the contractors have left the renovated north Municipal Building and so employees are now free to work in the building. Recently during a recent weekday afternoon, I looked at the top and second floors that have new carpeting, new furniture and computer equipment. But I couldn't see anyone on either floor, so it appears that most staff are still working at home. I note that Federal and Provincial governments appear to require their employees to attend their workplace at least 3 days per week. **Can you please send me your current policy on the number of days per week that employees are required to attend their workplace versus remote work at home?**

Mismatch of temporary interest revenue versus permanent staff expense: While much higher interest rate revenue may help to fund these 14 new permanent employees, the most of the current windfall interest rate revenue is not permanent and will dissipate over the next 18 months.

I look forward to hearing back from you with the information I have asked for in the next few days.

Thank you

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From: s. 22(1)
Date: Sun, Jan 29, 2023 at 10:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: Remote Work versus Workplace Work
To: Robert <rbartlett@westvancouver.ca>

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From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 6:47 PM
To: Mark Sager; Christine Cassidy; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; correspondence; Robert Bartlett
Cc: s. 22(1)
Subject: Is West Vancouver sustainable for workers, families and retirees?

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To our esteemed Mayor, council, staff and CAO

The year is 2023. Massive amounts of inflation plague the country; interest and mortgage rates are on the rise and incomes are not increasing at anywhere near the rate of inflation.

As a long standing property owner and resident of West Vancouver the idea of a 6% property tax increase with additional increases to utilities is a frightening and triggering prospect for our family.

At some point property taxes versus inflation became a talking point and while inflation should be considered the real question that needs to be asked and debated is; "Is it sustainable to have property tax increases exceed inflationary wage raises of workers?"

My wife works for the s. 22(1) and I am employed at a s. 22(1). Like your own staff; we do not get 6% increases to our wage YOY. On average we might see a 1-2% increase in our wages.

Since we purchased our home our property taxes have gone from around s. 22(1) to s. 22(1) which is a 97% increase over 14 years while our wages maybe increased by 18-20% during that same period of time. According to your website the difference between our property tax for 2021 vs 2022 was 10.57% alone!!! Combine that with utilities costs we expect to pay over s. 22(1) in fees. That is the equivalent of over 1/3rd of my wife's after tax income and 1/7th of our families after tax income. Does that sound in anyway reasonable when our original cost s. 22(1) was 1/16.5th of our families after tax income??? I would assert NO, but we absolutely must keep these proportions relevant YOY.

Property Information
eservices.westvancouver.ca



In my opinion it is both irresponsible and harmful to vote for a progressive and excessive property tax increase when the average worker's wages and cashflow simply cannot keep up with the cost of living here in WV We need to end this budgetary malpractice urgently and get back to a balanced budget.

Furthermore like many who live here; I am of the opinion West Vancouver is well over staffed. We are spending irresponsibly and well beyond our means. We should be reducing staff to bring our budget back down into a sustainable model where employees, retirees and families can continue to afford live here without getting taxed out of their homes and municipality.

Young families like mine are fleeing WV to go where the cost of living is more reasonable. We cannot defer our taxes, we cannot magically earn more money to pay for increases above the rate to which we get annual increases. We cannot take out loans to pay our property taxes. Our only options are to either suffer and pay or to flee elsewhere.

As a new council I implore you to take charge of these matters and:

Vote NO to any new staff

Vote NO to property tax increase for 2023

Vote YES to a new finance and budget committee

Vote YES to extensive budget review and reform

Vote YES to directing the CAO to reduce staff

Please pass bylaw's that make it sustainable in the long term for families like mine to continue to live in West Vancouver.

Respectfully and sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 5:54 PM
To: [REDACTED] s. 22(1); Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: 2024 Budget = +

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West Vancouver,

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

04 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

2024 Budget

My name is [REDACTED] s. 22(1) and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I am against increasing the number of staff in FY2023.

It should be mandated that all staff must attend their workplace at least 4 full days per week.

Only 2 staff members can attend a meeting unless exempted by the CAO

No new hiring to replace staff who have resigned, unless exempted by the Mayor

Thank you.

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)

From: Ian McBeath [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 5:56 PM
To: imcb@shaw.ca; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: 2023 Budget = +

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Ian McBeath
4988 Edendale Court
West Vancouver
BC
V7W 3H7

04 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

2023 Budget

My name is Ian McBeath and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

Dear Mayor & Council,

I wish to comment on the proposed 2023 Budget.

At this time, many Canadians are struggling with inflation and significant rises in essentials such as food, utility and travel costs. Those who are in employment are seeing their real incomes fall. The elderly, living on fixed incomes, are particularly hard hit and have little headroom to make ends meet and pay increased taxes. This is a time for prudent governance and certainly not a time for taxes to be raised.

In a time of falling incomes most businesses take action to cut costs by reducing product/service offerings and reducing staff to ensure the business can survive. West Vancouver is a service provider and should be making meaningful cuts to many services, especially those which are "nice to have", but not essential. In particular there must be a significant reduction in staff numbers, which is the highest contributor to costs. It is unthinkable that Staff should be seeking an increase in numbers at this time and council should direct each department to propose where cuts can be made and/or where redistribution of headcount can ensure essential services are minimally impacted, but the "nice to have" non-essential programs are deleted.

In the recent election I and many others voted for major changes in Council membership and the position of Mayor. All of the new Council members and Mayor indicated that fiscal responsibility was their major focus. The proposed 2023 Budget has been drawn up by Staff, presumably with little input from the new Council. I would ask that Councillors respect their election pledges and ensure that the proposed Budget is not approved

and an immediate headcount freeze be put in place. Staff should be instructed to categorize, with priority weighting, essential services and determine where reductions can be made. A significantly reduced emergency budget could be put in place to cover a reasonable time period until a new Budget is brought forward and discussed and approved by Council, after sharing of the arguments with the electorate. It feels to many concerned citizens in West Vancouver that it is Staff who are running the Council and not our elected representatives. Please stand up and reconfirm your election pledges and not confirm the current Budget as proposed.

Sincerely,

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Ian McBeath
imcb@shaw.ca

From: Donna Weston [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:25 PM
To: dj.weston@shaw.ca; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: 2023 Budget = +

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Donna Weston
2635 Rosebery Ave
West Vancouver BC V7V 3A3

05 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

2023 Budget

My name is Donna Weston and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I am writing in hopes that the new WV Council will consider to cut spending and cut staffing back to reasonable levels. These past few years have seen the budget increase at unreasonable and irresponsible ways -- and that is why there is a new mayor and council members. The people voted for change. Please consider serious cutbacks in your budgeting decisions.

Thank you
Donna Weston
WV Resident

Please **do not redact** my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Donna Weston
dj.weston@shaw.ca

From: Linda Roth [REDACTED] s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:13 PM
To: linda.latham@vch.ca; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
Subject: Budget 2023 = +

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Linda Roth
1750 Marine Drive
West Vancouver
V7V1J3

07 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

Budget 2023

My name is Linda Roth and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

The budget proposed for 2023 is inflationary and doesn't take into account the needs of the West Van residents.

Please do not redact my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

Linda Roth
linda.latham@vch.ca

From: s. 22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:47 PM
To: correspondence
Subject: Budget

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The recent budgets show very significant increases year over year.
West Vancouver already spends more per capita than any other municipality.
Adding more staff and increasing salaries and benefits cannot be justified given our population.

Sent from my iPhone

s. 22(1)

West Vancouver BC

s. 22(1)

Please excuse typos as this may have been created with voice recognition software

From: Alan Bardsley <alan.d.bardsley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Mark Sager; Sharon Thompson; Scott Snider; Christine Cassidy; Nora Gambioli; Linda Watt; Peter Lambur; correspondence
Cc: Sue Ketler; Andrew Banks; Corinne Ambor
Subject: Protecting West Vancouver Old Growth

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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to present on behalf of the OGCS in January. Since the animation didn't properly show David's study area, I thought the image below would be helpful. The study area is exclusively municipal land and excludes the cabin area, previously cleared private land and the Metro Vancouver Watershed.

Thank you for considering protection for the area. It has much of value, including hiking trails, most of which are over 30 years old, mountain bike trails, some of which are over 30 years old, and many, many veteran old-growth trees, some of which may well be over a thousand years old.

In addition to broad community appeal, there are many policies and recommendations that support taking action to protect old growth in West Vancouver

Official Community Plan, 2018

Policy 2.6.16 - Protect the remaining old-growth forests in recognition of their ecological importance and values through appropriate regulations and education.

Upper Lands Working Group, 2015

Recommendation 3.1.1.2 - Municipally owned lands above 1200 feet be permanently protected as dedicated parkland.

Parks Master Plan Working Group, 2012

Recommendation 2.2.8 - Recommend that a high-level environmental inventory be conducted as part of the Upper Lands Study to generally identify lands which could be considered for future park protection.

Referendum, Bylaw No. 3841, 1993

Question #2 - Are you in favour of Continuing Studies by the district that could lead to further Park Dedication by referendum, of Municipally owned Mountain lands containing Old Growth Trees or significant Ecological Features.

YES 81.35%

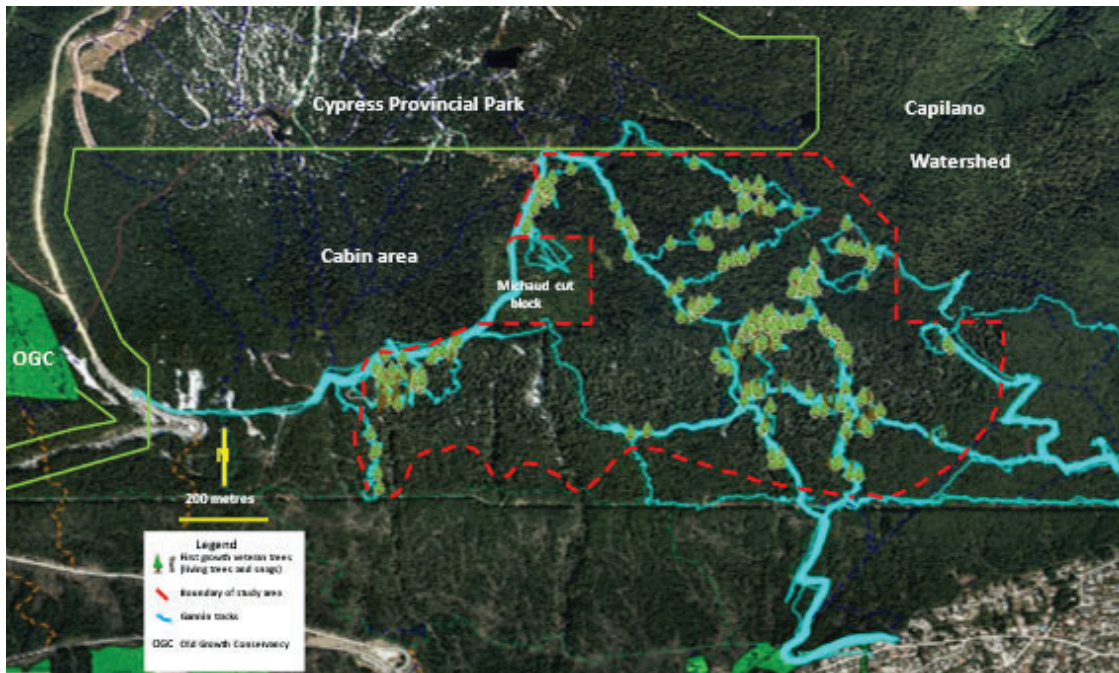
NO 18.65%

Please do not redact my name or contact information.

Alan Bardsley, OGCS Secretary

s.22(1)

West Vancouver, BC



From: VJ Grimes [REDACTED] s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:23 PM
To: vgrimes1@hotmail.com; Christine Cassidy; Linda Watt; Nora Gambioli; Peter Lambur; Scott Snider; Sharon Thompson; Mark Sager; correspondence
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VJ Grimes
1750 Esquimalt Ave., #206
West Vancouver, BC V7V 1R8

08 Feb 2023

Dear Mayor Sager and Councillors
District of West Vancouver

multi family density, low vehicle ownership, is a good thing

My name is VJ Grimes and I am a resident of West Vancouver.

I go by Park Royal on the bus on the way to work. I admire the new units that have gone up. It's exciting to see new, modern housing that will make such a refreshing difference in our community, with new people, probably commuters, glad of a place to live. It is attractive architecture and it will encourage people to remain car free. It is great West Vancouver or First Nations people or the cooperation of governments have gotten the project done.

Looking forward to seeing it house people, opening is soon. Nice, exciting to see new developments, with serving people in mind.

Please do not redact my name or my home address or my email address.

Thank you.

VJ Grimes
vgrimes1@hotmail.com

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ART MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Committee Members: F. Patterson (Chair), D. Becker, and M. Price attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

Staff: H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator (Staff Liaison) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 18, 2022 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

D. Becker absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 31, 2022 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

D. Becker absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Upcoming Fundraising Initiatives

The Subcommittee discussed details relating to the following events and initiatives:

- Art Museum Advisory Committee's annual Donor Event is scheduled for December 1, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will occur at the West Vancouver Art Museum.
- West Coast Modern Week raised approximately \$12,000.
- The two Endowment events that occurred in July raised approximately \$20,000 for the West Vancouver Art Museum Permanent Endowment held by the West Vancouver Foundation.
- Staff will prepare the annual Fall Ask, focusing on the recent completion of the online webpage for the District of West Vancouver Collections, including those in the care of the West Vancouver Art Museum.

D. Becker joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Upcoming Fundraising Initiatives be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

6. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that no additional Fundraising Subcommittee meetings are scheduled for 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 18, 2022 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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[Redacted Signature]

Chair

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Staff Liaison

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ART MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

Committee Members: F. Patterson (Chair), D. Becker, S. Donaher, K. Duffek, C. Gotay, D. LaCas, M. Price, R. Van Halm; and Councillor Watt attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: H. Greenwood and B. Helliwell.

Staff: H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator (Staff Liaison) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 15, 2022 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting agenda be amended by:

- Withdrawing item 4;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

S. Donaher absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

S. Donaher entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the October 18, 2022 Fundraising Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated; and
2. the October 20, 2022 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Partnership Presentation: Stephanie Hall, West Vancouver Memorial Library

Item withdrawn.

5. Administrator / Curator's Report

H. Letwin reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the Martha Sturdy exhibition is strong with good press coverage.
- The collection of the Art Museum is now available online.
- Work continues of the upcoming exhibitions, including the next exhibition, featuring the work of Pari Azarm Motamedi and Rozita Moini Shirazi, as well as the Spring exhibition, featuring the photography of Ema Peter, which has been selected by the Capture Photography Festival as a "Selected Exhibition".
- The Art Museum was successful in applying for a second Museum Assistance Program grant from Canadian Heritage.
- Staff will be completing some housekeeping at Gertrude Lawson House in January 2023, including some painting in the hallways and gallery space.
- Staff met with representatives from the West Vancouver Teacher's Association to discuss potential school and Pro-D programming opportunities.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Administrator / Curator's Report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Fundraising Report

F. Patterson and H. Letwin reported on the upcoming annual Friends Reception, the holiday cards which will be sent to all of this year's supporters of the West Vancouver Art Museum, and on plans for the twice-yearly fundraising e-newsletter.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Fundraising Report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Work Plan and Report to Council for 2022

The Committee reviewed the Work Plan for 2023 and made adjustments to the language. The Committee reviewed the Annual Report to Council and made adjustments to the presentation.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the Work Plan for 2023 be supported as discussed; and
2. the Annual Report to Council for 2022 be supported as discussed.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

9. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. via electronic communication facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 15, 2022 Art Museum Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair	Staff Liaison

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

Committee Members: T. Hodgins (Chair), C. Burns, S. Hennessy, S. Mani, C. McLaughlin, D. Morrison; and Councillor S. Thompson attended the meeting in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: J. Saba.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Liaison); R. McCormack, Cultural Services Supervisor; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 7, 2022 Awards Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 9, 2022 Awards Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

There was no update.

5. 2023 Awards Work Plan

Chair led a discussion regarding the annual presentation to Council in January 2023. The presentation outlines key 2022 achievements and top 2023 priorities. The Committee reviewed the presentation and discussed the 2022 highlights and priorities for the new year. A few changes were suggested and the presentation was approved by the Committee to be presented to Council in their meeting on January 16, 2023. All Committee members were invited to attend the Council meeting.

Regarding new members appointment recommendations, Staff informed the Committee that applications will be presented to Council for consideration in their

meeting on December 12, 2022. If approved, the new members would join the Committee in January.

Staff presented the detailed 2023 Work Plan, and the Committee discussed the action items. The Committee also discussed the option to change the schedule for the 2023 Community Awards program considering a Fall ceremony. A discussion was held regarding new categories for the Community Awards, and Committee members agreed to research other communities to learn best practices on awards programs. Organization and municipalities were assigned as follow:

- FANS–Fund for the Arts on the North Shore: Councillor Thompson;
- Port Moody: C. McLaughlin;
- North Vancouver: D. Morrison; and
- Burnaby: S. Hennessy.

A discussion was held regarding the inclusion of a broader category in the 2023 Community Awards that would recognize accomplishments and contributions that are not necessarily volunteer. It was recommended that the discussion regarding new categories be deferred to the next meeting.

C. Burns left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and did not return.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the proposed 2023 Awards Work Plan be supported as amended and presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

C. Burns absent at the vote

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 January 11, 2023 at 5 p.m. and be held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

C. Burns absent at the vote

ADJOURNMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 7, 2022 Awards Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

C. Burns absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair



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Committee Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023**

Committee Members: C. Burns (Chair), S. Hennessy, S. Mani, C. McLaughlin, D. Morrison, L. Paton, J. Saba, M. Ware; and Councillor S. Thompson attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: T. Hodgins.

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Representative); 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 5:02 p.m.

2. Welcome and Committee Orientation

Committee members introduced themselves. L. Paton and M. Ware were welcomed to the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Welcome and Committee Orientation be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Election of Chair for 2023

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT D. Morrison be elected as Co-Chair for 2023.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT C. Burns be elected as Co-Chair for 2023.

CARRIED

4. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Awards Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 be adopted as follows:

- February 1, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- March 1, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- April 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- May 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- June 7, 2023 at 5 p.m.;

- July 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- October 4, 2023 at 5 p.m.;
- November 1, 2023 at 5 p.m.; and
- December 6, 2023 at 5 p.m.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT all remaining Awards Committee meetings for 2023 be held in-person at the Raven Room in the Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

5. Annual Committee Evaluation for 2022

Staff informed the Committee about the results of the 2022 Annual Committee Evaluation. It was noted that there were only two responses. It was recommended that the survey should be recirculated to give members the opportunity to respond.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the report regarding Annual Committee Evaluation for 2022 be received for information.
2. the Annual Committee Evaluation for 2022 be recirculated to give members the opportunity to respond.

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 11, 2023 Awards Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 7, 2022 Awards Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

8. Review Award Categories

Staff summarized the discussion held in previous meetings regarding the addition of new categories to the 2023 Community Awards Program. Committee members shared the highlights of the information gathered in their research into other communities' awards programs.

Discussion was held regarding updates to the application form in order to include accomplishments and contributions that are not necessarily volunteered. It was requested that the documents from 2022 – the application form, the criteria information sheet, and the evaluation sheet – be sent to the Committee for review. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Review Award Categories be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Work Plan 2023

The Committee discussed the timeframe of an Awards Ceremony in the Spring or the Fall. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the 2023 Planning Timeline be discussed and supported in the next meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

11. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Awards Committee meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 5 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 11, 2023 Awards Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk

From: Patrick Weiler MP <patrick.weiler@parl.gc.ca>
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Patrick Weiler
Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-
Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Parliament reconvened in wintery Ottawa on January 30th for what will be a [busy winter and spring session](#). From easing the rising cost of living due to global inflation, working with provinces to sustain and improve healthcare, and taking continued action on climate change, reconciliation, and more, we have an extensive docket of legislation to debate in the coming months.

Having been back in BC for much of this past month, I've had the opportunity to connect with constituents right across the riding. For the first time in three years, we were able to host our annual Constituency Office Open House, and our first 2023 Constituency Youth Council meeting in-person, where I had the opportunity to meet some amazing young people keen on making a difference in each region of our riding.

This month, we marked Lunar New Year, and it was a real treat to, for the first time in four years, participate in a celebration in West Vancouver to kick off celebrations, [followed on the 22nd with a parade](#) with the Prime Minister, the Premier, the Mayor of Vancouver, and many thousands more.



Keep up to date with my work by following me on social media:



I joined parliamentarians from Canada and around the world to sponsor, raise awareness, and demand for the release of individual detainees and political prisoners in Iran. I am politically sponsoring Mehdi Memar Rast and Mohsen Rezaszadeh Gharagholou. Canada and the world are watching.

On January 20, I was able to [announce an important investment](#) of \$393,139 for the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society and Sea to Sky Community Services Society under the fourth phase of the [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#). This funding will be used to reduce food insecurity in our communities by establishing and strengthening local food systems for the long-term. If you want to learn more, check out my [interview on CBC's On The Coast with Gloria Macarenko](#).

January also saw the settlement of the class action lawsuit of Indigenous nations, including the shishalh nation, that were forced to attend “Day Schools”, where their language, culture and heritage was severely impacted and sometimes irreparably damaged. I want to honour the long and hard work done by the nation, and especially former hiwus Garry Feschuk in obtaining justice for the nation for unspeakable harms committed.

As of January 31st, simple possession of small amounts of certain controlled substances are no longer subject to criminal penalties. This is in response to an [application by the Province of BC](#) to ensure that people can get the help they need to help combat the opioid epidemic, where over six people are passing away each day. This measure will focus on implementing a health based response, while importing, exporting manufacturing and trafficking in any amounts remains illegal. [For more information, check out my video here.](#)

As we approach Budget 2023, I would like to invite you to share your ideas and input as part of our Pre-Budget Consultations on how best to deliver for our communities, support businesses, and grow the economy.

Constituents living in Burnaby North-Seymour, North Vancouver and West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country are invited share thoughts and questions about Budget 2023 with Minister Jonathan Wilkinson MP Terry Beech, and myself on Monday, February 6, 2023. [Register here!](#)

As always, I encourage you to keep up with me on my social media channels for daily MP updates. And if you ever wanted to know a little more about me personally, check out this Rapid Fire Interview:



Happy Lunar New Year!

A very Happy Lunar New Year to everyone who celebrated! I wish you all a prosperous Year of the Rabbit! 🐰



Sponsoring Detainees in Iran

We are watching a dark chapter in Iran's recent history unfold and we are responding in defence of all of its citizens. The Iranian regime's brutality against its own people, in particular its women and girls, is unrelenting, and the situation is only worsening.

We are appalled by Iran's wrongful imprisonment and execution of protestors, and we oppose the death penalty in all circumstances for all people, everywhere. On December 16, Canada introduced a resolution to reaffirm our commitment to human rights for the people of Iran and condemn the application of the death penalty, a resolution that the UN General Assembly adopted.

That is why we are also politically sponsoring individual detainees who are currently under threat by the government of Iran. I am politically sponsoring Mehdi Memar Rast, a medical student, and Mohsen Rezazadeh Gharaghoulou.

We want to remind the Iranian regime that we are watching, and the world is watching the plight of these individuals and all those suffering from ongoing human rights violations. The Iranian regime's violence must end, and there must be justice and accountability for the countless, egregious human rights violations committed since the outbreak of protests. Our support for the Iranian people to live their lives free from persecution is unwavering. We hear their powerful voices, and we will continue to amplify them wherever we can.

Pre-Budget Consultations



Hon. Minister of
Natural Resources,
Jonathan Wilkinson



Parliamentary
Secretary to the
Deputy Prime
Minister,
Terry Beech



Member of
Parliament,
Patrick Weiler

As our government prepares Budget 2023, we want to hear from you. With the Canadian economy facing global headwinds and Canadians contending with the impacts of global inflation and elevated interest rates, suggestions received from you through pre-budget consultations will inform measures and investments in Budget 2023 that will help build an economy that works for everyone.

So please join me, Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, and MP Terry Beech for a pre-budget consultation on Monday, February 6. The North Shore presents remarkable spaces and unique challenges, but many living here face similar concerns right across the region. This is your chance to meet your federal representative and have your voice heard in the 2023 Budget process.

The event will be a moderated conference/panel-style discussion with elected officials. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook and Instagram.

Space is limited to the first 175 people who RSVP. **Registration closes Thursday, February 2nd. In-person attendance is by registration only. [Please RSVP through this Eventbrite Link.](#)**

If you wish to ask a question, you must [register and submit your questions here before Feb.2nd](#)

Please take the time to complete the [pre-budget questionnaire](#).

Announcing investments to increase food security on the Sunshine Coast & Sea to Sky



On behalf of Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, I announced an investment of up to \$393,139 for [Sunshine Coast Community Services Society \(SCCSS\)](#) and [Sea to Sky Community Services Society \(SSCS\)](#).

The SCCSS will fund kitchen and processing equipment, among other items so they can continue being a low-barrier service provider serving multiple underserved populations. The SSCS will receive funding to purchase equipment for its new Pemberton Food Bank kitchen, helping those most in need.

This is part of our government's Local Food Infrastructure Fund which is supporting 900 growth-generating food security projects across the country.

Decriminalization of Certain Controlled Substances in British Columbia

The decriminalization of certain illegal substances in British Columbia has now gone into effect as of January 31.

With over six people dying every day, the toxic drug supply and overdose crisis is the leading cause of unnatural death in BC. While the threat of criminalization does not prevent substance use, it leads many to hide it, to use alone where they cannot be helped, and to avoid seeking treatment. People who use drugs - who are our friends, family and neighbours - don't deserve to be jailed or to live with the associated stigma for the rest of their lives - they deserve medical help.

That is why in May of last year, we worked with municipalities, Indigenous partners, public health officials, law enforcement, and people with lived experience to review and approve the BC government's application for a three year decriminalization period.

Adults now found to be possessing certain controlled substances up to a collective total of 2.5 grams will not be subject to federal criminal charges, but rather will be given information on where to find help. Meanwhile trafficking, producing, importing and exporting controlled substances in any amount continues to be illegal.

This is a key part of our efforts towards harm reduction, reducing stigma and ensuring criminalization is no longer a barrier to avoid seeking help and medical treatment. This measure is an important, evidence-based step towards mitigating the tragic overdose crisis in our province. We will be closely and publicly sharing data on how this measure contributes to helping tackle this crisis, while we continue to increase the health and social service supports to BC to collectively ensure that those suffering get the help they need.

EXEMPTION FROM THE CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT:

PERSONAL POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN ILLEGAL DRUGS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (JANUARY 31, 2023 TO JANUARY 31, 2026)

The Province of British Columbia requested a subsection 56(1) exemption under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA). After a thorough assessment, this exemption was granted by the federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health to support the province in implementing its comprehensive public health response to the overdose crisis.



WHO

Adults 18+ in BC



WHEN

From January 31, 2023 until January 31, 2026



WHERE

The province of BC only



WHAT

Adults 18+ in BC will not be arrested or charged for the possession of a cumulative amount of up to 2.5 grams of these illegal drugs for personal use:

- ▶ Opioids (including heroin, morphine, and fentanyl)
- ▶ Cocaine (including crack and powder cocaine)
- ▶ Methamphetamine (meth)
- ▶ MDMA (ecstasy)

Evidence on effective and safe threshold amounts of these drugs is limited. As this is the **first exemption of its kind in Canada**, ongoing monitoring will inform if it is contributing to its objectives which includes reducing stigma and substance use harms and increasing access to health and social services for people who use drugs in BC.

WHAT REMAINS ILLEGAL IN BC

Unless authorized, any amount of illegal drugs, including the four listed in the exemption, cannot be possessed

- ▶ in and surrounding elementary and secondary schools and child care facilities
- ▶ in airports

and cannot be

- ▶ imported or exported
- ▶ produced
- ▶ given away, administered, supplied or sold
- ▶ sent or delivered
- ▶ used while operating a motor vehicle or watercraft



WHY

This is an additional tool that the federal government is providing to BC to help address substance use harms, reduce stigma and prevent overdose deaths. **Ultimately, the goal is to save lives.** The Government of Canada continues to take a comprehensive approach to addressing substance use harms and the overdose crisis.

Parliamentary Updates

With the end of January, I am back in Ottawa to work on both the Standing Committees on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) and Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI). On INAN, I'm excited to be continuing work on a new study on the decline of

Indigenous Languages with the intention of analyzing the effectiveness of the *Indigenous Languages Act* in helping Indigenous people in reclaiming, revitalizing, maintaining, and strengthening Indigenous languages. This work is vital in working to repair the damage caused by residential schools to Indigenous languages and people. I'm especially eager to hear about successful efforts at revitalizing Indigenous languages from across the country and how we can learn from Indigenous nations on preserving and protecting these languages.

On ENVI we are continuing the clause-by-clause process on Bill S-5, The Canadian Environmental Protection Act. Before the holidays, I was successful in passing an amendment to expand the right to a healthy environment and will be continuing that work over the next few weeks. I am committed to continuing to strengthen this bill and ensure that Canada has a strong and effective environmental protection regime.

In the House of Commons, debate will also be continuing on some important legislation. This includes Bill C-35, the Canada Early Learning and Child Care Act, which once passed will protect access to affordable, inclusive, and high-quality early learning and childcare for years to come. This legislation will make it harder for any future government to cancel or cut child care and undo the progress we've made for children and families. Fees for regulated child care across Canada have already been cut by at least 25%, and will be cut by 50% on average by the end of the month. These reductions amount to average savings of hundreds of dollars a month for families, and show that we're well on our way to delivering an average of \$10-a-day child care by 2026.

Bill C-22, the Canada Disability Benefit Act, will also be debated in the House and, once passed, will create a new benefit for Canadians living with disabilities that will work in conjunction with existing benefits and become an important part of Canada's social safety net, alongside Old Age Security, the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Canada Child Benefit. It has the potential to significantly reduce poverty for hundreds of thousands of Canadians with disabilities.

Constituency Office Open House

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Constituency Office Open House on January 19th. It was great for me and my team to meet you, and chat with you about your concerns and the issues that matter most to you and our community.



First 2023 Constituency Youth Council Meeting

We had an awesome first meeting with my 2023 Constituency Youth Council (CYC) last week! Thanks to all our CYC members for asking such insightful questions and for a great conversation. Looking forward to working with you and seeing everything you accomplish this year!



Community Updates from West Vancouver & Bowen Island

On January 16th, I visited Rockridge Secondary School to talk to Ms. Selzer's Political Science class. I spoke a bit about my role as an MP, the committees I am on, and the projects I'm currently working on.

The class is currently working on a project about disaster mitigation, so it was a pleasure for me to talk about what the government is doing to adapt to climate change while ensuring that we are protecting and prioritizing those who will be affected most. It was an excellent discussion, and I was thrilled to see their passion for politics and government. Thank you for having me!

For Lunar New Year, there were many celebrations across the riding. On Sunday 21st, MP Wilson Miao joined me at the West Vancouver Community Centre to kick off the celebrations. We woke the lion, met with community members and I even learned a few martial arts moves from an expert.

On the 22nd, I headed to downtown Vancouver for the [annual Lunar New Year Parade](#). I joined my BC colleagues, the Prime Minister, opposition leaders, as well as BC Premier David Eby and municipal representatives. We were joined by tens of thousands of supporters and watchers, who came to see the parade and take in the joys of the celebrations. To everyone who celebrated the Lunar New Year, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and prosperous year ahead!



Community Updates from the Sunshine Coast

As mentioned previously, on January 20th I had the great pleasure of announcing a federal funding investment of \$257,639 to Sunshine Coast Community Services (SCCS) under Phase 4 of the Local Food Infrastructure Fund.

It is more critical than ever to support community-led projects like the ones that will be included in SCCS's Building Together project, a project that will include two stories of social services and four stories of affordable housing for women and children.

This funding will go towards equipment for a commercial kitchen where people can learn how to cook, grow and preserve healthy food. A free store will operate similar to a food bank but allow people to select their own food. The society will also use its many community gardens to teach people how to grow and harvest fruit trees, vegetables and medicinal plants.

Community Updates from the Sea to Sky

It was wonderful to meet both councils in Pemberton and Whistler in January for their Committee of the Whole meetings. I had the opportunity to connect with both councils to have an informal and open discussion about their priorities, upcoming projects, current priorities, and long-term challenges for the upcoming year. It was great to put names to faces of the new council members and reconnect with incumbents.

I was also able to meet with the Squamish Downtown Business Association to hear exciting projects they have upcoming for this year and brainstorm on solutions on how we can continue to support local business in our rural communities.

Settlement Agreement reached in Band Class Litigation

This month, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Marc Miller, along with Band class representatives, former Chief Shane Gottfriedson and former Chief Garry Feschuk, announced settlement of the Gottfriedson band class litigation.

This is really important news. Residential and day schools have done irreparable damage to Indigenous languages, cultures and heritage. But this settlement is an Indigenous-led process, including the shíshálh Nation, to heal and revitalize them.

In this settlement, Canada will provide \$2.8 billion to be placed in a not-for-profit trust to support healing, wellness, education, heritage, language, and commemoration activities. This trust will be guided by the Four Pillars developed by the Representative Plaintiffs. These Four Pillars include the revival and protection of Indigenous languages, the revival and protection of Indigenous cultures, the protection and promotion of heritage, and wellness for Indigenous communities and their members.

This announcement builds on the 2021 Gottfriedson Day Scholars Settlement, which provides individual compensation to Day Scholars who attended residential schools but did not reside at the institution.

The residential school system is a shameful part of Canada's colonial history and its consequences are still felt by Survivors, their families, and communities to this day. This settlement will support the Band class members in their healing journeys for generations to come.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Every year on January 27th, We Remember the over six million who were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust - Jews, Roma, LGBT+, disabled people and others. This day was chosen as it is the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

We recommit to fighting anti-semitism, and emphasize the importance of education so that we can practice #NeverAgain. This includes Holocaust education, prohibiting the denying or downplaying of the Holocaust in Canada and investing in Jewish communities. In BC, the development of a new Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver will house the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.



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