

File No.: 04-1000-20-2017-050

April 10, 2017

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of February 1, 2017 for:

- 1) **Feedback regarding the Arbutus Corridor (the 567 emails, letters and 311 calls quoted on this document: <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/arbutus-greenway-temporary-path-oct-2016-open-house-information-displays.pdf>);**
- 2) **311 calls about the destruction of the gardens (June 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014).**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Please note, the Arbutus Greenway Project Transportation Plan department located 566 emails, letters and 311 calls and confirms there was a miscount of one record which is why there are 566 records and not 567.

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2017-050); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information

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Phone: 604 . 873.7999
Fax: 604.873.7419

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From: "Community Gardens" <Community.Gardens@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/11/2016 10:35:40 AM
Subject: Arbutus Corridor Mailing List

Can communitygardens@vancouver.ca please be added to the Arbutus Corridor Mailing list?

Thanks!

Sara

Sara Orchard, BCSLA Intern

Green Streets Coordinator

Street Activities Branch | Engineering Services

City of Vancouver

tel. 604-873-7204 | <http://vancouver.ca/greenstreets>

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/26/2016 1:21:13 PM
Subject: Arbutus corridor planters

Hi - I live next to the Arbutus railway track and via a recent city mailout, understand that it will take at least several years for the city to implement its development plan for the greenway. I am wondering if it would be possible to set up some vegetable planters next to the tracks in the interim, as we have done in the past? Obviously, it would only be at most for a few seasons, but it would seem like a wasted opportunity otherwise.

Thanks

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From: s.22(1)**To:** "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
noconnor@vancourier.com
"Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office" <ccclerk@vancouver.ca>**Date:** 3/23/2016 10:51:45 AM**Subject:** Arbutus Corridor

I'm quite excited about the purchase of the Arbutus corridor by the City.

However, after reading the Courier article by Naoibh O'Connor and checking the city website regarding the use of this land – I was totally frustrated with the proposed use of this land!

I keep hearing in the media – We have a housing crisis – with not enough housing, and skyrocketing real estate prices (supply and demand) – and then I read the 42 acres the city has purchased is set to become greenways, bike lanes and parks? People can't live in parks.

I would expect this to be used for different types of housing for the citizens of Vancouver – is this not a priority? I would further expect that the planning department (if that is really what they do) would have plans in place to have construction begin on housing as soon as the tracks are removed! I really don't know why the city can't move that quickly in a crisis situation – after all this is not a new issue – this has been the case and identified several years ago.

When will the city wake up – and start planning for the future – rather than reacting to crisis situations? The city is not doing enough to deal with this crisis – they are not providing an environment to build fast enough or densely enough!

Why is the city not planning for higher density – rather than re planning (or rezoning) and reacting rather than be more proactive?

As a citizen, it is very frustrating to see the lack of planning, lack of housing, lack of communication and lack of progress our city is making to deal with the issues we are currently facing.

As always I look forward to a reply – as I have never received a reply to any email I have sent to the mayor and council – even though the city website states the city would like to hear what I have to say?

Thanks

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From: "Pop, Radu \ (Brad\)" <Radu.Pop@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/13/2016 5:28:07 PM
Subject: Feedback

Hi Project Team!

Just finished Pop Up City Hall at the Celtic fest today on Granville a disabled citizen wanted to have me pass along the feedback to make sure when the project is designed there is accessibility consultation, especially for the Street Car proposal.

He says the old False Creek Street Car wasn't the best for accessibility and really wants to let the city know he and many others would appreciate it if we took this into account for the new project.

Regards,

Radu (Brad) Pop

Citizen Service Representative / Duty Supervisor / Pop Up City Hall
City of Vancouver, 311 Contact Centre
Phone: (604) 873-7000

From: ["Corporate Info"](#)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway"](#) <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/18/2016 9:26:38 AM
Subject: FW: Ask a question : arbutas corridor

----- Original Message -----

From: info@vancouver.ca
Sent: 2016-03-18 01:47:05.0
To: info@vancouver.ca
Subject: Ask a question : arbutas corridor

[q1.0] Part 1: Your message | I want to:
Ask a question

[q1.1] Part 1: Your message | About:
arbutas corridor

[q1.2] Part 1: Your message | Share details:
hello,

I have a suggestion for use for the Arbutus corridor. Is city hall accepting suggestions now and where do we submit them too.

Thanks

[photo]

Upload a photo of the issue or service: (Optional)

[q2.0] Part 2: About you | Name:

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[q2.1] Part 2: About you | Email:

s.22(1)

[q2.2] Part 2: About you | Phone:

[q2.3] Part 2: About you | Address:

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 3/11/2016 10:32:55 AM
Subject: I am interested in any info re the Greenway

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Sent from my iPad

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 3/22/2016 7:30:32 PM
Subject: light rail train idea

I think the plan to add a light rail/ train transit along the corridor is both wasteful and dangerous. It is wasteful because there already is transit service along that route. It is the #16 29th Ave./Arbutus bus service. Adding a transit train is wasting money on something that is already there and if it is inadequate, money is better spent upgrading it than adding a whole new transit service. It is potentially dangerous since the train would be running close to pedestrians and cyclists where an accident can happen. Trains can not stop as quickly as buses or other vehicles with tires because the steel wheels have to slide on steel rails. Steel on steel has very low friction. Then there is the problem of road crossings with cars and the threat of vandalism. I would expect in some rare instant someone would put something on the rails or inside the rail gaps in the ground to disrupt train movement.

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 3/16/2016 1:38:01 PM
Subject: planning and public process

Please keep me in mind for possible inclusion in any upcoming planning and/or input/feedback meetings concerning the Arbutus Greenway project. I have registered online (and confirmed) with the City of Vancouver's Arbutus Greenway distribution list.

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 3/13/2016 1:10:47 PM
Subject: Please No Rail

Our property borders the right of way in Marpole and we would certainly prefer no rail traffic.

We are extremely happy, however, that the City purchased the land. We are very excited about the possibility of a low grade route for running and cycling all the way to False Creek. Wow. Spectacular.

Thank you.

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From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 3/13/2016 8:38:52 AM
Subject: Pop Up Map Arbutus Greenway

Is there an online version of the Arbutus Greenway Map from the Pop-Up City Hall?

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/15/2016 11:56:21 AM
Subject: Presentation at BEST AGM

Hello Arbutus Greenway team!

We at BEST are super excited by the announcement, and were wondering if anyone from the City might be able to come speak at our AGM on April 27th at 6pm downtown? We'd love to have a short presentation for our members (we'd be expecting about 30 people).

Let me know if this is possible.

Thanks

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/11/2016 2:14:31 PM
Subject: updates

Please send me updates about the greenway development. Thank you.

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Deal, Heather" <Heather.Deal@vancouver.ca>
"Dobrovlny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovlny@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/9/2016 12:01:43 PM
Subject: ARBUTUS GREENWAY - ARBUTUS-RIDGE, KERRISDALE, SHAUGHNESSY (ARKS) VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Today, I sent out the following message to our neighbourhood.

From: s.22(1)
Sent: April 9, 2016 11:53 AM
Subject: FW: ARBUTUS GREENWAY - ARBUTUS-RIDGE, KERRISDALE, SHAUGHNESSY (ARKS) VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Arbutus-Ridge, Kerrisdale, Shaughnessy (ARKS) Vision Implementation Committee is Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm in the Kerrisdale Community Centre, Seniors' South Room. Jerry Dobrovlny, City Engineer will speak about the recently negotiated Arbutus Corridor agreement with the CPR. The City plans to build a greenway including pedestrian, cycling and transit facilities. Any redundant lands may be developed for housing. Councillor Heather Deal was instrumental in getting this agreement done and she may join us.

We have also invited the Marpole neighbourhood association to join us as well as HUB who represent cyclists in Vancouver. A representative from the UBC School of Population and Public Health (cycling research) will also join us.

Further information is on the City's website:

<http://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/city-and-cp-agree-to-landmark-agreement-for-the-creation-of-the-arbutus-greenway.aspx>

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From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/15/2016 7:40:19 PM
Subject: Citizen Feedback-101007588172

Hello,

311 has received the following feedback from a citizen.

Regards,
 Joanne
 311 Operations



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101007588172

Case created: 2016-04-15, 03:40:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: , ,

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: Lewis, Joanne

Address: ,

Address2:

Phone: Email:

Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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| 1. | Describe details (who, what, where, when, why): | Citizen provided feedback in regards to a tweet from the city. It referred to a video of the Arbutus Corridor. Citizens tweet as follows. |
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@CityofVancouver looks great! Thanks 2
 @MayorGregor for fighting hard to get our gardens back! When can we start planting again...do u know?

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| 2. | Do you want to be contacted? | Yes |
| 3. | Type of feedback: | Compliment |
| 4. | Feedback regarding: | City Department |
| 5. | Department: | Mayor & Council |
| 6. | Division or Branch Name: | Mayor and Council, Arbutus Corridor |

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

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FYA to:

FYI to:

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/14/2016 12:47:49 PM
Subject: Community gardens along arbutus corridor in false creek

Good afternoon,

My family and I are among the many residents who live along the arbutus corridor. We live at s.22(1) (by Granville Island) and used to have gardens along the lower and upper train tracks.

Now that the City of Vancouver owns this land, are we able to rebuild the gardens? I am interested in speaking with someone about the possibility of organizing and maintaining gardens along the lower track in particular, mainly for residents of s.22(1) as the surrounding buildings.

Kind Regards,

s.22(1)

From: "Pavone, Connie" <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/17/2016 5:01:13 PM
Subject: FW: Arbutus Corridor Planning and Development

Hello,

Would it be possible for someone to address this writer's concerns on our behalf? Thanks.

Connie Pavone
Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Chief of Staff
Mayor's Office / City of Vancouver
t. 604-873-7624
connie.pavone@vancouver.ca

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:02 PM
Subject: Arbutus Corridor Planning and Development

Dear Mayor Robertson:

I'm writing you on behalf of SPEC (Society for the Preservation of Environmental Conservation), which has been instrumental for some 40 years here in Vancouver for its implementation and participation in bettering civic affairs and projects.

First, we are delighted that the City finally has obtained ownership of the former CPR transportation corridor (the "Arbutus Corridor") and plans over the next few years to develop the route for use by all our residents. SPEC wishes to assist the City in its efforts in ways considered to be mutually beneficial.

We wonder if persons at the City's administration (yourself; Councillors; staff) are aware that in 2005 SPEC held a very successful design contest, open to all concerned residents of Vancouver, seeking ideas of the best way to redevelop the rail corridor for use by the general public. The results of that contest were presented to the public in the form of poster presentations held at the Emily Carr gallery on Granville Island. (Obviously, we anticipated the final acquisition of the corridor by the City some 10 years in advance!)

SPEC has retained copies of the presentations made in 2005, which we wish to share with City officials, and in turn receive from them information on how the development planning has been set up and how it is intended to evolve in future.

I have asked, by two voice mail messages, one of the City's senior management staff, who has been identified as being involved in the planning for the corridor, for a meeting to discuss our interests about the corridor. That person has not responded to my messages.

Therefore, belatedly I'm now following my late mother's advice ("always go directly to the top") and asking you to provide me with the name, position and telephone number of the staff person (or otherwise) whom I might contact in order to get a discussion underway about SPEC's potential involvement in the design and development of the Arbutus Corridor.

Thank you for your assistance.

We look forward to having the opportunity to work positively with the City on this project.

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Vancouver, BC V6J 5J1

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/19/2016 9:21:46 AM
Subject: Info needed ASAP

Can you please tell me if the city of Vancouver also bought the section of the rail line that runs along the Fraser river, crossing Jellicoe and Kerr Streets? CP is telling me that the city purchased this section as part of the arbutus greenway line. If it's not owned by the city, can you please tell me who owns/runs it? I need this information today.

Thank you,

s.22(1)



Vancouver, BC V6H 1C1

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Ronja Kieffer" <ronja.kieffer@sharemen.de>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/11/2016 11:59:13 PM
Subject: Picture request

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a writer for the German online magazine www.ecowoman.de which covers eco-lifestyle topics and would like to report on Vancouver's Arbutus Greenway. Could you therefore send me some pictures to go with the article? Of course we will give you photo credit. Thank you very much in advance.

Kind regards from Germany

Ronja Kieffer

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ronja.kieffer@sharemen.de

www.ecowoman.de



From: s.22(1)
To: "Guilbault, Lynn" <lynn.guilbault@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/28/2016 1:58:55 PM
Subject: Re: re Arbutus Corridor Planning

Dear Lynn,

Thanks for thoughtful reply to my email to Jerry. I am keen on being involved in this project s.22(1)

s.22(1) still would like to be involved in the project cognizant that it is going to take some time to sort out all the issues, conflicting interests and views what to do in the short and long term with this prime property.

If at any point you want to chat about the project please feel free to contact me we can have coffee in my local cafe facing the tracks - still there !

Best regards

s.22(1)

On Apr 28, 2016, at 1:43 PM, Guilbault, Lynn <Lynn.Guilbault@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for taking an interest in the Arbutus Greenway. We are currently setting up an Arbutus Greenway Project Office with dedicated staff to develop a process to plan the future design of this corridor and find ways to encourage public participation and feedback throughout this process. Once this team is on board and has a better idea as to timelines and opportunities for participation, your knowledge and history with the area will be important to include as part of our outreach. This group of staff will also be engaging with the Seniors' Advisory Committee. I anticipate that the Project Office would be up and running in early July, so their outreach would likely start in the fall.

I am compiling a list of organizations for the upcoming Project Office to include in their initial outreach and will add you to the list. We look forward to engaging the community on this exciting project.

Best regards

Lynn

Lynn Guilbault RPP MCIP
 Senior Team Lead Public Engagement

Transportation Planning Branch | City of Vancouver
 507 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 0B4
 Tel: 604 871 6437
lynn.guilbault@vancouver.ca

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Dobrovolny, Jerry
Subject: re Arbutus Corridor Planning

Hello Jerry,

s.22(1) I would appreciate to be included in all info re this project: emails, reports, meetings, advisory, s.22(1)

s.22(1) I am a "go to" person for many residents of the Kits and particularly seniors and I would like to have accurate info as many are still concerned about how development of this area is going to impact them.

Please be assured, if some info is not for the general public consumptions an email can say so and as a s.22(1) I will respect that.

Best wishes with this interesting project.

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Guilbault, Lynn" <lynn.guilbault@vancouver.ca>
Date: 4/26/2016 10:45 39 AM
Subject: RE: Thank You, Kerrisdale Community Centre Presentation

Hi Lynn, great to hear from you. The contact information you see below is the best way to get hold of me. As I said below, I will be more than happy to introduce you to the appropriate person at York House and the Arbutus Club so that we can set up a public discussion. Best Regards, Nigel

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From: Guilbault, Lynn [mailto:Lynn.Guilbault@vancouver.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:12 AM
To: s.22(1)
Subject: FW: Thank You, Kerrisdale Community Centre Presentation

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for taking an interest in the Arbutus Greenway and finding some great opportunities to let people know about this project. We are currently setting up an Arbutus Greenway Project Office with dedicated staff to develop a process to plan the future design of this corridor and find ways to encourage public participation and feedback throughout this process. Once this team is on board and has a better idea as to timelines and opportunities for participation, the Arbutus Club and York House School would be excellent places to include as part of our outreach. I anticipate that the Project Office would be up and running in early June, so their outreach would likely start later that month or in the fall.

I am compiling a list of organizations for the upcoming Project Office to include in their initial outreach and will add these two organizations. Please let me know if you would prefer to be contacted at the information provided below or at an alternate address. We look forward to engaging the community on this exciting project.

Best regards

Lynn

Lynn Guilbault RPP MCIP
Senior Team Lead Public Engagement

Transportation Planning Branch | City of Vancouver
507 West Broadway Vancouver BC V5Z 0B4
Tel: 604 871 6437
lynn.guilbault@vancouver.ca

Begin forwarded message

From: s.22(1)
Date: A
To: "Dobrovlny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovlny@vancouver.ca>
Cc: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: Thank You, Kerrisdale Community Centre Presentation

Thanks Jerry.
s.22(1) which would be very interested to hear your thoughts. Again, I would be happy to set up a meeting when you feel the time is right.

Regards, s.22(1)

s.22(1)

On Apr 23, 2016, at 10 16 AM, Dobrovlny, Jerry <jerry.dobrovlny@vancouver.ca> wrote

Hi s.22(1)

Of course I remember you. Thanks for coming out to the meeting and please stay involved in this process over the next year. We'll have have some sessions that may also be of interest to s.22(1) and it would be great to get them involved as well. They are our long term users! We're just forming the staff team to work on this incredible project and we will rely on citizens like you to help us get to an amazing result. I've copied Lon our Director of Transportation who will be leading this effort.

Thanks again.

Jerry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2016, at 1 09 PM s.22(1) wrote

Jerry, I attended your recent talk at the Kerrisdale Community Centre. You likely won't remember (you were asked a lot of questions) but I commented about the High Line in Manhattan and asked about how the city gets its inspiration when considering what to build within the Arbutus Greenway.

I just wanted to send a quick note thanking you for your incredible patience and thoughtfulness. I have never been to a public meeting and it was obvious that a great many people come with hopes, dreams and fears. I thought you articulated the vision very well. I have lived in Vancouver for 20 years and I have never been more excited about this city. s.22(1) and the likelihood of them commuting to work in something other than a car is very high. The work you do makes everyday life safer for all of us and brings us together as a community.

Keep up the great work and thank you!

Regards,
s.22(1)

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/3/2016 9:01:58 AM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway Vacancies

To whom it may concern,

I notice that you are recruiting for people to work on your exciting Arbutus Greenway project. My s.22(1) are moving to Canada in the next couple of months s.22(1) and I would be really interested in discussing how my experience, knowledge and skills could be put to good use on this project. If you are not the correct person to contact regarding this, please could you point me in the direction of the most suitable person?

I would be really interested in speaking/Skyping with someone about the current and any potential future opportunities of working on this project. Furthermore, I notice that the current advertised roles have a start date of the 6th June. Would you consider applicants that are not available on this date and may need to start a few weeks later than the official start date? We were due to arrive in Vancouver on the 28th June.

You may have heard of the organisation that I work for: s.22(1) The Arbutus Greenway project appears very similar to the projects I support here. My specific role is leading a small team that works on the s.22(1) journey logging challenge s.22(1) It is a behaviour change tool designed to get people walking, cycling and using public transport for more of their journeys. A brief background to myself:

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I will look forward to speaking to you further.

Kindest regards,

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/10/2016 1:23:48 PM
Subject: Arbutus greenway

Hello, my name is s.22(1) my s.22(1) and I are looking to buy a property at s.22(1). The property backs on to and overlooks the railway tracks of Arbutus Corridor. We have been told that the city recently bought the corridor for plans of building the Greenway and future light rails, while parts of the tracks will be torn down. I was wondering if you could give me some more information that are address-specific to the property and what will happen to the piece of corridor that the property looks on to, whether it will be actively used by light rails? Any information as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated, thank you!!

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Active Transportation 311" <ActiveTransportation.311@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/3/2016 2:55:23 PM
Subject: Citizen Feedback-101007670019

Hello,

We received the following feedback.

Thank you

Fernando
 3-1-1 Contact Center



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101007670019

Case created: 2016-05-03, 12:20:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: , ,

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: Email_s.22(1)

Address: ,

Address2:

Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

Via email: "As a person who lives in Vancouver (kits) I find it very lax the way that bikers are dealt with. I do not like it how all of these roads are being turned into only bikes, or only one way it makes it almost impossible to get around and is clogging up our city. The bikers do not follow the rules of the road. They speed, run stop signs, ride on the side walk, and ride most of the time without helmets, and me and my dog have almost been hit on numerous occasions. I do not agree with the idea to turn the train tracks into a bike path. To be brutally honest I think the idea is stupid. As a person with a dog I think I speak for the entire dog community of kits when I say that is our path. The only way we can get away from bikes (and as my dog hates bikes and tries to attack them you can see why this is important). You walk down that path any day, any time and you'll see

hundreds of dogs and people walking every day. I also think that bikes are way too cocky as they can be because this city lets with get away with anything and everything! I think it should be like it is in Switzerland. They should have insurance. If they want to ride on the roads they should help to maintain them. And I cannot believe how many bikers ride on the side walk without a helmet and get away with it, they should be getting tickets but they know they won't get a ticket so they do whatever they want. Speeding down the roads, not paying attention to speed limits. This is getting ridiculous. Please note that I am a young person living in this city with not much time on my hands so the fact that I took the time out my day to write this note should give you an idea of how out of hand this is getting, and I'm sure if you talk to other people who don't ride bikes would agree with me. You need to get this stuff under control, control the bikers and stop putting in bike lanes and give them tickets for disobeying the ways that is why the laws are in place!"

2.	Do you want to be contacted?	Yes
3.	Type of feedback:	Complaint
4.	Feedback regarding:	City Department
5.	Department:	Engineering Services
6.	Division or Branch Name:	Active Transportation, Arbutus Greenway Project, and VPD

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/24/2016 10:21:16 AM
Subject: Greenway plan

Hello Greenway Team:

I walk along the Greenway most days with my dog and I have been enjoying the wonderful irises and other flowers that bloom along there.

I appreciate that the City wants to "do this right" but how about moving right away to remove the tracks and simply level the railbed with the adjacent path? This would make it much easier to walk/cycle than it is now and surely wouldn't interfere with any future plans for the corridor.

Before the CPR "staged" the corridor during the negotiations, cyclists, pedestrians (and dogs) used it with few problems. Occasionally a cyclist might be slowed by a sniffing dog in the way, but it was no big deal. The "staging" brought truck-loads of large-gauge crushed rock dumped on the footpath as well as in the railbed and made it difficult to walk or cycle in many places. Flattening all this out would really be a good first step.

On another topic, south off 33rd, between where Cyprus and Maple would continue if they did, there is a good deal of water that presumably runs off the adjacent properties on 35th Ave. There is a noticeable oil slick on this water and I wonder if someone on 35th has a leaking oil tank on their lot.

Regards,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/10/2016 7:50:12 PM
Subject: Master's thesis about Arbutus Greenway

Hello,

I am a s.22(1) I've chosen the Arbutus Greenway as the site of my thesis. I'd love to meet with someone from the City to learn more about the future design of the Greenway, and to find out if there is something that I can do to contribute to the City's initiatives.

Thanks,

s.22(1)

From: "Dobrovlny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovlny@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 6/5/2016 11:49:55 AM
Subject: Re: Arbutus Corridor

Hi s.22(1)

Sorry your email was inadvertently directed into my junk file when it came in but I've seen it now. We will be in touch as the project gets going.

Thanks

Jerry

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2016, at 1:47 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

Hello,

My name is s.22(1). I am a lifelong Vancouverite who grew up on/near the arbutus corridor. I am very interested in getting involved in the consultation, planning and design for the corridor. I believe I have a very deep knowledge not only the corridor and all that surrounds its history but also connections with the community and residents through the different areas. I also believe that I could be a very valuable asset to the process as I am very pragmatic, and able to coalesce the variety of views and think the corridor is a huge opportunity to make a landmark Vancouver park/ route for everyone to enjoy and also, to be an iconic green space that identifies Vancouver around the world. Im sure the city has dozens of candidates and several people already working on the process. Wether it was purely volunteer or eventually graduated to a paid position, I am so keen and passionate or my ability to help the corridor process that I would love the chance to have a short meeting with Mr. Dobrovlny or whomever is the lead manager of the process to more easily communicate and offer my services and knowledge.

Thank you for the opportunity,

s.22(1)

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From: "Flatt, David" <David.Flatt@vancouver.ca>
To: "Neufeld, Lindsay" <Lindsay.Neufeld@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/10/2016 9:59:02 AM
Subject: RE: Hansen 955523

Thanks

From: Neufeld, Lindsay
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Flatt, David
Subject: RE: Hansen 955523

Hi David,

I spoke with S.2 briefly this morning and let him know the Arbutus Greenway project office will look at this issue once they're up and running, so you can close the case. 2(1)

Cheers,
Lindsay

From: Flatt, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Neufeld, Lindsay
Subject: RE: Hansen 955523

Hi Lindsay – I need to close this Hansen case. Am I to call this citizen back?

Thanks,
David

From: Neufeld, Lindsay
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 10:30 AM
To: Slazyk, Mathew
Cc: Flatt, David
Subject: RE: Hansen 955523

Hi Mathew and David,

Thanks for forwarding. This is certainly something that the Arbutus Greenway team will consider in a systematic way once the project office is up and running. I would defer any detailed response until that time.

Cheers,
Lindsay

From: Slazyk, Mathew
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Neufeld, Lindsay
Cc: Flatt, David
Subject: FW: Hansen 955523

From: Flatt, David
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Slazyk, Mathew
Subject: Hansen 955523

Hi Mathew,

A resident of S.22(1) is requesting removal of the Stop sign on the north side of 13th Ave. expressing a need for more on street parking, citing that the trains no longer run.

There are paths indicating that pedestrians are using this location to cross 13th Ave.

Is your group handling these kinds of questions from the public?

Thanks,

David Flatt
Engineering Assistant III
Traffic & Data Management Branch
City of Vancouver
604-829-2028

From: ["Markianna Jones" <markianna@drinkelectric.ca>](mailto:markianna@drinkelectric.ca)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 5/6/2016 2:53:31 PM
Subject: Solar Cafe Inquiring about Retail Space

Hi There,

I'm interested in opening my business on or near the greenway. We will be opening a solar powered cafe, off the grid electrically.

I'm curious to know if there is opportunity for something that would suit our requirements, or if we could work together to make Vancouver the first city to have an off-grid solar powered cafe in an urban setting!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,



MARKIANNA JONES
FOUNDER, ELECTRIC COFFEE
+1.604.354.5707

From: s.22(1)
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/5/2016 9:26:38 PM
Subject: Volunteer Opportunities with the Arbutus Greenway Project
Attachments: s.22(1) - Resume.pdf

Hello there,

I was wondering if there are any volunteer opportunities with the Arbutus Greenway project? I am very excited about the planned development of the Arbutus corridor and am passionate about urban planning issues - ultimately I hope to go on to do my master of urban planning. I would love to be part of a project that is going to bring such a great change to Vancouver. I have attached my resume to this email, and hope you will think of me as volunteer opportunities arise with the project!

Cheers,
s.22(1)

From: "Patterson, Dawn" <dawn.patterson@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/23/2016 10:15:02 AM
Subject: 2800 blk Arbutus St

Hi,

This inquiry came to Engineering Client Services. We do not have record of any TSZ permits in this location. Does this inquiry relate to work being done for the Arbutus Greenway?

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Sincerely,

Dawn Patterson

Permit & License Clerk
 Engineering Projects Branch, Development Services
 5th Flr, 507 W Broadway
 Vancouver, BC V5Z 0B4
 Phone: 604.673.8062
 Fax: 604.873.7255

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/29/2016 6:53:41 AM
Subject: Arbutus Corridor

When is it expected to be completed.

s.22(1)



From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/5/2016 11:12:16 AM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway - maple street

Hello,

I am writing to obtain some information on the consultation process for the Greenway, specifically in the maple street block.

Further, if decisions have been made with respect to paving this area can you please advise. I would like to strongly urge the city to consider keeping this area in its natural unpaved state, akin to the mixed use paths in Pacific spirit park. The only "consultation" I have heard of was an informal pop up information tent in March, which I didn't hear about until after the fact.

Can you please confirm if any decisions have been made with respect to paving this area. Further can you please let me know when consultation with the community was held and when further consultations are scheduled.

Thank you,

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/25/2016 4:08:06 PM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway - how green will it be?

Hello,

Kudos to the city of Vancouver for showing leadership and purchasing the CN rail line to turn into greenspace. This will become a fantastic asset to the city. I was reading the brief outline of plans on the city web site, and I'm left wondering how green the greenway will be?

The pictures and text indicate paved bike and pedestrian routes. I hope there will be plenty of grass and trees as well, and I wonder if the option of a gravel path for running has been considered? Vancouver has a strong community of people with active, healthy lifestyles, and encouraging people in this regard is something to aspire to. The increase in bike routes around the city is great, but there is a shortage of soft trails for running -- pavement is hard on the knees!

Regards,

s.22(1)

Vancouver resident since 1990

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/13/2016 3:11:10 PM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway email updates

Hi there - have there been any updates that have been sent by the COV for the Arbutus Greenway?

If so, what are they? If not, please say so. Thank you

From: s.22(1)
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/10/2016 7:30:50 PM
Subject: Are you taking any suggestions?

Hello - I heard the mayor on CBC announcing that paving will begin on the Arbutus Greenway. Is there any chance that the city will be able to leave a strip of soft path along the corridor, as opposed to it being paved over?

I am one of many female runners and cyclists that take advantage of the paths at the beach and Pacific Spirit Park (it's easier on the knees and joints). Would love that !

That's my suggestion. Thank you.

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/11/2016 10:30:33 AM
Subject: Art on the greenway

Hi there,

I am just wondering if you have any plans for incorporating art into the Greenway project. As you probably know, the High Line in New York has some great ongoing art installations. It seems to me that the Greenway would be a good place for some ecological art!

Cheers,
s.22(1)

From: [SandiMunro <sandimunro@coriolis.ca>](mailto:sandimunro@coriolis.ca)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/8/2016 4:13:40 PM
Subject: Best timing for conversations with large adjacent land owners?

Hello,
I'm interested to know when you expect to be in a position to engage in conversations regarding potential development opportunities and other planning issues along the Greenway, particularly with existing owners of large adjacent sites.

Thanks and best regards,

Sandi Munro

Coriolis Consulting Corp.

1505-1130 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 4A4

Tel: 604.682.9714 | Fax: 604.682.4193 | www.coriolis.ca

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/15/2016 1:56:34 PM
Subject: City Property with overgrown grass/weeds

On May 18, 2016 I contacted the City regarding the overgrown grass along the Arbutus corridor which happens to be across from my home. I mentioned that not only was the property not kept but that garbage was being dumped there as well. I was told that Arbutus corridor was the responsibility of CPR and that I was to contact them with my concerns even though the City now owned the property. I did contact CPR and they replied to my voice mail on May 19, 2016. The message that they left indicated that the City was responsible for the property as they were now the owners. I have saved this voice mail for your review should you like to hear it.

The onus should be on the City to sort out whose responsibility it is to maintain this property and have it maintained. Also, it was very disappointing however, not unexpected that both the City and CPR would point the finger at each other. Bottom line is that this property needs to be maintained as the grass is more than 4 feet high and garbage has been dumped in it. See attached photos.



The City issues "ORDERS" to property owners whose property is not maintained with the threat of a \$3000.00 bill to have a contractor come and clean up the property. How hypocritical can the City be???

I would appreciate a prompt reply with what the City intends to do with **their** property.

Best,
s.22(1)

P.S. if this email has been sent to the wrong department please be so kind as to forward it to the appropriate City contact.

From: "Active Transportation 311" <ActiveTransportation.311@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/30/2016 1:16:30 PM
Subject: FW: Citizen Feedback-101008002891




Please review the below.

Kind regards,

Martin Thomson

Traffic & Data Management

City of Vancouver | Engineering Services
 320 - 507 West Broadway
 Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 0B4

 : martin.thomson@vancouver.ca /  : 604 871-6735
 <http://www.vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport>
<http://www.vancouver.ca/bikevancouver>



From: 311 Operations
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Active Transportation 311; Rawsthorne, David
Subject: Citizen Feedback-101008002891



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101008002891 Case created: 2016-06-30, 12:54:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: ,,
 Address2:
 Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)
 Address: s.22(1) VANCOUVER, V6P 1E2
 Address2:
 Phone: Email: s.22(1)
 Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

311 received the following email feedback:

"I applaud the decision by City of Vancouver to utilize the Arbutus trainline for cycling. Lets push it further. Lets see if we can catch up with Germany in this regard.

Please see this article in the Guardian today

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/jun/30/intercity-cycle-highways-revolutionise-daily-commute>"

2. Do you want to be contacted?

No

3. Type of feedback:

Compliment

4. Feedback regarding:

City Department

5. Department:

Engineering Services

6. Division or Branch Name:

Active Transportation / Greenways

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "Slazyk, Mathew" <Mathew.Slazyk@vancouver.ca>
To: "Neufeld, Lindsay" <lindsay.neufeld@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/8/2016 7:55:30 PM
Subject: FW: following up on Arbutus corridor proposal
Attachments: Arbutus greenway proposal in PDF.pdf

Hi Lindsay,

Can you please send our standard response to the resident that we are currently hiring a team and will pass his proposal along to the team once hired.

Thanks,
Matt

Sent from a mobile device.

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)
Received: Wednesday, 08 Jun 2016, 7:44PM
To: Slazyk, Mathew [Mathew.Slazyk@vancouver.ca]
Subject: following up on Arbutus corridor proposal

Hi Mathew,

I believe Bill Aujla forwarded my email and proposal to you last week. Just wondering if you had a chance to take a look at it and if you would care to share any thoughts. I will re-attach the PDF file just in case it got lost in the forwarding.

Thanks,
s.22(1)
Vancouver

Arbutus Greenway Proposal

Assumptions:

Continuous greenway path from False Creek to Fraser River
Additional park space where available, particularly where abutting existing parks
Abandon option for future mass transit use along this low-density, low-traffic corridor in favour of what is needed more urgently: housing, laterally-oriented on shallow lots

Shared path specifications:

Four meters (13 feet) minimum width, wider where available, unseparated but signed:



Definitions:

“Enhanced pathway”: where suitable, widen pathway, add benches, trees, water fountains

“Lateral social housing”: Building lots 20 feet deep by approximately 72 feet wide, abutting 6th Avenue, front doors on pathway, building footprints approximately 17x60. Constructed as 3-floor wood-frame walk-ups, each floor roughly 16x59, four private bedrooms, two on each side of a common living area with full kitchen, dining, and living areas, and one bathroom for every 2 bedrooms, adaptable for family occupancy as well. Assuming 4 occupants per floor, and 12-persons per building, separated by approximately 12 feet of green space, could provide housing for up to 216 people, less any live-in staff.

“Lateral market housing”: Building lots 20 feet deep by approximately 62 feet wide, sold by city to individuals only (not developers), abutting East Boulevard, front doors on pathway. House footprints 15 feet x 42 feet, three stories, approximately 1700 square feet of interior living space. (One or two floors could become a rental units.) Houses abut on one side (with firewalls), each with side yards (each 20x20) abutting on other side. Walkway separation at every block where no cross-streets. 138 total market-priced houses, as specified below.

Specific uses from north to south. (Path is assumed throughout and not mentioned unless there is a variance.

1st to 5th Avenue:

Let CPR exercise its option on this for commercial development, which (if I understand the agreement) means CPR no longer shares in any development profits by the City along the rest of the corridor. 2nd choice: try to connect to False Creek path, perhaps along old Molson rail spur, then beneath Burrard Bridge (I don't know the boundaries of the Molson property or the First Nations Reserve.)

Along 6th Avenue, Pine to Maple:

Lateral social housing

Estimated 6 buildings per block x 3 blocks, potential for 216 total residents, less any live-in staff

Ownership maintained by City, so nothing owed to CPR

Maple curving to 7th:

Enhanced pathway merges with Delamont Park at Arbutus and 7th

7th to 16th:

Enhanced pathway

Along East Boulevard, 16th to 23rd (King Edward):

Lateral market housing

Estimated 28 houses

King Edward to 36th:

Enhanced pathway merges with Quilchena Park from 29th to 33rd

Along East Boulevard, 36th to 39th:

Lateral market housing

Estimated 12 houses

Along East Boulevard, 39th to 43rd:

Enhanced pathway and 4 Kerrisdale park blocks

Along East Boulevard, 43rd to 49th:

Lateral market housing

Wide enough for 20 foot building lots and still leave large trees intact?

Estimated 24 houses

Along East Boulevard, 49th to 57th:

Lateral market housing

Estimated 32 houses

Along West Boulevard, 57th to 60th:

Lateral market housing

Estimated 12 houses

Along East Boulevard, 60th to 64th:

Lateral market housing

Estimated 16 houses

64th - 66th:

Enhanced pathway merges with Riverview Park

Along East Boulevard, 66th to 68th:

Lateral market housing

Estimated 8 houses

Along East Boulevard, laneway between 68th and 69th, to 70th:

Lateral market housing
Estimated 6 houses

South of 70th Avenue:

Attempt to tie pathway into a Southwest Marine/Kent/Fraser Riverway. If not, consider selling as commercial land.

Note:

I would favour an auction of the 138 market house lots, in which only current Vancouver residents could participate, one sale per verified existing Vancouver address, no corporations or developers permitted. If the average price was \$350,000 (and I assume it would be higher), 25% of that \$48,300,000 would go to the city (75% would go to CP unless their option is exercised on 1st to 5th). That \$12,000,000 should more than cover the cost of constructing the three blocks of social housing.

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/8/2016 11:12:32 PM
Subject: Greenway needs more green

Hello,

I'm not sure what it says about the future of rail but residents will certainly benefit from the new greenway in the city, especially with 300 gardens nearby. They and the wildlife that currently use the track and surroundings as a vital corridor will also continue to benefit if there remain stretches of natural areas, at least in some parts of the greenway, with continuous vegetation like shrubs, high grass, and canopy that don't compromise sightlines and security. There are many bees along the tracks, which we hear are in drastic decline worldwide, so that should be considered when developing the greenway, maybe by veering the path around these areas and posting warning signs. I really hope it looks far greener in the end than what is portrayed in the highly-manicured drawing in this piece:

<http://spacing.ca/vancouver/2016/03/07/release-vancouver-cp-arbutus-greenway/>

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/25/2016 3:38:31 PM
Subject: Greenway surfaces

Hi,

I absolutely love the initiative and leadership shown by the council to develop the greenway. It will be such an asset to this great city.

It would be fantastic if the greenway could accommodate walkers / runners with a gravel path as well as the planned pavement for cyclists. Something similar to the surfaces along Jericho Beach and Spanish Banks beaches would increase the run traffic along the greenway significantly!

Regards,

s.22(1)

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/6/2016 2:36:33 PM
Subject: Hot Topic-101007859190

Hello,
The following is a Citizen Feedback Case that was created by the 311 Contact Centre. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
Joan / 311 Contact Centre



Hot Topic

Case number: 101007859190

Case created: 2016-06-06, 01:38:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: INTERSECTION ARBUTUS ST, Vancouver,
Address2: W 6TH AV
Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)
Address: ,
Address2:
Phone: s.22(1) Email:
Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Phone

Request Details

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | Topic: | Arbutus Corridor construction |
| 2. | Type of feedback: | Complaint |
| 3. | Provide details: | Citizen would like to know some more information regarding the CP rail tracks being worked on currently. He wants to know where the work is starting from (which end). When it may be completed by. How long the construction noise will go on for in his particular neighbourhood. Please call s.22(1) back. |
| 4. | (Don't ask just record - Did caller indicate they want a call back?) | Yes |

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/11/2016 1:09:10 PM
Subject: Hot Topic-101007882047

Kind regards,
Judith
311 Supervisor



Hot Topic

Case number: 101007882047 Case created: 2016-06-09, 01:51:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: INTERSECTION W 17TH AV, Vancouver,
Address2: YUKON ST

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)
Address: s.22(1) VANCOUVER, V5Y 2N9
Address2:
Phone: s.22(1) Email: s.22(1)
Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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|----|--|--|
| 1. | Topic: | Arbutus Corridor construction |
| 2. | Type of feedback: | Complaint |
| 3. | Provide details: | <p>- The closure of Yukon at 17th is definitely not up to standard. Official detour is a diversion to Columbia where there is no traffic signal. Alternate is detour to Cambie which is worse. Both detours are inconvenient and unsafe.</p> <p>I noticed that the west sidewalk through the construction zone is open but not easily accessible by bike. I noticed further that the new dropdown for the sidewalk on the west side is complete. What would be super great is if the fencing around the dropdown be removed and that the sidewalk be made available for cycling. Signs indicating that cycling on sidewalk is allowed provided that cyclists yield to pedestrians would easily resolve this issue.</p> |
| 4. | (Don't ask just record - Did caller indicate they want a call back?) | No |

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/11/2016 1:07:19 PM
Subject: Hot Topic-101007882065

Kind regards,
 Judith
 311 Supervisor



Hot Topic

Case number: 101007882065

Case created: 2016-06-09, 01:52:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: INTERSECTION W 17TH AV, Vancouver,
 Address2: YUKON ST
 Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)
 Address: s.22(1) VANCOUVER, V5Y 2N9
 Address2:
 Phone: s.22(1) Email: s.22(1)
 Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Topic: | Arbutus Corridor construction |
| 2. | Type of feedback: | Compliment |
| 3. | Provide details: | Received via email. Great news re
Arbutus Corridor

- Love the new Beatty bike lanes - good
work on those!

- I have been consistently impressed by
cycling component of
transportation management plans in
construction zones. These usually exceed
my expectations. |
| 4. | (Don't ask just record - Did caller indicate they want a call back?) | No |

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "Neill, Catherine" <Catherine.Neill@vancouver.ca>
To: "Guilbault, Lynn" <Lynn.Guilbault@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/8/2016 9:13:16 AM
Subject: Planning Question - Arbutus Corridor

Hi Lynn,

I had a call on the Planning Information Line for some information about the Arbutus Corridor and I thought you might be the best person to connect with them. When you get a chance can you please call the following person back?

s.22(1)

In case we get any further calls about this project do we have any particular message that we are giving to the public at this point?

Thank you,

Catherine Neill, M.Pl

Planning Analyst

Cambie Corridor – South Planning Division

City of Vancouver

t. 604.873.7053 | e. catherine.neill@vancouver.ca

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/25/2016 11:01:05 AM
Subject: Query

Could you please tell me which architecture firm has been awarded the contract to design the arbutus corridor?

Sent from my iPretzel

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/6/2016 10:20:52 AM
Subject: RE: Arbutus Greenway - maple street

Thank you for your email. We look forward to taking part in the consultation process, and we have now signed up for the updates as recommended.

Kind Regards,
Hollis

s.22(1)

Direct: s.22(1)
Fax: s.22(1)
Email: s.22(1)

s.22(1)

s.22(1)

From: Arbutus Greenway [mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:19 AM
To: s.22(1)
Sub RE: Arbutus Greenway - maple street

Hello s.22(1)

Thank you for your email. No decisions have been made regarding the design of the Arbutus Greenway. We are currently setting up a Project Office with dedicated staff to develop a process for planning the future design of the corridor. Their outreach to the public for participation in this process will likely begin in the fall. Signing up for email updates at vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway is the best way to ensure that you receive notification about opportunities to get involved.

You may see activity along the corridor in the coming weeks as CP begins removal of the train rails, ties, and rail bed materials. Prior to reopening each segment of the corridor, the city will also complete some grading work which will allow the public to continue enjoying the pathways until the Greenway is designed and constructed.

Sincerely,

Transportation Planning Branch
City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:12 AM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Subject: Arbutus Greenway - maple street

Hello,

I am writing to obtain some information on the consultation process for the Greenway, specifically in the maple street block.

Further, if decisions have been made with respect to paving this area can you please advise. I would like to strongly urge the city to consider keeping this area in its natural unpaved state, akin to the mixed use paths in Pacific spirit park. The only "consultation" I have heard of was an informal pop up information tent in March, which I didn't hear about until after the fact.

Can you please confirm if any decisions have been made with respect to paving this area. Further can you please let me know when consultation with the community was held and when further consultations are scheduled.

Thank you,
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From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/22/2016 12:13:35 PM
Subject: RE: Citizen Feedback-101007931145

Thank you very much!

Joan/311

From: Arbutus Greenway
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 11:37 AM
To: 311 Operations
Subject: RE: Citizen Feedback-101007931145

Hi there,

We've been in touch with this person – you can close the case.

Cheers,

Lindsay

From: 311 Operations
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 4:17 PM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Subject: Citizen Feedback-101007931145

Good afternoon,

Please see the below feedback received by 311. Thanks!

Geoff
88822



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101007931145

Case created: 2016-06-17, 03:27:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: , ,

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: ROBSON, MATTHEW (Mr)

Address: s.22(1) VANCOUVER, V5Y 3X2

Address2:

Phone:

Alt. Phone:

Email: s.22(1)

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

Received via email:

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Matthew Robson and I am a volunteer with the West Coast Railway Association. I have been a resident of Vancouver my entire life growing up beside the Arbutus Corridor. I've noticed that work has commenced on dismantling the railway. Since I am apart of an organization that believes in "Preserving British Columbia's Railway Heritage" I am contacting you on behalf of the WCRA on preserving an item from the Arbutus Corridor Railway.

There are two "Dwarf Signals" which are unique to the Arbutus Corridor located near Broadway. Typically branch lines such as the Arbutus Line don't use these signals, but this is a unique exception. We would love to save them and restore them as I can only imagine construction crews would destroy the signals and throw them in a garbage bin.

I have already inspected the signals myself, and the work required to remove them is very little. Only four bolts need to be removed and the signals can be saved. I can personally remove them myself as to not take any of the city's time. I work for the s.22(1) so I have all personal protective equipment necessary.

I believe time is of the essence as work seems to be progressing quickly on removing the railway, so if you could let us know it would be great appreciated. I have included Chief Mechanical Officer of the WCRA Robert Mac Beth and WCRA board member Christian Vazzaz in this message.

Sincerely,

Matthew Robson

2. Do you want to be contacted?

Yes

3. Type of feedback:

Opinion

4. Feedback regarding:

City Department

5. Department:

Planning & Development Services

6. Division or Branch Name:

Arbutus Corridor

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -



From: "Bicycle Hotline" <Bicycle.Hotline@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/23/2016 1:58:40 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Kent and Ash - Dangerous Bike Crossing

Hi there,

Can you please respond to s.22(1) regarding his Arbutus Greenway concern.

If you are unable to assist with the citizen's request, please reply to: info@vancouver.ca or contact us at 84311.

Regards,

Cassie
City of Vancouver
3-1-1 Contact Centre

----- Original Message -----

From: connie.pavone@vancouver.ca
Sent: 2016-06-23 12:35:08.0
To: Bicycle.Hotline@vancouver.ca
Subject: FW: Kent and Ash - Dangerous Bike Crossing

Hello,
I am forwarding this message to your attention for a response to the writer. Thanks.

Connie Pavone
Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Chief of Staff
Mayor's Office / City of Vancouver
t. 604-873-7624
connie.pavone@vancouver.ca

Dear Mayor (and fellow cyclist):

The intersection of Kent and Ash, which is the interface to the Canada Line pedestrian/bike bridge has become very dangerous for cyclists.

A longer term project would be to prioritize the removal of the rails in the area and make an off road pathway to the 4 way stop at Heather. At the open house relating to this crossing several years ago, I was told that there would be an off road route to Heather but that has not materialized. Traffic volumes are much higher now. Perhaps the removal of the rails on the Arbutus Greenway could start here?

It is rarely possible for me to turn left onto Kent heading west after coming off the Canada Line Bridge. I now have to cross the cross-walk, head north on Ash, turn left into a parking lot and and go through it to turn right on to Kent heading west when it is safe.

At the cross walk, many cars do not stop for bikes. Even if East bound cars stop, I then have to deal with cars turning left from Ash across the cross-walk to head East on Kent and West bound cars that sometimes go full speed through the cross-walk with me in it. One day a Westbound car raced up to me in the crosswalk (the road was clear when I entered it) and then screeched to a stop angrily right in front of me

I have saved a number of videos that I would also be happy to provide to show that the traffic volumes are consistent on a variety of days.

Please take action before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Cell: s.22(1)
Phone:
e-mail: s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/17/2016 6:21:09 PM
Subject: Re: Rail removal complications - Arbutus Greenway

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2016, at 4:23 PM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hello s.22(1)

Thank you for your email. I just wanted to send a quick note before the weekend to let you know that we're working on this and I'll have more information to provide to you next week.

Sincerely,
Lindsay

Transportation Planning Branch
City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 5:49 PM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Subject: Rail removal complications - Arbutus Greenway

I am the s.22(1) for the Bannister Mews townhouse complex that is located at 6508 - 6638 Arbutus St. (southeast corner of 49th and Arbutus). There is a large grove of invasive Japanese Knotweed on the Arbutus Corridor just over the perimeter fence bordering the southeast corner of our property. This noxious, invasive plant is now coming under our fence and causing us great concern. This plant is identified as a noxious and invasive plant species under the *BC Weed Control Act*.

Properly treating and removing Japanese Knotweed is extremely difficult but besides the mandated requirement to do so, those working on or around the tracks - such as those removing the rail lines and levelling the rail bed - must be aware that disturbing the plant without proper precautions will likely accelerate its spread!!!!

Note also, there are large stretches of Himalayan Blackberries also on the right of way. These are also listed under the *BC Weed Control Act* though they are not as destructive to property as the Japanese Knotweed.

Please call me to discuss.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 7/4/2016 3:46:11 PM
Subject: RE: Request for action RE: Arbutus Rail Removal

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for your letter and for sharing with us the concerns you and your neighbours have about Japanese Knotweed along the Arbutus Corridor. We understand the significance of this issue and are working toward an appropriate resolution. We will be in touch with you again shortly with some more information about how we plan to address this as we move forward with the grading and construction of the temporary pathway.

Sincerely,

Arbutus Greenway Project Team
City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 12:38 AM
To: Duguay, Bryndon; Whynott, Brent
Cc: s.22(1) Arbutus Greenway
Subject: Fwd: Request for action RE: Arbutus Rail Removal

Dear Mr. Duguay and Mr. Whynott,

Please see email below and attached letter. Apologies that your names are spelled incorrectly in the original email and letter.

Best regards,
s.22(1)

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22(1)
Subject: Request for action RE: Arbutus Rail Removal
Date: 13 June, 2016 12:31:28 AM PDT
To: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca, brendan.duguay@vancouver.ca, brent.whinott@vancouver.ca, sophie.dessureault@vancouver.ca
Cc: s.22(1), Personal s.22(1) <
s.22(1)>

Dear Mayor and Council, Mr. Duguay, Mr. Whinott, and Ms. Dessureault,

Please see attached letter urgently requesting your attention and action regarding the potentially detrimental effect of imminent rail removal along the Arbutus Corridor by CP and subsequent grading by the City of Vancouver: Unless accompanied or preceded by appropriate invasive species treatment, these actions will worsen a Japanese knotweed infestation along the Arbutus Corridor.

Further details are contained in the attached letter.

Thank you for your attention and quick response.

Best regards,
s.22(1)

on behalf of Residents of Cypress St., Linden Rd, and Quilchena Cres.

From: "Thomson, Martin" <martin.thomson@vancouver.ca>
To: "Guilbault, Lynn" <Lynn.Guilbault@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/2/2016 2:03:24 PM
Subject: Service Request # R 966610 Arbutus Greenway

Hi Lynn,

No call back requested however, I will let you decide if one should be sent.

1. Type of Inquiry Arbutus Greenway Issue

2. Describe Inquiry in detail: Citizen runs a business at s.22(1) and they lease 8 parking stalls from the Impark Lot directly to the east of them. Engineers from the Arbutus Corridor Project just informed him he will not have access to the parking lot for 2 weeks as of Monday, June 6th because CP Rail is expected to rip out of the railroad tracks. Citizen feels it is unacceptable to receive less than a week's notice about this project. It's unclear if Impark didn't communicate the change or whether it was COV who provided the short notice. Regardless citizen feels this last minute change will have a negative impact on his business. He would like to speak with someone in charge of this project.




3. (Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):No

s.22(1)

Kind regards,
Martin Thomson

Traffic & Data Management

City of Vancouver | Engineering Services
320 - 507 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 0B4

 : martin.thomson@vancouver.ca /  : 604 871-6735
 <http://www.vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport>
<http://www.vancouver.ca/bikevancouver>



From: s.22(1)
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 5/31/2016 8:38:05 AM
Subject: Small Town Hall Meeting

My name is s.22(1) I am a member of Marine Court Housing Co-op at 1599 W 71st Ave and would like to invite Jerry Dobrovoly to talk to our members and immediate neighbours about the plans for the Arbutus Greenway which borders our Co-op. We would like to be part of the discussion on how this area will be used. We can provide a meeting room that can hold 20+.

I look forward to speaking with you.

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
"Arroyo, Rodel" <rodel.arroyo@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/21/2016 12:36:11 PM
Subject: Temporary no stopping signs on Arbutus from W 12th to W Broadway (case #7947387)

Good afternoon!

3-1-1 has received several inquiries/complaints regarding temporary no stopping signs along Arbutus St. from W 12th Av to W Broadway.

There are no dates/times on the signs, no department listed, and no crew/equipment on site. There is no visible work being done here.

Could you please confirm if these signs are related to external utilities work (Rodel) or the Arbutus Greenway work?

Your guidance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you kindly!

Amanda Johnson

CSR I | 311 Contact Centre | City of Vancouver

Ph: 604.829.4312 Ext. 88636 | Email: amanda.johnson@vancouver.ca



From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/17/2016 9:18:35 AM
Subject: timeline?

Hi there,

Just wondering if you can tell me when the new Arbutus Greenway bike path is slated to open?

Thanks!

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Robertson, Gregor" <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
 "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/28/2016 4:14:56 PM
Subject: 6th. Ave. GREENWAY - Maple to Burrard

Dear Sirs or Madams:

> Please THINK past a quick solution using an expensive, aesthetically sad, road-type ASPHALT covering on this valuable, flower, grass, bird, animal and people filled urban GREEN SPACE!

YOU/WE need more time to find an economically, aesthetically appropriate solution to a lasting people-friendly area.

IF YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY DESPERATE TO DO SOMETHING, PUT ONLY A THIN WALKWAY WHERE THE TRAIN TRACKS WERE.
 LET THE REST OF THE AREA SPREAD ITS GREENERY TO THE WALKWAY!!!!!! NEXT YEAR IS SOON ENOUGH TO DECIDE ON THE FINAL SOLUTION AFTER MORE CONSULTATION.
 AS WELL, WHY NOT USE SMALL OR LARGE CEMENT OR STONE BLOCK RATHER THAN ASPHALT. THIS HAS BEEN DONE ALL OVER EUROPE TO GREAT SUCCESS!!!!
 IT HAS ALSO PROVIDED JOBS TO THOSE IN NEED OVER THE CENTURIES. IT WOULD PROVIDE ONLY A LOW BASIC WAGE, BUT MORE JOBS IS WHAT THE CITY NEEDS...

ATTENTION:

After living for s.22(1) at s.22(1) i would also state strongly that any BICYCLE use of this greenway between Maple and Burrard could enclose our 2 blocks in a BIKE NIGHTMARE!!!!

You have given the bicycles a new lane on Burrard! You are also closing off part of W. 7th. for bicycle turns only, AND, ON TOP OF ALL THAT - CYPRESS ST. is an unpoliced/unchecked route for entitled, lawless, angry and dangerous bikers of many ages but mostly adult males who fly downhill so fast they are practically invisible.

THEY DO NOT STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS.

THEY SHOUT" WATCH OUT" WHEN SAILING PAST humans waiting to cross Cypress both at marked and unmarked corners OF 7th., 6th., 5th. etc. They KICK CARS AND SCREAM OBSCENITIES AT THE DRIVERS IF THEY FEEL THEY ARE IN THE WAY. ONE FEMALE BIKER TOLD ME THE STREET WAS FOR THE BIKES - NOT CARS!!!!!!!!!!!!

SOME CHILD, pregnant woman OR OLD PERSON WILL BE HIT AND FATALLY INJURED ON CYPRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THIS IS POOR CIVIC PLANNING. NO NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOULD HAVE THIS SITUATION OCCURRING ON 3 SIDES OF THE BLOCKS ON WHICH THEIR HOMES ARE BUILT!!!!!!

PLEASE DO AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF YOUR PLANS AND RECOGNIZE OUR PROBLEM. I realize you are out to create great comfort for the BIKES, but your PEOPLE in this residential area are suffering and afraid of an UGLY solution to the beautiful greenway AND are also afraid of thoughtless, selfish riders!

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

s.22(1)

Vancouver home owner for over a quarter of a century

s.22(1)

Vancouver, V6J 3M5

P. S. Here is another example of bike rider behaviour in Kits/Van,.: s.22(1)
 The bikes SAIL past the pedestrians - with no warning bell - MERELY A SHOUT just as they skim past your shoulder. The people jump aside and exclaim. What if the people jumped into the path of the bikes rather than away?

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
"Robertson, Gregor" <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 12:28:23 AM
Subject: Arbutus "Greenway"

Are you seriously paving over the Arbutus **greenway**?!!!

Could it possibly be that CP owning that strip of land was actually better than the having the City of Vancouver own it? I never thought that could be the case, but this news has got me thinking. Is it too late to get \$200 million of tax payer money back?

Also, what happened to the promised public consultation?

Or is this really all about the bike agenda. Close roads to cars for the sake of bikes, close lanes to cars for the sake of bike, take away parking for the sake of bikes, and now close parks for sake of bikes too? I love biking around Vancouver, but the green spaces are one of the things worth biking to.

Please reconsider this hasty decision that has been made with zero opportunity for public consultation.

Incredulous yours,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/28/2016 8:20:10 PM
Subject: Arbutus community

Hello,

Could you please send information about plans for the Arbutus community walkway? Is it true that there are plans to pave it for a bike path? This is one of the few dog and walker friendly spaces in Vancouver and as such, it creates a strong neighborhood community. I and others in the neighborhood are hopeful that it will be maintained as such.

Along with sending info, please let me know how I can support and advocate for maintaining the current space, as is, without paving.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 10:47:38 AM
Subject: Arbutus corridor - asphalt

Hello,
I've heard that the plan is to lay temporary asphalt along the Arbutus Corridor. As someone who uses this corridor on a daily basis, may I express my opinion that in the big city it is an absolute pleasure to walk on actual earth with a bit of natural nature around one – the gardens in all their unique glory, the blackberry bushes & the occasional skunk or coyote. Laying asphalt is unnecessary, especially as it is temporary. Why not leave it be until the long term plan is finalized?
Kind regards,
s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
"Robertson, Gregor" <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 12:22:10 AM
Subject: Arbutus Corridor Paving

To whom it may concern,

I live at s.22(1) and just received anonymous notification that the greenway in front of our condo building is set to be paved in the next few days. It is so disappointing to see Vancouver's green spaces rapidly disappearing and the fact that there was no notification about this from the city is also very disappointing. It was my understanding that there would be public consultations about the usage of that land, something that obviously wasn't followed through on.

Regards,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
gregorbertson@vancouver.ca
vancouvercitycouncil@vancouver.ca
Date: 7/29/2016 3:59:29 PM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway

Dear Gregor Robertson,

Once again the City of Vancouver has made an important decision without any consultation with residents. I find this to be appalling!

I live at s.22(1) in Vancouver. I recently learned that the proposed "Greenway" will be paved with asphalt as a "temporary" measure. I am told that this is a path for bicycle riding, roller blading etc. There already is a designated bicycle path on 7th Avenue.

Many of us who live in this neighbourhood have cherished the rural feel to the path that extends along the community gardens. Many of us walk our dogs there. Many of us have created community and supportive friendships in this serene place. Might you have considered talking to us before you arbitrarily decided to pave this path? Might you have considered alternatives such as cedar chips for a walking path? Might you have respected your constituents who have lived in this neighbourhood for decades?

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/27/2016 4:06:56 PM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway Design

Hello Otto Kaufmann and the team,

I'm sure you are all having lots of fun planning our new greenway. I think it's just great that the City will have this awesome amenity and it happens to be just outside my front door! I wanted to bring your attention to a hedge that we would not like to lose. I live at s.22(1) and it's right across the street. I have a love/hate relationship with this hedge. It provides a visual barrier between the homes and the s.22(1) which is important not to lose. However, as the hedge grows it also blocks out the evening sunlight from our home. So in my ideal scenario, we would keep the hedge but it would get a good trimming on the sides and top. I can also understand that for safety reasons the first few feet of the hedge my need to get trimmed to allow more visibility into the greenway. If for some reason you see the need for this hedge to be removed could you let me know. thanks very much

(I'm sure you are looking at precedents like New York's highline and the great bike/pedestrian/art trails in Scandinavia (Copenhagen especially).

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/30/2016 8:37:32 AM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway paving

Hello,

When the City of Vancouver took over the railway corridor, it announced that there will be public consultation with regard to the future use as a greenway. I recently noticed that the section south of W 16 Av. along Arbutus St. was paved. I am a resident living next to the corridor in the W 6 Av. area. I have received multiple letters about the Burrard Street construction in the mail, but I haven't received any information about a public consultation on the greenway project whatsoever. Even on the City of Vancouver website, all I could find was a notice that "the temporary pathway from Fir Street to 41st Avenue is expected to be complete by the end of summer 2016." - no background information at all about the process that led to this decision, whether there were any consultations, what "temporary" means, etc.

Obviously I am concerned about the paving activity, as covering the corridor with asphalt i.m.h.o. is the most non-green activity possible. While all interests need to be considered, I am sure that this is not what citizens had in mind when the greenway project was announced - at least not in the form that can be observed along Arbutus St. right now. I therefore would like to know whether there were (or are going to be) any consultations on this process, whether there were (or are going to be) any information sessions held, what "temporary" means in the context of the paving already done, what other activities are already planned, and what the further timeline is.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the City of Vancouver - I hope paving it over is not the best the City can come up with.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
"Robertson, Gregor" <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 6:27:04 PM
Subject: Arbutus Greenway Paving?

Hi,

My apartment building is within feet of the arbutus greenway at s.22(1)
s.22(1) When I bought my condo in this neighborhood I was happy to have a planned greenway/bike path planned nearby. It wasn't planned for light rail transit. I picked this exact location and not downtown because Kits does feel like a neighborhood. We're high density (most places from Burrard to Vine and 4th to Broadway are all low rise apartments), but it's high density done well. Commercial and transit are saved for the big roads, and we can live on quiet tree lined streets, just like single family picket dwellers can. The houses that are around are usually multiplexes. We have given up a lot of space to live apartment style and do need our quiet and a little green (just like single family picket dwellers). We haven't been consulted at all about the plans for this "greenway" that's about to run through our neighborhood. I'm happy about a walking and bike path, but I wonder if the city knows when they pave it to put the path to one side and make room for those of use honoring Vancouver's commitment to high density to be able to have a tiny garden plot of our own. The whole idea of the running light rail through a neighborhood on a "greenway" is ridiculous. I've seen the greenway attempted under the Commercial/Joyce line, past Gladstone and up Vanness, and no one uses it because it's NOISY. Transit belongs on commercial streets, like Granville, Broadway, Burrard, and Fourth (and not people as you can see by the fact that no one who currently has to live over a busy street ever uses their balcony). I don't understand why there hasn't been light rail transit down Granville before. As a woman who can't go into Pacific Spirit woods by herself it's hard to find quiet places away from roads over here. There's roads or bridges beside all our beaches. The only thing that's saved us so far is the fact that the trees here are bigger than the low rise apartments and that keeps the echo of the street noise down. Please keep our greenway green and quiet. This is a neighborhood for people, and our apartments aren't storage facilities for humanity, but homes that deserve the same respect picket fences do. I'm also concerned that if you continue to use up all the green space all the rain water will end up in storm sewers and soon the water quality of our beaches will suffer.

I signed up for on your contact list months ago but have never received any updates. I am a s.22(1) and they're always telling us the most effective way to provide community care is to let our clients and community tell us what they want. That we should consult them. The best way to make this project a successful and good project is to consult us, and being just feet away from your project I hope you think my input as well as others in my neighborhood is important.

Thanks,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/30/2016 12:42:44 PM
Subject: Asphalt issue

Hello,

I want to express my opinion about putting asphalt on current greenway.

Considering that Vancouver is trying to be the greenest city, asphalt isnt the greenest choice in this case. It is just a quick cover up solution that makes no sense since the corridor is planned to be developed in a future. Why not think of something different? Why just not leave it the way it is?

People are already enjoying it this way.

Why not ask public for an opinion before deciding what to do with the space? After all, we are paying the taxes, and vote for you and all of you at City Hall should be listening to what all of us have to say.

I am asking you to re- consider putting four metres wide asphalt to where it doesnt belong. Ask the public opinion, ask the people who walk there every day what THEY would like to see there to happen, instead of making wrong decision from your office chairs.

Regards,

s.22(1)

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: "311 Operations" <311.Operations@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/4/2016 8:17:58 PM
Subject: Citizen Feedback - 8022498

Hello,

Please review the following citizen feedback.

Regards,

Asha Sharda
 3-1-1 Duty Supervisor



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101008022498

Case created: 2016-07-04, 05:18:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: , ,

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)

Address: ,

Address2:

Phone: s.22(1)

Email:

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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| 1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why): | Citizen wanted 311 to send feedback on his behalf surrounding the Arbutus Greenway. He feels that instead of removing the railway signals, that perhaps the city should just repurpose them as crosswalk signals. The aesthetic part of this would look neat, and the city could instead replace the red covers with yellow colors which would be unique. |
| 2. Do you want to be contacted? | Yes |
| 3. Type of feedback: | Opinion |
| 4. Feedback regarding: | City Department |
| 5. Department: | Engineering Services |
| 6. Division or Branch Name: | arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca |

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "Anderson, Mike" <Mike.Anderson@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 12:19:25 PM
Subject: FW: A 'greenway' and asphalt do not mix

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Anderson, Mike
Cc: Robertson, Gregor
Subject: A 'greenway' and asphalt do not mix

Dear Mr. Anderson,

As a resident of West 6th Avenue between Maple and the junction with Arbutus, but more generally as a denizen of Vancouver and supporter of your/our efforts to make the city a greener and more pedestrian friendly place, I urge you to re-think the plan to pave the new Greenway with asphalt.

As well as a 'route' that cuts through the city in interesting ways, I hope you can appreciate that this has been an open space for residents and notably for children to walk, relax, tend and enjoy gardens, and play safely. These are all things that most of us can agree a healthy city needs.

Asphalt is not a fitting material, unpleasing, and not in keeping with the above. Although cycling is to be encouraged, but so are walking and dawdling, and playing. In so far as asphalt encourages cyclists to go faster it would seem to work against our ideals.

Yours sincerely,

s.22(1),

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From: "Miller, Lesley" <Lesley.Miller@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/7/2017 12:14:07 PM
Subject: FW: Comment on 6th ave corridor "country road"

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Kauffmann, Otto
Cc: Fitzgerald, Megan
Subject: Fw: Comment on 6th ave corridor "country road"

Hello Mr. Kauffmann, and to the Greenstreets department, Engineering department, City Council, and to the Honourable Mayor Robertson.

I understand you will be discussing the paving of the 6th Ave. garden corridor and related areas. As a resident, and stakeholder, living beside the gardens, I'd like to add a few points to the discussion.

Right now the pathways are a paradise. My favourite activity on most evenings is reclining beside the pathway, amid the gardens. I also enjoy seeing the many people who love to walk along the dirt and gravel pathway, or use it for bicycling or dog-walking. When I first purchased my condominium this green space was a huge selling point for me. But one of the most important features of this path is the feel of the dirt and gravel under my feet as I walk along this "country path." It reminds me of a happier time when a child could wander around the city. It reduces my stress. There are very few places left where nature can be experienced like this in the city—unspoiled by tarmac. Even for bicyclists this is paradise because of the dirt track. If you've ever cycled along such a track, you'll know that it's a wonderful feeling—far different from a hard asphalt surface. The cyclists who meander up and down this route receive a great joy of simply existing, and being one with their environment. I don't know anywhere else in the middle of the city where you can do this. I don't see any need for a temporary pathway to be built—it already exists.

So, by all means encourage more cyclists. But I fear that paving this beautiful vestige of country experience in the middle of the city will be a harder and less liveable step into the future, than one might think.

Thank you for your attention,

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From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/2/2016 11:24:55 AM
Subject: FW: complaints from maple and arbutus community gardens

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:49 AM
To: Kauffmann, Otto
Subject: complaints from maple and arbutus community gardens

Hi,

I received an email that we are to complain about the paved pathway, I do not agree with this group. This pathway allows, disabled people, older people who are not able to walk on uneven ground an opportunity to be on the path. Strollers too.

I understand this is a temporary measure pending long term planning over the next few years.

Perhaps long term asphalt is not the best, however short term I am ok with this.

Thank you,

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From: "[Anderson, Mike](mailto:Mike.Anderson@vancouver.ca)" <Mike.Anderson@vancouver.ca>
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/30/2016 9:42:25 AM
Subject: FW: Paving over of the Greenspace Corridor

Seems that you already got this one...

From: s.22(1)
Sent: July 29, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Anderson, Mike
Subject: Fwd: Paving over of the Greenspace Corridor

Messrs. Kaufmann, Robertson and Anderson;

Please reconsider the paving over of the Arbutus Corridor. The use of Asphalt in such a expansive manner is completely contra indicatory to creating a "GREEN SPACE".

I understand there have been several suggestions given by fellow community members as to how to make the space accessible to all citizens, as well as maintain a natural, welcoming surrounding, which is safe and harmonious to the current environment.

Your current plan is not only highly visually offensive, it creates a single use, one of conveyance. Each neighbourhood has created a unique and bespoke design, dictated by their community's members and needs. These oasis's from the city urban asphalt are meant to be lingered in, enjoyed and ideally connected, by a through vein which reflects the organic nature of this rare corridor in our ever expanding city.

Please stop paving over the Green space. The Joni Mitchell lyric is too appropriate to ignore here. "They paved paradise and put up a (causeway) parking lot".

Yours truly,

s.22(1)

From: "Anderson, Mike" <Mike.Anderson@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/30/2016 10:06:35 AM
Subject: FW: Please don't pave the Arbutus Greenway & Please Consult Community

As requested... A bit rushed, so consider getting input from David Rawsthorne or Jeff Moi in Streets.

From: Arbutus Greenway
Sent: July 29, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Anderson, Mike
Subject: FW: Please don't pave the Arbutus Greenway & Please Consult Community

Mike, could add a bit more detail re: technical concerns, and forward to the greenway emails - thx, Megan

Thank you for your email regarding the Arbutus Greenway.

To clarify, we are constructing the temporary pathway to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the space until such time as the permanent greenway is developed. Asphalt surfacing creates an accessible environment, enabling people of all ages and abilities (including those using wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers) to use and experience the corridor in comfort. Universal accessibility is a core principle in our Transportation 2040 plan, Healthy City Strategy and other City policy documents. We are designing all of the crossings with user safety as a top priority, although there will be some indirectness for greenway users as we take advantage of existing signals at the major streets. We are considering one temporary traffic signal.

The temporary pathway also allows us to look at greenway usage and feedback, and use that information to design the final greenway. The long-term design will accommodate walking, cycling, and other wheeled users, as well as future streetcar, and will also be designed to incorporate ecological elements and public spaces for people to enjoy.

The Arbutus Greenway project office is expected to be fully staffed and operational by the end of summer 2016; the public engagement process will kick off in the fall to inform plans for the future Greenway. If you would like to be informed about opportunities to get involved, please sign up for email updates at vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22(1)
Date: July 28, 2016 at 5:57:26 PM PDT
To: <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Please don't pave the Arbutus Greenway & Please Consult Community

Otto,

We live @s.22(1) and have been walking down the old railway "country lane" for 9 years now. I write this as an avid cyclist, short distance commuter, neighbour, dog owner because we are frankly appalled to learn the City is rushing and putting in a 4m wide paved path and fences.

Please stop work and reconsider.

This seems like a terrible option, even for someone like me who bikes to work often, and it really seems like there is little or no consultation with the community or proper planning.

Some of the most obvious concerns are:

- Safety - the bikes will have no protection crossing streets every block unless very expensive traffic controls are in place
- Safety, you are going to put fast moving bikes and electric vehicles directly in conflict with neighbourhood walkers - Cyclist are going to go as fast as they can, there will be conflicts (Ding -Ding, On Your Left - Outta my way!) and accidents (this is not the sea wall, it is a neighbourhood).
- Who is this going to benefit? Probably not the people who live here. Noisy skateboarders and entitled commuters rushing to work aside (on bikes and electric powered vehicles) - wow, this is a high impact and poorly conceived choice.
- Pavement? Seriously? What about "greenway" involves Asphalt? How long will this last without heaving and cracking? It will look terrible, ruining what was a nice country lane in the city experience and turning it into another awful and poorly engineered version of a road benefiting very few (if any). We hear all the great arguments against too much pavement in the city (rain runoff, habitat, noise, surface failure to roots and heaving). Why is the greenest city in North America rushing to add so much more pavement without planning?

I could go on all day, and present plenty of better alternatives that would accomplish more (gravel double track would be cheap and still allow cycling, walking and drainage) but instead I simply ask you (representing the City) to stop work paving the "Greenway" and reconsider.

Sincerely,

Sent from my mobile device

s.22(1)

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/2/2016 11:25:47 AM
Subject: FW: Question on Arbutus Corridor Changes With Train Tracks

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:29 AM
To: Arroyo, Rodel; Kauffmann, Otto
Cc: Luongo, Al
Subject: RE: Question on Arbutus Corridor Changes With Train Tracks

I should clear something up I missed and it is more for my settling the complaint if I know what may be planned.

Thank you all and have a great weekend!

s.22(1)

From: Arroyo, Rodel [<mailto:rodel.arroyo@vancouver.ca>]
Sent: July 29, 2016 09:20 AM
To: Kauffmann, Otto
Cc: Luongo, Al; s.22(1)
Subject: FW: Question on Arbutus Corridor Changes With Train Tracks

Good Morning Otto,

As part of the Arbutus corridor rehabilitation project, do you have any plans that we can share with the property owner of s.22(1) ?

Thanks,

Rodel

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 8:28 AM
To: Arroyo, Rodel; Luongo, Al
Subject: Question on Arbutus Corridor Changes With Train Tracks

Rodel and Al:

I am working on a customer complaint where his property backs the old rail tracks along the East/West Boulevard corridor and was wondering if there are any public plans that would show what the landscape of this area would look like.

His actual address id s.22(1)

s.22(1)

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Thank you.

From: ["Community Gardens" <Community.Gardens@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Community.Gardens@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)

Date: 7/29/2016 1:04:26 PM

Subject: FW: Regarding the temporary Asphalt on the Arbutus Corridor

Attachments: Good example of non asphalt trails.docx

See below!

Thanks,
Kait

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:00 PM

To: Community Gardens

Subject: Re: Regarding the temporary Asphalt on the Arbutus Corridor

Hello Kait, Here are two attachments of very good trails now being used.

Have you walked on the surface this week? It is so hot with this weather, you almost melt your shoes. I don't know how you expect people to walk all the way from SW Marine to Granville Island????

Please consider alternative lanes surfaces then the asphalt.

Sincerely s.22(1)

On Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 12:48 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

Hello Kait, Attached is a very toxic surface asphalt covering that is now layed down from 16th to 25th on the Arbutus Greenway.

Have you walked on this surface? It is so hot, it is toxic, it dries out the soil below.

Why is this happening with no consultation?

Who can I phone today and talk to?

Sincerely, s.22(1)

On Mon, Jul 25, 2016 at 4:07 PM, Community Gardens <Community.Gardens@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. We have heard your concerns and are working to address them. In the near future, we will be able to provide you with more information.

Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Kait McGeary

City of Vancouver, Street Activities

Tel: [604-873-7204](tel:604-873-7204)

E-Mail: community.gardens@vancouver.ca

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 11:33 AM

To: Community Gardens; Arbutus Greenway

Cc: s.22(1)

Subject: Regarding the temporary Asphalt on the Arbutus Corridor

Please find attached my letter regarding concerns about the plan for temporary asphalt along the Arbutus Corridor.

Sincerely s.22(1)

🔍 galloping goose trail ↻

🔍 galloping goose trail ↻



From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
To: "Lee, Simon (Binnie)" <slee@binnie.com>
Date: 7/29/2016 12:26:12 PM
Subject: FW: request for information from resident

Hi Simon,

Would you be able to follow up with the resident, using key messages? This was forwarded by Cllr. Adriane, so higher priority (end of day, ideally).

Thank you!
Megan Fitzgerald

From: Bracewell, Dale
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Subject: FW: request for information from resident

For your action. Thx.

From: Dobrovolny, Jerry
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 5:08 PM
To: LaClaire, Lon; Bracewell, Dale
Subject: Fwd: request for information from resident

For follow up please. Thx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carr, Adriane" <Adriane.Carr@vancouver.ca>
Date: July 28, 2016 at 4:10:13 PM PDT
To: "Dobrovolny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>
Subject: request for information from resident

Hi Jerry – could you please have one of your staff contact a resident who called me regarding the “paving” of the Arbutus Corridor. She thought there would be “trail, not a road”.

Contact: [s.22\(1\)](#)

Thanks so much,
Adriane

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/20/2016 5:00:11 PM
Subject: Fwd: 3130 Arbutus

My understanding is that the city owns the land being used by Cressey Development at the corner of 15th Ave. and Arbutus.

It would make sense to include this in the greenway planning. It is immediately adjacent to the greenway.

As is, the spot is an eyesore.

s.22(1)

(4 houses away from the greenway)

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/28/2016 7:55:41 PM
Subject: Fwd: Arbutus Corridor changes

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22(1)
Date: July 28, 2016 at 6:45:43 PM PDT
To: <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>, <mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Arbutus Corridor changes

There is talk of a 4 metre wide asphalt route to go over where the train tracks were, along the Arbutus greenway.
How does this maintain it as a green area, now enjoyed as such?

Once again the city is forcing bikes into too many places.
This is a walking path, used by owners and dogs, young women with baby strollers, etc.

Bikes do not need to be there, as there are routes they can take that are already designated, including just two blocks up from here.
By pushing the boundaries out from the initial area used by train tracks and creating a wide swath of asphalt (how charming), there will be no green areas left on either side, except for the now-small community gardens, in some areas.

Really, this government's 'green city' is a total joke.

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: "Lee, Simon (Binnie)" <slee@binnie.com>
"Fitzgerald, Megan" <megan.fitzgerald@vancouver.ca>
"Neufeld, Lindsay" <lindsay.neufeld@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/28/2016 6:12:41 PM
Subject: Fwd: Arbutus Greenway concerns

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22(1)
Date: July 28, 2016 at 5:37:46 PM PDT
To: <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
Cc: <megan.fitzgerald@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Arbutus Greenway concerns

Please note that we are in total agreement with all of our neighbours and fellow gardeners about the Dark Storm heading our way in the form of a ugly, hot, environmentally disastrous blacktop highway heading our way. What was Vancouver City Planners thinking?? There are a million reasons to oppose this, I am sure you guys know them all.

Please please please reconsider and halt this scar on our beautiful greenway.

Yours truly

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Vancouver, BC V6J 5G4

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Sent from my iPad

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: "Lee, Simon (Binnie)" <slee@binnie.com>
"Fitzgerald, Megan" <megan.fitzgerald@vancouver.ca>
"Neufeld, Lindsay" <lindsay.neufeld@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/28/2016 6:12:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: asphalt project along community gardens

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22(1)
Date: July 28, 2016 at 5:54:45 PM PDT
To: "otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Re: asphalt project along community gardens

Dear Mr Kauffmann,
Please reconsider asphaltting the path along the community gardens. There needs to be a public consultation. There are better options to enhance the corridor and make it pleasurable and safe for all.

Regards, s.22(1)
s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/5/2016 8:47:49 AM
Subject: Greenway at 6th/Cypress

Hi There

I have not seen clear indication on whether light rail transit will be incorporated into the Greenway. Being right on it that is a concern for me.

Are their updates on this?

Thanks

s.22(1)

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/4/2016 1:41:06 PM
Subject: Maple garden bees

Hi I have a plot in the Maple Community garden on 6th and maintain 2 registered beehives there as well. I would love to locate more hives along the corridor for example in the green space on the SE corner of Arbutus and 7th. I feel this would align well with the city's green initiatives and benefit the neighborhood as well as honeybees.

Thank you for your time,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 10:35:41 PM
Subject: Paving

Hello,

I saw a picture of the paving of the Arbutus corridor between 16th and 25th & I was horrified!!!

I live at Cypress & 6th and I don't want the same thing to happen to the stretch of the corridor near my place. I love walking on the dirt path as do so many others. Does everything in this city have to be about cyclists? If they need a hard surface can't you consider something narrower & leave some real earth for the pedestrians?

The city promotes all things "green", so why pave paradise?

Can't we have some public consultation on this?

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/27/2016 1:52:12 PM
Subject: Project Inquiry

Hello,

My name is s.22(1) I'm a Vancouver resident and current urban and environmental planning master's student, with a background in landscape architecture.

I am writing a research article on the potential of the future Arbutus Greenway (and green urban corridors in general) from a biophilic standpoint. I was hoping that someone could direct me to parties involved with and/or leading the project who may be able to answer some questions for me.

Is this something you may be able to assist with?

Many thanks in advance!

Best,

s.22(1)

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From: s.22(1)
To: "[Arbutus Greenway](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/12/2016 6:23:39 PM
Subject: Questions re proposals along the greenway

The City has clearly stated that this would be a greenway for biking, walking and community access.

Why is it that we now see signs posted that one proposal is "small homes, small studios, small works" which basically would a/ take away some of the community gardens already established and b/is a contradiction of what the initial agreement. This proposal is not allowing greenway space but would be creating more density and less access for people, bikes and animals

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 2:54:37 PM
Subject: Re: arbutus greenway paving

Thank you. You should be aware that many bicyclists are road hogs and extremely dangerous and rude, this I experience daily on walks in the Pacific Spirit Park. New signs have been posted there, there must have been complaints, advising bicyclists to cede to walkers yet they barrel straight through without bells or warning and seem to feel they have the right of way. I am aware that Vancouver wants more cyclists but they are becoming a menace. Just a note from an experienced walker, s.22(1)

> On Jul 29, 2016, at 2:13 PM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

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> s.22(1),

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> Thank you for your email regarding the temporary pathway along the Arbutus Corridor. To clarify, it is not the final design for the Arbutus Greenway.

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> Our reason for constructing the temporary pathway to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the space. Asphalt surfacing creates a more accessible environment, and enables people of all ages and abilities (including people who use wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) to use and experience the corridor in comfort. Universal accessibility is a core principle in Transportation 2040 plan, Healthy City Strategy and other City policy documents. The temporary pathway also allows us look at pathway usage and feedback, and use that information to design the new Arbutus Greenway.

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> There will continue to be ample green space. The width of the temporary pathway is only 4 metres, whereas the Arbutus Corridor is approximately 17 metres near the Kitsilano community gardens, plus an additional 3 metres for community plots in road right-of-way.

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> The Arbutus Greenway project office is expected to be fully staffed and operational by the end of summer 2016; the public engagement process will kick-off in the fall to inform plans for the future Greenway. If you would like to be informed about opportunities to get involved, please sign up for email updates at vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your feedback.

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> Sincerely,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: s.22(1)

> Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 2:37 PM

> To: Arbutus Greenway

> Subject: arbutus greenway paving

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> Please do not pave the greenway, green means green as in nature, not cement or asphalt. Please check out Pacific Spirit Park if you want to know how to do it, this is used by so many nature lovers who refresh their spirits, we feel nature under our feet, not man made concrete. Is there any way neighbours can have input and involvement? That's me.

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From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 12:45:24 PM
Subject: RE: Asphalt? Really?

Thank you for your email regarding the Arbutus Greenway.

Our reason for constructing the temporary pathway to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the space. Asphalt surfacing creates a more accessible environment, and enables people of all ages and abilities (including those using wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers) to use and experience the corridor in comfort. Universal accessibility is a core principle in Transportation 2040 plan, Healthy City Strategy and other City policy documents, as well as the City's Accessible Community Garden Strategy.

Staff will be meeting with the community garden societies over the next few weeks to provide an update, answer questions and discuss opportunities for community engagement.

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From: s.22(1)
Date: July 28, 2016 at 5:21:23 PM PDT
To: "otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Asphalt? Really?

Unbelievable, just found out about the city's plan to lay down asphalt 4 metres wide along the arbutus corridor. This is ill advised and thoughtless and does not bode well at all for the future of this grand opportunity that we have to create a beautiful greenway in our city.

Please immediately halt and give your heads a shake. Putting that much asphalt down is not temporary, not desirable, not good design, not 'green', and NOT what the residents want. What happened to consultation? There are so many ways and means to leverage the beauty that has already been created by citizens, namely many gardeners - we have the knowledge, the desire and love for this area - why on earth would you not consult with the groups that have been informal stewards of the area to the admiration of all that walk that path?!

Please respond as i am infuriated and intend to do my utmost to stop this bone headed plan from being implemented. You people really need to think more deeply before making these kinds of decisions.

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 8/2/2016 9:51:55 AM
Subject: RE: DON'T PAVE THE ARBUTUS CORRIDOR

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for sharing your concerns regarding the corridor.

Our reason for constructing the temporary pathway to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the space. Asphalt surfacing creates a more accessible environment, and enables people of all ages and abilities (including those using wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers) to use and experience the corridor in comfort. Universal accessibility is a core principle in Transportation 2040 plan, Healthy City Strategy and other City policy documents, as well as the City's Accessible Community Garden Strategy.

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Sincerely,

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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 2:43 PM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Subject: DON'T PAVE THE ARBUTUS CORRIDOR

Hello,

I've been a resident of Kitsilano for almost 20 years and have enjoyed the Arbutus Corridor and it's community gardens for many years as well.

I am extremely dismayed to learn that you will be paving the corridor. This will seriously detract from the little bit of nature we have left. Why can't you create pathways of gravel and mulch that are used in Pacific Spirit Park? Those trails are easily accessible to cyclists, joggers and baby strollers , all the while maintain the beauty of Nature.

Please don't pave the Arbutus corridor without further input from the public.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Vancouver, BC
V6J 1P8

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 8/2/2016 9:48:41 AM
Subject: RE: URGENT: PLEASE! DON't pave the GREENway!

Hi s.22(1)

Sorry to hear about your unfortunate experience with CP and the City to date. I can't offer resolution to all your points of issue but I can offer some info on the temporary path and future greenway.

Our reason for constructing the temporary pathway to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the space. Asphalt surfacing creates a more accessible environment, and enables people of all ages and abilities (including those using wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers) to use and experience the corridor in comfort. Universal accessibility is a core principle in Transportation 2040 plan, Healthy City Strategy and other City policy documents, as well as the City's Accessible Community Garden Strategy.

Staff will be meeting with the community garden societies over the next few weeks to provide an update, answer questions and discuss opportunities for community engagement.

The Arbutus Greenway project office is expected to be fully staffed and operational by the end of summer 2016; the public engagement process will kick-off in the fall to inform plans for the future Greenway. If you would like to be informed about opportunities to get involved, please sign up for email updates at vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 10:16 PM
To: Arbutus Greenway
Cc: Robertson, Gregor
Subject: URGENT: PLEASE! DON't pave the GREENway!
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Robertson and others involved in this project:

RECAP: First the gardens are demolished as part of CP's plan to strike a deal with the city. Then the City ends up paying \$50 million in the end anyway so the gardens were demolished for nothing! Why wasn't that money put up in the first place?? And why were the railway tracks then immediately removed as if it was such a wonderful, glorious accomplishment? NO CONSULTATION... just as there is no consultation about paving this same area.

Did it ever occur to you that the tracks were an amazing piece of history and maybe a lot of people enjoy having a little country in the city, ...being able to take their time and walk on the tracks, fun for children, etc. To me, and I'm sure many, many others they WERE one of the most charming and unique parts of the city.

Just as the beautiful extremely developed gardens and mature trees WERE an amazing, gorgeous asset to this city.

I had a grove of 30 foot mature Birch trees growing in front of my community garden plot. Mature to say the least. In addition, I had a very expensive, mature Japanese maple tree and a very rare mature Fir tree (all of which the City didn't bother to tag and save even after I requested so repeatedly). I had to witness them all being needlessly ripped out and it was beyond heartbreaking. And on top of that, after all that damage was done, an apple tree that WAS tagged in my garden as safe from CP ended up getting torn out as well. I asked CP why they did that and they said the City told them to!! He then handed me the card of the man who ordered the slaughter of my apple tree...Dino Karataruk, so I have proof.

Therefore, I have two requests:

One is that the City replace this mature apple tree which was safe and on City soil at the time.

Two, is to STOP the destruction and development of what's left of this beautiful area.. The beauty is in the NATURAL pathway with wild flowers and bushes and allowing THAT to flourish, rather than thoughtless paving of this area making it even more sterile feeling than it already has become. The tracks could have served as the walking side of the path if a little thought and consultation had gone into things. And there's no reason bikes can't be ridden on the existing dirt path.

PLEASE, PLEASE get some consultation on this paving idea. It's completely unfair to forge ahead with no consultation, as though everyone loves pavement. If you really cared about Vancouver being the Greenest City on Earth, you would have taken the steps to prevent CP from doing what they did and coughed up the money last year so none of the destruction would have happened in the first place.

Sincerely,
 s.22(1)

3/13/2017

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 7/25/2016 8:54:34 AM
Subject: RE: Arbutus pathway

Good Morning s.22(1),

Thanks for sharing your concerns with us. We have chosen asphalt so all ages, ability, and mobility can easily use the corridor. I agree, you will get some fast moving cyclists but we expect most users will be recreational and respectful of their surroundings.

If you would like to follow up more on the routing of cyclists, I can put you in touch with our Transportation Design Lead.

Regards,

Otto

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-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2016 9:16 PM
To: Kauffmann, Otto
Cc: Fitzgerald, Megan
Subject: Arbutus pathway

Am a resident living along the Arbutus corridor. Concerned for current plans of asphalt, not in favour. Bark mulch like in Jericho bunny rabbit zone would be a great green option, for the two blocks of Cypress and Maple in particular. And no need for installation of fencing along stretch between Burrard and Maple.

Really feel the neighbourhood needs should be taken into account. There is no need for a high speed bike route thru this area. It is predominantly used by strolling meandering dog walkers, elderly and children. As a bicyclist myself, feel Cypress up thru Shawnessy, plus 7th Ave across and lights at 5th are sufficient. I feel there is very little interest in cycling along this route. But, that said, i do feel it is a good thing to have riding away from cars, especially for children. My concern is that fast riders will also use it and that will not be welcomed due to the preferred use of this zone.

My husband suggests the route for cycling be diverted around the Maple / Cypress stretch, unloading onto 7th. There is a very concentrated population of dog walkers in the Cypress Maple stretch.

Sincerely, s.22(1)

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From: "Maureen Ryan" s.22(1)
To: "Community Gardens" <Community.Gardens@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/25/2016 4:19:18 PM
Subject: Re: Cypress Community Garden and Arbutus Corridor asphalt path and fence

Thanks Kait for getting back to me. We think the plan to have fencing for the Fir and Pine gardens and any others that need it is great. Fir and Pine gardens have always been vulnerable. We have a fence and paths going in from the curb to allow public access to the corridor....and exits for those on the corridor, and really need these to be left open. The community uses them. (When we had construction fences up after we got 'bull-dozed' residents just pulled the plastic fences down to get through to the corridor where dogs are walked and kids play)

Hope to meet you in the garden someday.

Maureen

Maureen Ryan

Cypress Community Garden, Public Relations and City Liaison s.22(1)

On 25/07/2016 4:06 PM, Community Gardens wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. We have heard your concerns and are working to address them. In the near future, we will be able to provide you with more information.

Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Kait McGeary

City of Vancouver, Street Activities

Tel: 604-873-7204

E-Mail: community.gardens@vancouver.ca

From: Maureen Ryan s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Community Gardens
Subject: Cypress Community Garden and Arbutus Corridor asphalt path and fence

Dear Kait McGeary:

Thank you for the Arbutus Corridor Update Notice today concerning the installation of an asphalt path on the corridor and a delineating fence between the gardens and the walking/cycling areas in our neighbourhood

We at Cypress Community Garden have several questions expressed on behalf of our gardens and on behalf of the many very concerned users of the corridor paths and green space between Burrard and Maple Street.

- 1. How wide will the bike path and pedestrian path be in total?**
- 2. Safety of pedestrians vs bikes.** The area between Burrard and Maple along the corridor has significant pedestrian traffic, use by dog walkers, and children play here. There is much concern re users being injured by fast bicycles etc.

Will there be any delineation between the cycling path and the pedestrian path for safety? The area is on an incline and bikes go very fast as is.

- 3. Appearance and height of the delineating fence.** Cypress Community Garden (like Maple Community Garden) is supported by neighbourhood groups and a large public contingent who walk and relax on corridor in this area. There is much concern about what the delineating fence will look like.

Do you have some indication—for example a map and design for us of where the fence will be and what it will look like including its height?

- 4. Re the necessity of the fence along the 2 blocks of Cypress and Maple Gardens.** In March 2015 after CPR removed 'encroachments', Cypress Community Garden, like Maple Community Garden rebuilt the fences along the property line between the City of Vancouver land and the then CPR land. Cypress Community Garden checked with the City, CPR and Green Streets about this fence, and we were meticulous, as instructed, about re-constructing our fence on the property line agreed to by the City and the railway. However there are no fences delineating some of the other community gardens on the other side of Burrard for ex. the Fir and Pine Street Gardens.

Therefore: will there still be delineation fencing installed along the existing fences at Cypress Community Garden and Maple Community Garden, given that there is a fence along the approved property line and thus, separating any walking/cycling area from the gardens?

On behalf of award winning Cypress Community Gardens, and the neighbours, and users of this two block strip of the corridor between Burrard and Maple,

Dr. Maureen Ryan

s.22(1)

On 21/07/2016 9:55 AM, Community Gardens wrote:

Kait McGeary

City of Vancouver, Street Activities

Tel: 604-873-7204

From: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Date: 7/25/2016 10:05:17 AM
Subject: RE: human being;s need for quiet,sanctuary,security of one's physical safety when playing with children in our garden

Hi s.22(1)

I've added you to our stakeholder register and we will be in touch regarding the public consultation.

It is not our intention to demolish any of the gardens, the asphalt path will roughly be centered on the existing rail line keeping it back from the gardens. That said, if folks begin making new gardens within the rail right of way, they will be removed to keep the area clear for the future greenway.

Cyclists will be using the corridor in the near future, and yes, some of them will be faster than others but we expect the majority to be recreational and respectful of their surroundings.

Lastly – the community gardens will also have a place in the future permanent greenway. This will be covered at the public consultations.

Regards,

Otto

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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2016 8:56 PM
To: Kauffmann, Otto
Subject: human being;s need for quiet,sanctuary,security of one's physical safety when playing with children in our garden

On behalf of all of my friends with whom I enjoy our garden every day, but who have not yet been informed of bike speedway, I request a stop work of demolition of our sacred gardens. I mention safety and sanctuary above ,as my experience of every cyclist has been frightening- we run for our life. Cyclists race through without due regard for others' safety. Cyclists already have expensive paved roads- Cornwall, Point Grey Rd, west 7th, west 8th, w 10th, Burrard, all of Cypress, just to list only streets directly adjacent (now duplicated bike zone/ routes.)

Along with all of my neighbours who paid large sums to live within our community garden,I am awaiting promised "public consultation" I spoke to your engineer Jerry Dubronsky (sp) regarding lack of any other safe place for my children and grandchildren to learn to fly kites,play preschool level soccer, play Tball .go bowling as well as walk dogs in peace as we do daily now

The nearest school is on Cornwall St is 15 minutes walk, We play and meet our friends here many times daily. School playgrounds are muddy, ground is irregular and lack the ambience of the wildflowers and fruit and oak trees we have replanted, even grass I have planted here to make a meadow

Please tell gardeners of Cypress Gardens when we may come to your public consultation

yours truly s.22(1) resident, gardener, concerned parent

From: "Nadia Stewart" <Nadia.Stewart@globalnews.ca>
To: Media <City.Media@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/31/2016 3:15:40 PM
Subject: Residents concerned about asphalt laying in Arbutus corridor

Hello,

Nadia here from Global News.

There are some residents who live near Cypress and W 6th Ave who are concerned about the decision to lay asphalt down temporarily along the Arbutus corridor.

Below, I've included a short excerpt from the email they sent us, outlining their concerns. Would someone from the city be available to comment (a phone interview is fine) specifically about

-Why the asphalt is being laid down?

-I understand this is an interim measure while long term plans for the space are made. Why wouldn't the city wait until the plans were finalized (after all consultation has been done) and then complete construction in phases based on the long term plan?

-How much will this paving cost?

I can be reached by email or phone at the number below.

Thanks,
Nadia

Email excerpt:

Here is the blurb that has been sent out to neighbours. Also... an attachment which is the original letter to the gardeners that alerted us to the asphaltting. An attachment with issues re the asphaltting... and the picture of what has happened up at 16th to 25th. and some kid pictures.

Here we are asking for a green surface that would not be a fast racing track given that

1) seniors, people with strollers, people in wheelchairs or with walkers will be sharing the asphalt with the bikes coming down the incline. We have had accidents already and in past years. Seniors, people with kids and stroller, or on a walker or in a wheel chair don't want fast bikes coming down fast behind them.

2) Cypress and Maple have been well loved parks up to spring 2015 and the bull dozing, and as neighbours here don't have yards (unlike up from 16th to the south). Here the corridor is the yard and the park, people congregate here, play here, talk here... WE SUPPORT A BIKE PATH OF COURSE. MANY OF US BIKE...BUT REALIZE THE DIFFERENT CHARACTER OF THE INCLINE HERE AT MAPLE AND CYPRESS, AND THE COMMUNITY THAT USES THE GRASS AND PATH FOR PLAY. Putting the two together doesn't work.

How can we adjust the bike path for safety...?

Nadia Stewart
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From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/23/2016 8:54:40 PM
Subject: South of 41 st Ave.

Hi
When is it expected that the greenway south of 41st Ave. will be completed?
s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/30/2016 10:08:11 AM
Subject: Thoughts on the Corridor

Hi,

I grew up along the Arbutus Corridor in Kerrisdale, where my parents still live. We are all really happy about the outcome, but also concerned about the plans. We've heard that the whole Greenway is going to be paved and I would just like to suggest that some of its original character be kept in mind.

We think it's great that bicycles etc. will be able to ride along there, but cyclists and Vancouver are very entitled and aggressive and I have been almost run over a few times by cyclists who use bike lanes as a kind of racing path. I'm wondering how you were going to address this issue. A friend was hit from behind by a cyclist on the Stanley Park sea wall while walking her baby in a pram. He was going way too fast and they were all knocked down. Not quite the relaxing stroll with her new baby she had hoped for.

Is having a path that isn't paved alongside the 'road' that's being installed now in the plans for those who are looking for a more natural and slow setting? How are the cyclists going to be monitored for speed? I can tell you now that this is going to be an issue if there isn't some kind of separated use. Those groups in their spandex suits will be flying down that corridor at break neck speeds yelling at anyone who gets in their way.

Finally, we hope that some of the old charm of the corridor is kept. It is such a nice respite from the urban landscape, and concrete sidewalks. The Victory gardens are also a key part of our story. They have real meaning, and a legacy. We Vancouverites do have a sense of local history and it's important not to pave over it.

Vancouver has attracted people from all over the world because of its atmosphere..let's not forget what that is.

Best,

s.22(1)

Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
To: ["Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>](mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca)
Date: 7/13/2016 4:11:01 PM
Subject: train rails for garden?

Hi There,

I was wondering if I might be able to have some of the metal train rails/tracks to use in the garden, that are currently being taken up.

Be well.

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s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Kauffmann, Otto" <otto.kauffmann@vancouver.ca>
"Deal, Heather" <Heather.Deal@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/29/2016 5:06:10 PM
Subject: Urgent: Paving Arbutus Greenway

To Vancouver's mayor, councillors, and managers of the Arbutus Greenway project:

Thank you for your great work in acquiring the Arbutus Greenway for the public -- but please, please, please place an urgent halt to covering the former rail tracks with asphalt, at least between Broadway and West 5th.

The tracks in this area are heavily used by local residents who have made them a vital aspect of our community. They're where we daily walk, meet to chat, sit and read books or play guitar, and play. Asphalt is not conducive to any of these activities, and the paving already laid to the south is ugly, absorbs heat, is environmentally worse than alternatives because it is not permeable to rainwater, and will be far more expensive to lay and eventually rip out than, for example, pathway gravel.

Laying a gravel path would achieve the same results for everyone except road cyclists, would save the city money, and would allow local residents to have input in even this temporary measure. Speaking as a cyclist (a serious cyclist; I do not have a car), and I consider this area already well-served with bicycle routes. Asphalt on the former tracks is not necessary for road bikes.

Thank you for your consideration,

s.22(1)


From: s.22(1)
To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/8/2016 5:08:42 PM
Subject: When will you remove the railway rails that cross Pine Street?

Many neighbours have been complaining to the City of Vancouver about the trucks travelling northbound and southbound on Pine Street between West Broadway and West 4th Avenue. When the Arbutus Greenway project was announced, we were advised that the railway rails would be removed as soon as CP removed the rail ties (the City would follow behind). It has been a number of weeks and the railway rails are still in place (even though many other street crossings have been completed) - The reason for this request is that the large number of trucks make noise as they cross over the railway rails 24 hours a day . . .

It would be appreciated if you would provide a date when this work will be completed. The city has been repaving Burrard Street so this should have been an ideal time to complete both projects.

s.22(1)