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HIGH WATER MARK

Atmospheric river leads to record salmon returns

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2024 was a banner year for salmon returning to West Vancouver's creeks, according to the West Vancouver Streamkeepers Society.

Streamkeeper volunteers and West Vancouver Secondary students spent seven weeks in the fall walking the banks of the Capilano River's tributaries, counting 2,187 returning chum, coho and chinook salmon. Only on a couple occasions in the organization's history have they seen more than 2,000 fish, and many years are a lot lower – just 107 in 2019.

The group presented the impressive results to District of West Vancouver council on Feb. 24.

"It is the year with the most amount of coho we've ever seen in the last 17 years, the second most chinook and the fifth biggest chum year," Grade 12 student volunteer Oliver Huang told council. "We are seeing more and more salmon coming in throughout the years and this year was very successful."

The first week of the survey coincided with the Oct. 19 atmospheric river, which devastated human

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West Vancouver Streamkeeper Leslie Pomeroy and West Vancouver Secondary students Ben Brosnan and Oliver Huang look for life at McDonald Creek. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

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How Seaspan is accelerating action for gender equality in the marine industry

Marine operations is one area where Seaspan is working to create a more inclusive and welcoming workplace

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This March, Seaspan is thrilled to be celebrating International Women's Day — a moment to recognize the accomplishments of women across the entire workforce and the wider marine industry. Whether in the shipyards, out on the vessels, or anything in between, the incredible work done at Seaspan would not be possible without the invaluable contributions of the hundreds of women who fill integral roles on their team.

Yet, part of recognizing International Women's Day is also about acknowledging the inherent gender inequalities present in our day-to-day society. As a company, Seaspan is committed to proactively seeking out where systematic barriers and injustice might be present, in order to remove those barriers and create a more inclusive and welcoming workplace.

One of the areas where Seaspan has worked to improve inclusivity is in their marine operations. The industry as a whole is one that has been male-dominated. Currently, women make up less than one percent of the tugboat and barge labour pool, while also constituting less than eight percent of the onboard crews in marine fleets worldwide.

Much of this is because many of the spaces in the industry were not built with women in mind. Tugboats often consist of cabins with small bunks and shared washrooms, amidst overall tight quarters. Combined with the fact that, as a woman on a tugboat crew, that woman is likely to be surrounded by only men — the lack of privacy doesn't make for the most welcoming environment.

That is why Seaspan is changing the way they design these facilities — transforming them to be inclusive of all genders through added privacy and comfort. When the organization had the opportunity to design a new fleet of tugboats from the ground up — in partnership with the Haisla Nation for HaiSea Marine — they ensured these systemic barriers were removed, adding single-enclosed bathrooms and changing rooms.

While it is one thing to make the environment more inclusive, it is another step to make the culture more inclusive.



Inspired by this year's International Women's Day theme of "Accelerating Action", Seaspan aims to continue to push inclusivity forward throughout the organization.

That is why Seaspan Marine hosts their annual "Women in Marine" event, where not only do young women get the chance to tour the facility and try out the state-of-the-art tugboat simulator, but they also get to hear from a panel of female leaders in the industry.

With 43 percent of Canada's marine workforce set to retire in the next decade, Seaspan is going to need people to step up and fill those roles. By making those positions more welcoming to everyone, they hope that any women interested in the marine industry will know that there is a place for them.

The team at Seaspan knows that gender equality won't just happen by sitting idly by and waiting for it to happen. The theme of International Women's Day this year is "Accelerating Action" — the idea that proactive measures need to be taken to push inclusivity forward. By empowering women to join the marine industry and removing the barriers that have impeded their comfort in those spaces, Seaspan is striving to do their part for that cause.



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HORSESHOE BAY

West Van buys Boathouse restaurant for new art museum

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The District of West Vancouver has purchased the former Boathouse restaurant in Horseshoe Bay to be the new home of the West Vancouver Art Museum.

West Vancouver Mayor Mark Sager announced the purchase of the “beautiful and iconic” building at the start of the Feb. 24 council meeting.

“The building has its roots in First Nations heritage and design. The sweeping views over the ocean and up the Howe Sound are stunning. And I believe I speak for all members of council to say this will be an absolutely wonderful community facility as we go forward,” he said.

When the new museum opens in 2026, the collection at the existing art museum inside Gertrude Lawson House will be moved over to the new space, as will items from the Music Box gallery in Ambleside Park. The Music Box is then slated to be torn down and converted into green space.

The top floor of the Boathouse building offers 8,800 square feet of exhibition and programming space, which is more than double the museum’s current space. The main floor would remain flexible for indoor and outdoor programing/gathering uses, with a catering kitchen, gift shop and administrative offices.



The former Boathouse restaurant in Horseshoe Bay will become the new home of the West Vancouver Art Museum. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

The land has been owned by the Sewell family since the 1930s. The restaurant closed in 2016 for the development of the condo project along the bluff. Previously, the 1981 building hosted The Keg and the Lodge restaurants.

Council did not disclose the purchase price for the property until the March 3 meeting – \$2.7 million. The property was last assessed at \$5.1 million.

“That was a very generous

position that the Sewells took for the benefit of not only Horseshoe Bay, but really all of West Vancouver,” Sager said.

The money for the purchase is coming from the municipality’s community amenity contributions that developers provide following negotiations with council prior to new projects being approved. As of 2024, that fund was sitting at \$9.6 million.

Sager said they are estimating

it will take another \$500,000 to \$1.5 million to retrofit the space to community gallery standards, which he expects to be fully covered by selling naming rights to the building.

“We have actually got quite a few people who have already expressed interest in naming it,” he said.

West Vancouver artists react

A new home for the West

Vancouver Art Museum has long been sought by West Vancouver’s artists and patrons as the existing facilities are too small and lack many basic amenities. But the desire for many in the arts community has been to have a new museum in Ambleside, where it will be easily accessible and benefit from co-location with the district’s other main draws.

Sager’s announcement came as a total surprise, said West Vancouver artist Pierre Coupey. Despite loving Horseshoe Bay, Coupey said he has reservations about the location and the repurposed building.

“As much as it would be nice to have an art gallery there, I just don’t see a refitted restaurant as the best thing for a new West Vancouver Art Museum, which has a mandate to serve the whole community,” he said. “I would love to be in love with this proposal, but I would need much more information, transparency, and consultation before being able to get behind it. West Vancouver deserves a purpose-built art centre that is in the heart of the community.”

In a pointed letter to council, artist Sharon Habib said she was dismayed by the location and the lack of consultation.

“Our museum is a jewel. Why stick it way out in Horseshoe Bay? I realize this might be

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YOUR HIGHNESS

Trucker strikes North Van’s Highway 1 Main Street overpass

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The RCMP’s BC Highway Patrol division is investigating after a trucker’s overweight load struck the Main Street overpass in North Vancouver Friday morning.

A release from investigators states they were made aware of a truck and trailer

stopped on the shoulder just before 9:30 a.m.

“Officers attending the scene learned that a grader being transported on a flat deck tractor trailer had struck the Main Street overpass. Upon inspection, minor superficial damage to the overpass was observed as well as damage to the cab of the grader,” the release stated. “BCHP and Commercial

Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) are on scene and will determine appropriate enforcement actions.”

The collision caused only minor delays in the area.

After a spate of incidents, the province has been cracking down on trucking companies that fail to check height clearances on the roadways before sending a driver and

load out.

In September 2023, a truck driver hit the same overpass, closing Highway 1 for several hours. In that case, the driver fled on foot and the RCMP ticketed the truck’s owner, a Squamish-based company.

At the time, then-transportation minister Rob Fleming called the incident “outrageous.”

DON'T GET STUNG

West Vancouver senior nearly loses \$57K in 'Bee Keeper' scam

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For the amount of acting put into an attempt to fleece a West Vancouver senior out of tens of thousands of dollars, you'd think she must have been in a Hollywood movie.

Though the thieves' plot of controlling a victim's computer to make fraudulent bank transactions was featured in the 2024 film *The Bee Keeper*, for Patricia Morris, the scam attempt and her damaged pride are real.

On Jan. 30, Morris received an email from what appeared to be a PayPal employee by the name of Karla Nietzsche with a copy of a receipt for a \$389.99 purchase for "McAfee" protection.

"Knowing that I had reluctantly used PayPal as a guest in a transaction to pay the sailing club membership [the previous] weekend, I thought, 'Oh no. This triggered a 15-year-old protection policy I had through PayPal. I must stop the charge,'" said Morris, who is 75 years old.

So she called a number provided in the email message and spoke to someone on the phone, but the reception was poor.

Morris turned up her hearing aids and called back, this time speaking for an hour with a different male voice going by the name of Robert Crook.

Under the lie that she would be refunded for her purchase, Morris gave "Crook" control of her computer. After that, she said he performed "magic tricks" on the screen, showing her bank information.

During nearly three hours on the phone, Crook claimed that he had mistakenly refunded her US\$38,999, instead of her supposed charge of \$389.99.

"Actually, he said I made the mistake by putting in the wrong amount when the computer wouldn't let me put in the right amount," Morris said.

"Then he made his mistake transferring funds to my U.S. account. He needed my help to not lose his job which he has had for six years," she said. "This was the emotional side story to the scam."

Crook told her she had to go to the bank to wire the money back to him.



Patricia Morris almost lost close to \$60,000 after receiving a false PayPal receipt. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

'I've been shaking my head for three weeks because I'm so embarrassed'

After speaking to a manager at her local TD Canada Trust branch, the bank employee froze all her accounts.

Morris said that in the time before her accounts were frozen, nearly \$57,000 Canadian had been transferred by the scammer into her U.S. account. Thankfully it had been frozen before the cash could be transferred elsewhere.

The bank manager said she should have checked to see if it was a real call.

"He also told me this scam was in a recent movie *The Bee Keeper*," Morris said.

She was charged \$67 to scrub her laptop, and faced a \$1,200 interest payment to put the funds back in her Canadian account.

While she was able to have the interest fee waived after nearly a month of meetings and frustrating phone calls, Morris said the incident has affected her pride.

"I've been shaking my head for three weeks because I'm so embarrassed," she said. "I couldn't take looking at my bank statement because it represented my mistake."

Morris said she called police and filed a fraud report but hasn't heard anything back.

As a result of her scamming experience, Morris said she'll never be sharing her computer screen again. "And not trusting anybody," she said.

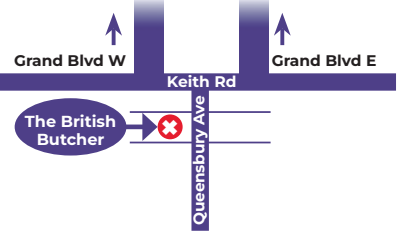


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Three candidates have been nominated for the West Vancouver Schools April 5, 2025 byelection. From the left: Sheelah Donahue, Neil Jensen and Roman Nurpeissov. SUPPLIED

LOCAL VOTE

Three candidates run for West Van Schools byelection

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Three candidates have put their names on the ballot in the race to choose a new West Vancouver Schools trustee.

Voters in West Vancouver, Lions Bay and Bowen Island will go to the polls in an April 5 byelection to replace former trustee Lynne Block, now West Vancouver-Capilano's B.C. Conservative M.L.A.

Those who filed their nomination papers by the 4 p.m. deadline on Friday are Sheelah Donahue, Roman Nurpeissof, and Neil Jensen.

Donahue is seeking a return to the West Vancouver school board where she served from 2014 to 2022, when she fell 139 votes shy of re-election.

"I thought it was really important that somebody with a strong grounding in what the role is all about and an understanding of the education landscape runs for the position," she said, adding that public education has long been a passion of hers. "It's a foundation for basically any community that we have. We need to have strong public schools and we need to have people who really care about public education."

Because of her experience on the board, Donahue said she knows better than to promise new initiatives or take provocative stances on issues that are outside a school district's mandate or abilities.

"We need to elect trustees who understand where there are trustees of influence, and where we're not going to have any influence, and not let the areas where we have no influence be a distraction," she said.

citing the province's capital funding plans and curriculum mandates as key examples of where local trustees have little say.

"Trustees really should put their students and families before any allegiance to special interest groups or political parties, especially when it's really tempting to get drawn into arguments around identity politics," she said.

Nurpeissof, a practising lawyer with two kids in West Vancouver's public schools, said he was inspired to run based on his time volunteering with Irwin Park Elementary's parent advisory council.

"At that time, I became a believer that a stronger parental voice from somebody who has actually a vested interest ... is needed on the board," he said.

Nurpeissov said he would be a strong advocate for expanding the district's offerings of programs bolstering "academic excellence," including hiring new talented teachers and expanding academies.

He also would call for renovation and expansion of the district's physical facilities.

"Which I understand is always tied to the budgetary constraints, but I'm willing to work with the ministry, with the board, to get the funding that we need in this district," he said. "As I understand, we've always been a donor district, but ... not all of those funds go back to the district, and that is where I want to make my impact so that the funds stay here, or at least a bigger portion."

Beyond that, Nurpeissov said he would be a strong advocate for anti-bullying measures in schools.

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HORSESHOE BAY

Big upgrades coming to ferry terminal

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Big changes are set to finally come to the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal.

BC Ferries has announced a significant infrastructure renewal program to improve operations at the nearly 65-year-old hub – works that were previously planned but stalled due to the economic slowdown at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the next several years the terminal will undergo a series of “essential” improvements to improve on-time performance, enhance the customer experience and ensure continued safe and reliable operation, the province-owned corporation said in a news release.

Planned projects at the terminal include upgrading or replacing the three berths, relocating the control tower, upgrading aging elevated structures and enhancing seismic resilience, reads the release. The changes aim to streamline traffic flow and allow a broader range of vessels to operate within the constraints of the existing site, BC Ferries said.



Major upgrades are coming to the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal over the next several years. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

The total cost of the Horseshoe Bay terminal renewal is estimated in the “hundreds of millions,” the corporation said, adding that some projects are already in the planning stages.

“A dedicated team is in place to deliver these projects on time and on budget, ensuring cost-effective investments in the terminal’s future,” BC Ferries said.

Horseshoe Bay is one of the province’s oldest and busiest terminals, said Stephen Jones, vice-president of engineering.

“And, like many similar infrastructure projects from that era, many of its components are due to be replaced or upgraded,” he said.

“This extensive work is another example of the growing number of significant capital investments necessary to keep our terminals and vessels in their best working condition to ensure they operate safely, reliably and efficiently as we keep millions of customers moving each year,” Jones said.

While much of the work won’t be visible to start, changes to how customers travel through the terminal will start as early as fall 2025, said Melanie Lucia, vice-president of customer experience.

“Minimizing any impacts on both our customers and staff as much as possible will continue to be a priority as planning for the projects continues,” she said.

Plans to overhaul the aging terminal were first announced in 2019. At the time, BC Ferries put forward an ambitious plan with a projected cost of \$250 million. But in August 2020, the corporation said it lost \$130 million in expected revenue from a plummet in ridership due to pandemic lockdown and reduced sailings, putting terminal upgrades in limbo.



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This clear separation of property taxes from utility fees is important as Metro Vancouver has significantly increased utility costs for the North Shore municipalities due to projected cost overruns at the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant. This billing change will improve transparency and understanding of the District’s utility fees compared to Metro Vancouver’s utility fees that District residents pay.

Property tax notices will be mailed in late May, as usual.



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Educated vote

We are relieved, even a bit excited, to see three residents have filed nomination papers to run for one vacant seat on the West Vancouver Schools board of education. We salute all three. It is an honourable way to serve your community and it takes guts to put your name forward.

Of course, we want our readers in West Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lions Bay to do their civic duty and get informed and vote. But we worry that we are in for a repeat of the 2021 North Vancouver school board byelection.

In that case, barely two per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot. Voter turnout that low leads to legitimate questions about whether elected school boards are even necessary when so many of the critical decisions and funding powers are held by the

Ministry of Education.

Of all our elected officials, school trustees draw the least public scrutiny and attention. People who don't have kids in school feel less inclined to stay informed. And unless a board has found themselves in a scandal, most other constituents are checked out.

Whichever candidate tops the polls on April 3 has the ability to change things for the better. We suggest they make their first motion a call for SD45 to begin livestreaming, recording and posting their school board meeting videos online, just like the vast majority of other elected bodies do. In 2025, lack of technology or know-how can hardly be excuses.

It is a small step that will pay big dividends in transparency and give the wider public a chance to understand and, therefore, value what school boards do.



80 years ago a massive explosion rocked the waterfront

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On March 6, 1945, nearly 100 men were getting the SS Greenhill Park ready for her voyage to Australia.

The freighter had been docked at the CPR's Pier B-C (now Canada Place) since Feb. 27 and was loaded with a mixed cargo of mostly lumber, newsprint, and tin plate. But there were also pickles, sunglasses, light bulbs, cloth, lamps, radio equipment, books and knitting needles. And what would be most problematic, 94 tonnes of explosive sodium chlorate, boxes of signal flares and several barrels of over-proof whisky all packed together in close proximity.

The 60 per cent proof whisky came

from a distillery in Eastern Canada and was proving hard to resist for some of the longshoremen and crew members. They siphoned off the booze, hiding it in hot water bottles and lunch boxes to take home with them when their shift ended. They were likely unaware that the fumes of the whisky were highly volatile and explosive. It was dark in the hold, and a little before noon, one of the men lit a match so he could see, and then carelessly dropped it into the spilled whisky.

And boom.

A sheet of solid flames shot up more than 30 metres in the air, and the ensuing explosions took out most of the large plate glass windows along automobile row on West Georgia Street. Thousands

of windows in downtown office buildings smashed and glass rained down on busy Vancouver streets. Buildings shook. The blasts blew out 10 heavy corrugated iron doors inside of Pier B. Some survivors claimed they saw men thrown up to 23 metres in the air.

Pickles and sunglasses rained down from the sky, while shredded canvas and paper swirled around the signalmen on the Lions Gate Bridge, blown there by a westerly wind.

It wasn't anything like the scale of the Halifax explosion of 1917, but it was the Port of Vancouver's biggest wartime scare. Many on the ground thought the Japanese were attacking and ran for air-raid shelters.

North Vancouver's Frank Wright was the 25-year-old captain of the Sutherland Brown. The army supply ship was docked at the foot of Cardero and Wright and his skeleton crew were the first to reach the 130-metre-long Greenhill Park. They managed to get a tow line onto the freighter.

With the help of North Vancouver's Douglas Dixon, the captain of a Charles Cates harbour tug, they tried to beach the ship on the North Shore's mud flats where it could do the least damage, but the tide was too strong. They eventually managed to pass under the Lions Gate Bridge and into deep water. But the ship resisted and finally landed on the rocks near Siwash Rock in Stanley Park.

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UPSET TUMMY TURNS INTO HEARTWARMING INTERACTION

Dear Editor:

Thrifty’s Edgemont, near closing time on March 1. Touch of tummy trouble so want to buy some Tums. Lots of that weird Granola/ProBiotics hippy stuff so ask clerk for Tums and he says, “Sure, Aisle 5,” and shows me the product in seconds.

Good, grab the familiar pink and go to the till, like the real till where people do their jobs, not to the half wit machine where I work for free.

Couple together ahead of me. Mom says: “Oh, sorry, I would have let you go ahead but we’ve already started.”

Dad says: “Simple. Give it to me, cost doesn’t matter.” So I hand him the pink, he puts it before the scanner, then returns the pink to me. “You’re good to go.”

I thank him, insist on paying him and hand him the cash – no objections from him. He paid to make it fast, so no need to now delay each other with “I insist.... No, don’t need....”

I exit and rip the childproof off the pink, drink a shot from the open bottle, just like at the LCB.

Boy, that stuff works fast – I’m ready to crack a beer by the time I clear the liquor store.

Been here since 1963 – nice area, good people. Thank you both, Mom and Dad.

Robert Harper
North Vancouver

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Dear Editor:

RE: North Van To Hire Professional Crossing Guards, Feb. 26 story

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CCTV cameras are unlikely to be more effective than boots on the ground. Think of the cost to review videos recorded and the nasty little issues of identifying the drivers, some of whom will assert that their rights to be dangerous drivers have been infringed.

Richard Taylor
North Vancouver

North Van father dies in blaze

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The fire burned for three days. Thirty-four-year-old Donald Bell of North Vancouver, a husband and father of three, was one of eight men – six long-shoremen and two crew members, who were killed in the explosion. He died from fourth degree burns that covered his entire body. Twenty-six others, including seven firefighters, were injured.

The SS Green Hill Park was named after a park in Nova Scotia and she was one of nearly 400 merchant vessels built for the Canadian Government. There’s a large board at the Shipyards in Lower Lonsdale just behind the ice rink. The title is North Sand Vessels and the board lists all the ships built at Burrard Docks during the war years in the order that they were built. The Greenhill Park is No. 18 under Victory

Type Vessels. She launched on Nov. 10, 1943, and was delivered on Jan. 25, 1944. It took just 159 days from start to finish.

After the fire burned itself out, the Greenhill was towed back to Burrard Dry Dock and rebuilt. A Greek captain bought her and changed her name to the SS Phaeax 11. She was renamed the Lagos Michigan in 1956, and in 1967 she was broken up and sold for scrap in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

In memory of those who were killed: Donald Bell, 34; Joseph Brooks, 51; Julius Kern, 41; William Lewis, 46; Merton McGrath, 46; Donald Munn, 54; Montague Munn, 57; Walter Peterson, 56. Eve Lazarus is a North Vancouver resident and author. Her latest book is Beneath Dark Waters: The Legacy of the Empress of Ireland Shipwreck. eve@evelazarus.com

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FLUSH IT OUT

Former B.C. deputy finance minister to lead audit of sewage plant

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With previous experience examining big-budget projects and governance of public sector boards, Peter Milburn has been selected to lead an independent audit of the billions-over-budget North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Metro Vancouver announced the high-profile appointment Friday in a press release.

“The MWGK Independent Review Team has been selected to conduct the independent audit of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program,” Metro said in the release.

“The team will be led by Peter Milburn, best known for his role in the Site C Dam Review (Milburn Report) and the Kicking Horse Canyon Phase 4 Project, where he demonstrated his ability to conduct thorough evaluations of budget escalations and governance structures,” Metro said. Milburn also led a forensic audit of the Vancouver School



With a new contractor hired, work has ramped up again at the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant. NICK LABA / NSN

Board in 2016.

Milburn, who was the province’s deputy finance minister before retiring in 2016, said the collective experience of his audit team positions it to conduct a “rigorous and impartial assessment of the project’s financial evolution, budget reliability, project management function, and governance.”

“We look forward to getting to work and to sharing results back to the board with recommendations for the future,” he said.

Metro board chair and Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley said he committed to bringing an independent party to review the sewage plant when he came in as chair.

“The reviewer was selected by

an independent legal advisor. We look forward to sharing the results of this work with the public once complete,” he said.

The MWGK acronym stands for the team members, who have decades of combined experience leading and delivering major projects in B.C. and abroad.

Those include Gary Webster, an engineer who was previously appointed to lead and audit the over-budget effort to upgrade the Port Mann Bridge and surrounding highway.

Also on the team is Ed Green, lead cost estimator for the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain expansion. And construction consultant Al Knight will lend his experience in areas such as financial risk assessment.

North Van District also calling for public inquiry

Metro first announced the independent review last June, after newly released cost estimates put the beleaguered project at a budget of \$3.86 billion. The new plant was originally expected to

cost around \$700 million when it was first revealed in 2017.

To pay for the over-budget plant, the average North Shore household will pay an extra \$590 on its utility bill for 30 years.

While Metro has restarted construction with a new contractor on the previously stalled project, the regional authority is still locked in legal action with its previous contractor, Acciona Wastewater Solutions.

Acciona claims it offered measures to complete the project by 2025 at a cost of \$1.05 billion, and that Metro has misled the public on “important issues.”

Metro has filed its own claim that Acciona failed to properly follow project specifications, and that the company should refund taxpayers \$500 million.

In addition to the independent audit commissioned by Metro, the District of North Vancouver has called for a provincial public inquiry on the plant, citing concerns around impartiality of the regional review.



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‘COMPLETE SHOCK’

North Vancouver wellness clinic forced to close after fire

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The managing director of a North Vancouver wellness clinic says she thought her boss’s phone was hacked when she heard the news that a fire destroyed her workplace.

“I was walking my dog, I was like, ‘Is this Elise talking to me? How could this have happened? It was complete shock and a total out-of-body experience,” Emily Thompson said.

On Feb. 20, a blaze ripped through a counselling room at The Woods Arts & Wellness, an organization that offers counselling and therapy programs.

District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services received reports of the fire at 2:25 a.m. Feb. 20 at the mixed residential and commercial building on 3721 Delbrook Ave.

Fire crews were able to put out the blaze quickly, but moments later, a pipe burst just above the kitchen, causing extensive water damage around the space.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel, said Assistant Fire Chief Mark Dear. North Shore Emergency Management attended the scene to assist affected residents, he said. Six residents from units in the building were displaced for a couple of days following the fire due to smoke damage.

“It was a lot of smoke damage,” Dear said. “The fire was contained into the corner of the unit ... the fire was actually behind a couch chair.”

The smoke and water damage has forced the organization to replace nearly everything in the centre, Thompson said. The cause of the fire is still being investigated, but

Thompson says she and the owners think it may have been a rechargeable battery for a sound machine plugged in behind a fabric armchair, which wasn’t turned on and has always been there.

“It wasn’t even charging, but it was the only thing that was plugged in,” she said.

Thompson says smoke damage is everywhere. Photos show ceilings and walls that were originally white are now black, with water covering the floor.

“It certainly was a massive shock, because this space has been a sacred space for our clients who come for counselling and groups,” Thompson said. “But for myself,

it’s also been such an amazing space to work in and support the growth of. So it was a really hard loss to face.”

It could be between three to six months before the Woods can fully reopen again, Thompson said, resulting in having to cancel programs such as their art and music therapy, and limit counselling services.

But people have come in to help and show support. The team has seen people reach out since they shared the news on their Instagram and website last month.

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The Woods Arts & Wellness is facing extensive smoke and water damage after a fire broke out in one of their counselling rooms. EMILY THOMPSON



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'KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE'

Carver restores historical totem pole for Seaspan

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A five-and-a-half-metre, colourful totem pole depicting a bear, frog and thunderbird now stands in front of Seaspan's main office in North Vancouver.

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) artist Darren Yelton was given the task of restoring the decades-old totem pole after facing natural damage over the years.

An "Opening of the Eyes" ceremony – a traditional celebration by the Squamish Nation – was held last month in front of Seaspan's Pemberton Avenue office to share the newly finished totem pole, but also celebrate Yelton's hard work.

"As a totem pole carver, I enjoy what I do. It's in my culture. I'm keeping my history alive," Yelton said.

The animals on the totem pole represent the Coast Salish people, and the pole's roots go back decades ago in Squamish Nation and North Vancouver history. The pole was originally carved by Squamish Nation carver Tommy Moses in 1948 as a gift to then-North Vancouver mayor Charles Cates. After this, the pole stood by the Cates Building in Lonsdale Quay for more than 70 years.

By 2020, the pole was in poor shape – the original colours had been painted over, and the wood was worn and torn over time with holes from birds and rot. That year, the pole was taken down in a ceremony and put away in storage.

But Yelton received the call from Seaspan in 2024 asking if he could restore the totem pole, and he was taken aback.



Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) artist and carver Darren Yelton stands with the 5.5-metre totem pole he recently restored for display at Seaspan's Pemberton Avenue location in North Vancouver. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

"They were looking for a totem pole carver to restore it for over a year, and they couldn't find anybody," Yelton said. "I was honoured to get the call to restore this for Tommy Moses. His name will live on longer through our Nation."

Once Yelton gave the OK to restore the totem pole, Seaspan transported the 18-foot pole on a large truck to his house near the Lions Gate Bridge. Yelton then dedicated two and a half months to restoring the pole.

Yelton started with the thunderbird's head at the top, cutting out 32-cubic

centimetre cedar block and fitting it in the top of the head like a puzzle, he said. He then filled cracks and holes with epoxy and cedar mulch with resin.

Sanding the pole down was the most work, he said. Yelton wore a respirator mask while sanding down the pole due to a thick coating of potentially toxic house paint added in 1972.

But taking on the challenge in restoring the pole was fun, he said, especially as it's not his first rodeo in doing so.

Yelton has been a totem pole carver

for 52 years. His work is seen in numerous places across the North Shore and Lower Mainland, but also across the world in the United States, Japan, China and even Australia.

Having the totem pole moved to the main office in North Vancouver serves an important element – an ongoing commitment towards reconciliation while honouring the history, said Wendy Keyzer, manager of strategy and business development at Seaspan.

"It's going to serve as a reminder of all the wonderful people who've lived on these lands for generations, and the importance of our responsibilities that we need to uphold," Keyzer said. "We're going to be seeing that every day as we come to work."

Keyzer also supports the company's Indigenous strategy. It's hard for her not to get emotional when talking about the ceremony and this vital work, she said.

Coming from a Métis heritage, she said she feels very lucky to help advance these activities.

Blankets were laid on the ground during the ceremony for Yelton to stand on, where he and the totem pole he restored were brushed with cedar boughs.

"I enjoy leaving my markers in all certain areas of territories that once belonged to the Squamish Nation people," Yelton said. [The totem pole] looks really strong, stands in a good way down there, in honour of our Squamish Nation people and in honour of Tommy Moses."

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ONE MUST WASH EYES Powerful film inspired by Iran's Woman, Life, Freedom movement

HAMID JAFARI
Contributing writer

Inspired by the Woman, Life, Freedom movement, a new film by a North Shore-based filmmaker tells the powerful story of an Iranian international student who faces severe consequences after being photographed at a protest in Vancouver.



Sepideh Yadegar's feature film, *One Must Wash Eyes*, will open the 20th annual Gender Equity in Media Society Vancouver (GEMFest) on March 5 at the VIFF Centre in Vancouver, running March 5-9, 2025.

Yadegar, an Iranian-Canadian writer, director, and producer who lives in North Vancouver, began developing the film in 2020. Initially set in 2012, she later updated the script to reflect the ongoing struggles of Iranian women following the 2022-23 uprising sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini.

Pegah Ghafoori portrays Sahar, a woman whose life changes when she is photographed at a Woman, Life, Freedom rally in the film 'One Must Wash Eyes' from North Vancouver-based filmmaker Sepideh Yadegar. IMAGE SUPPLIED

"It became very clear to me that this story needed to capture not just the past, but also the urgency of the present," Yadegar said.

During the Women, Life, Freedom movement in Iran (2022-23), there were 22,000 arrests, and at least 537 people were killed in the regime's crackdown. The movement began following the death in custody of

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March 20 showing at The Polygon

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22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who was arrested in Tehran by the morality police on Sept. 16, 2022.

The film follows Sahar, played by Pegah Ghafoori, an Iranian international student whose life takes a dramatic turn when she is photographed at a Woman, Life, Freedom rally in Canada. As Iranian authorities crack down on those linked to the movement, Sahar finds herself caught in a harrowing situation that mirrors the real-life experiences of many in the Iranian diaspora. Filmed in Vancouver, *One Must Wash Eyes* reflects Yadegar's personal journey and the broader struggles of Iranian immigrants.

"Vancouver has such a large Iranian community and a huge international student population. It was the perfect location for this story," she said. The film also explores themes of exile, immigration, and the emotional toll of witnessing oppression from afar.

Working with a budget of less than \$150,000, Yadegar and her team had to be resourceful in securing locations and production support.

"Finding locations was one of the biggest challenges," she said. "We didn't have a big budget, but we were lucky to find

great places that fit the film's vision."
Yadegar's work goes beyond storytelling, as she hopes the film will help refine the meaning of being an immigrant or refugee for non-Iranian audiences.

"I wanted the film to be like a friend telling people what's really happening in Iran and how it affects the Iranian diaspora," she explained.

GEMFest, which celebrates women and gender-diverse filmmakers, will host a special Q&A session with Yadegar and her team following the screening, moderated by fellow Iranian-Canadian filmmaker Ghazal Elhaei.

As Yadegar continues to develop new projects that explore themes of identity, activism, and belonging, she invites audiences to see *One Must Wash Eyes* and experience the film's message firsthand. The screening will take place on March 5 at 6 p.m. at VIFF Centre in Vancouver.

The Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver will also screen the movie on March 20, the day Iranian-Canadians celebrate Persian New Year (Nowruz). Showtime is 6:30 p.m.

Hamid Jafari is a Vancouver-based freelance journalist who writes about the Iranian community in Canada, art, culture, and social media trends.

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Patrons offer praise for coffee shop set to close later this year

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Members of a North Vancouver neighbourhood are sure to miss a favourite coffee shop that is closing its doors.

In a Facebook post on Feb. 24, Andrew’s on Eighth announced that the business will be closing down in early July.

“For 13 years we’ve made this our home and have made such wonderful relationships with so many of you! We loved watching your families grow and also getting to know so many of you. It has meant so much to us,” the shop wrote.



Andrew’s on Eighth has served coffee and good spirits to the surrounding community for 13 years. GOOGLE EARTH

“It’s with heavy hearts that we announce the closing of Andrew’s at the beginning of July. It wasn’t only one thing that helped us make this decision but many. We spent much time going over our decision but we feel deep down that it’s the right time,” the shop said. “We’re sad but also know that there would never be a right time. We’ll miss every last one of you.”

Dozens of patrons commented on the post, praising the “amazing” owners and staff, and expressing that they’d miss the “bright spot” in the community.

Andrew’s on Eighth was reached for

comment, but did not respond.

A listing from Babych Group Realty Vancouver Ltd. states that the “prime retail space” is available for lease. Total rent for the 960-square-foot unit at 279 East Eighth St. is posted at \$6,200 per month.

“This space is perfect for a coffee shop or café, with excellent street exposure and a vibrant local customer base,” reads the listing. “No Demolition Clause! With North Vancouver’s thriving café culture and a steady mix of locals and visitors, this space is an excellent opportunity to establish or expand your brand.”

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YOUNG AT ART

North Vancouver libraries unveil winners of 2024 Teen Writing Contest

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A group of students across the North Shore can now say they are published authors as their work and creativity are celebrated in a local library Teen Writing Contest.

The North Vancouver District Public Library and North Vancouver City Library announced the five winners of the contest for students from Grades 7 to 12 on Feb. 10. The theme for the contest was “echoes from the past.”

Each winning story was professionally bound and added to the collections for people to borrow.

Amelia Horwood won first place in the Grades 7 to 9 category for her piece, *Timeless Lessons*. Cates Rios received honourable mention for the story *Forgotten in Flames*. Rachel MacDonald-Lin won in the Grades 10- to 2 category for *Once There Were Dragons*, while Olivia Garnett’s piece *The Potatoes* claimed the honourable mention spot.

But there was also a title for overall winner. Grade 10 Collingwood School student Cynthia Yu said she started jumping around her house when she received an email letting her know that she was the overall winner for her short story, *Cherry*.

“It feels so amazing, because I’m finally taking the steps to pursue what was my hobby and is now becoming a dream come true,” Yu said. “It’s just a huge step that I feel like I finally accomplished something to what I hope can be my career to continue writing.”

Cherry follows the story of a 14-year-old girl in Middle Ages China who was chosen to be one of many empresses at the imperial palace, the Forbidden City. But she is driven insane during the process, being forced to undergo rigorous training and follow orders constantly.

Cherries were used a lot for painting, but also to symbolize the



Collingwood School Grade 10 student Cynthia Yu is the overall winner of the 2024 Teen Writing Contest for her book *Cherry*. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

girls that were taken away from their homes due to their beauty, skills or talents, she said.

“I wanted to symbolize these girls as being picked like fruit for the pleasure of someone else,” said Yu, whose story clocks in at 4,500 words.

“I really think that today, as a community, we kind of bypass how brutal situations were for women in history,” she added. “We don’t go into enough depth in order to see how horribly women were treated in ancient, historical settings.”

NVDPL kicked off their writing contest in 2018, but last year’s contest marked the first of the district and city libraries collaborating. Sara Oremland, teen engagement librarian at NVDPL, said 27 stories were sent in for the recent contest, where entries were judged by library staff, members of both the district and city’s teen leadership groups and local authors.

“Youth have a lot of creativity, and I think writing is also a way to explore your own self and your own ideas,” Oremland said. “We just want to really give them a creative outlet.”

Growing up, Yu said she took a lot of Chinese courses, giving her the basic knowledge to dive into the story. Yu hopes the story will



Amelia Horwood holds her book, *Timeless Lessons*, which earned first place in the Grades 7 to 9 category. COURTESY OF NVDPL

help people learn about difficult but important parts of history while also uplifting untold perspectives.

“Especially going back to my culture, I understand that my relatives had to go through horrible situations like these, and I feel if I can speak their story in modern times, then I can speak for those in the past who [were] oppressed and cannot bring up the story in modern day,” Yu said.

Learn more about the winning titles at the district or city library.



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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Strong leaders set to shine in upcoming panel discussion

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Patrice Mousseau didn't intend to enter the business world.

Her daughter, Esme, was diagnosed with eczema and prescribed a topical steroid.

Determined to find a steroid-free solution for her child, Mousseau put her research skills as a journalist to the test and made a botanically based balm using traditional medicine in a crock pot.

"As a mother, you'll do anything to help your child or any loved one in pain," Mousseau said.

Esme's eczema cleared in two days. After this, she shared the leftover product with a few people and they went crazy for it, driving sometimes hours to get some, Mousseau said. A year later, in 2013, she launched Satya Organic, in the process becoming the first Indigenous brand on the shelf at Shoppers Drug Mart, she said.

Mousseau will be the keynote speaker at a Women in Business panel hosted by the North Vancouver Chamber at the Holiday Inn & Suites on March 7, kicking off an event that will see several North Vancouver businesswomen share their



Patrice Mousseau is the founder and CEO of skincare brand Satya Organic. She will be the keynote speaker for the Women in Business Panel March 7. COURTESY NORTH VANCOUVER CHAMBER

experiences in celebration of International Women's Day.

The panel will feature five speakers, including Mousseau, sharing adversities they've overcome and strategies used to pave their way to success.

Owner of Hear at Home Mobile Hearing Clinic Jennifer Abbott is another panellist. Abbott founded the clinic in 2009, bringing professional hearing care to those who

face barriers accessing traditional clinics.

"I was quite honoured to be asked," Abbott said. "Sometimes, we just go day to day and you're working, and you don't stop and take a moment to see how far you've come."

Abbott took a leap launching her own business, as she had been laid off from her previous job in the industry during the recession. But she had noticed a trend: many people were having a difficult time coming in to hearing clinics, so she decided to bring the clinic to them.

Other panellists include Armita Alikhani, chief marketing and strategy officer of BlueShore Financial; 88 West Realty managing broker and owner Shirin Saleh; and environmental consultant Katie Scott.

Amplifying female leadership in the community

North Vancouver Chamber CEO Patrick Stafford-Smith said the organization is proud to celebrate and uplift female leadership in the business community, especially with International Women's Day landing the day after the event.

"This event is about creating connections for our members to share experiences, learn from one another and

be inspired," Stafford-Smith said.

Being inspired and sharing is what Abbott encourages people to do after the panel.

"Just take a moment and reach out to a few women business owners, and have a coffee with them," she said. "I will almost guarantee you'll leave feeling energized, excited and have that confidence that, 'You know what, I think I can do this.'"

Community is key to building any successful business, Mousseau said, adding that she hopes the panel will be an opportunity for everyone to learn from and support business folks.

"Women are great community builders, and community and support is what we all need to succeed," Mousseau said.

The panel will take place at the Holiday Inn & Suites (700 Old Lillooet Rd.) on Friday, March 7 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration for the event is required, admission is \$47 for members and \$65 for non-members. People can visit North Vancouver Chamber's website for more information.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

High school program gives girls an entrepreneurial education

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North Vancouver high school students, including a growing cohort of girls, are getting a head start learning entrepreneurship skills before graduation thanks to a unique education program.

The Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) program at the North Vancouver School District aims to give Grade 11 and 12 students the tools they need before entering the real world.

YELL launched in the North Vancouver School District roughly seven years ago, offered at Handsworth and Sutherland Secondary. Handsworth teacher Sheri Johnson said she has seen more girls take part in the program and business courses over time, which is something to YELL about.

“It’s actually something that I’m really excited about,” Johnson said, reflecting on the

business courses she’s taught. “It’s been great to watch that change, where I would say now in some of the classes, I have more females than males in there.”

Students in the YELL program learn entrepreneurship through a series of lessons in the classroom as well as in the community working with industry leaders. As the program continues, students form groups to create a business venture. The YELL program wraps up with a *Dragon’s Den* type of experience called the Venture Challenge, where student teams across B.C. compete and present their business venture to a panel of judges made up of entrepreneurs, investors and community members.

Grade 12 Handsworth Secondary student Elizabeth Bromley participated in the program last year. Her group created a sustainable bicycle tire design that will not pop or rupture.



Handsworth Secondary students Alena Tkacheva and Elizabeth Bromley go over a presentation with teacher Sheri Johnson. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

Bromley was set on entering a science career path before taking part in YELL, but after completing the program, she is now pursuing a bachelor’s degree in commerce.

“It’s quite intimidating to enter a field that is very

predominantly male dominated,” Bromley said. “It’s also important to see that women are succeeding in that area as well, knowing women are just as capable as men to run businesses.”

While women entrepreneurs

are making progress, they still face challenges.

A study from the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub from 2024 says women business ownership is growing. In 2023, approximately 18.4 per cent of all businesses were majority owned by women in Canada, compared to 15.6 per cent in 2017.

Female entrepreneurs still take home less, with 37.1 per cent earning less than \$50,000 annually, compared to 31.7 per cent of male entrepreneurs.

Grade 12 Handsworth student Alena Tkacheva is currently in the YELL program, and says it helped solidify her decision to go the business route after high school.

“It’s a really great experience to listen to people who are actually involved in business already, and to learn about their experience,” Tkacheva said. “Right now, I’m just really sure of my decision.”

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JENNIFER
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Called to the Bar in 2018, Jennifer Bednard has been practicing law at Lakes, Whyte LLP for seven years. Jennifer grew up in North Vancouver and attended law school at the University of Victoria before returning to the North Shore as an articling student. Jennifer practices mainly estate planning, estate administration, estate litigation, and real property litigation. Jennifer strives to make complex legal processes understandable for all her clients and to find workable solutions to legal problems. She also speaks French.

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Seeing is believing for students

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Tkacheva’s group is still working out the nuts and bolts of their Venture Challenge project, but they came up with the idea of creating a “magic” powder that decomposes dog feces to reduce plastic waste.

YELL participants are encouraged to incorporate UN sustainability goals into their projects, Johnson said.

By showing and providing more opportunities for students through the YELL program, it can help expand people’s minds to different careers, Johnson said.



Elizabeth Bromley and Alena Tkacheva are participants in NVSD’s YELL program. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

“It’s just a matter of providing more opportunities for young women to see other people out there doing things, because often we only know what we know,” she said. “You only see what you see in school, what your parents do, etc. The more opportunities and things that you get to see, the more experiences you have, then it opens up

the world.”

People can head to the North Vancouver School District’s website to learn more about the YELL program. *Abby Luciano is the Indigenous and civic affairs reporter for the North Shore News. This reporting beat is made possible by the Local Journalism Initiative.*



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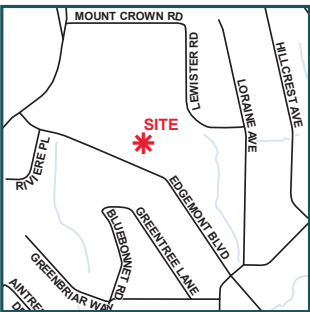
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READINGS ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS

When: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7pm

Where: Council Chambers, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC

What: On Monday, March 17, 2025, at its regularly scheduled meeting, Council will consider First, Second and Third Readings of Bylaw 8732, proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to permit the creation of a 21-unit townhouse at 3712-3718 Edgemont Boulevard.

Bylaw 8732 proposes to amend the District’s Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the site from Residential Multiple Family 1 (RM1) to Comprehensive Development Zone 155 (CD155). The CD155 Zone addresses permitted and accessory uses, conditions of use, and zoning provisions such as density, amenities, height, setbacks, building and site coverage, landscaping and storm water management, and parking, loading and servicing requirements.



How: The Regular Meeting of Council will be held in a hybrid format with a combination of in-person and electronic participation by some or all members of council, or by staff and the

public. The public are invited to attend at the Council Chambers where they will be able to see and hear the entire proceedings. Those wishing to view or to participate in the meeting electronically may do so at <https://dnv.org.zoom.us/j/64484156494> or by phone by dialling 1-778-907-2071 and entering webinar ID 644 8415 6494.

Need more info? Copies of the bylaw are available for review at 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC, between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday (except holidays), starting Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2025, or online at [DNV.org/agenda](https://dnv.org/agenda)

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Storm provides excellent spawning habitat

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infrastructure on the North Shore. Leslie Pomeroy, the Streamkeepers’ lead volunteer on the program, said they worried it would also provide major disruptions to the salmon at first, wiping out the loose gravel they need to bury their eggs in.

But they quickly found the storm provided a bit of a refresh for the creeks that had seen lower flows in recent years, and in later weeks of the survey, they had the highest counts on record for fish spawning above Highway 1

“After that, we almost immediately saw that gravel had resettled in the creek and provided what would be excellent spawning habitat for the salmon,” she said. “Obviously the water levels were so high that they could get up the creek much more easily. Everything was just

easier for them.... The atmospheric river, weirdly enough, even though it was bad for humans, was kind of a gift for salmon.”

Although a healthy return with big numbers is always welcomed, Grade 11 student Ben Brosnan reminded council of the bigger picture.

“By swimming upstream and spawning and dying, they’re essential in our biodiversity, in our nutrient cycles, in our food web. They are the connection. And this is one of the reasons why we do stream keeping. It serves as a proxy for determining the health of our salmon, our streams and our local environments,” he said. “We’re really proud of that number as it just shows what progress we’re making towards preserving our environment.”

The West Vancouver Streamkeepers group has



West Vancouver Streamkeepers John Barker and Leslie Pomeroy don their distinctive yellow vests for fish surveying with West Van Secondary students Ben Brosna (Grade 11) and Oliver Huang (Grade 12) at McDonald Creek.

PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

carried out numerous habitat rehabilitation projects on creeks around the municipality aimed at giving returning salmon the best possible conditions to spawn in and safe and healthy waterways for the next generation to mature

in until they migrate to the ocean.

The yellow reflective vests that the students and volunteers wear while counting fish on the streams has become a recognized and respected symbol with the broader public who see them doing their work, Huang said.

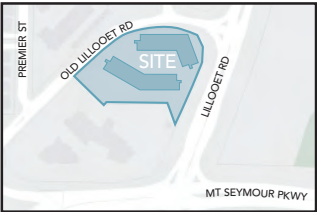
“I think these vests that we wear today are not just a uniform. It really shows the community that we’re here to make a difference,” he said.

Pomeroy said it would be nice to think a strong return this year will translate to high numbers of hatchlings in the spring and an even better return when they return from the ocean to spawn in four years. But, as they saw in 2024, salmon have a way of keeping us guessing.

“Most seem to have gotten the job done so there is a potential for a good return, but it’s going to also ultimately depend on environmental conditions at the time,” she said. “You just can’t predict it. This is why I keep doing it, because every single year, you see something in the stream you’ve never seen before.... It’s just this little unfolding mystery.”

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Yuri Fulmer and family donate \$2M to Capilano University

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Capilano University’s future centre for childhood studies is set to carry the Fulmer name after that family provided a \$2 million gift.

Named the Fulmer Family Centre for Childhood Studies, the 23,000-square-foot, two-storey building opens on the university’s North Vancouver campus in April, with full operations slated to launch in September.

The facility will enable significant growth in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) admissions at Capilano University. The centre will add 20 more ECCE practicum placement spots, on top of the 20 to 25 current on-campus ECCE spots, according to the university.

The centre will also have 74 new child-care spaces for the children of employees and students. That ups the total number of childcare spaces on campus to 143, according to the university.

The new centre is also set to house Western Canada’s only purpose-designed, integrated centre of early childhood care, research and school education.

“Investing in Capilano University is important to me,” said Yuri Fulmer, who



Capilano University chancellor Yuri Fulmer and family have donated \$2 million to help the institution launch a centre for childhood studies. SUPPLIED

is also the university’s chancellor and spokesman for the family.

“I live on the North Shore, and CapU is the university in my community. I’m proud it’s focused on delivering the very best education that it can.”

The \$25-million project is paid for through \$9.46 million in provincial

government funding and \$5.6 million raised through a capital campaign. University investments fund the remainder.

“Kids need the very best start that they can get, and we need to educate people who are going to provide that start for children,” Fulmer said.

“The status of early childhood

educators in the community, sadly, is that a lot of them make minimum wage or close to minimum wage. What we really need to elevate is the status of early childhood educators. These are folks that take care of our children at the most formative times in their lives.”

Fulmer is chairman and CEO at Fulmer & Co., which he describes as a family office investment firm.

He also founded the charitable Fulmer Foundation.

Between 2006 and 2010, Fulmer led Mr. Mikes Steakhouse Casual restaurant chain as its president and CEO.

He started with a single A&W franchise and expanded his portfolio to include dozens of successful restaurant ventures, including Mr. Mikes and Pizza Hut franchises across Western Canada, according to his corporate website.

He founded Fulmer & Co. in 2010.

Fulmer is the global chair of United Way Worldwide, a past co-chair of the Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society and an honouree in *BIV*’s BC500.

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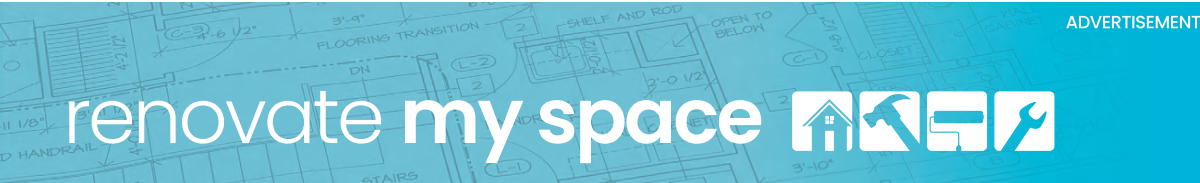
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Mayor says plans still in the works for arts facility in Ambleside

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unintentional but it feels disrespectful. For the vast majority of West Van residents, Horseshoe Bay is a destination that requires effort and planning to get to,” she wrote, adding later: “You owe us an explanation of your process. You owe us an explanation of why you have disregarded the thorough research we paid for. You owe us the decency of a public consultation.”

Painter Ross Penhall, however, said he ultimately would like to see the museum in a purpose-built facility in Ambleside, but after many years of consultations, any new arts facility was welcomed.

He also noted that many great museums have come from repurposing other buildings and that Horseshoe Bay – his own neighbourhood – would be an ideal host.

“I like it. I think it’s fantastic,” he said. “We’re getting a lot of attention now. For a long time, we were like a second thought but it’s becoming a destination. I think there’s a lot to offer here now and I think this is a great place for an arts centre.”

West Vancouver mayor responds

Because the decision to move the art museum involved the purchase of property, negotiations had to be held behind



The former Boathouse restaurant in Horseshoe Bay, previously the Lodge and Keg restaurants, has sat empty since 2016. PAUL MCGRATH / NSN

closed doors, Sager said. “We did go to our arts committees, and they all agreed to review it in camera because of the negotiations, and we have recommendation motions carried

unanimously in support of this,” he said. Sager acknowledged that many in the arts community would prefer to see their museum located centrally in Ambleside, but he defended the new location.

“Horseshoe Bay is part of West Vancouver, and it deserves attention. Horseshoe Bay gets six million people a year who go through that area, and this will, without doubt, generate life and interest out in the bay,” he said, adding that he envisions a Saturday art market on the pier, similar to the one that runs on Salt Spring Island.

And he said, the moving of the West Vancouver Art Museum is not in lieu of a new dedicated arts facility somewhere in Ambleside. Sager said there is a donor willing to fund construction of one if the district can acquire and provide the land.

In the meeting, Sager also paid tribute to the four generations of the Sewell family for their contributions to the community.

As part of the agreement, Dan Sewell said they will be offering two carved panels by Nisga’a artist Norman Tate that currently flank the entrance.

“They really belong with the building. We talked about it, and the Sewell family would like to make them the first donation to the art facility,” he said, drawing applause from the council gallery. “When you do get a chance to see the carvings, you’ll just notice his detail. There’s not a sketch or a line or a slip or anything. It’s just magical art.”

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WHERE DO WE GROW?

North Vancouver District seeks public input on how to add future housing density

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While the province has mandated that new housing must be accommodated for, District of North Vancouver residents will have some say on how that added density will be distributed throughout their community.

At a meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, district council voted to move ahead with public engagement activities this spring that will eventually reshape the official community plan.

Over the past two years, the provincial government has introduced new pieces of legislation that require municipalities to make it easier for new housing to be built, especially in town centres and along corridors frequented by rapid transit.

Part of the new rules involved the district creating a housing needs report to anticipate future population growth. Council passed an interim version last fall.

According to that housing report, the district must accommodate for the building of 22,369 new units between 2021 and 2041. To do so, staff has until the end of 2025 to update the OCP, as well as related map designations and zoning bylaws.

In order to meet the anticipated density requirements, staff have presented three options to council and residents, each a variation on how much of the new housing will be built in town centres and spread out in surrounding areas.

The first scenario is to concentrate 90 per cent of growth in existing town centres, which include Lions Gate/Marine Drive, Lynn Valley, Lynn Creek and Maplewood.

Staff said this option will likely support dense, mixed-use communities with local amenities and jobs within walking distance. It would also make efficient use of existing infrastructure, and lower per-capita greenhouse gas emissions due to more transit trips.

Negatives of this scenario include the highest building forms, potential displacement of older, affordable rental stock and risk of overburdening infrastructure.

The second scenario presented by staff is similar to the first, but would expand the key growth centres of Lions Gate/Marine Drive and Lynn



Workers on a platform attach a piece of construction material to a new building at the Apex at Seylynn Village development in June 2023. NICK LABA / NSN FILES

Valley to include adjacent single-family neighbourhoods. This approach has similar benefits to option 1, but there would be more diverse housing forms including mid- and high-rise buildings in town centres and the surrounding area.

The second scenario also puts older stock at risk, which could displace lower-income residents, and there could be more loss of green space compared to the first option.

The third option opts for 75 per cent of growth in existing centres, and the remaining 25 per cent elsewhere. This scenario aims to create more balanced distribution of growth throughout the district, staff said.

Advantages to the third option include more even access to amenities throughout the district, as well as low- and mid-rise buildings in key community nodes. Disadvantages are that new housing will be less connected to existing and future rapid transit. There could also be increased challenges to service these areas with proper water and sewage capacity.

Staff added that these scenarios are highly conceptual, and the district could ultimately create a hybrid approach depending on feedback.

Lynn Valley shouldn't be targeted due to lack of rapid transit, mayor says

Mayor Mike Little suggested option 2 should be less specific about which town centres are identified, and perhaps ask the public which ones should be included.

"I'd have a challenge with Lynn Valley being identified, for right now. And the reason being, we don't actually

have transit committed from TransLink for a frequent transit network up to Lynn Valley," he said.

"What's going to be the R9 has not been prioritized by Metro Vancouver at this point, whereas [bus rapid transit] through the Marine Drive corridor in the old R2/239 route is being prioritized by Metro Vancouver, which would encapsulate both the Seylynn neighbourhood and the Cap and Marine neighbourhood as being supported by the frequent transit network in the medium term," Little said.

Within the district's key growth centres, there's been a lot of new housing built, but they lack the types of businesses and services to create a complete community, said Coun. Jordan Back.

"I hope that with this OCP update, we're really looking at that whole picture of these neighbourhoods, what we want them to look like," he said. "And if we're expanding a town centre, then what are some of those little businesses that should be allowed to open in those neighbourhoods as well, and really promoted actively within that."

Back said he was concerned with how housing development could impact light industrial businesses in the Lynn Creek area.

"If we're talking about expanding, [staff] mentioned that Canadian Tire property, I would be concerned about the potential impact on the light industrial area that we have there," he said.

Public engagement opportunities are slated to begin in April. For updates on upcoming dates to learn more and provide input, you can sign up to an email list on the district's website.

SPLIT DECISION

Here’s why DNV is doing separate utility and property tax bills

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If you live in the District of North Vancouver, you’ll be receiving more mail from the municipality than you’re used to.

That’s because the district is splitting utility charges and property taxes – which are typically combined in one bill – into two separate pieces of paperwork.

Earlier in February, DNV residents may have been surprised to receive a utilities invoice, due by May 30.

This year, those charges won’t be included on the property taxes notice, which goes out early June with a July 2 due date, as normal.

The reason for the change is for the district to give residents a better understanding of the utility fees they pay, and highlight that the majority of charges come from Metro Vancouver, said Coun. Herman Mah.

“It coincides with the unfair decision by Metro Vancouver that North Shore residents have to pay for the majority of the enormous [\$3.46-billion] cost overruns for the [North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant],” he said.

To pay for the plant, the average district

household will pay an extra \$590 on average for 30 years. That brings the 2025 Metro utility bill to a total of around \$1,150.

“This will be a major impact, especially during current challenging economic times, on the residents of the district and across the North Shore,” Mah said.

Members of district council are frustrated with the “unfair” situation, and some are lobbying for action, he said.

Last November, the district asked the B.C. government to hold a public inquiry into cost overruns of the billions-overbudget plant.

“We ultimately need the provincial government to conduct an independent public inquiry into the ... project to determine what happened and to make sure it does not happen again, a demand that they have not yet responded to,” Mah said.

“Given the big role that Metro Vancouver plays in the region and the amount of taxes we all pay to that organization, the public is demanding accountability and justified in doing so,” he said. “We need to conduct a review of the governance model for Metro Vancouver.”

While Metro has restarted construction with a new contractor on the previously stalled project, the regional authority is



This year, the District of North Vancouver is sending out separate bills for utility fees and property taxes. NICK LABA / NSN

still locked in legal action with its previous contractor, Acciona Wastewater Solutions.

Acciona claims it offered measures to complete the project by 2025 at a cost of \$1.05 billion, and that Metro has misled the

public on “important issues.”

Metro has filed its own claim that Acciona failed to properly follow project specifications, and that the company should refund taxpayers \$500 million.

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TIME TRAVELLER

A weekly glimpse into the past from MONOVA: Museum & Archives of North Vancouver



Royal Visit, 1939

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May 29, 1939 saw a visit to North Vancouver from Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom.

The details of their visit were meticulously planned, including the speed of their motor vehicle, which rode at 45 miles per hour in the Royal Parade. Decorations, like those shown here at city hall, covered the North Shore.

Just days before their visit the route was cut by six miles, leading to several complaints from local businesses to the government, including one which proclaimed the change as “chaotic and morally inadvisable.”

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Byelection scheduled for April 5

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Jensen, who has a background in construction and sales and has two kids in the public system, said he is running largely because he believes West Vancouver’s schools are in need of capital improvements.

“I often wonder if Westcot’s got the same coat of paint on it that it had when I went there, and I’m curious as to where a lot of the money is going for maintenance improvements,” he said.

If elected, Jensen said he will be searching for ways to facilitate donations to local schools in exchange for tax deductible receipts.

“We’ve got a lot of fairly wealthy people in the community, and they’re already paying an egregious amount in quote-unquote School Tax to the province, but I don’t think a lot of that money is coming back to the district,” he said.

Jensen said parents are also not satisfied with the current grading system used in report cards and that more transparency is needed.

“I think there’s a lot of frustrations over the feedback that you know parents are getting from the schools on exactly where their kids stand in relation to their peers.”

And, he added, three days of physical education per week currently offered isn’t



Rockridge Secondary students toss their caps during their 2023 graduation ceremony. A byelection to choose a new West Vancouver Schools trustee will be held April 5. WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

enough for high-energy kids, so he will be supporting more P.E. and outdoor education during school hours, and more after-school programs.

The byelection is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 with polls open at the West Vancouver Community Centre’s Lily Lee Room and Bowen Island Community School from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be two days of advance voting opportunities – Wednesday, March 26 and Monday March 31, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at West Vancouver municipal hall.



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- ACROSS**

1. Boring tool

4. Store

8. Little devils

12. Asian sauce source

13. Perceive sound

14. Capture

15. Feminine pronoun

16. Feed the pot

17. Penalty

18. Ailments

20. Whimpered

22. Transfer sticker

24. Small hotel

25. Anxious

26. Climbing flower: 2 wds.

31. “___ the season ...”

32. Celestial bodies

33. Film critic Reed

34. Height above sea level

36. Bridge charge
37. Rouge color

38. Old hat

39. Salary

42. Canvas cover

43. Colorful sign

44. Lunch hour

46. Easter edible

49. Feel concern

50. Pulls

51. Bashful

52. Parodied

53. Command to Fido

54. Male turkey
- DOWN**
1. Fire residue
2. Suffering
3. Ira Gershwin, famously
4. “___ We Dance?”
5. Chicks’ mothers
6. Grain

Crossword puzzle answers use American spelling

LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS:

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HOROSCOPE WEEK OF MAR 5, 2025 - MAR 11, 2025

- ARIES** March 21-April 19

You'll captivate an audience with your natural charisma, even if you're shy. You'll receive a medical treatment that surprises you, helping to resolve a long-standing health concern.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20

It's not in your nature to relish being in the spotlight. However, you must remember that many accomplishments deserve applause and could bring you extra attention for a period of time.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20

You'll begin the process of buying a new home or finding a place to live. Your children will bring you immense joy, especially as they take their first steps or get accepted into university.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22

You're known for being talkative and have a knack for making jokes, no matter the context. You'll crack a joke to lighten a tense mood. Your goofy side will be welcome at work or home this week.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22

You may succumb to the urge to make an impulsive purchase. You'll also likely feel the need to move around and explore new horizons. However, you must keep an eye on your finances.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Make sure you get enough rest to start your week off right. Take full advantage of your beauty sleep to improve your performance and achieve your goals.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

As an artist, you'll draw inspiration from the diverse cultures around you to enrich your work. If you're feeling tired, consider taking a vacation to recharge your batteries and give you a change of scenery.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You'll start building a remarkably loyal clientele at work. You'll be working on various tasks this week, strengthening your financial stability and motivating you to pursue interesting projects.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You may plan a spontaneous trip this week. You may also explore opportunities to work in a different area that will offer new and rewarding experiences. Taking a course could also provide valuable insights.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Embrace the call of change and let your inner voice guide you to live life to the fullest! You'll broaden your horizons and let yourself be carried from one discovery to the next.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Life will present you with challenges that align with your aspirations. You'll surprise yourself with your enthusiasm and joy. Your boldness will lead you toward fulfilling your destiny.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20

You'll need to negotiate at work to reach an agreement following a disagreement. You'll likely take an active role in trade unions or community activities.

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OBITUARIES



ABBOTT, Patricia
February 24, 1938 – February 25, 2025

Patricia "Patsy" Abbott was born on 24th February 1938 in Vancouver. Her father, Peter Leth, emigrated from Denmark at the age of 18, while her mother, Vera Wiatkin, was born in rural Saskatchewan and raised in Vancouver. Patsy attended Queen Mary Elementary School and Lord Byng Secondary School in Point Grey before graduating from the University of British Columbia in 1960. In October 1960, Patsy married Bill, whom she had met during their first-year physical education course at UBC, a mandatory class for all students at the time. That autumn, they both began teaching high school in Campbell River. In 1965, Patsy made the decision to leave teaching and focus on raising her family. They retired to West Vancouver in 1997. Patsy and Bill enjoyed 52 years of love and companionship until Bill's passing in 2012. Patsy missed him deeply every day. Travel was one of their shared passions, and together they explored Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and North America. After Bill's death, Patsy continued her travels, both independently and with family. Over the years, she revisited Denmark and embarked on her first trip to Iceland. Her final adventure came just last year when she revisited Zion National Park, Bryce National Park, Arches National Park, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, and the Grand Canyon with her son. Patsy also maintained a lifelong interest in current events. Patsy is survived by a loving family: children, David, Alexandra (Rob); grandchildren Rebecca, and Kate (Rich), Juliet (Brayden); sister Rosemary Van Heukelom; nieces and nephews Willy, Morgan, Skyler, and Holly; as well as her beloved pets, the family dog Ginger, and cats Teddy, Theo, Rocky, and Monty. Patsy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She passed away on 25th February 2025. Graveside service at Capilano View Cemetery will be held at a date to be determined.

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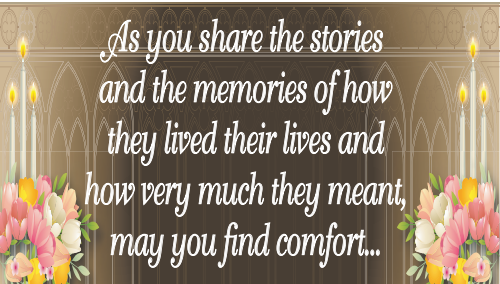
OBITUARIES



BENSLEY, (Phyllis) Marie
May 6, 1936 - February 20, 2025

With sadness, we announce the passing of Phyllis Marie Bensley (nee Smith) on February 20th, 2025 at Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver. Survived by her loving husband Jim of 67 years, sons Doug (Linda) and Tom, and daughter Linda, grandchildren Jennifer, David, Marley, Hayden, Chase and Angus, great granddaughter Layna, sisters Lois (Duncan deceased), Colleen (Nelson) and sister-in-law Betty (John deceased) and their families. Born in Lloydminster, Sask., Marie grew up in Chilliwack, then trained as a nurse at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster. Raising their family, Jim & Marie lived in North Vancouver for over 65 years. She was a person of many interests and always interested in those around her, especially her patients during her over 40 year nursing career - Jim was one of those patients! Gardening was a special love and for several years she was President of the BC Council of Garden Clubs. She was a loyal and active member of the Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae. Always a willing volunteer within her Unitarian church community, or canvassing her neighbourhood for worthy causes, a best friend said of her, "she has a heart of gold".

A service will be held Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at 2:00pm at the North Shore Unitarian Church, 370 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver, V7S 1H3. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice, in memory of Marie, would be greatly appreciated.



OBITUARIES



SAYERS, Betty Jane
January 11, 1930 - February 15, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our cherished mom, who left us peacefully on February 15, 2025, at the age of 95. She was predeceased by her husband Ken who passed away in 1990. She is fondly remembered by her son Rick (Sherry), daughters Carolyn (Tom), Jo-Ann (Billy), and Elaine (Greg) as well as 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Betty was born in Vancouver to Alfred and Carolyn Cole and grew up in West Van, attending Pauline Johnson Elementary and graduating from West Van Secondary. Here she developed many close friendships which would last her lifetime. She married Ken in 1951 and they settled in Pemberton Heights, in North Vancouver to raise their four children.

After Ken died, Betty dedicated herself to charitable work, first with the Canadian Cancer Society in the office, and then to two stroke recovery programs: Terrapins bowling and Aquaturtles. She also decided to see the world, and felt truly fortunate to be able to travel extensively to exotic locales with her closest friends. But she was always a mother first, always there through the challenges and the successes. She will be remembered for her warm and caring ways and will be missed by all who had the honour to know her.

We are grateful for the support of friends and family during this difficult time with a special thanks to the caring staff at Belvedere Care Centre. Family will gather in the Spring to celebrate our wonderful mother's life. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

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REMEMBRANCES

OBITUARIES

Walley Pearson Lightbody



With sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Walley Pearson Lightbody, age 90, on February 15 at Lions Gate Hospital. Walley was predeceased by his loving wife, Marietta, his sister Marlene (Peter Herald), and his son Peter (Brenda Lightbody). He is survived by his daughters, Cathy (Gordon Floe) and Sarah, and his son, Michael (Carmen Lane) and he will be dearly missed by his 8 grandchildren: Emma, James, Nelsen, Cynthia, Robin, Jessica, Kylee, and Sarah-Jo, as well as his niece and nephew, Tory and Michael Herald, and his many grand nieces and nephews.

Walley was born on April 14, 1934, to Frank and Vera Lightbody in Vancouver, BC. He grew up at 38th and Dunbar and recalls singing Irish ballads at the age of six, with his sister Marlene and his neighbourhood friend, Rawley, as the Teddy Lyons Sight-seeing Streetcar passed by, and the passengers would toss them coins.

At Lord Byng High School Walley began playing the saxophone, developed his lifelong passion for jazz, and wrote a jazz column called Blue Notes for the school newspaper. He also launched The Walley Lightbody Orchestra. Although when pressed by his children as to whether Walley understood what an orchestra actually was, he would pause and respond, "never let the truth get in the way of a good story."

Walley majored in English Literature at UBC, and established a jazz band called The Campus Coolsters. He then entered law school at UBC, but also found time, along with a coterie of musicians and artists including Ken Hole, Al Neil, Dave Quaren

and his wife Ricky, and others --- to open The Cellar, Vancouver's original underground jazz club, located at Main and Broadway. The Cellar was mainly a membership jam space for local musicians but also provided a venue for after hours jazz greats, performing mainly at The Cave, to gather after their show, and jam all night long with whomever. Walley was also a regular guest on Hot Air, the CBC radio jazz program.

While at UBC, Walley met Marietta Anderson from Kelowna, who was beautiful, smart, with "ruby red lips" and had a mysterious reputation for her amazing soup. After graduating law school, Walley articulated with a firm in Victoria, while also managing a jazz club called The Scene, and Marietta visited regularly. He lived at the iconic Strathcona Hotel and that is where he proposed marriage. They married in 1960, had 4 children in 5 years, and moved to the waterfront of West Vancouver. There they cultivated long-lasting friendships with many families with whom they enjoyed boating, skiing at Whistler, and Sunday night dinners that featured roast beef and Marietta's special Yorkshire pudding and gravy. As well, Walley created several short movies on Super 8 film that featured the neighbourhood kids, notably: The Monster of Seal Rocks, The Ghost of Gambier, The Treasure of Lighthouse Park, and The Sasquatch of Whistler Mountain.

During his career with Ray Wolf & Co. which eventually became Connell Lightbody, Walley handled several high-profile cases, including the 1975 BC Pen hostage taking when the social worker, Mary Steinhäuser was accidentally shot and killed by a prison guard. In 2005 Walley defended beloved radio talk show host Rafe Mair in a defamation case. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in Mair's favour, dismissing the lawsuit, and expanding the fair comment defense. In Kelowna there was a precedent setting case establishing that jurisdiction over lake water is federal, not local and house boats have the legal right to be there. Walley was president of the BC Bar Association in 1984, and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1985. He was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions including the Georges A. Goyer Memorial award in 2010.

In 1995 Walley and Marietta moved into Marietta's lakefront childhood home in Kelowna and built a tennis court on the property, which was nicknamed by tennis players the Church of Walley because Walley would play Ray Charles' Oh What a Beautiful Morning every Sunday morning, at full volume, much to Marietta's embarrassment, but to everyone else's delight, (or so he claimed.) The two quickly became active on many fronts of the community, including tennis, Kelowna Heritage (FRAHCAS), and the Hospital Foundation, among others. Walley was the main organizer of an annual tennis tournament that lasted 17 years and raised nearly one million dollars for the Kelowna Hospital Foundation.

On that note, Walley has, over the years enjoyed organizing large social events and establishing traditions, most memorably, The Seal Rocks Yacht Club, a tongue in cheek 'yacht club' (no one had a yacht), that in its heyday featured a jazz band and continues to bring friends together to enjoy a day on the ocean. Also, there is the annual family Ping Pong Tournament in Kelowna that includes evening theatrical antics and an afternoon wine tasting contest. There is also the annual Canada Day party that continued for years at the house in Kelowna and was started by Marietta's parents. Further, Walley was instrumental in the creation of the satirical Guile Debate at UBC which morphed into The Beguiled Debate as well as the similarly inspired Roger Watts Debate at UBCO.

Walley was an active supporter of the Federal Liberal Party, and he was outspoken on a range of political and environmental issues. He donated generously to several causes, particularly cancer research, and he established a foundation at UBCO that provides an annual scholarship for a student intending to study law.

Until recently, Walley's many cherished friends would pop by daily to visit in the Kelowna kitchen area that has come to be known affectionately as 'the black hole,' the gathering point for many cozy meals and hands of kitchen bridge, with Plato the cat somewhere nearby. Several groups of tennis players have enjoyed Walley's court regularly, most notably, TNT, Thursday Night Tennis, which has run for nearly 30 years.

From October until his recent passing Walley was back and forth between North Vancouver long term care, and The Lions Gate Hospital and was visited daily by family. These visits were special for all. In spite of some cognitive decline, Walley's sense of humour remained sharp as ever and he kept visitors entertained with life memories and anecdotes, a favourite of which, took place when Walley, in his early 20's spent a summer in the interior of BC working for the Geological Survey of Canada. Long story short, the cook burned down the camp and Walley was sent to get supplies on a horse called 'Little Dick', and when he rode back into the camp, he was mistaken for a notorious local known as 'Blackwater Willy.' Family and friends couldn't get enough of the Blackwater Willy story, which only came in bits and pieces, laughter and sparkle, rarely forming a complete narrative --- this was its poetic beauty.

There will be a memorial service on April 26 at 2:00 at the Gleneagles Clubhouse at 6190 Marine Drive in West Vancouver and a remembrance gathering in Kelowna on June 21 at 2:00 at 2302 Abbott Street. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in appreciation for the wonderful care Walley received there.



REMEMBRANCES

OBITUARIES

Steve Rowe
June 2, 1946 – February 9, 2025

Steve was born in Verdun, Quebec and moved with his family many times while growing up, finally settling in Brockville, Ontario. As a teenager, he met and married his lifetime love, Linda Fulton. They married in 1966 and shortly after had their son Grant and daughter Karen. In 1974 Steve graduated from Western's MBA program.

Some highlights from Steve's career are working at Keg Restaurants head office and being the first joint venture partner for the Garry Street Keg in Winnipeg. He joined Pannell Kerr Forester and in 1989 he got the opportunity of a lifetime to open a PKF Asian Hospitality Consulting Office in Hong Kong. He finished his career teaching at Douglas College and Chair of their Hospitality Management Program.

While living in Hong Kong he bought a 41 ft. boat that was named Mo Mun Tai (no problem) and he and his family lived aboard for four years. It was a great lifestyle, with extensive travel and adventures throughout Asia.

When Steve retired in 2012, he and Linda moved to the Sunshine Coast. His retirement project was writing and publishing

88 Ice House Street: A Doc O'Connell Novel Paperback. Steve was a passionate boater for decades. He enjoyed cooking and barbecuing gourmet meals and he always had a new joke to tell. He kept his sense of humor to the end.

He is survived by his wife Linda, son Grant (Jen), granddaughters Kristen and Lilly, daughter Karen, grandson Syrus.

If you would like to make a donation in his name the family would appreciate one to the Sechelt Hospital Foundation, which had taken very good care of Steve over the years.



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OBITUARIES

DONALDSON, Alan N.
December 21, 1964 – February 3, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alan Donaldson in February 2025. Born and raised in Ontario, Alan moved to British Columbia in the early 1990s, where he spent the majority of his career in the automotive industry. An avid sports fan, he had a particular love for golf.

Alan will be deeply missed by his two daughters, Katie and Stephanie, as well as his former wife, Sally. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth; sister, Elizabeth; brother, Malcolm (Deborah); and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Malcolm. Alan will be remembered forever for his kindness, laughter and charm, and his deep love for his daughters.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the BC SPCA.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



ELLAN, Tanasko (Tom) William
1951 - 2025

Tanasko "Tom" William Ellan passed away peacefully at Lions Gate Hospital on Saturday, February 1st, 2025, at the age of 73. Tom's life was defined by kindness, hard work, and a love for family.

Tom was born in Toronto, Ontario and raised in Anaheim, California where he developed a lifelong passion for baseball. He moved to Kelowna, B.C., where he was active in Jaycees, sold real estate and worked at the Assessment Authority of B.C. After meeting Joy at a Jaycee's Convention at UBC, they married, and he joined Hollyburn Funeral Home as a Funeral Director.

Tom enjoyed travelling across the U.S. to watch baseball games in many different cities, specifically games at Dodger Stadium and Yankee Stadium. He would always be seen wearing a signature baseball cap. He loved the simple things-walking the dog and sharing family dinners at The Keg.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Joy, son Benjamin (Stephanie), daughter Laura (Jared), and granddaughter Adrianna. He is also remembered by his brothers, Tim (Carol) and Ted (Marylou), along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father John and mother Betty. The family extends special thanks to Dr. Sandra Wiebe for her care.

A small, private gathering to celebrate Tom's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Cardiac Research Center, Lions Gate Palliative Care Unit, or the BC SPCA.

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JOHNSTON, Dr. J. Ivan

Dr. J. Ivan Johnston, known affectionately as Ivan to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, at the age of 90, in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Born on September 6, 1934, in Belfast, Ireland, Ivan was a man of remarkable intelligence and analytical prowess, complemented by a handy and practical approach to life's many challenges.

Ivan's journey brought him from the Belfast, Ireland to his first stop in Montreal, Quebec. He eventually landed in West Vancouver, BC where he attended high school and then continued undergrad studies at UBC. He pursued and achieved academic excellence at the University of Washington Dental School. His passion for Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry was not only his calling but also his contribution to the dental world, dedicating his life to restoring smiles and confidence to his many patients. His professional life was marked by an unwavering commitment to his craft, and he was highly respected within the dental community for his expertise and dedication.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Ivan was blessed with a loving family. Predeceased by his parents John and Letitia and brother Brian. His devoted spouse, Patricia Johnston, stood by his side in every chapter of their shared life for almost 61 years! His daughter, Karen Mittendorf(Tyler), and son, Ken Johnston(Cheryl), were the lights of his life, inheriting their father's sharp intellect and kind-hearted nature. Ivan's role as a husband and father was characterized by his steadfast support, his gentle guidance, and his enduring love for his family. He was very proud of his grandchildren, Connor, Rachel, Ashley, and Tessa and all that they have achieved.

Ivan's interests and hobbies painted the picture of a man who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. An avid gardener, he found solace and peace in the act of nurturing plants and flowers, celebrating the beauty and tranquility of nature. His love for putting around the house and his afternoon naps were reflective of a man who appreciated the art of living well and resting fully. The lake held a special place in his heart, serving as a sanctuary where he could immerse himself in the serenity of still waters and the companionship of his friends and family.

Those who knew Ivan would describe him as an intelligent and analytical thinker, a man who could solve complex problems with ease and grace. His hands were not only skilled in the intricacies of dentistry, but also in the countless tasks and projects he undertook, embodying the essence of a truly handy individual.

Dr. J. Ivan Johnston lived a full and meaningful life, marked by his professional achievements, his unwavering commitment to his family, and his capacity for finding joy in everyday moments. His legacy is one of kindness, excellence, and the pursuit of a life well-lived. Ivan's memory will be cherished and celebrated by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his spirit will continue to inspire and guide us.

As we bid farewell to a remarkable man, we reflect on the immeasurable impact he had on the lives he touched. Dr. J. Ivan Johnston's story is one of love, dedication, and the enduring power of a life dedicated to the service of others and the pursuit of personal passions. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever remain a beacon of light for his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have been a part of his extraordinary journey.

There will be a service held at St. Christophers Church on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome, a reception at the church will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation as he received amazing care and compassion from all the staff at the hospital.



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Remembering Audrey Emily Sheffield (nee Everson)

February 28, 2025, would have been Audrey Sheffield's 99th birthday. Her life was long and full and she was loved by her sons, their partners, her six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Audrey was elegant, loved classical music and art, and was an avid traveler. She shared her genteel adventuring with her father, Fred Everson, with several close friends, and for the last years, with her companion, Thome Schindler. She was respected and cared for by those who knew her last at Summerhill PARC residence in North Vancouver. We know she appreciated everyone there.

Audrey Emily Everson was born in 1926 in Vancouver and grew up in Kitsilano. As a young person, she spent time up Hollyburn Mountain, taking the ferry across and hiking up to a ski cabin to join many friends, including her future husband, Ted (Edward) Sheffield. She lost her beloved sister to cancer as a young adult. Her marriage to Ted in 1952 resulted in a family of four boys, a full-time job as a mother while building their own home in Dundarave and the rustic summer cottage on North Thormanby Island, and more than 40 good years together before Ted died in 1995. Her long-time friend, Thome, became her travel companion, and the two shared their lives until his death in 2019.

Audrey came from a generation where it was harder for women to achieve their dreams. She supported the dreams of others, and took great pride in the accomplishments of Robert, David, Brian and Stephen, her four intelligent, handsome, gentle sons. She was always thoughtful with her gifts - whether a meal, a cheque or a tongue-in-cheek birthday gift. She didn't want fuss or flowers. She was personally frugal but always very generous, setting up education funds for her grandchildren, paying for repairs to the cottage, and helping out with mortgages. We never doubted her depth of caring.

She remained bright and well. When she began to feel the inevitable decline, she chose to close her chapter in late July, 2024, surrounded by her family. We remember her on her birthday, with love.

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OBITUARIES



Captain William (Bill) S. Dolmage
April 12, 1946 - October 27, 2024

In the early hours of October 27th, Bill passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer.

He leaves behind his loving family, many friends, and coworkers from his years of working up and down the West Coast.

He was at his happiest being on the water, watching and supporting his children and granddaughters doing what they love, or cuddling with his cats watching his favourite classic shows.

Bill was a great mentor to many and his knowledge of the water is unmatched. Many people who worked with him agree that no other Captain taught them as much, or as passionately as "Billy" did.

Although gone much too soon, we can take comfort in knowing he is resting at peace and now free to sail the world.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 27th, 2025 with Magic Yacht Charters in Coal Harbour. Please RSVP via email to captainsfarewell@outlook.com if you are able to join us, and for more info.



HABKIRK, Malcolm Leroy
March 27, 1936 - February 25, 2025

His last breath was taken with his family present. Born in Peace River, AB, to William and Florence Habkirk. Predeceased by his brother Bill and sister Sheila, along with many nieces and nephews.

Survived by his loving wife, Doreen; sons Doug (Robinn) and Trevor (Rita); daughter Sheila (Carl); grandchildren Kelsey (Colton), Kyle (Amanda) and Sean; and three great-grandchildren Liah, Bowen and Maverick.

He worked for BC Tel/Telus until retirement. Mal had many interests, including curling, cycling, skiing and poetry.

Mal and Doreen enjoyed travelling around the world.

He was an exceptionally kind man who will be missed by so many.

Tuesday, March 25, 11:00am,
at Mt. Seymour United Church,
1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver.

OBITUARIES



HIRSCHFELD, Trueman Buettner
February 12, 1939
Goldenville Guysborough County, Nova Scotia-
January 26, 2025
North Vancouver British Columbia

At the age of 12 Trueman attended the YMCA Big Cove Camp and from then on, he devoted his life to the YMCA until his retirement from the Greater Vancouver YMCA.

Predeceased by his parents, his sister and his two brothers and his son James Hirschfeld.

Survived by his wife of 68 years Beverly and their daughters Kimberly (Larry), Karen (Randy); his 7 grandchildren, Lars, Amy, Kathleen, Christopher, Kiara, Dylan and Gabrielle; his 5 great-grandchildren Aprilia, Eleanor, Trueman, Oliver and Parker.

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KENNA, Nancy Sue

September 21, 1940 – October 28, 2024

Born on September 21, 1940, in Vancouver, Nancy spent her childhood in West Vancouver, graduating from West Van High. She began her adult life in Vancouver, but her heart eventually found a home in North Vancouver's Edgemont Village. In 2021, she moved to the mountains of Squamish to be closer to her daughter.

Nancy was a woman of vibrant passion and quiet elegance. She was an avid skier who spent time in Whistler and cherished her trips to Sun Valley, Idaho, with her girlfriends. She was happiest snowshoeing or hiking the North Shore mountains, or enthusiastically watching the ATP tour. Her door was always open, and her impeccably maintained home became the backdrop for countless gatherings and late-night sleepovers. A gracious hostess and loyal friend, she made everyone feel welcome.

Raising her daughter, Kristal, was her greatest joy and achievement. Nancy's love extended to Gidget, Kristal's beloved dog, whose antics and film roles she never failed to share in conversation.

Nancy was predeceased by her brother Peter and her parents, Ron and Helen Kenna. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Kristal Kenna; her siblings Barry Kenna (Dorothy) and Bonny Schultz (Robb); and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

An afternoon tea in celebration of Nancy will take place on March 6, 2025, at 1:30 PM in the Great Hall at Gleneagles Clubhouse in West Vancouver.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the North Shore Hospice.



OBITUARIES



MILDRED, Sadie "Sally"

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of our dear Sally. She passed away peacefully under the comfort and incredible care of the North Shore Hospice.

Known as a brave independent women from Winnipeg, she spent her early years focused on her career in finance, travel and living in several exciting cities. She was always up for new adventures.

She will be remembered as an incredibly caring, strong, elegant, and kind hearted woman who loved to fill her days with friends, long walks, golf, card games, traveling to Mexico, skiing and hosting memorable gatherings. She had an appreciation for music and theatre. She willingly gave countless hours volunteering at numerous community organizations.

But most important of all, she spent quality time with all of the wonderful people in her life near and far. She did make a difference.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband and "boyfriend" David, her brother Allen and is survived by her daughter Kirsti, granddaughter Kyra, sister Bev, and her loving family in Ontario. She will be missed by so many dear friends.

No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the North Shore Family Services or the North Shore Hospice.



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PARIZEK, Marie
June 1940 – January 2025

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Marie Parizek, who left us on January 25th surrounded by family.

Marie was the heart and soul of our family – a mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose love knew no bounds. She was strong, fierce, and endlessly caring, a woman of remarkable beauty inside and out. She touched countless lives with her kindness, always giving, always helping.

A free spirit, Marie was a peacock, a butterfly, a force of nature whose energy seemed boundless until her very last breath.

She will be tremendously missed and forever remembered.

Born in the former Czechoslovakia, Marie was 84 years old and leaves behind a family who adored her: her daughter Brona, her son Robert (Tamara), her grandson Kameron (Taba), and her brother Paul in Czechia. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother Zdenek.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON SEPARATE PAGE

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
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ACROSS

1. Cut a little bit off
5. State with confidence
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Not narrow
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Challenged
25. One-sided
27. Showing extreme greed
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Lake in Botswana
38. E.T. rode in one
39. Juniors' parents
41. Small amount
42. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental box
45. Gov't investigators
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. The vast grassy plains in S. America
55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Noted consumer advocate
60. Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. Tractability
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught

DOWN

1. Brushed aside
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. A number everyone has
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who takes you to court
8. Indicates outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Strains
11. Cross
12. A way to remove
13. Some pages are dog-
18. Ukraine city
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Summer month (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Jewelry brand
30. Fictional rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Furious
37. Drivers' licenses
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. They ____
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Type of protein
54. Pennsylvania town
57. Art ____ around 1920
58. ____ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to sleep
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Depressed
68. Gradually gave way
69. Clear-thinking

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