

File No.: 04-1000-20-2021-473

November 10, 2021

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 dated September 10, 2021 under the *Freedom of Information* and *Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act)*, for:

Complaints of noise on the Arbutus Greenway (not construction noise) sent to the City of Vancouver's council correspondence mailbox, or any staff of the Arbutus Greenway Project.

Date range: January 1, 2017 to September 10, 2021.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.15(1)(l) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request 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 (#04-1000-20-2021-473); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

Cobi Falconer, FOI Case Manager, for

[Signature on file]

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

<u>Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca</u> 453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4 *If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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Details	Case Details	Additional Details
Created: 07/16/2017 Name: 5.22(1) Ph #: 5.22(1) Email: Case ID: 101009866979	The caller disagrees with the current city bylaw of allowing lawn and garden care equipment such as edge trimmers to be used on Sundays between 10 am to 10 pm. There was someone using power equipment to work on a community garden along the Arbutus Greenway close to W 7th on July 16th. The noise distrubs the peace of the people using the greenway. He feels community gardens should only use non-powered hand tools to work on their gardens.	
Created: 08/05/2017 Name: No Name No Name (ps) Ph #: Email: S.22(1) Case ID: 101009973262	I have contacted 311 regarding the noise of the newly installed accoustic equipment that has been recently installed along the Arbutus Greenway at Fir. I received a call back from Jordan advising me that the noise would be the same as the existing construction noise from the building across the park so this added noise level would incrementally inrease the existing noise level with the area. The difference is that the construction noise stops in the afternoon while the noise from the intruments continues 24-7 as there is no way to lock the drum sticks - even the piano's lock after a certain time. I have recently been asked about how I feel about the performance of the current city government - I can tell you that answers such as The one Jordan provided are not helping you case for re-election. I have asked that his supervisor return my complaint (reference 9941695 - The City seems to be making decisions about items that directly impact residences without consultation with those directly impacted). I invited Street Beat to listen to the noise that was being created and they agreed that it was loud and have since modified the equipment - More that what the reponse from what Jordan provided - Not doing anthing the file is closed.	
Created: 05/05/2018 Name: Carol Page Ph #:	Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors, We are writing as the strata council of "Greenwich on 5th" (LMS 4180), a residential development composed of 90 individually-owned condo units located at: 1858-1868 West 5th plus 4 residences in red and blue heritage houses on Cypress.	Web attachments
Email: s.22(1) Case ID: 101011212086	The southern property line of Greenwich on 5th is located along the Arbutus Greenway between Burrard and Cypress Streets. We are in a unique position as our property lies significantly and directly below the grade of the Greenway.	
	We have been told by members of the Arbutus Greenway team that the Greenway design is at the overall concept stage and that when more detailed planning takes place, they will meet with us and address our concerns. We would like to set them out: 1.We estimate that several patio home units in our complex are approximately 15 feet below the grade of the Arbutus Greenway. Moving community gardens to our property line could require construction of a retaining wall that would be above homes on the first floor of the main buildings and the red heritage house and likely reach above the level of our second floors.	
	The proximity, height and composition of the proposed retaining wall will have a significant impact on the livability of these homes.	
	Specific impacts include loss of light, loss of privacy, and increased site security concerns.	
	2. The privacy and livability of homes will also be adversely impacted by the close proximity of proposed installations, such as community gardens or pathways.	
	3. The proposed Harvest Table sits directly above our courtyard, again impacting the privacy, security and livability of 50% of our owners and residents.	
	Here are our initial thoughts about potential ways our concerns might be addressed: 1. The design and materials for the proposed wall could be battered, stone and terraced, to accommodate plantings for a more pleasant "face." A green wall of this nature would support the larger green and ecological goals of the project.	
	2. Retaining walls could be set back from our property line, allowing for terracing, better light and privacy, and mitigating security concerns.	
	3. The section of the Greenway situated directly south and above "Greenwich on 5th" could be kept free of installations that would negatively impact on the light, privacy, security and livability of our residences.	
	4. The community gardens could be moved to alternative locations such as to the east where there are no residences.	
	5. The Harvest Table could also be moved to a location where there are no residences, mitigating the potential for noise due to night gatherings.	
	It is our understanding that the Arbutus Greenway team will directly engage with us in future planning. We look forward to meeting with them. Sincerely, Carol Page President, Strata Council LMS4180, Greenwich on 5th s.22(1)	

Created: 05/06/2018 Re: Arbutus Greenway, Zone 1, Web "Greenwich on 5th", which looks up to the south at the Arbutus Greenway. Attached is a photo from s.22(1) which indicates that the current path is am writing as a s.22(1 attachments Name: s.22(1) Ph #: approximately 15 feet above s.22(1) Note, there is a pedestrian standing on the path in the photo. Email: 8.22(1) There are 90 units, including 2 heritage houses on Cypress, in our award-winning complex. S.22(1) and am proud of the tremendous effort we make to be among the most well-maintained Case ID: 101011215228 condo properties in our city. The high demand for purchasing a unit, even selling over high asking prices, is an indication of how attractive "Greenwich on 5th" is. It is my opinion that our location adjacent to the tranquil and green Arbutus Greenway is part of the appeal. When I purchased \$.22(1) it certainly was for me. However, we are in a unique position as our property lies significantly and directly below the grade of the Greenway. When designers of the new proposals suggest that the community gardens can be moved to our property line. I question whether they took into consideration the steep slope and the height of a retaining wall to hold landfill and create community gardens. I ask that the Greenway committee consider a few alternatives to the placement of the community gardens - such as placement within the green belt between the pedestrian lane and bike lane or placement of gardens to the east end of this block where there are no residences. These options would eliminate the large expense in attempting to remove blackberries, construction of a wall, and bringing in landfill. Should you need more width to accommodate the plan to expand the proposed pedestrian lane, there is almost 3 feet on the north side before the slope drops off steeply. This solution is infinitely more appealing than looking at a wall, which would be imprisoning our south property line. am beyond concerned, actually anxious, at the prospect of a wall which BLOCKS SUNLIGHT from my unit \$.22(1) is a SECURITY RISK for jumping onto our property \$.22(1) LOSS OF PRIVACY as community gardeners and others will be in close proximity s.22(1) and LOSS OF ENJOYMENT from our current view of a green habitat. In my conversation with Kevin Connery at an open house, he also understood our concern for placement of a Harvest Table, which is shown in the design to sit directly above our courtyard. We are concerned about the potential for noise due to night gatherings, noise which will reverberate in our courtyard. All of the above have a significant impact on the livability of our homes. It is our understanding that the Arbutus Greenway project team will directly engage with owners and the strata council (5 of whom face the Greenway) to arrive at solutions which address our concerns. Sincerely, s.22(1) Created: 10/16/2018 We are writing to you to express our profound concern and the concerns of our neighbours that a public commitment by the City Engineering Department to consult residents/stakeholders who live adjacent to the Arbutus Greenway route has NOT been kept. Also, the Engineering Department has not provided full disclosure in Arbutus Greenway Report presented to the Council on July 11, 2018 about the lights it is planning to install from Name: s.22(1 No web Ph #: s.22(1) 33 - 37 Ave. attachments. Email: s.22(1) In 2017 we were informed by letter that the lights from 33 - 37 Ave. would be waist high, low impact, ambient lights. In June 2018, we became aware that instead there would be 6 metre poles every 30 metres for a total of 30 poles. For the next two months we sent a number of messages to the Greenway Team opposing these lights. In Case ID: 101011994849 early September Maggie Buttle told us that it did not matter what residents thought because these 6 metre lights would be installed anyway. There are several reasons why we are very disturbed by this disregard for our concerns. 1. Light Pollution and Destruction of Natural Beauty: These 6 metre lights will cause excessive light pollution, they are unsightly creating a stadium feel and thus will ruin the natural beauty of the Greenway and our neighbourhood. It will look like an industrial site. This contradicts the vision of the Greenway to be a 'defining element of Vancouver's urban landscape as a vibrant and beautiful public space... 2. Lack of Consideration and Consultation with Residents: The section from 33 - 37 Ave. is residentially dense having the largest number of homes that are adjacent to the Greenway. Report p. 43 states: "In response to the greenway's urban surroundings, the lighting design will respect the privacy of those living along the greenway" In addition on July 11, 2018 Ms Buttle, was quoted in the Vancouver Courier as follows: ?... there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the route around concerns such as noise, lighting and programming as each zone is developed. Yet, Ms Buttle and Mr. Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation, said to us via telephone on September 4, 2018:" "We are not required to inform residents about the installation of lights?. To date there has been no consultation about the lights with residents adjacent to this section of the Greenway. 3. Incomplete Information provided to Council:? These 6 metre lights were not shown with the four Lighting examples that were in the Administrative Report presented to the Vancouver City Council on July 11, 2018, even though the Engineering Department had issued a contract for these lights on November 29, 2017. We were stunned that there was not full disclosure to the elected Council. We are extremely disturbed with your Engineering Department's lack of consideration, consultation and communication. We have over 25 residents opposed to these lights and the number is growing. We would like your assurance that proper,? and meaningful consultation will be undertaken soon.

Created: 05/26/2020 Name: \$.22(1) Ph #: \$.22(1) Email: \$.22(1)

Case ID: 101014034225

I support Councilor Hardwick's motion regarding re-calibrating housing strategy post Covid. There has been change coming in Vancouver for some time, with future office space plans shifting outside of COV. Covid has now hastened this change. Whether Councillors and City staff are willing to admit this, and reconsider entrenched habits, beliefs and plans (many of which were written by consultants years ago), is a competency-test.

No web attachments.

Some believe the Covid effect will be short. Initially I did too. However, there is now a sea change afoot. Large established Vancouver companies are actively surveying staff about working from home. Senior executives are becoming more than comfortable working from home themselves and saying so to staff. It has become acceptable. Craig's List is awash with office spaces and AirBnB's closing, and people moving out and jobs online now specify remote work. Employees may no longer be locked to specific locations - that is a longer term impact.

There is a distinct need to preserve and increase ALL shared green space near housing and not build on top of it as nature is valued higher than "noisy activated spaces". Green areas are congested with various users vying for their share. Pedestrians on Arbutus Greenway have had to move to the streets for safety. Zoom calls need quiet (less density noise) and we need bigger living spaces for two-persons working. The location of our population, and their needs have shifted. The City needs to urgently put the brakes on its mantra of new housing, housing that nobody can realistically afford nor needs located within Vancouver boundaries. And it should stop approving towers that nobody wants (Mayor's own survey results) - their 1.5km of shadowing is a detriment to livability of adjacent areas. Towers are very very expensive to maintain longer term (elevators, windows and facades are a problem and certainly too expensive to maintain as rental).

The point is: behind the scene, within companies, there really is an active shift underway, and it has reached critical mass now that technology broadly works. This will radically affect where employees choose to live, where they need services and how they move about. Council can't just ignore that.

Thanks for listening and please support the Hardwick motion.

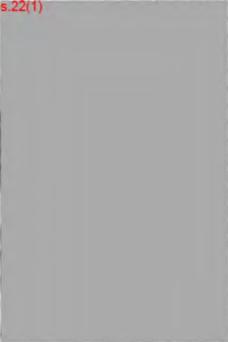


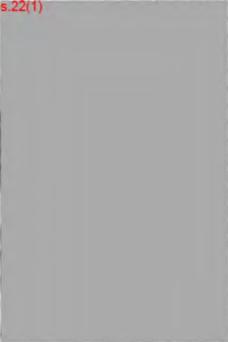












From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie.Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: "Enright, Danielle" < Danielle.Enright@vancouver.ca>

"Arbutus Greenway" < arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 1/28/2020 2:43:10 PM

Subject: FW: Arbutus Greenway Lights - Notes from Meeting September 16,

2019

Attachments: Arbutus Greenway Lights - September 16, 2019 Meeting Notes.doc

Hi Danielle.

Please see attached a recent email from 5.22(1) following up on meeting minutes from our meeting last August. If you could file this in our communications folder and the sub folder solar lighting in there.

An action to target in spring (following our engagement as I know you are super busy with this) is reposting those signs about being noisy near the adjacent residents.

Thanks, Maggie

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:46 PM

To: Buttle, Maggie; LaClaire, Lon; s.22(1)

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Subject: Arbutus Greenway Lights - Notes from Meeting September 16, 2019

Hi Everyone,

My apologies for such a long delay in getting these Meeting Notes to you. I had a very busy autumn and was only now able to get them done, sorry!! Please let me know if you have any changes. There are a couple new action items that I have listed below.

New Action Item #1: 8.22(1) to report to Maggie when sun glare happens and Maggie will follow up with repositioning of the solar panel.

New Action Item #2: Maggie will have signs posted along the Greenway 33rd ■ 37th to respect the residents re: loud noise.

New Action Item #3: Maggie and Lon will test First Light Solar lights here or at another location and then if work use them here.

New Action Item #4: Maggie will keep us informed of the budget and decision process.

Action Item: **5.22(1)** will follow up and get more information on the Block Watch Program to share with neighbours.

Best regards,

s.22(1)

s.22(1)

Arbutus Greenway Lights – Follow-up Meeting Notes September 16, 2019 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Attending: Jerry Dobrovolny, Maggie Buttle, Lon LaClaire, S.22(1)

1. Introductions: proceeded around the room. Jerry stated that he had taken a new position with the GVRD and would be leaving at the end of September. Everyone congratulated him and wished him well. He thanked us for the detailed agenda and then he turned the meeting over to Maggie. Maggie reviewed each of the Action Items from our last meeting (October 29, 2018) as discussed below.

2. Follow up of Action Items from October 29, 2019

Action Item #1: (Missed Letters in 2018 regarding Greenway lights): J. Dobrovolny will provide the letters and dates to s.22(1) for her to distribute to residents. J. Dobrovolny will clarify to whom the letters were sent in order to determine why residents adjacent to the Greenway did not receive these letters.

<u>Follow-up Maggie stated:</u> Some residents were missed on the letter drop for unknown reasons. All letters were resent to neighbours and all addresses were checked and added to the mailing list.

Action Item #2: 8.22(1) will provide J. Dobrovolny with residents' addresses. (Done)

Action Item #3: J. Dobrovolny and M. Buttle will meet with residents in the spring 2019 to provide information on the outcome of the trial.

<u>Follow-up</u> – due to scheduling difficulties we were not able to book a meeting until September 2019. In terms of outcome of the trial Maggie stated that the solar lighting did perform and was operationally highly successful and the lights worked well in the winter months. The lights are designed to be a warm light with less glare. The shield on the lights enables the light to shine directly on the path versus the surrounding areas and into homes. The lights were tested each month and found to be working well. The lights are spaced 30 metres apart to avoid dark patches. The neighbours attending stated they had not been disturbed by the light. However sold that during the summer and pending the position of the sun she gets a bright glare into her kitchen. Maggie asked her to report this occurrence when it happens and they will reposition the solar panel to prevent it from happening.

New Action Item #1: 5.22(1) to report to Maggie when sun glare happens and Maggie will follow up with repositioning of the solar panel.

<u>Action Item #4:</u> J. Dobrovolny will clarify with 311 that there is no charge to have light shields installed for Vancouver residents and let residents know the findings. (DONE) <u>Follow up:</u> There are no charges to residents for installing light shields.

Action Item #5: J. Dobrovolny will have technicians test ambient light along this section (33rd to 37th) to determine if all of the poles are required and report back to residents.

Follow-up: Technicians tested lights and found that the number of poles were required to avoid dark areas along the path. On another note $-\frac{8.22(1)}{1}$ stated that the work done to deal with the knot weed has been working very well. Maggie stated that the only way to kill the weed is to inject the stem of each plant. It is a tedious job but effective.

Action Item #6: S.22(1) will share her solar light market findings with J. Dobrovolny and M. Buttle.

<u>Follow-up:</u> S.22(1) provided photos of the solar lights manufactured in Victoria by a company First Light that are more esthetically appealing. Maggie and Jerry stated they are willing to test these lights if they meet the requirements. They are pleased with the performance of the current lights as this is the most difficult area of the city and if these lights work then other solar lights may work as well. One of the benefits of solar lights is that they can be easily moved into other areas. Maggie reiterated that this is a temporary solution and other lighting options will be considered in the permanent Greenway. The permanent design could be within approximately 2-4 years.

Action Item #7: J. Dobrovolny and M. Buttle will have the lights tested during the night.

<u>Follow up:</u> Data has been collected automatically and it has shown that the lights are effective during the night throughout the year.

Action Item #8: J. Dobrovolny stated he will examine the placement of the benches and the stool idea and report back to the residents.

Follow-up: a lengthy discussion ensued about the placement of the benches and the noise and disruption issues that they have caused residents. S.22(1) noted that since the lights have been in place there has been less noise at night. However, during the day there remains a lot of noise. Maggie suggested she would put signs up that encourage respect of the residents. Everyone agreed that would be good.

New Action Item #2: Maggie to have signs posted along the Greenway 33rd – 37th to respect the residents re: loud noise.

Action Item #9: J. Dobrovolny will talk with VPD to let them know about the problems and crime in this area and ask that the police pay attention and provide extra resources to this area. J. Dobrovolny will report back to \$.22(1) Follow-up: Maggie talked with VPD and a request was made to increase monitoring along the Greenway. S.22(1) stated she had been corresponding with Constable Mattu and Leah Marlay, Block Watch Coordinator VPD re: starting the Block Watch Program and it was on the agenda for discussion at the conclusion of this meeting.

Action Item #10: J. Dobrovolny will consider installing a temporary camera to monitor/deter vandalism and determine the new Council's position on CCTV cameras for this area and report back to the residents.

<u>Follow-up:</u> Maggie stated the City Director of Privacy informed her that installing cameras along the Greenway would not be in compliance with Privacy Act and Personal Information. Jerry stated there are different rules for government and private companies.

3. Other Items

3.1 Paint the light stands green or brown – s.22(1) asked if painting could be done. Maggie stated that the stands could be painted but it would require them to be sanded and painted in situ. The problem is that the paint tends to flake off and look terrible within a short time. Jerry stated it is difficult to justify the cost. He would rather try the Victoria company (First Light) lights instead of painting the existing lights. He is willing to try them here along the Greenway or at other locations to see if they work. It was agreed that this option would be the best.

New Action Item #3: - Test First Light Solar lights here or at another location and then if work use them here.

3.2 Discuss the Length of the Trial: Maggie stated that we are in Greenway Zone 4. Currently they are working on the next budget 2022 and a decision of the next 2 zones is to be completed. Lighting will be a major agenda item. For our Zone the permanent solution is for widening the path so that walking and cycling paths are separated by a green space. There will then be 3.5 metres for each cycling and walking. Maggie will keep us informed of the budget and decision process.

New Action Item #4: Maggie will keep us informed of the budget and decision process.

3.3 Sidewalks and Boulevards - S.22	<u>(1)</u>	iscussed a concern about the encroachment of private property onto
public land at s.22(1)		

Everyone thanked Jerry, Lon and Maggie for their time. s.22(1) will follow up with meeting notes. This part of the meeting was adjourned with Jerry, Lon and Maggie departing.

Brief Block Watch Program discussion ensued: S.22(1) discussed her experience in S.22(1) and stated the advantage was that neighbours were able to meet each other and were more diligent about suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. S.22(1) noted that they know of other areas with these Programs and they are beneficial to bring people together. Some neighbourhoods have Block Parties that are effective to meet your neighbours. Everyone agreed if we could build on the contacts we now have and see if we could have a program that includes the neighbours along the Greenway. S.22(1) offered to follow up with the Block Watch VPD to get more information.

Action Item: \$.22(1) will follow up and get more information to share with neighbours.

Please see below an update from Maggie on December 12th, 2018.

From: Buttle, Maggie

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:35 PM

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: RE: Arbutus Light Meeting October 29, 2018

Dear s.22(1)

As we near the end of December, I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on some of the actions points discussed during the solar light meeting on October 29, 2018.

Thank you for the list of residential addresses you shared with me in November. My team cross checked these addresses with our notification list. We found that three addresses were not part of our distribution list as these residences were not directly adjacent to the greenway. However, we have since extended the boundary of the letter drop to cover a two block radius from the greenway to include a wider range of residents. Any future letters sent by the Arbutus team will now be distributed to this wider audience.

In regards to the concern of increased crime in your neighbourhood, the Arbutus Greenway team have been in touch with the VPD Block Watch team on this matter. Their VPD Block Watch team are willing to visit this part of the greenway to survey the area and provide safety recommendations. It's worth noting that the VPD Block Watch program is an established initiative that can reduce residential crime. If you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighbourhood, you can find more information https://vancouver.ca/police/community-policing/block-watch/starting.html

We have clarified with 311 that there will be no charges to have light shields installed on these lights, as each solar lights is already fitted with a shield. These shields will prevent the luminescence of light onto certain properties. I also wanted to let you know that we are near completion of the solar lighting installation. We hope to turn on the lights next week once all lights are fully installed. If you have any questions please feel reach to reach out to the project team via our Arbutus Greenway email. For the remaining points of action we will continue to work on these actions and update you once know more.

Please note that between December 21 and January 2, the team will not have access to the Arbutus Greenway email, so in the case of urgent matters related to solar lighting, please contact 311.

In closing, Jerry and I look forward to coming back in the spring to speak with you and your neighbours and hear your thoughts again on this matter.

Wishing you and yours happy holidays.

Maggie Buttle

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: "311 Operations" s.15(1)(I)

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

"Vancouver Park Board" < PB. Comments@vancouver.ca>

"Parklets Program" < Parklets@vancouver.ca>

Date: 7/30/2017 9:29:26 PM

Subject: Citizen Feedback-101009940259

Hello,

Please review the following citizen feedback.

Regards,

Asha Sharda 3-1-1 Duty Supervisor



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101009940259 Case created: 2017-07-30, 08:57:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: INTERSECTION FIR ST, Vancouver,

Address2: W 6TH AV Location name:

Contact Details

Name: 2017 July, Anonymous

Address:, Address2: Phone: Email:

Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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

The citizen is upset with regard to the Pop up meeting at the location for the Arbutus Greenway. She stated that Viva Vancouver set up makeshift percussion instruments (along the fencing and they are wired to make noise). The citizen was ok with this exhibit during the pop up session. However, she said the percussion instruments are still active and kids are walking buy and using them to create noise. She walked by the location and was unable to find out how long the exhibit

	would be there. The citizen stated that they should have not set up such an exhibit that can generate so much noise (without having a way to turn it off during the evening).
Do you want to be contacted?	No
Type of feedback:	Complaint
Feedback regarding:	City Department
Department:	Parks
Division or Branch Name:	Parks Board

Additional Details

a video was posted on line 5.22(1)

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: s.22(1)

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

CC: s.22(1)

Date: 3/2/2018 10:57:45 AM

Subject: FAO: Maggie Buttle Senior Project Manager, Arbutus Greenway.

feedback on Lighting

Attachments: IGreenwayLetter.pdf

Dear M Buttle,

Please find attached a letter with some feedback on the lighting for the Greenway.

Many thanks, s.22(1)



March 2, 2018

Maggie Buttle Senior Project Manager, Arbutus Greenway arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca

Dear Ms Buttle,

Thank you for your letter and update on 26th February. The ongoing consultation and opportunity for local residents to feedback throughout this project has been very welcomed by us all. Up to this point, I confess I have not been involved in the discussion, however I now feel compelled to offer some feedback, both personal and having had informal chats with neighbours over recent weeks, of the impact the lighting will have on residents along the W33-37th corridor. This is not a letter simply to moan and I hope to offer some positive thoughts on possible solutions to minimize any negative effects such lighting may have.

The major concerns of the lighting are obviously twofold: firstly that 'light pollution' will become an issue for those living adjacent to the Greenway and secondly that safety and security concerns arise from the increased traffic it encourages. Indeed, to this second concern and as a daily user of this track / Greenway for over s.22(1) now, I have seen significant increase in litter, noise and what might be considered 'anti-social' behaviour centred around the bench areas on this same stretch of the Greenway. They have become stop offs and hang outs for individuals and groups, with drinking, music, vaping and smoking all increasingly prevalent and the impact is felt particularly by the same group of residents that the lighting will affect.

Therefore I believe that lighting and other upgrades to the Greenway should be considered with both pollution and safety in mind. I am sure your team has countless possible solutions to this and I hope that these thoughts of mine may add to these in a positive way:

In regards to potential light glare which would illuminate the backs of the houses on the North side of this section of the Greenway, one solution would be to have the lights placed only on the North side (which is the cycling path where it is most required), with the light open in a Southerly direction where the raised nature of the South side banking protects residents on that side in a way those of us on the North side (below Greenway level) are not.

I believe it would also be useful for the lighting to be considered in relation to the Greenway's purpose being a family recreation facility and a safe non motorized commute route rather than simply considered as an additional residential street. Through this recreation / safe commuter lens, turning off the lighting between 11pm and 6am (in line with parks and other facilities like sports fields which have lighting) would enable the Greenway to retain its purpose, have lighting when required whilst maintaining neighbourhood safety during the hours of darkness.

As a resident who continues to use this route in the daily school drop off, occasional work commute and as an evening and weekend family recreation facility, I applaud the extra ordinary transformation of the overgrown railway track into a hub of recreation and community. I hope my feedback may be useful in helping ensure the original vision of the transformation is kept and I wish you and your team the very best as you see the project through its final stages.

Yours Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Kirby-Yung, Sarah" <Sarah.Kirby-Yung@vancouver.ca>

"Carr, Adriane" <Adriane.Carr@vancouver.ca>
"Deal, Heather" <Heather.Deal@vancouver.ca>
"Lewis, David" <David.Lewis@vancouver.ca>

"Dobrovolny, Jerry" < jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>
"Arbutus Greenway" < arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/18/2017 12:08:42 PM

Subject: Fir to 16th Noise Arbutus Greenway

Hello - the focus of this email is specifically one section of the Arbutus Greenway from **Fir to 16th** and became necessary due to percussion instruments (**drums**) affixed **24 /7** (3-month+ term) oversized Mural, and pop-up events etc. held in the 1st 100 ft of this stretch. As a <u>reminder</u> of the Greenway goal, I'll 1st pull quotes from the COV March 2017 Consultation Summary Report:

"Beautiful, <u>unobtrusive</u> landscaping, public art" "stop and enjoy nature" "open spaces to relax" "re-introduction of local wildlife" "I want to feel like I'm out in nature while in the middle of the City"

"A space of tranquility, a space to reconnect with nature, a space to grow food, and a space to nurture ecosystems and support biodiversity." "A natural oasis in the city" "see and hear birds..an oasis where I can sit and read a book, sip a tea, and then walk along the path". "Many commented on the desire for a place of tranquility and calm within the city".

Comments below are also in recognition that Pine to Fir block is to become a Park shortly. I've copied several groups here as some are targeting this short stretch for show-casing pet projects.

Fir to 16th Greenway - Do's and Don'ts

The section of the Greenway Fir to 16th is established linear garden focused and was often used as a quiet place for neighbours to gather, relax after gardening, including the homeless observed actively meditating in the shade (yes really). Neighbouring schools bring children to learn about gardening. Fir to Burrard piece is ringed by roughly 600+ condo units (acoustics like an amphitheatre) who also cherish the quiet garden out front. As a result, the City has authorized a 12 storey rental adjacent as well. It's focus is a place to live, sleep and work. The entire Fir/Pine block is to become a park to support residential use.

In it's zeal to brand the Greenway as "the hot place to be", the short stretch of Greenway Fir to Pine appears to have become a test lab for anybody looking to fund some art, noise/music or event. There is no public consultation for these installations, and some are to last months or 2 years+. This level of focus tends to lend itself to uncontrolled future spinoffs, resulting in permanent busking, and ad hoc all-day musicians plugging in their amps to take advantage of "the hot new place to be" to

party or panhandle. (I've seen exactly this type of "seeding" destroy a food market, and result in unliveable permanent repeating multi-hour drum circles in parks). So, let's not let that happen as it is impossible to un-do. I'm suggesting some guidelines to follow below both now & for future.

For Fir to 16th - think strategically "600 Residences" - what would I want outside my bedroom window that would fit with the English garden idea and keep upwards of 1000 adjacent residents sane?

No-No's

- repeatedly placing installations & events in this garden stretch. It is beautiful as is. Try using the other 8km instead of lazily using the same 100 ft stretch.
- no noise events of any kind. No concerts, one-offs, drums wired to fences, pianos etc
- no pop-up fairs or BBQ's
- no excessive lighting it bleeds into condos at night
- oversized Pattison signs to be removed (5 in 2 blocks)
- no buskers, panhandlers, acrobats, party events
- no beer gardens, bars or bar/club licenses
- no weed shop licenses
- no excessive oversized graphic murals that don't fit next to English garden theme they belong in Gas town or urban decay areas.
- no pop up food market Granville is close enough already
- no pickle ball or tennis courts. Pickle ball is particularly noisy and lighted structures are a problem for condos.
- no dog runs, the existing pathway is sufficient
- no tent cities, or structures that might encourage vagrants
- no used clothing bins it is creating a mess at side of the Greenway and attracting vagrants
- no Food stands or sellers they typically play loud music to attract patrons and become a blight.

Good to do's

- portable library proposed likely ok but move it around along Greenway and ensure a boombox isn't parked outside to draw users, nor that it's electrical gets borrowed for "events".
- bee gardens and bee-keeping
- learn about gardening spaces schools come out to those
- sculpture or art that is more permanent, small at foot level & not made from junk think gardens!
- possibly an annual plant swap as long as it remains quiet and moved to other sections
- mostly kids from the condos need a bit of space to throw or kick a ball as they've been reduced to dodging bikes on the bike trail.
- Foster the current gardens, keep the area clean and don't dump unused construction barriers and pylons there

- maybe a fountain or water source for birds but not if it creates standing water & mosquitos for gardeners. (Note -this section is flight path ocean to inland)
- adjacent day-use coffee shop with very limited patio like Beaucoup works well and is popular.
- close down Pine from 6th to 5th to prevent truck traffic from striking pedestrians, bikes and foot traffic at Greenway and to/from No Frills. HIGH FOOT TRAFFIC & STROLLER AREA. Trucks are also trying to corner at 6th and 7th which is bikeway so you need to keep them north of 5th off of Pine over on Burrard where they belong.

In summary, the linear hardens are spectacular as is and a real differentiator for Vancouver. That's why we all bought into that. There is no need to pile on extra advertising or noise or events as a draw (old go-to habits). Take a 2nd read of the above quotes. **This Fir-16th stretch is heavily used BECAUSE of the gardens.** So don't mess up a good thing. Shuffle off the gimmicks and noise to the lesser used commercial stretches.

Thanks and I hope this encourages folks at COV to use the other stretches of the Greenway and be more mindful of dense residential. The drums are used roughly every 30 seconds to 1 min all day but especially evenings.

s.22(1) and other residents

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

CC: "Connery, Kevin" <Kevin.Connery@vancouver.ca>

"Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

Date: 7/28/2017 2:44:44 PM

Subject: FW: Citizen Feedback-101009927266

I called this resident. She is fine with the planned lighting. She request that we move the benches on the S-curve or consider a "Please be Quiet After Dark" sign in this area. Kevin/Maggie – is this worth considering?

Jordan Magtoto | Planning Analyst

T: (604) 829-4391 | jordan.magtoto@vancouver.ca

From: 311 Operations

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:01 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Citizen Feedback-101009927266

Hi.

311 received the following feedback for your department.

Thanks,

Paul 311



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101009927266 Case created: 2017-07-27, 03:48:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: 1972 LINDEN ROAD, Vancouver, V6M 1E7

Address2: Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)

Address: **s.22(1)**

Address2:

Phone: **s.22(1)** Email:

Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1.	Describe det	tails (who	, what,	where,	when,	why):	
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Citizen received a letter regarding pilot lighting being set up \$.22(1) the Arbutus Greenway and the letter asks to call to submit their feedback about this. She states they already have people back there all night s.22(1) that was installed there. The noise is defeaning. People **5.22(1)** all night, yelling, screaming and talking. She feels they have lost total privacy and finds this to be simply outrageous. She would also like to suggest that the bench be removed from this spot. Additionally, she feels that the cyclists riding along the corridor are rude and it almost seems as if they are trying to run into people on purpose. She thinks signage advising to be courteous might help.

	Citizen would also like a follow up call.
Do you want to be contacted?	Yes
Type of feedback:	Complaint
Feedback regarding:	City Department
Department:	Engineering Services
Division or Branch Name:	Project Delivery Branch - Arbutus
	Transportation Greenway

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 5/2/2018 4:44:46 PM

Subject: FW: Electric Alley Greenway proposal

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your email and for sharing your thoughts on the proposed design concept. I have shared your feedback with the design team.

As context, in 2016, the City of Vancouver purchased the Arbutus Corridor from Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of creating a high-quality public space for walking, cycling, and future streetcar. As part of this purchase agreement, the City is required to design the greenway for transportation and public realm purposes.

Recently the Arbutus Greenway design team shared the proposed design concept for the future Arbutus Greenway. This proposed design was influenced by public feedback, along with technical information and physical traits and constraints of the greenway. The proposed design features eight distinct "character zones" that provide a range of experiences, building on what we heard from the public. The zones also reflect on neighbourhood characteristics, and take inspiration from surrounding features such as parks, views, and topography.

During this round of engagement, we are asking residents to provide feedback on the proposed design concept through our online survey which you can find on our website (closes May 6th). Providing your feedback through the online survey helps us quantify public feedback and allows us to hear from a broad range of perspectives. Our design team will use feedback from this round of engagement to develop a Design Vision and Implementation Strategy that will go to Council for consideration in summer 2018.

Thank you for taking the time to contact us to share your thoughts and concerns.

Regards,

Arbutus Greenway Project Office City of Vancouver arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca | 3-1-1 vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway

----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:48 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Electric Alley Greenway proposal

Why do we need lighting?
Why do we need a roof?
Why do we need art installations?
Are we trying to attract crowds?

We presently have a calm quiet area. These changes would have a very negative impact.

Walking north, the view of the mountains would be blocked by overhead beams. Lights would disturb the tranquility and attract more people and noise. Presently the liquor store at Broadway and the Greenway attracts drinkers sitting outside at all hours. More of these people would be attracted.

More homeless people would be attracted to sleep in the bushes, like we had before the Greenway installation.

There is nothing GREEN in this proposal. We don't need lighting along this stretch. Installing lights would create light pollution in residences along the Greenway and is an unnecessary use of electricity. The development of the Greenway should be natural, not glitzy. Since this area is very industrial looking, we should be looking at adding green space to soften that feeling. Once these industrial buildungs are torn down and developed into condos, we will definitely need more green space.

This is the only section of the Greenway that is currently not very appealing. Going forward, it needs to be greener, certainly NOT more industrial looking as you are proposing.

Thank you for your consideration

s.22(1)

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/24/2020 12:36:54 PM

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Night Greenway Noise- Benches Between 33rd and

37th Avenue

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for writing to the Arbutus Greenway project team.

At this time, they are no plans to close the Arbutus Greenway at night. The Arbutus Greenway is an active transportation corridor and similar to the seawall it is open 24 hours. When we first installed the benches in the area between 33rd and 37th avenue we placed some "please be quiet" signs. I will have my colleague check if the signs are still there and if not, have some installed to remind people that there are residents nearby. If ever needed, please contact VPD non-emergency at (604) 717-3321 if you are experiencing a disturbance, or in the case of an emergency, 911.

In regards to smoking, we are in a bit of a grey zone. The Arbutus Greenway is not a Park, so it does not fall under the Park Board's Smoking Regulation Bylaw. However all of the parks next to the greenway fall under this Park's Board bylaw, and are non-smoking areas. As a City of Vancouver property, similar to a sidewalk, it falls under the City's Health By-Law No. 9535. This bylaw specifies that plazas are non-smoking areas, and the future Arbutus Greenway will likely include some plaza spaces, but it does not currently. Thus, for the entire Arbutus Greenway to become a non-smoking area City Council would need to amend the Health By-Law No. 9535 to include either "Greenways" or just the Arbutus Greenway as a non-smoking area.

Please feel free to response to this email if you have any questions or comments.

Warm regards, Danielle

Arbutus Greenway Project Office
City of Vancouver
arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca | 3-1-1
vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:23 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Night Greenway Noise- Benches Between 33rd and 37th Avenue

City of Vancouver Cybersecurity WARNING: This is an external email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Since the benches were installed on the greenway between 33rd and 37th avenue, there have

been constant problems with people loitering at night and creating noise for the (very close) surrounding neighbours.

Are there any plans to close or monitor the Greenway at night like public parks? Could signs be posted prohibiting smoking, as in parks?

Please let me know if there are any plans to keep this section of the greenway safe and quiet at night.

Best,	
s.22(1)	

s.22(1)

From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie.Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 10/26/2018 5:30:45 PM

Subject: FW: Lack of Resident Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting 33rd to

37th Ave.

FYI for saving

From: Dobrovolny, Jerry

Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 4:29 PM

To: s.22(1)

Subject: RE: Lack of Resident Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting 33rd to 37th Ave.

Importance: High

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for correspondence regarding the solar lighting that the City is installing along the Arbutus Greenway. The installation of the lighting is planned to resume in late October and I am aware the City Manager has responded to your previous email (dated September 21, 2018). I believe the Arbutus Project team have also followed up with a number of responses to your questions. I wish to additionally help clarify the context and background for this solar lighting.

As previously mentioned, we believe the temporary pathway provides us with the opportunity to trial different ideas that can help inform the design and construction of the permanent greenway. Following construction of the temporary pathway we noted that certain areas along the greenway do not benefit from any ambient light from adjacent street lighting to help provide lighting for pedestrians and cyclists. The stretch between W 33rd and W 37th Avenues is one notable area that is not illuminated from adjacent street lighting. Consequently, we saw this section of the greenway as an opportunity to not only address the substandard lighting in the area but to also trial solar lighting to determine its viability in helping us achieve our Greenest City Goal of using only renewable energy before 2050. As noted by the City Manager, considering that night lighting accounts for a significant percentage of the City® operating budget we are interested in solutions that reduce our operating costs.

The Arbutus Project team began a process to determine the minimum light levels for the path and outlined the City's technical and safety requirements for the lights in the scope of work for external contractors. Our goal was to explore solar light possibilities and ask the market for the most viable solution. As part of the Request for Proposals that went to market, we also asked that they consider both a pole top and bollard based solution for this area. The market's response to the City was that bollard lighting was not feasible and that a 6m high pole was necessary in order to place the photovoltaic panel in a position to optimize the capture of solar energy in the winter months. To note a 6m high light pole is a common pedestrian scale pole.

You have outlined a number of points of concern in your letter that I would like to follow up and respond.

1. Disruption to the Neighbourhood:

This particular area has low levels of ambient lighting and is one of the darkest sections along the Arbutus Corridor. From a technical standpoint, there is a genuine need for some form of lighting along this stretch. In terms of minimizing the impacts of the light on the surrounding property we are employing the following mitigation strategies:

- · Installing light fixture shields to minimize light spillage.
- · Providing the lowest levels of light necessary while still meeting minimum safety requirements.
- · Using pole-mounted light fixtures, which allow us to focus light onto the walking and biking surfaces.

2. Lack of Consultation with Residents

During our <u>four rounds of engagement</u>, including consultation on the <u>temporary path</u>, we heard that lighting and safety are design priorities for the public. We heard this feedback and the area between West 33rd and West 37th provided an opportunity to trial a lighting solution using a renewable energy solution. In terms of consultation on the lighting, the City have been sincere in discussing the project with residents, and have responded to concerns of several of your neighbours by adjusting the location of the poles to reduce their impact on views and other mitigation strategies as mentioned in the above. We have also heard positive feedback from the public and neighbouring residents who have highlighted the need to progress with lighting. In terms of public input into technical requirements, ultimately lighting is the City's responsibility as there are clear safety considerations that we do not typically open up for community debate.

3. Incomplete Information provided to City Council

The Arbutus Greenway project team presented the future Arbutus Design Vision and Implementation Strategy to Council in July 2018, focusing specifically on the future greenway. The presentation made to Council in July 2018 pertains to the permanent greenway and not the temporary pathway. The temporary pathway will trial many ideas including the installation of the solar powered lights and this will be a temporary condition until the design development of Zone 4, in which your area resides, is approved to progress by Council. At this point in time we only have direction from Council to proceed with design development of Zone 3 and Zone 8. Ultimately, the intention is that the Arbutus Greenway will be constructed over time and once Zone 4 is approved by Council to progress the lighting in this location will be relooked at as part of the design progression.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the importance to continue to progress with the installation of lighting in this area in order to provide a safe and comfortable path for all users. I would like to thank you for your interest in the solar light project and the Arbutus Greenway

overall.

Sincerely,

Jerry

Jerry Dobrovolny, P.Eng., MBA
General Manager, Engineering Services
City of Vancouver | 507 W Broadway
604.873.7331 | jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca

From: 5.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:25 PM

To: Dobrovolny, Jerry

Cc: pete.fry@vangreens.ca; adriane.carr@vangreens.ca; michael.wiebe@vangreens.ca; 5.22(1)

Subject: Lack of Resident Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting 33rd to 37th Ave.

s.22(1)

October 24, 2018

Mr. Jerry Dobrovolny City Engineer/General Manager City of Vancouver, Engineering Services 320 – 507 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V5Z 0B4

Re: Lack of Resident Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting 33rd to 37th Ave.

Dear Mr. Dobrovolny,

We are responding to a letter we received from your Department on October 22, 2018 informing us that you will proceed in late October with the installation of the 6 meter lights along the Arbutus Greenway from $33^{\rm rd}-37^{\rm th}$ Ave. We are disappointed that you are proceeding now in spite of our repeated requests to you, Maggie Buttle, and Sadhu Johnston that you undertake consultation with those of us who live adjacent to the Greenway and who will be significantly impacted by these 6 metre lights.

As you know, in 2017 we were informed by letter that the lighting from 33rd – 37th Avenue would be waist high, low impact, ambient lights. In June 2018 we indirectly found out that the lights would be 6 metre poles along the path every 30 metres for a total of 30 poles. We immediately sent several emails to the Arbutus Greenway Project Team to express our opposition. In early July 2018 we were told that an update would be provided but absolutely no update was received. We requested a

meeting with the Senior Project Manager, Maggie Buttle, prior to installation. The last week of August 2018 we received a postcard by mail stating that installation of the lights would begin. However, no mention was made of the type or size of lights that would be installed.

At the end of August 2018 we received a phone message from Ms Buttle. Upon returning that call we were informed that installation would begin in early September 2018 and that it did not matter what residents thought because these 6 metre lights would be installed anyway.

There are several reasons why we are very disturbed by this complete disregard for our concerns.

- 1. Disruption to the Neighbourhood: These 6 metre lights will cause excessive light pollution; they are unsightly creating a stadium feel and thus will ruin the natural beauty of the Greenway and our neighbourhood. It will look like an industrial site. We have been told that they are experimental and temporary, yet we found out that you intend to keep them in place from 5 to 13 years.
- 2. Lack of Consultation with Residents: The section from 33rd 37th Avenue is a unique area of the Arbutus Greenway. It is residentially dense having the largest number of homes that are adjacent to the Greenway. There are over 58 homes that could be directly impacted. On July 11, 2018 Maggie Buttle, was quoted in the Vancouver Courier as follows: "... there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the route around concerns such as noise, lighting and programming as each zone is developed." Yet when we asked Lon LaClaire and Maggie Buttle for consultation we were told "the City is not required to consult with residents". To date there has been no consultation about the lights with residents adjacent to this section of the Greenway.
- 3. Incomplete Information provided to City Council: These 6 metre lights were not shown with the four lighting examples that were in the Administrative Report that you presented to the Vancouver City Council on July 11, 2018. However, your Department had issued a contract on November 29, 2017 for \$420,000 to Urban Solar Corp. for these 6 metre lights for a distance of 900 meters. Therefore City Council approved a document with incomplete important information about the 6 metre lights already selected by your department.

We and our neighbours support the Arbutus Greenway and we support appropriate lighting. However we are extremely disturbed by your Department's lack of consultation and transparency. We kindly ask that you put an immediate halt on the installation of these 6 meter lights and so that you can undertake meaningful consultation with us and an appropriate lighting solution can be determined. We look forward to your response.

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Yours sincerely,

From: "Pabani, Akber" < Akber. Pabani@vancouver.ca>

To: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/21/2017 11:38:05 AM

Subject: RE: s.22(1) - Arbutus Greenway

Followed up with a phone call on Aug 21 2017 at 11.37am.

Details of the phone call:

Was an update on where the process is at currently. What the next steps are
May require another update to this individual.

Regards,

Akber Pabani, P.Eng., PMP
Project Engineer, Arbutus Greenway Project
cell s.15(1)(I) / direct 604 829 2042

From: Buttle, Maggie

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:12 PM

To: \$.22(1)

Cc: s.22(1) Pabani, Akber

Subject: RE: s.22(1) - Arbutus Greenway

Hi s.22(1)

Apologies the email address to Akber did not work for you but I can provide you with a short update.

Over the past two and a half months our Consultant Design team have come on board and they have been busy getting up to speed on the project and developing a number of high level design concepts for the future greenway. We are still in the middle of developing these concepts but as you can assume, the discussion of the hydro poles are part of this conversation.

Last week our team also had an initial introductory meeting with Hydro to further understand their utility demands and requirements. Unfortunately I was not at this meeting \$.22(1)

September

and early October will provide much greater clarity for me in terms of the options available to us for hydro pole relocation/ under-grounding. By then, the City will have a number of design concept options from our consultant and also greater understanding of space constraints for each option.

I hope this provides you with a bit more clarity of where we are in the process. Feel free to give me a call \$.22(1) otherwise Akber will be able to field your request to the appropriate members of my team.

Kind Regards, Maggie Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager

Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: August 14, 2017 2:43 PM

To: Buttle, Maggie

Cc: s.22(1)

Subject: RE: 5.22(1) - Arbutus Greenway

Hi Maggie, any progress in the past few months?

Thanks.

s.22(1)

From: Buttle, Maggie [mailto:Maggie.Buttle@vancouver.ca]

Sent: 31 May 2017 1:05 PM

To: 5.22(1)

Cc: \$.22(1) Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>;

s.22(1)

Subject: RE: 5.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Hi s.22(1)

Good to hear from you. As of yesterday Council approved our consultant to start work on design for the future greenway which is great news. The consultant will begin this week but they well take at least a couple of months for their review of the corridor and start early formation of concepts/ options. Simultaneously we also have our survey crews doing a survey of the entire corridor over the coming months which will give us an idea of the width along the full length of the corridor. Until some of these actions get completed it is really too early to tell whether we are in a position to bury the Hydro poles or relocate them. But as soon as we make progress on this I will be in touch.

I hope that provides some insight on where we are at with this idea at the moment.

Kind regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591 Cell: **s.15(1)(I)**

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Buttle, Maggie

Cc: \$.22(1) Arbutus Greenway; \$.22(1)

Subject: RE: 5.22(1) - Arbutus Greenway

Hi Maggie, any progress on the brilliant idea to remove the Hydro poles, bury the lines, and reclaim at least 12' of width to the Greenway between West 37th Ave and West 33rd Ave ? ©

Best regards,

s.22(1)



From: Buttle, Maggie [mailto:Maggie.Buttle@vancouver.ca]

Sent: 23 May 2017 9:19 AM

To: \$.22(1)

Cc: s.22(1) Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>;

s.22(1)

Subject: RE: 5.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Hi s.22(1)

Yes I was speaking with s.22(1) just last week too about this idea so it seems like a lot of your neighbours are interested. That great to hear you will sign up to our updates, as really that is the best way of hearing everything first hand. We send monthly newsletters telling everyone what welve been up to that month and what head. But feel free to reach out to me anytime also with an email or a phone call.

Well s.22(1) coffee is my weakness so I will have to take you up on that offer sometime.

Thanks, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: 5.22(1)

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:08 PM

To: Buttle, Maggie

Cc: s.22(1) Arbutus Greenway; s.22(1)

Subject: Re: \$.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Thanks Maggie. I really appreciate your response.

I am excited to tell you I have found another pledger to match my commitment, which was nice to see. It looks like there are many neighbours on the street interested in supporting this initiative in just a few days, great to see how positive the people are responding to this idea.

I have copied s.22(1) who I understand you have been in touch with and who also supports this initiative.

However we will have to figure out a way to keep s.22(1) on the property line□

so am having a tough time understanding how we will incorporate a future streetcar on the line..we shall see.. I am a big supporter of an underground subway.perhaps you can confidentially let my neighbours know that. Sorry I can't fully fund that project.

I will sign up as you suggested and please stay in touch.

s.22(1)

Stay in touch,

s.22(1)

From my iPhone

On May 19, 2017, at 5:35 PM, Buttle, Maggie < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hello S.22(1)

Thank you for your email, which followed up on our conversation about the plan for the hydro-poles. In happy to hear of your support for this multi-use path, it great to see so many people out and using it already.

In regards to your suggestion for residents in the area to financially assist towards the cost of burying the hydro-poles, I will speak with our project sponsor about this proposal you have put forward.

In terms of our times line we will have an external design consultant team starting in early June who will be focused on coming up with a number of schematic options for the future greenway. As part of this design they will be looking at our existing widths along the entire corridor to understand where our constraints are and to understand where the path and future streetcar will go. Most notably the hydro poles will be part of this assessment. The team will be producing a number of design options over the summer months and we will be reporting out on this in the fall. I believe we will be in a better position to understand constraints and requirements later this year once this analysis is complete. However, this proposal you have put forward is something to consider when we look to make a call on the need to bury the hydro lines or move them.

Please keep in touch with me as we approach consultation in the fall and sign up to our newsletter so that you can receive up to date information for what is happening on the greenway, when we will be out in the community and updates on consultation. You can do this by visiting our website here and entering your details in the get project updates section at the end of the homepage (see attached image).

Thank you for reaching out to me about this proposal, I will be in touch with you as the design progresses and I have spoken with our project sponsor.

Kind Regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: 5.22(1)

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:47 AM

To: Buttle, Maggie Cc: 5.22(1)

Subject: Fwd: 5.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Hi Maggie.

Attached is an email I wrote last night with respect to the Arbutus greenway project.

Please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,



From my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 5.22(1)

Date: May 18, 2017 at 6:07:03 PM PDT **To:** arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca

Cc: s.22(1)

Subject: 5.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Hello, I am trying to reach out to Maggie Buttle to give some feedback with respect to the Arbutus Greenway

Our residence is adjacent to the arbutus corridor 5.22(1)
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We unfortunately were not aware of your consultation process earlier this year, and would like to give some input for consideration upon reading "the Arbutus Greenway Consultation Summary Report March 2017"

A number of residents on 35th Ave, have expressed a keen and committed interest in having the hydro lines buried so as to beautify the route, make it more natural in the city and allow for the route to be widened between 33 and 37th to allow for safer walking, running and cycling on the route. We are very much in support of this initiative and multi-use of the route for this purpose.

Given we have a direct view to the greenway, we can attest first hand the increase in traffic that has occurred on the route in the past few months. We are extremely pleased the city is making better use of the property, and have found there to be very little increased noise from the users of the greenway.

We are more than happy to financially assist the city in burying the ugly hydro wires. It has been suggested by several residents on 35th ave that they would be prepared to contribute their proportionate costs (depending upon amount estimated) and that for those residents who did not have the funds or do not wish to pledge the funds necessary at that time, that a "charge" with nominal interest accruing to the City could be placed on the properties with recovery to the City at the time of the properties' eventual sale.

and I feel this is a very unique idea and we would love to speak to you about this further. We are even prepared to commit more than our proportionate financial interest to see this part of the project addressed as part of the overall plan.

I do realize that for a project of this nature, you might come across a property owner who totally objects to paying anything toward an initiative like this, and as a result could potentially stop the initiative. If this becomes the case, please don't hesitate to reach out to us to see if we can personally/financially resolve the issue. We feel burying the hydro lines would be a lovely addition to the project.

	ng to you further with re	espect to the project at any time.	
Sincerely,			
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From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 4/4/2018 3:54:58 PM

Subject: RE: About the future streetcar

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for contacting us.

As part of our purchase agreement with CP Rail we are planning for the eventual implementation of rail-based transit; however, the timing of streetcar service is dependent on regional funding priorities for our transportation system. In other words, we are designing the greenway to preserve the space for a future streetcar line but we don't know when it will be implemented. It will likely be at least 20 years from now because it's not part of TransLink's current 10-year Vision for Transportation, which identifies Broadway SkyTrain Extension in Vancouver and LRT in Surrey as the regional proprieties.

In regards to what the future streetcar may look like, currently modern streetcars are quiet, electrified, sleek profile trains with level boarding and large picture windows that help make transit a more accessible and pleasant transportation option. It is in our interest that the proposed streetcar system is does not affect those living near it.

Now that the temporary pathway is mostly complete, our team is focusing attention on long-term designs for the greenway. Our proposed design concept for the future greenway will incorporate more community spaces for socializing and gathering, native landscaping, and lighting, as requested by the public, while also accommodating walking, cycling and the future streetcar. We are organizing a number of open houses later this month to share the Arbutus Greenway proposed design concept with the public. These open houses will provide you with an opportunity to chat with the design team and give us your feedback on the proposed design concept.

The open house dates are as follows:

Saturday April 21st	12-3pm
Wednesday April 25 th	5-7pm
Saturday April 28 th	12-2pm

Location: City Lab 511 West Broadway

We hope to see you at one of our open houses!

Kind regards,

Arbutus Greenway Project Office City of Vancouver arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca | 3-1-1 vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 1:43 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: About the future streetcar

Hello there,

I'm the resident on the **5.22(1)** Unfortunately, I missed the Design Jam, but the idea seems really interesting. So about the future streetcar, maybe you guys don't really have answer yet but I got the couple question/concern here:

- 1. Is it going to replace the buses that run on the Arbutus street?
- 2. On the concept idea, seem like my unit will be surrounding by the streetcar, so I'm worry about the noise & vibration that cause by the streetcar. Form my experience of seeing the streetcar in Portland and San Francisco, they are actually making quit a bit noise and vibration, and since my unit is really close to the trail, I can imagine the noise & shaking that might happen when the streetcar is driving pass.

Cheers,

s.22(1)

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/11/2019 2:07:05 PM

Subject: RE: Arbutus Blackway Lighting

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for contacting the Arbutus Greenway project team. I appreciate you getting in touch with us to share your thoughts and experience to date regarding the solar lighting. Our project manager Maggie Buttle would like to chat with you on the phone if you wished to discuss this more?

To provide some background, in October our project manager met with some of your neighbours who wished to discuss their concerns in person. As an outcome of this meeting it was decided that there will likely be a follow up meeting sometime in the spring. In the meantime, we encourage residents to get in touch with us if there are any issues around light spillage. For public safety concerns, please contact VPD non-emergency at (604) 873-7000, or in the case of an emergency, 911. I've also attached a letter from Neighbourhood Block Watch with some additional information.

In answer your question about using the existing utility poles - the utility poles are property of BC Hydro, and so we are unable to use them. As further context, these poles can range in age up to 30 to 70 years old so guaranteeing their stability and capacity to carry the solar lighting components would be difficult to ensure.

It's also worth mentioning that as we head into the detailed design stage for this section of the greenway we will revisit the lighting design and style from our lessons learned with this lighting and so we appreciate your feedback to the team about these lights.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and our project manager would be happy to speak with you.

Kind regards, Danielle

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 12:51 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Re: Arbutus Blackway Lighting

Just wanted to give my (and several neighbours) opinion on the new lighting installed between 33 and 37th.

It is simply AWFUL!!!

The large solar panels 20' up in the air are visual pollution to say the least. We have observed a marked increase in late night traffic along the route following the lighting going in which in turn creates noise pollution for adjacent home owners and of course the presence of many more "shady" characters and the smell of marijuana is ever present.

As an alternative to installing large concrete footings and buying new single purpose 20' metal poles for these "temporary" lights, was attaching the lights to existing (plentiful) power/tel poles not considered? It would have been a lot cheaper and reduced the number of eye sore poles along the way.

All of the property owners along the greenway that I have spoken to are very disappointed with the City's handling of this as well as the result!

s.22(1)

On Oct 24, 2018, at 11:54 AM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your email to the Arbutus Greenway project team. Ill sorry that the lighting is turning out to be different than what was to be hoped for along this corridor.

To begin with some high level background for you, one of our primary objectives is to design and build a greenway that is a safe, comfortable and accessible amenity for all to enjoy. In our first round of consultation, we heard from many residents and stakeholders that there was a need for lighting along the temporary path. The stretch between W 33rd and W 37th Avenues was prioritized because it has particularly low levels of ambient lighting and because it is not illuminated from adjacent street lighting. Consequently we saw an opportunity to not only address the substandard lighting in the area but to also trial solar lighting to determine its viability in helping us achieve our Greenest City Goal of using only renewable energy before 2050.

The process we used began with staff determining the minimum light levels for the path and then asking the market to respond. We required the market to use solar powered lights and asked that they consider pole top and bollard based solutions. Our goal was to explore solar light possibilities and ask the market for the most viable solution. The market response was that bollard lighting was not feasible and that a 6m high pole was necessary in order to place the photovoltaic panel in a position to optimize the capture of solar energy in the winter months. It worth noting that individual bollards illuminate a relatively small area. In order for bollards to provide the minimum light levels the City requires for safe travel through this area, the bollards would need to be spaced

approximately 4m apart. (The current pole mounted lights are spaced approximately 30m apart). Considering the path is 5m wide this would necessitate bollards be placed on both sides of the path to provide sufficient coverage. At 850 meters long this equates to 212 bollards per side of the path and 422 bollards in total.

Ultimately lighting is the City® responsibility as there are clear technical and safety considerations that we do not typically open up for community debate. Yet, along this stretch of the greenway we have talked with and responded to concerns of several of your neighbours. As a result of this input we have been able to make some changes such as adding shields to the light fixture to minimize light spillage and adjustments to light fixture placement were technically feasible. We believe trialing solar lighting is in the interest of all of Vancouverites both in terms of environmental and financial responsibility. Considering that night lighting accounts for a significant percentage of the City® operating budget we are interested in solutions that reduce our operating costs.

I would like to thank you for your interest in the solar light project and the Arbutus Greenway overall. Input from residents such as yourself help us understand a broader range of perspectives. Please feel free to response to this email if you have any questions or comments. We hope you will continue be part of conversation about the design for the future Arbutus Greenway.

Kind Regards, Danielle

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----Original Message----

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 9:12 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Arbutus Blackway Lighting

Having just read your notice letter dated Oct.22, as a home owner along the Greenway where the lighting is about to be installed, I am outraged and extremely disappointed that the City has discarded the bollard lighting option and is planning on installing huge 20½ high poles along the Greenway between 33rd and 37th. This will result in major light pollution into adjacent homes and is completely unacceptable.

All the numerous home owners along this strip are outraged and astounded that the City have unilaterally decided to do this despite home owners/taxpayers input to the contrary.

Please explain your statement that the markets response was that bollard lighting is currently not feasible.

I strongly suggest this critical issue be revisited.

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 6/7/2018 10:36:22 AM

Subject: RE: Arbutus Greenway - June Newsletter

Hi s.22(1)

I hear your concerns and I want to let you know that I am aware of the issues that happened with last year's programming. I'm sorry that last year's programming, in particular the Street Beats installation, had such a negative impact on you and other residents. It is our intention for this to not happen again.

With this summer's activation call out we are selecting project ideas that are appropriate to each space. For the space between Maple St and Cypress St we are suggesting events that celebrate nature, for instance, basket weaving workshops, workshops to learn about community gardens and urban farmers, etc. If an event is proposed for area that is not suitable for the space we reserve the right to suggest an alternative location. This has been stated on the application and is something we will carry out as needed.

Please feel free to reply to this email if you have further concerns.

Kind regards, Danielle

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 4:58 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Re: Arbutus Greenway - June Newsletter

One area where the Greenway staff go very wrong is trying to over-program the Greenway. In the heart of the city, quiet green space is what is lacking and sorely needed. Especially the precious stretch along 6th which is very close to the 2 bridges, 4th avenue etc. The existing COV reports mention that quiet green theme repeatedly. Inviting the public to program it just exacerbates the problem. Some Greenway staff were unaware that the VIVA Noisemaker at Fir was modified immediately due to noise issues - that's why thereafter only a few complaints occurred but the initial installation was in fact a BIG problem. Staff declined to do anything but the artist complied quickly. It took some effort though to find the artist.

Don't make the residents work so hard to fix your basic programming mistakes. Keep things quiet and respectful of the neighbourhood and our green spaces free of "events"

"ping pong" etc. Put the programming on 4th Street or 41st or Main Street.

Our green space is far too precious to squander on pet projects that are implemented without due care nor follow-up. s.22(1) Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2018, at 3:33 PM, arbutusgreenway cem@list.vancouver.ca wrote:

Proposed Design Concept Open Houses and Survey

Thank you to everyone who attended the proposed design concept open houses and completed our online survey. Our consultation summary report is coming soon. We'll be sharing your comments when we present to City Council this summer. Stay tuned.

VIVA Vancouver Launches Activation Program on the Arbutus Greenway

Help us bring the greenway to life! This summer, we're collaborating with VIVA Vancouver and we want your help to activate these four locations:

- Arbutus Greenway between Maple Street and Cypress Street
- West 41st Avenue at Arbutus St
- West 57th Avenue and Arbutus Street
- Southwest Marine Drive and West 71st Avenue

Excited and want to learn more? Great! Check out this link to apply for the VIVA Vancouver call for pop-up activations. Successful candidates will receive up to \$5,000 to implement their project. Make sure to complete your application by 5 pm on Friday, June 8, 2018.

Seniors on the Move

On Tuesday, June 5, 2018, <u>Seniors on the Move</u>, the City of Vancouver, and community partners including Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST) and the Westside Seniors Hub are hosting a day of active transportation demonstrations in Kerrisdale for seniors. Come by and...

- Test ride bicycles, trikes, and electric bikes
- Take a spin in a cargo bike
- Give urban poling a try (Nordic walking).

Join us from 10 am to 2 pm at the parking lot north of West 41st Avenue, adjacent to the greenway. Light refreshments will be available along with information about seniors' transportation options.

"Scene" on the Greenway: Hello sunshine!

Take a moment and stop and smell the flowers

Cycling pals

What a rewarding view

Temporary Path Construction Update

We have started construction of a new pedestrian and cyclist crossing at Southwest Marine Drive. This will make it easier to cross Southwest Marine Drive while on the Arbutus Greenway. We hope to activate the signals this summer.

About the Arbutus Greenway Project

The Arbutus Greenway is a future, north-south transportation corridor that, once completed, will connect False Creek to the Fraser River. Our goal is to start constructing sections of the permanent greenway by late 2019. To learn more about the Arbutus Greenway, visit vancouver.ca /arbutusgreenway

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Thank you, City of Vancouver 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4 From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

"LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 9/13/2018 4:35:47 PM

Subject: RE: Arbutus Greenway light installation between 33rd - 37th

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about solar lighting on the Arbutus Greenway and for speaking with me earlier.

One of our primary objectives is to design and build a greenway that is a safe, comfortable and accessible amenity for all to enjoy. At the same time, we're very much aware of adjacent land uses and strive to be a good neighbor. As I mentioned over the phone, the new light fixtures have been designed to minimize light intrusion into adjacent homes. They will have shields installed around the actual light fixture in order to minimize any light spillage or glare, and will be lower than standard street light poles. The lighting has been designed to suit the surrounding environment, and where possible, the City has considered the location of the lights to residential properties.

From a safety perspective, one of the challenges we face is that the portion of the corridor between West 33rd Avenue and West 37th Avenue has particularly low levels of ambient light. I also want to acknowledge your concerns about safety. What we've learned though the field of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is that good lighting decreases criminal activity. What we've learned though the field of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is that good lighting decreases criminal activity. The Arbutus Greenway was purchased with the intent of creating a high-quality public amenity for all to enjoy. I assure you that safety is a priority for us as well.

With respect to height, as I mentioned over the phone, the project team looked at bollard-style lighting and spoke with a number of solar lighting companies to better understand our options. Unfortunately, none of the suppliers were able to provide an option that met the City's technical requirements. In addition to cost and commercial availability, one of the main challenges is that bollards provide a small surface area for solar panels, which affects their ability to provide an adequate lighting. The City has awarded the contract for lighting and their best proposal to meet our requirements was a solar light that is lower than a standard streetlight at approximately 6.7m.

We always appreciate feedback as this lighting is a trial for the City and we want to work with residents to minimize light spillage. As we begin the detailed design for the future greenway of this area I would like to assure you that the Arbutus Greenway team is committed to working closely with local residents during the detailed design stage to ensure that the design and construction of the future greenway minimizes impacts on greenway neighbours.

I hope from our phone call today and this email, I have been able to provide a bit more information to you. Please feel free to respond to this email or give me a call at 604 8716591 if you wish to speak further.

Kind regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 11:13 AM

To: Buttle, Maggie; LaClaire, Lon

Subject: Arbutus Greenway light installation between 33rd - 37th

Hello Maggie,

Further to my voicemail, I would like to write my concerns over the installation of the lighting along the section between 33-37th Ave along the Arbutus Greenway. I have seen the concept plans online for the woodland bend and the visuals implied a beautiful natural showcase of this section of the greenway. I agree that the path should be safe for all who use it but am opposed to the height and the use of these tall obtrusive metal lights along the path. Twenty-five of these would be a negative impact to the natural beauty of this section as well as negatively impact the quiet peaceful residential area. The light will attract more noise and late night activity (good and bad). These lights will also be on all night and will be a distraction to the residents who have have lived with tranquil evenings for decades.

As these are not to be fully operational until the fall, is there a chance you could consult with the residents along this section of the corridor who will be impacted by these lights? We were never given a chance for input. While you are employed by the city to look at this project from the view of the broader community, you should also look at the impact these plans will have to the residents who live by the greenway. Many of the residents along this section of the greenway have lived here for decades and to not be consulted is an insult. with thanks.

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From: "Fitzgerald, Megan" < Megan.Fitzgerald@vancouver.ca>
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CC: "Arbutus Greenway" < arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>
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Date: 8/30/2018 9:27:59 AM

Subject: RE: Arbutus Greenway, Zone 1 - from owner at "Greenwich on 5th"

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me yesterday morning. I've summarized our discussion for members of the design team, including the some of the comments and concerns you mentioned with respect to the future design, such as:

A strong interest in being part of the detailed design	process for this zone;
\square A desire to preserve solar access from the first-floor	units;
☐ Concerns about potential privacy issues with people/ third floor units; and	gardeners being able to see into second and
Concerns about security, depending on the design of	the future retaining wall.

As I mentioned over the phone, we recognize the importance of working with neighbouring stratas as part of the design process. We really appreciate you reaching out and taking the time to provide input on the design. We added a note to our stakeholder registry to make sure that your building is included in future meetings and other opportunities to get involved, and so that we have you contact information should we need to get in touch. I will follow up with Maggie Buttle, our senior project manager, about arranging a site visit (unfortunately, it probably wouldn! be for a while due to other time-sensitive commitments).

Also, here is a bit more information about some of the documents I mentioned over the phone that provide direction on next steps:

Design Vision: This document summarizes the "design vision" for the future greenway, focusing on
design concepts for eight distinct character zones along the length of the greenway. Zone 1, the
area between Fir St to Broadway, can be found on pp. 6-9 and pp. 50-52. Note that these are high-
level design concepts; additional consultation is planned as part of detailed design.

☐ Implementation Strategy: This is our current thinking in terms of phasing for design and construction, and has been approved by Council. The main thing to note is that detailed design for

Zone 1 will be part of a future phase of work (2022 and beyond).

□ July 2018 Council Report: Provides background and seeks approval on the Design Vision and Implementation Strategy. The recommendations were approved by Council, thereby endorsing the Design Vision and Implementation Strategy.

I'm always happy to chat if you have any follow-up questions regarding any of these documents and what it means for your strata, or any other questions. You had asked about the stop sign on Cypress Street as well as whether the City had any plans to widen the pedestrian portion of the pathway. Let me follow up with the project team and get back to you with a response.

Thanks again, Megan

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 12:17 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Cc: s.22(1)

s.22(1)

Subject: Re: Arbutus Greenway, Zone 1 - from owner at "Greenwich on 5th"

Kevin, Hi ~

As the Greenway newsletters indicate, plans are being formalized for sections of the Greenway. Again, I ask to arrange a meeting on our property **Greenwich on 5th** so you can see firsthand the impact of moving community gardens to our south border. My previous correspondence can be found below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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On Jun 15, 2018, at 2:41 PM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Dear 5.22(1)

Thank you for reaching out to Maggie Buttle and I of the Arbutus Greenway team.

Your email raises several valid considerations and we appreciate your ongoing efforts to bring them to our attention. As we have previously discussed the design of the interface between the greenway and your property is at a preliminary stage. I would

like to assure you that the Arbutus Greenway team is committed to working closely with local residents during the detailed design stage to ensure that the design and construction of the future greenway minimizes impacts on greenway neighbours.

Thank you again for the level of detail you have provided to convey your situation. We also appreciate the suggestions you have given us. We look forward to working with you and the other residents of Greenwich and 5th once we start the detail design for this area which is not anticipated to occur for several years.

Sincerely,

Kevin Connery MBCSLA | Landscape Architect Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6614

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2018 5:00 PM To: Buttle, Maggie; Connery, Kevin

Cc: City Engineer; Arbutus Greenway; Robertson, Gregor

Subject: Re: Arbutus Greenway, Zone 1 - from owner at "Greenwich on 5th"

Dear Ms. Buttle and Kevin Connery,

Thank you for response. I am pleased to read in your response that conversations and feedback from residents at Greenwich on 5th are being considered and revisions to Greenway designs can be made. I look forward to meeting with you here on site, and in the meantime I ask that you view the photos and descriptives at the very bottom of this email.

The psychological enjoyment and horticultural benefits of sunlight have been known since the beginning of mankind. Solar access is a natural resource which affects our quality of life. When the sun is in the south for more than half of the year, the south-facing units in Greenwich, approximately 45, enjoy access to direct sunlight. Direct sunlight heats my apartment for 3 seasons, lessening my reliance on gas and electric heating. Most of the owners on the patio level are gardeners with gardens which currently enjoy the benefits of sunlight.

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I am able to grow a wide variety of ornamental plants and vegetables

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All of the above will be impacted by construction of a retaining wall in close proximity to our south property line. A wall set-back 1 to 1.5 metres will still have an impact considering the height required with a steep slope.

Aesthetically, all Greenwich units which either directly or indirectly face south enjoy viewing a natural green habitat. That was a major factor for my purchasing in this location, and I have heard other owners comment similarly. The replacement of this green habitat with a retaining wall may well impact our property values as well as our enjoyment in living here.

Ms. Buttle states that we already have a retaining wall of 3 metres. At the south end of our grass courtyard is a brick architectural feature which does not go east or west behind our 2 main buildings or further west behind our 2 heritage houses. (This email becomes too large to include a photo of the brick feature.)

Ms. Buttle also states that the slope is hard to maintain. Within the past 10 days, half of the blackberries were mowed down, a quick task which took minutes. Considering Vancouver goal to be amongst the **Greenest Cities** eliminating blackberries and destroying food for birds and people is counterintuitive to the city** goal.

I am very much a supporter of community gardens and am in favour of increasing their numbers. As an alternative to the expensive proposal to *attempt* to eliminate blackberries, construct a wall and safety rails, and bring in landfill to the south of Greenwich on 5th, I propose that gardens can be built to the east on our block as well as in the block between Burrard and Pine Streets. There are currently fewer community gardens on that block due to many large trees on the south side. However, on the north side of the Greenway in that block, there is sunlight, no trees, and no slope, resulting in an increase in numbers for community gardens. The same is true in the block between Pine and Fir Street.

I repeat my concern for our security with the construction of a wall. How easy it would be for someone to place a wood plank between a new retaining wall and the top of our fence, and then jump onto our property. Also, placement of community gardens in such close proximity to our windows, decks, and patios results in a loss of our privacy.

I am a member of s.22(1)

I ask that you consider the alternatives to construction of a retaining wall which would have many significant impacts on the liveability of our homes. I look forward to a meeting on our site.



On May 17, 2018, at 8:29 AM, Buttle, Maggie < Maggie.Buttle@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Dear \$.22(1)

I am writing to you on behalf of Mayor and Council regarding your email sent May 5th. My team and I spoke with a number of the owners and strata council members of your condominium at our Arbutus Greenway open houses. We thank you for following up with an email detailing our discussions.

The design for the future Arbutus Greenway is currently at a conceptual design stage and the proposed design is meant to serve as an overarching design vision. We will gather public feedback from this phase of engagement, including conversations we've had with the residents of Greenwich on 5th, and revise the design where appropriate. We will present the design vision and an implementation strategy to Council for their consideration this summer. Pending Council approval, we will develop a Master Plan, and then explore detailed designs for the first zones to be constructed. During detailed design we will identify construction details, including items such as materials, wall heights, and privacy/security for residents. We are committed to collaborating closely with local residents during detailed design to ensure that the construction of the future greenway does not negatively impact greenway neighbours.

We understand that you are concerned with specific details and would like to provide some preliminary high-level comments that will be further addressed during detailed design:

- The need to construct a retaining wall is to allow a great availability of useable public space for the greenway. Currently the northern 5 meters of the greenway falls away quite quickly, is not useable, and is difficult to maintain. We expect the new retaining wall to set back from the property line by approximately 1 to 1.5 metres. We understand there is a tall (approximately 3 metre) retaining wall already on your site. By placing the new retaining wall back from the existing wall, our goal is to ensure that residents like you, living in the ground floor residential units will have access to sunlight similar to what you experience today. The wall will also include a safety and security fence to keep people from stepping or falling off the new retaining wall down to the top of the tall retaining wall. The space between the two walls will be planted with shrubs and ground cover to help maintain a similar level of privacy as to what you currently experience. We also anticipate that the vines can grow along the top fence, further enhancing your privacy.
- The proposal to move the community gardens to the north edge of the corridor was due to both the technical requirements to have the streetcar located on the south side of the greenway, near faster modes of cars and cyclists. Placing the gardens to the north side of

- the corridor also provides better solar exposure and the ability to be adjacent to the users strolling on the pedestrian path. As part of the City's 'Greenest City Strategy' there is an overall aim to increase the number of community gardens in Vancouver. In keeping with the City's goal we are aim to provide no net loss of community gardens along the greenway and where feasible, increase the number of community gardens.
- Our team appreciates your feedback regarding the location of the proposed plaza area for the Harvest Table. We will explore relocating it adjacent to the commercial building that sits to the east of your development.

I wish to thank you for your ongoing interest in the project and providing feedback regarding the Arbutus Greenway proposed design. As always, please feel free to reach out at any time if you have further questions.

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2018 2:56 PM

To: Connery, Kevin; City Engineer; Arbutus Greenway; Robertson, Gregor **Subject:** Arbutus Greenway, Zone 1 - from owner at Ö'Greenwich on5tho

May 6, 2018

Re: Design Proposals for Arbutus Greenway - Zone 1 'Harvest Table'

To: Arbutus Greenway committee, Kevin Connery, Jerry Dobrovolny, Mayor Robertson, and City Council,

I am writing as \$.22(1)

5th", which looks up to the south at the Arbutus Greenway. Attached is a photo from \$.22(1) which indicates that the current path is approximately 15 feet above \$.22(1) Note there is a pedestrian standing on the path in the photo.

There are 90 units, including 2 heritage houses on Cypress, in our award-winning complex. 5.22(1)

and am proud of the tremendous effort we make to be among the most well-maintained condo properties in our city. The high demand for purchasing a unit, even selling over high asking prices, is an indication of how attractive "Greenwich on 5th" is. It is my opinion that our location adjacent to the tranquil and green Arbutus Greenway is part of the appeal. When I purchased 5.22(1)

certainly was for me.

However, we are in a unique position as our property lies significantly and directly below the grade of the Greenway. When designers of the new proposals suggest that the community gardens can be moved to our property line, I question whether they took into consideration the steep slope.

I ask that the Greenway committee consider a few alternatives to the placement of the community gardens - such as placement within the green belt between the pedestrian lane and bike lane or placement of gardens to the east end of this block where there are no residences. These options would eliminate the large expense in attempting to remove blackberries, construction of a wall, and bringing in landfill. Should you need more width to accommodate the plan to expand the proposed pedestrian lane, there is almost 3 feet on the north side before the slope drops off steeply. This solution is infinitely more appealing than looking at a wall, which would be imprisoning our south property line.

I am beyond concerned, actually anxious, at the prospect of a wall which blocks sunlight from my unit \$.22(1) is a security risk for jumping onto our property \$.22(1) loss of privacy as community gardeners and others will be in close proximity \$.22(1) s.22(1) and loss of enjoyment from our current view of a green habitat.

In my conversation with Kevin Connery at an open house, he also understood our concern for placement of a Harvest Table, which is shown in the design to sit directly above our courtyard. We are concerned about the potential for noise due to night gatherings, noise which will reverberate in our courtyard.

All of the above have a significant impact on the livability of our homes. It is our understanding that the Arbutus Greenway project team will directly engage with owners and the strata council (5 of whom face the Greenway) to arrive at solutions which address our concerns.



Photo shows that grade of the Greenway path is approximately 15 feet above \$.22(1)

Note person standing on the path.

I am able to grow carrots, rosemary, parsley, basil, and many types of lettuce.

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From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: "Jim Hall" s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 10/5/2018 1:22:42 PM

Subject: RE: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of

Residents - Lights Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Attachments: RE: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway

Lighting Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave..eml

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Hi Jim,

Thank you for your time this morning and for your continuous support of this project. I really appreciate being able to turn to you in the community for your opinion on issues like this.

As discussed please see attached the emails sent from our City manager so that you have context regarding this issue. Further to this, below is some technical detail below in terms of why the market did not go with the bollard options and instead elected to put forward a design for 30 light installations that met our safety and technical requirements for this area. This information has not being provided to residents in an email because it gets into the detail, but anyone who has got in touch with our project team I have relayed this information to them verbally over the phone.

We asked the solar lighting industry if using bollard-mounted light solutions to illuminate this stretch of the greenway was an option. The market signaled to us quite clearly that solar powered bollards lights were not viable at this time for the following reasons:

- Individual bollards illuminate a relatively small area. In order for bollards to provide the
 minimum light levels the City requires for safe travel through this area, the bollards would need
 to be spaced approximately 4m apart. (The current pole mounted lights are spaced
 approximately 30m apart)
- Considering the path is 5m wide this would necessitate bollards be placed on both sides of the
 path to provide sufficient coverage. At 850 meters long this equates to approximately 212
 bollards per side of the path and 422 bollards in total
- With a requirement to locate the PV panel and battery close to each cluster of 10 bollards, 43
 6m tall poles would need to be installed along the north side of the greenway, rather than the 30 that we are currently installing for the pole mounted lights.
- For these reasons we have chosen to use pole mounted light fixtures with integrated PV panels and batteries.

Please let me know if I can provide any further additional information to you Jim. Thank you for getting in contact with our team regarding this so we can provide you will all the necessary information.

Warm regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager

Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: Jim Hall 5.22(1)

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 11:52 AM

To: Buttle, Maggie Cc: Dobrovolny, Jerry

Subject: FW: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of Residents - Lights

Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Maggie, thanks for the details.

Jerry, Maggie I have stated in many meetings that the Arbutus Greenway public consultation process is one of the best I have seen the City do. You guys are the <code>[]</code>ace<code>[]</code>of that consultation and are to be congratulated.

I believe I will be able to adequately deal with the neighbourhood on this complaint \(\Precedent{I} \)

From: Jim Hall

Sent: October 5, 2018 11:46 AM

To: 'Roy Wares'

Cc: s.22(1)

Subject: RE: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of Residents - Lights Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Roy, don't pass this on yet.

I talked to Maggie Buttle. She provided some technical information:

- Not stadium lights shining into back-yards
- 6 metre high poles with shades shielding light so it only shines down on pathway
- City wants to use solar. Solar panel will be mounted on top of 30(?) poles. To do solar on lowlevel bollards would entail about 400 bollards and excessive costs
- Maggie has gotten back to everyone who has a complaint and after talking to her, most neighbours were okay
- Maggie has promised that shields will not allow lighting into backyards; but if this happens, she will check the shields to fix it.

Based on my discussion with Maggie, I am comfortable with the City decision.

Roy, **s.22(1)** comments?

However, if neighbour wants to come to our next ARKS meeting, that would be okay.

From: Jim Hall S.22(1)

Sent: October 5, 2018 11:15 AM

To: 'Roy Wares' \$.22(1)

Cc: s.22(1)

Subject: RE: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of Residents - Lights

Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Have the neighbours investigated any precedents for low level lighting:

- False Creek Seawall
- Stanley Park Seawall
- English Bay bike route
- Trout Lake Park

From: Roy Wares \$.22(1)

Sent: October 4, 2018 3:45 PM

To: \$.22(1)

Subject: FW: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of Residents - Lights

Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Hi Jim:

The Arbutus Greenway neighbours between 33rd and 37^{th} are upset about the lighting issue (see below). Can we give them a slot at the next ARKS meeting? They seem to have a legitimate grievance.

Thanks

Roy

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 4:44 PM

To: s.22(1)

Cc:

Subject: As promised letter in bullet point for you! Lack of Consultation of Residents - Lights Arbutus Greenway 33rd - 37th Ave.

Mr. Roy Wares

Secretary

Arbutus Ridge Community Association

Email: s.22(1)

September 30, 2018

Re: Arbutus Greenway and Lack of Resident Consultation regarding Light Installation 33rd - 37th Ave.

Dear Roy,

It was very nice to speak with you yesterday. Thank you for taking the time to talk with me about our issue of the proposed light installation along the Arbutus Greenway (Greenway) from 33rd – 37th Ave. I truly appreciate your offer to present our issue to ARCA's president as well as ARKS. As

promised here is the information you requested.

Our Issue: 6 Metre Lights on Arbutus Greenway

- The section of the Greenway from 33rd 37th is unique. It is residentially dense and has the largest number of homes that are adjacent to the Greenway. It is a natural environment with some vegetation on both sides.
- In 2017 residents along this section were informed by letter that the City was planning to install waist high, low impact, ambient lighting.
- · Without any direct communication or consultation we found out that the City Engineering Department is planning to install six metre (22 ft.) lights. There will be 30 of these 6 metre poles installed (approximately 30 metres apart).
- These lights will cause excessive light into our homes. They are unsightly and will ruin the natural beauty of our neighbourhood. Our neighbourhood will look like an industrial site.
- · In addition, some residents are concerned that the lights will lead to further problems. These residents have had rocks thrown at their homes causing broken windows and other damage. The benches have become party places causing excessive noise into the surrounding homes. There have been police reports.

Lack of Consultation

- · July 11, 2018 the Greenway Implementation Plan was approved by City Council. That same day Ms Maggie Buttle, Senior Project Manager was quoted in the Vancouver Courier as follows: ... there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the route around concerns such as noise, lighting and programming as each zone is developed."
- · However, on September 4th we were told by telephone by both Ms Buttle and Mr. Lon LaClaire (Director Transportation) that : "the City is not required to consult with residents about lighting."
- · On Sept. 12th in order to inform residents of the 6 metre lights we prepared a flyer and distributed it to all of the homes along the Greenway 33rd 37th Ave. As a result there were many residents who phoned and/or emailed to the City expressing their concerns and opposition. We now have an email list of approximately 25 people who are opposed to this installation of the 6 metre lights.
- On September 19, 2018 we sent a detailed letter to Mr. Sadhu Aufochs Johnston, City Manager, explaining our concerns and asking for proper and meaningful consultation with residents. He responded saying that lighting was a city responsibility and they are not required to consult with residents. Additionally, he stated that the lights would be only "temporary". However, when we requested further clarification on the length of time "temporary" was we were told anywhere from 5 to 13 years.
- · We understand the installation work is currently on hold until late October/early November.

Our Way Forward
☐ We are preparing a position paper that will ask the newly elected Council to develop a policy (Arbutus Greenway Resident Consultation Policy) that ensures residents and stakeholders along the Arbutus Greenway are consulted in a comprehensive and meaningful manner regarding lighting, noise and programming.
\square We are seeking the support of additional residents and stakeholders.
☐We are taking advantage of the current election to educate Mayoral and Council Candidates of our issue and our position paper for the Arbutus Greenway Resident Consultation Policy.
I trust this information provides you with a clear understanding of our issue and our strategy to move forward. All the support and direction you can provide us will be very much appreciated.
Yours sincerely,

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From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Mochrie, Paul" < Paul. Mochrie@vancouver.ca>

"Dobrovolny, Jerry" < jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>

"LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>

"Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

"Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>

Date: 9/25/2018 11:24:20 AM

Subject: RE: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway

Lighting Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave.

Dear **s.22(1)**

Sadhu has asked me to respond to your queries regarding the timeline for the temporary installation of solar lighting between West $33^{\rm rd}$ and West $37^{\rm th}$.

As Sadhu mentioned, the intention of this solar light installation is temporary and part of the Arbutus temporary path works. The vision for the area from King Edward Avenue to West 37th Avenue (Zone 4 in the Design Vision) is for it to be developed into a distinct theme called the *Woodland Bend*. The permanent greenway improvements envisioned for this zone will include lighting among other public realm improvements, all of which will be progressed in consultation with adjacent residents.

In terms of timing as to when Zone 4 will be progressed, this will depend on Council priorities of the next zones to progress of the Arbutus Greenway. The project has an Implementation Strategy for the greenway that was approved by Council in July 2018, and this strategy outlines how the greenway will be implemented over many years and multiple capital plans. Subject to Council priorities and funding, our intention is to construct two zones during each capital plan cycle, leading to completion of the entire greenway by 2034. The first two zones that Council approved to progress to design development within the next 4 year Capital plan (2019-2022) are Zone 3 and Zone 8. Following the development of Zone 3 and Zone 8, it will be up to the determination of our next Council which zones they wish to progress for the Capital plan 2023-2026. Until we know the priorities of our next Council, it is difficult to give a commitment of time for the temporary solar lights. Ultimately, the intention is that the Arbutus Greenway will be constructed over time and once Zone 4 is approved by Council to progress, the lighting in this location will be relooked at as part of the Woodland Bend design progression.

If you wish to find out further detail about the Arbutus Greenway Implementation Strategy, you can find further information on page 133 at the following hyperlink Here.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any more questions.

Kind regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager

Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: Johnston, Sadhu

Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 2:23 PM

To: \$.22(1)

Cc: Mochrie, Paul; Dobrovolny, Jerry; LaClaire, Lon; Buttle, Maggie

Subject: RE: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting Zone 4 33rd

Ave. to 37th Ave.

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I will ask Maggie to respond directly to your inquiry.

Thanks Sadhu

Sadhu Aufochs Johnston | City Manager City of Vancouver | 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver | BC V5Y 1V4

604.873.7627 | Sadhu.johnston@vancouver.ca

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 11:18 AM

To: Johnston, Sadhu

Cc: Mochrie, Paul; Dobrovolny, Jerry; LaClaire, Lon; Buttle, Maggie

Subject: Re: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting Zone 4 33rd

Ave. to 37th Ave.

September 24, 2018

Mr. Sadhu Aufochs Johnston City Manager, City of Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Ave. Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Re: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave.

Dear Mr. Aufochs Johnston,

Thank you for your detailed response to our letter.

When you say the following statement: ② do want to reiterate that the installation of the solar powered lights represents a <u>temporary</u> installation, not a permanent solution, and that this is an important distinction to make."

When you say "Temporary installation" would you please inform us as to the duration of time that these lights will be in place along 33rd to 37th Ave. For example, is this a commitment for 1-2 years, 3-5 years or beyond? Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



From: "Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>

Date: September 21, 2018 at 4:02:11 PM PDT

To: s.22(1)

Cc: "Mochrie, Paul" < Paul. Mochrie@vancouver.ca>, "Dobrovolny,

Jerry" < jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>, "LaClaire, Lon" < lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>,

"Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting

Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave.

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for taking the time to write an email outlining your concerns regarding the solar lighting we are installing along the Arbutus Greenway. I recognize that you have significant concerns regarding the project and that the <u>temporary</u> solar powered lights do not align with your expectations for the lighting.

I do want to reiterate that the installation of the solar powered lights represents a <u>temporary</u> installation, not a permanent solution, and that this is an important distinction to make. We have consistently signaled to the public that the current pathway is a temporary condition and that most of what has been built will change when the permanent greenway is constructed. We <u>do not anticipate</u> these solar lights to be the permanent lights.

That being said we also believe the temporary pathway provides us with the opportunity to trial different ideas that can help inform the design and construction of the permanent greenway. After constructing the temporary pathway we noted that most of the pathway benefits from ambient light from adjacent street lighting in helping to provide sufficient lighting for pedestrians and cyclists. However it became clear that the stretch between W 33rd and W 37th Avenues is not illuminated from adjacent street lighting and was too dark. Consequently we saw an opportunity to not only address the substandard lighting in the area but to also trial solar lighting to determine its viability in helping us achieve our Greenest City Goal of using only renewable energy before 2050.

The process we used began with staff determining the minimum light levels for the path and then asking the market to respond. We required the market to use solar powered lights and asked that they consider pole top and bollard based solutions. Our goal was to explore solar light possibilities and ask the market for the most viable solution.

The market's response was that bollard lighting was not feasible and that a 6m high pole was necessary in order to place the photovoltaic panel in a position to optimize the capture of solar energy in the winter months. For your awareness, a 6m high light pole is a common pedestrian scale pole, whereas light poles associated with stadiums typically begin at 15m in height and with some athletic field poles reaching 40m in height.

Ultimately lighting is the City's responsibility as there are clear technical and safety considerations that we do not typically open up for community debate. Yet, along this stretch of the greenway we have talked with and responded to concerns of several of your neighbours by adjusting the location of the poles to reduce their impact on views and committing to using shrouds to prevent light spillage into residences.

We believe trialing solar lighting is in the interest of all of Vancouverites both in terms of environmental and financial responsibility. Considering that night lighting accounts for a significant percentage of the City's operating budget we are interested in solutions that reduce our operating costs.

I disagree with your assertion that staff have "disregarded" your concerns. I believe the Arbutus Greenway team had been sincere in discussing the project with residents and, as I have previously noted, there have been adjustments made to the lights where such adjustments do not compromise the safety. More generally we have heard throughout our various rounds of engagement, including

consultation on the temporary path, that lighting and safety are priorities for the design of both the temporary and permanent greenways to address.

In terms of the Vancouver Courier article that you have cited in which our Project Manager Maggie Buttle, is quoted as saying "....there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the route around concerns such as noise, lighting and programming as each zone is developed." Her statement pertains to the Design Vision, which was approved by Council in July and refers to the permanent greenway, not the temporary pathway. I can assure you that the City is committed to ongoing consultation with residents adjacent to the greenway as the various character zones are developed.

In closing I would like to thank you for your interest in the solar light project and the Arbutus Greenway overall. Input from residents such as yourself help us understand a broader range of perspectives. Please do not hesitate to follow up with Maggie Buttle if you have any additional questions or comments. We hope you will continue be part of conversation about the design for the future Arbutus Greenway.

Best, Sadhu

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 1:25 PM

To: Jong, Teresa

Subject: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave.

September 19, 2018

Mr. Sadhu Aufochs Johnston City Manager, City of Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Ave. Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Re: Lack of Resident/Stakeholder Consultation of Arbutus Greenway Lighting Zone 4 33rd Ave. to 37th Ave.

Dear Mr. Aufochs Johnston,

To begin, we would like to say that we are happy to see a large number of people enjoying the Arbutus Greenway.

However, we are writing to you to express our profound concern and the concerns of our neighbours that a public commitment by your Engineering Department to consult residents/stakeholders who are adjacent to the Arbutus Greenway route has NOT been kept.

In 2017 we were informed by letter that the lighting along the Zone 4 specifically from 37rd 37th Ave. would be waist high, low impact, ambient lights. In June 2018, our neighbour told us that instead there would be 6 metre (22 ft) poles along the path every 30 metres for a total of 30 poles (an example at 37th and Arbutus). Since that time we have sent several emails to the Arbutus Greenway Project Team to express our opposition. In early July we were told that an update would be provided (but no update was received).

We requested a meeting with the Senior Project Manager, Maggie Buttle, prior to any work being undertaken. The last week of August 2018 we received a postcard by mail stating that installation of the lights would begin. However, no mention was made of the type or size of lights that would be installed.

At the end of August we received a phone message from Ms Buttle. Upon returning that call we were informed that installation would begin in early September and that <u>essentially it did not matter what residents thought because these 6 metre lights that</u> would be installed anyway.

There are several reasons why we are very disturbed by this disregard for our concerns.

- 1. Destruction of the Natural Beauty of the Greenway: This section provides one of the only places along the Greenway where vegetation lines both sides of the path and as such it is a place of peace and tranquility for people, birds and wildlife, (an element stressed as important in the Arbutus Greenway Administrative Report July 2018 (Administrative Report). These 6 metre lights are unsightly creating a stadium feel and thus will ruin the natural beauty of the Greenway and our neighbourhood. It will look like an industrial site. This contradicts the vision of the Greenway to be a defining element of Vancouver's urban landscape as a vibrant and beautiful public space...". Furthermore, the Greenway's Principle #6 is to: "Enhance the City's biological diversity and urban ecology." Administrative Report Appendix A. P.21
- 2. Lack of Consideration and Consultation with Residents: The section from 33rd 37th Ave. is a unique area of the Arbutus Greenway. It is residentially dense having the largest number of homes that are adjacent to the Greenway. There are over 58 homes that could be directly impacted. The Administrative Report Appendix B, Principle #2 p. 43 states: "In response to the greenway's urban surroundings, the lighting design will respect the privacy of those living along the greenway' In addition on July 11, 2018 Ms Maggie Buttle, was quoted in the Vancouver Courier as follows: "Buttle said there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the route around concerns such as noise, lighting and programming as each zone is developed." To date there has been no consultation about the lights with residents adjacent to this section of the Greenway.
- 3. Incomplete Information provided to Council: These 6 metre lights were not shown with the four Lighting examples that were in the Administrative report presented to the Vancouver City Council on July 11, 2018. Therefore Council approved a document with incomplete information. Even though the Engineering Department had presented this 6 metre light to our neighbour in May 2018, they did not present it to Council. We were stunned that the Council had not been presented with these lights in the Administrative Report.
- 4. Contradiction of Principle and Public Statement: Ms Buttle and Mr. Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation, said to us via telephone on September 4, 2018: "We are not required to inform residents about the installation of lights". This contradicts the quote above by Ms Buttle in the Vancouver Courier and is also counter to Principle #7 in the Administrative Report Appendix A p. 21 that states: "Engage and involve local stakeholders and citywide residents."

Our neighbours who are "residents adjacent to the route" trust that you can understand why we are extremely disturbed with your Engineering Department's lack of consideration, consultation and communication. (Mr. Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Engineer, would not return our calls.)

Last week we informed our neighbours of the 6 metre lights planned for installation. Since that time over 20 residents have informed us of their opposition and

the number is growing. As a result we are preparing an organized opposition to the installation of these inappropriate 6 metre lights and the lack of consultation and consideration by your Engineering Department and the Greenway Project Team.

In closing we would like to draw your attention to the following quote "The success of this proposal seems to be contingent on having an open dialogue and collaborating with property owners that are right up against the Greenway." Administrative Report Appendix A p. 31

We would like your assurance that proper, comprehensive and meaningful consultation will be undertaken with the residents/stakeholders adjacent to the Arbutus Greenway - Zone 4 33rd - 37th Ave. prior to any light installation. We can be reached at \$.22(1)

Thank you for your review and we look forward to your response to our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

s.22(1)

cc: Mr. Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver Mr. Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Engineer, City of Vancouver Mr. Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation, City of Vancouver Ms Maggie Buttle, Senior Project Manager, Arbutus Greenway Residents/Stakeholders, Arbutus Greenway – Zone 4 - 33rd – 37th Ave.

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for-arbutus-greenway-plan-1.23365171



From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/16/2017 8:14:04 AM

Subject: RE: Citizen Feedback-101010016167

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your email.

In later 2016 we held a series of workshops in communities along the Arbutus Greenway to gather input on the design of the Arbutus Greenway temporary path. The temporary path is what you see on the Arbutus Greenway now. This path will be replaced with the future Arbutus Greenway, which we are planning and designing now.

During the 2016 workshops we heard from many residents that they wanted to use the greenway, but that they needed areas to sit and rest along the greenway, because of mobility limitations or just a desire to rest and gather. This was an especially common request from older residents and residents who wanted to travel the greenway with their children. Further, UBC Centre for Hip Health and Mobility's research in the West End found that the benefits from benches were tremendous on the health outcomes of residents. To address residents' requests and research, we installed temporary benches at regular intervals, approximately every 500m, along the greenway.

The benches along the S-Curve, between West 37th and West 33rd Avenues, are particularly popular because of the tremendous views of the north accessible from this space. In response to concerns regarding nighttime activity in this area, we have installed signage at each bench in this area encouraging users to be considerate of neighbours, and we have reached out to the VPD to visit this area when they are available. Please contact the VPD at the their non-emergency number (604.717.3321) if you feel unsafe, but gathering on the greenway after dark is not a crime unless users are violating the Noise Control Bylaw 6555.

Thank you again for your email.

Regards,

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City of Vancouver
arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca | 3-1-1
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From: 311 Operations

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:41 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Citizen Feedback-101010016167

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



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101010016167 Case created: 2017-08-15, 10:02:00 AM

Incident Location

Address: \$.22(1)
Address2:
Location name:

Contact Details

Name: **s.22(1)**

Address: **s.22(1)**

Address2

Phone: s.22(1) Email: s.22(1)

Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

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

Complaint about benches installed on Arbutus Greenway near residences. One of the benches is \$.22(1)

and it is attracting loitering and noise overnight. There were people sitting on the bench for about an hour or two at 2am last night, talking and disturbing residents. There are other benches that are even closer to properties along this section of the greenway. They have heard other neighbours complaining, one even mentioned considering moving. Understands the city vision of a linear park and not just for transportation but feels they didn't consider how the benches would encourage loitering after hours. Feels there should be some strategy in place to prevent loitering at night. Appreciates the greenway but not at the cost of peaceful nights.

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Arbutus Greenway Design

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From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 11/5/2019 4:00:51 PM

Subject: RE: Current and Future Sound and Privacy Concerns Due To Arbutus

Greenway

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for reaching out to the Arbutus Greenway project team. We appreciate you taking the time to share some of your concerns and those of other residents of the Bannister Mews.

To better answer your questions it may be helpful to provide some context on where we are in the design process of the permanent greenway. Now that the temporary pathway is complete, our team is focusing attention on long-term designs for the greenway. City Council has approved that our team work on the detail design for Phase 1 of the permanent greenway design. Phase 1 will focus on the design of the section from W16th Avenue and King Edward Avenue, known as Zone 3 and the section from SW Marine Drive to Milton St, known as Zone 8. The permanent greenway will be developed in phases over many years to accommodate funding strategies and changing circumstances. Subject to funding, the first phase of construction (2019-2022) is focusing on Zone 3 & 8. It is not determined yet when will Zone 6, which is your area, will be constructed. During the detailed design of each phase we will identify construction details, including items such as materials, wall heights, and privacy/security for residents. We are committed to collaborating closely with local residents during detailed design to ensure that the construction of the future greenway does not negatively impact greenway neighbours.

In regards to your question about the streetcar. As context, in 2016, the City of Vancouver purchased the Arbutus Corridor from Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of creating a high-quality public space for walking, cycling, and future streetcar. As part of this purchase agreement, the City is required to design the greenway for transportation and public realm purposes. However, the timing of streetcar service is dependent on regional funding priorities for our transportation system. In other words, we are designing the greenway to preserve the space for a future streetcar line but we don't know when it will be implemented. It will likely be at least 20 years from now because it's not part of TransLink's current 10-year Vision for Transportation, which identifies Broadway SkyTrain Extension in Vancouver and LRT in Surrey as the regional proprieties. In terms of how streetcar will be integrated into the design, will be utilizing the space bought in the purchase agreement and in some instance where space in limited, we are suggesting that the streetcar be placed on adjacent streets

We appreciate you reaching out and taking the time to provide feedback at this stage. If you like, I can add a note to our stakeholder registry to include you in future meetings and other opportunities to get involved with the design of this area, and so that we have your contact information should we need to get in touch. The Arbutus Greenway team is committed to working closely with local residents such as yourself during the detailed design stage to ensure that the design and construction of the future greenway minimizes impacts on greenway neighbours.

Thank you again for your email, we appreciate you reaching out. Should you have any other questions or seek further clarification, please feel free to response to this email.

Danielle

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----Original Message----

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2019 8:58 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Current and Future Sound and Privacy Concerns Due To Arbutus Greenway

I recently re-read the plans for the Arbutus Greenway and want to share some of my and others' concerns about noise and privacy impacts.

I am the s.22(1)

Arbutus St. The east side of the complex directly borders the Arbutus Greenway and the north side borders 49th. The current bike and pedestrian paths are located mere metres from residents' homes. As it stands, some of the interiors of the closest townhouses can be viewed by people on the Greenway, but most troubling is the fact that even conversations of these passers-by can often be clearly heard inside when the windows are open. This is is not a noisy stretch of the Greenway- yet - but the numbers of users is steadily growing so these concerns will grow. The plans publicly released also indicate the future electric trams will be immediately running alongside our fence line which magnifies our concerns. As far as I am aware, Bannister Mews is the only group of residences without a road or large property buffer between it and the Greenway.

My questions are: 1) what plans do you have to protect the privacy and peace of Bannister Mews residents as the Greenway is fully developed and eventually when the electric trams are added; 2) will/ can there be direct engagement of Bannister Mews residents (separate from the general public ones) in the detailed design phase for this section of the Greenway?

Regards,

s.22(1)

From: \$.22(1)

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 6/8/2018 11:59:28 AM Subject: RE: Electric Alley Zone

Hello Danielle,

Thank You. I appreciate your email response.

We are on the newsletter, and were not able to attend the most recent town hall s.22(1)

As a side note, we would love the area to be deemed a park vs. part of roads, as we would love it to be a non-smoking area. Folks sit and smoke on the concrete meridians below our decks, so we get smoke on our deck and apartment.

We will continue to keep engaged.

Warmest regards,



From: Arbutus Greenway [mailto:arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca]

Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 11:35 AM

To: S.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: RE: Electric Alley Zone

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for reaching out to the Arbutus Greenway team.

You email raises a number of valid concerns and I appreciate you bringing them to our attention, especially the concern with intruders gaining access to your apartment if the frame structure is to be installed.

During our recent engagement for the proposed design concept we received a number of emails from residents from this area. Quite a number of them shared the same sentiment that you included below. We are in the process of addressing some of the concerns people have with the proposed design for Electric Alley. It's worth noting that as we head into the detail design stage we will identify construction details, including items such as materials, wall heights, and privacy /security for residents. We are committed to collaborating closely with local residents during

detailed design to ensure that the construction of the future greenway does not negatively impact greenway neighbours. Nonetheless I have shared your comments with the design team.

In terms of next steps, we're working on fine-tuning our design and will be reporting out on "what we heard" in June. If you haven't already signed up for our newsletter, I encourage you to sign up for our newsletter on the project website as it's a good way to stay in the loop about how the project is progressing, opportunities to get involved, presentations to Council, etc.

Warm regards, Danielle

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From: 5.22(1)

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 12:13 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway Subject: Electric Alley Zone

To Whom it May Concern,

How do we lodge our concern about the Electric Alley Zone proposal from Broadway to 16th?

My concern about the current design is it will impact our health and safety.

We live at \$.22(1)

We are happy with the current design, but are opposed to the artist renderings and descriptions of the electric alley zone.

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We anticipate that if the city puts up structures, they will be we are also concerned with the increased noise, traffic and light throughout the night, disrupting our sleep. Most of the condos along this section of the greenway are low rise condos with decks on the second floor;

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We love this city, as it is urban, multi-cultural, and yet takes into consideration health and well-being by providing green spaces and tries to keep noise and light pollution to a minimum.

We would appreciate the design be reconsidered to take the city tax payers and voters' health and safety into greater consideration. I think we all deserve a good night sleep.

Please let me know if this letter should be addressed to someone else.

We appreciate your time and consideration and anticipated response.

Warmest regards,



5.22(1)

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/7/2018 4:35:21 PM

Subject: RE: Greenway - control and noise at level crossings?

Hello s.22(1)

Thanks for your message and interest in the Arbutus Greenway project. We appreciate your concern about potential noise from the future streetcar crossings.

Firstly, there is currently no commitment or timeline from the City or from TransLink to implement a streetcar along the greenway. As part of our purchase agreement with CP Rail, however, we are required to plan for the eventual implementation of rail-based transit. In other words, we are designing the greenway to preserve the space for a future streetcar line. However, it could be decades before there are funding commitments in place as other regional transit priorities are implemented first.

Secondly, the detailed design for the crossings and their control will be completed once there is a firmer commitment to implement the streetcar. Typically, safety-related elements for rail-based transit systems are governed by the provincial safety authority. At this point, there are no streetcars operational in BC, so there are no safety guidelines for streetcar crossings established by that authority. Therefore, it is impossible for us to say with any certainty what elements would be required for crossings.

That said, the type of streetcar we are envisioning is similar in many respects to buses that run on the roads. You may be familiar with the existing streetcars in Seattle (South Lake Union and Broadway lines) and Portland (Downtown and South Waterfront, as opposed to the MAX light-rail system). It is our vision that the streetcar would be integrated with the surrounding street system and would be controlled as part of the intersections through which the streetcar passes. Similar to other streetcars in North America, this means that the streetcar (operated by humans) would abide by traffic signals at all of the major streets it crosses. The streetcar may have its own signals, but they would be integrated with the intersection traffic signals. It is our hope (and we would likely push for this with the safety authority) that bells and gates would therefore not be required. The streetcars in Seattle and Portland (and other North American cities) do not have bells or gates at the crossings. At more local streets, we are currently assuming that those local streets would be controlled by stop signs for traffic driving along the street (with appropriate warning signs in place), although some of these intersections may also have traffic signals.

We're sorry we can't provide a more definitive answer at this point, but it is our hope that the eventual streetcar will be very quiet and seamlessly integrated with the street

system and the adjacent greenway.

Regards,

Mike Anderson Transportation Planning & Design Lead | Arbutus Greenway Project Office City of VANCOUVER vancouver.ca/arbutus-greenway

----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:17 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: Greenway - control and noise at level crossings?

Hello there.

I am a resident of the Quilchena area. I am a strong supporter of mass transit and green initiatives. One concern I have, however, in reading about the future of the greenway, and in particular, the streetcar plans, has to do with noise. I am less worried about the noise generated by the streetcars themselves, as likely continued technology improvements will minimize this, however, how would the various level crossings across the tracks be controlled? Would there be bells or alarms sounding every time a train is approaching? Safety is essential, but loud levels of noise would be unacceptable, especially if this recurs many times per hour.

I see very little discussion about this in any of the documents currently posted on the CoV website. Questions about funding the greenway are going to appear on the Oct 2018 plebiscite, but people don't have all the answers. Are there city-by-laws about acceptable noise levels in transportation corridors? What assurance to citizens have that these will be adhered to?

Are you able to provide any documents that discuss noise management and the control of level crossings?

Thank you kindly, s.22(1)

From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 10/5/2018 4:42:07 PM

Subject: RE: Greenway Lighting between West 33rd and West 37th Avenues

Dear 5.22(1)

Sadhu has asked me to respond to your concerns on his behalf. I want to thank you for taking time to share your concerns regarding the installation of solar lighting along the Arbutus Greenway between West 33rd and West 37th Avenue. I also wish to thank you for your time earlier this week to speak with me about the Arbutus Greenway project.

As you may know, this particular area has low levels of ambient lighting and is one of the darkest sections along the Arbutus Corridor. From a technical standpoint, there is a genuine need for some form of lighting along this stretch. Indeed on our projects we want to engage and involve local stakeholders and citywide residents, but we also have an obligation to create a safe and comfortable amenity for all to enjoy.

From my conversation with you this week you spoke about your concerns that lighting would bring criminal activity to the area. With regard to safety, what we've learned though the field of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is that good lighting decreases criminal activity. The Arbutus Greenway was purchased with the intent of creating a high-quality public amenity for all to enjoy. I assure you that safety is a priority for us as well.

When we make decisions, we consider public feedback alongside technical and financial considerations, City policy, and other requirements. In previous rounds of engagement, including consultation on the temporary path, we heard that lighting was a priority for many community members. To date, we've had more than 7,000 face-to-face interactions at 50+ events. All of our engagement materials and summary reports can be found here.

Thank for taking the time to share your comments and if you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to get in contact with me.

Kind Regards, Maggie

Maggie Buttle | Senior Project Manager

Arbutus Greenway Project | City of Vancouver

Office: 604.871.6591

From: S.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 3:53 PM

To: Johnston, Sadhu Cc: Buttle, Maggie

Subject: Greenway Lighting between West 33rd and West37th Avenues

Dear Sir,

Lighting. There has been no real 'consultation' on this issue or any other thus far. After numerous complaints by our neighbours and ourselves, we are enduring continuous noise and disruption in our back yards as a result of a bench \$.22(1)

Now, the city seems bent on going forward with lighting posts more suitable for a sports arena than a leafy residential neighbourhood. There has been no real consultation regarding our concerns on any issue concerning our neighbourhood. The city representatives who spoke with us last year came out and made not one concession to our requests although it was easily in their power to do so. Maybe the term 'consultation' means you hear us but do nothing. Although the City can say they have gone through the motions, that is not dealing with constituents in good faith and gives a lie to the process.

The definition of 'temporary' may be suitable language for how the City describes light installations but it is absurd when applied to how residents experience a neighbourhood. It is unacceptable that we should endure oversized lights looming over our backyards for five years, let alone 13 years while the City rethinks the options.

The length of time you term as 'temporary' is not appropriate to our circumstances. Why should I have to wait until s.22(1) to see a better lighting idea implemented? The lights have not yet been put in place, the time to look for alternatives is now! Our area of concern is very small, the giant posts could be used elsewhere.

The single post installed at 37th Avenue is of ridiculous proportions. A non response fro. ypur office on this issue is a great way to make a problem disappear; just outlast half the residents and the new home owners moving in won't know any better.

I can't say I found your response respectful or helpful. We pay enormous taxes to live on private property and the City does not appear to think the arrangement with taxpayers is in any way reciprocal with regard to those extra dollars.

If we had just recourse for how the city is altering our neighbourhood, we would be paying the rates of a condo in Kits because that is about the level of property ownership you think we deserve!

Your attitude and response to our neighbourhood needs rethinking!

We may have to consider a petition to rename the Greenway! Neither the paving nor proposed lighting is appropriate to a Green space. What you are doing is creating an ugly, industrial transportation corridor where none is required. The lack of ridership in our area was well documented when Skytrain was built up Cambie Street.

We know our neighbourhood very well, we have lived here \$.22(1)

The Greenway is wonderful for recreational purposes. However at night few go to 41st and even fewer south of that after early evening. Everything in the Kerrisdale retail area is closed at night except for McDonalds! There is nothing at the foot of the track and no reason to go there after dark.

If you ever do squeeze in a tram, you will invoke the wrath of the cyclists and pedestrians who currently love using the track. Look again in twenty years, your projections may come true, but for now, recreational use is enormously successful, leave it at that and light it accordingly. The City seems truly bent on turning our quiet lane into an opportunity for crime and mischief. We have already seen young women pounding on a neighbour's door because they were being pursued on the Greenway. Police vehicles cannot patrol the patch in question; it is just going to continue to develop into a trouble spot. We are very unhappy with the lack of foresight here; we know you can do much better for all concerned.

Yours Truly, s.22(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: "Buttle, Maggie" < Maggie. Buttle@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1) CC: s.22(1)

"Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 9/17/2019 12:08:09 PM

Subject: RE: July 3rd fire

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for your email and also your time last night. I am copying in my team who can make some calls to see if a report is available. It may be likely a report is confidential but we can certainly ask. Danielle would you mind looking into this?

Kind regards, Maggie

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:41 AM

To: Buttle, Maggie Cc: 5.22(1)

Subject: July 3rd fire

Hi Maggie,

Thank you for attending the meeting at \$.22(1) last night regarding the Arbutus Greenway.

The date of the fire was July 3rd. Apparently it broke out around 3:30 a.m. after a lot of noise (from people) just prior to the incident. We were told that the firemen left at around 4:30 a.m.

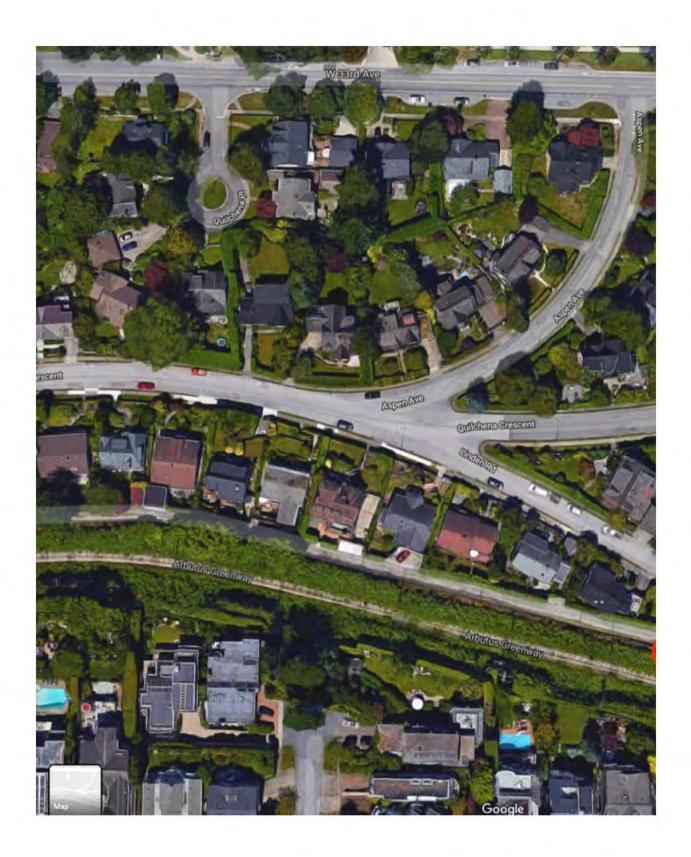
Would you be able to contact the fire department for a report? If so, we would love to hear what was on the report.

Photos attached.

Thanks, s.22(1)







From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: "Ruby Jiang" <rubyjiangtao@yahoo.ca>

CC: <u>"Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca></u>

Date: 11/25/2019 1:31:55 PM

Subject: RE: Noise concern

Hi Ruby,

Thank you for contacting the Arbutus Greenway project team

In 2016, the City of Vancouver purchased the Arbutus Corridor from Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of creating a high-quality public space for walking, cycling, and future streetcar. As part of this purchase agreement, the City is required to design the greenway for transportation and public realm purposes. However, the timing of streetcar service is dependent on regional funding priorities for our transportation system. In other words, we are designing the greenway to preserve the space for a future streetcar line but we don't know when it will be implemented. It will likely be at least 20 years from now because it's not part of TransLink's current 10-year Vision for Transportation, which identifies Broadway SkyTrain Extension in Vancouver and LRT in Surrey as the regional proprieties.

In terms of usage, our team are not able to forecast the amount of people that will use the greenway during the day or at night. It is a public space that people can use at any time. The amount of people using the greenway may fluctuate from day to night and from summer to winter.

Warm regards,

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From: Ruby Jiang [mailto:rubyjiangtao@yahoo.ca] Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 11:10 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway Subject: Noise concern

Hi,

I'm representing a real estate consumer in Vancouver looking for a home. She is interested in a house on 62nd about., right beside the Arbutus Greenway. We see the planning for the future city bus, which seems will benefit the community.

The concern from this client is how much noice it will have at that location? How much more people will walk by the East Blvd at day time and night?

These are pretty important to my client. We look forward to feeling some more information from you.

Kind Regards,

Ruby Jiang

Real Estate Advisor / Personal Real Estate Corporation

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Mobile App: <u>EVRubyJiang</u> Internet: www.whistlerhome.com Mail to: <u>rubyjiangtao@yahoo.c</u>a From: s.22(1)

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 11/16/2017 6:08:34 PM

Subject: Re: Please don't forget the local residents along the greenway!!

Great......thank you. Much appreciated. Again, most important that things are planned properly from the outset as once the infrastructure is in place it will be difficult to make changes if those of us that border the greenway complain. Best that you give us no reason to be disappointed!

Thanks again for listening and keeping us in mind as we move forward. I believe it will be a wonderful addition to the City including for us that live on the neighbouring properties.

Best regards,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone 6 Plus

> On Nov 16, 2017, at 5:40 PM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

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> Hi s.22(1)
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> Thank you for your email. It is important that the greenway does not have a negative effect on those who live near it, and you highlight valid concerns for the properties that border the greenway. For this reason, we will continue to monitor garbage, noise, and lighting along the corridor. If you notice any issues begin to arise, I encourage you to email us and we will investigate the issue.

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> Kind regards,
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> From: s.22(1) > Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:51 PM

> To: Arbutus Greenway

> Cc: Mayor and Council Correspondence

> Subject: Re: Please don't forget the local residents along the greenway!!

> Thank you for your comments and I look forward to the final product. I am hoping your comments regarding garbage, noise, lighting, etc. are correct and these will not be a problem for those of us that live along the greenway and that the benches and toilet facilities also will not be a problem for us. We have lived along the greenway for \$.22(1) and there have been little or no problems. I and my neighbors expect this to continue. We will keep an open mind but if we feel the peaceful enjoyment of our properties are being infringed upon you can expect to hear from us loudly and regularly. It all comes down to proper planning and monitoring and best the City keep this in mind as we move forward. Lighting and toilet facilities can not be invasive. Loud late night noise at benches and other spots will not be tolerated. Waste bins and garbage pickup must be looked after regularly. We want nothing like you can find around many city bus stops with overflowing garbage containers. Hopefully none of this will be a problem. As you design the final greenway and install infrastructure please keep asking yourself: "How will the neighbors be with this?"

> Thank you for your concern.

>> Hi s.22(1)

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> s.22(1)
> Sent from my iPhone 6 Plus
> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:23 PM, Arbutus Greenway
<arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:
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>> Glad to hear that you had such a great experience at the Design Jam. Thank you for sending a follow up email with the concerns of you and your neighbours.

>> During the 2016 workshops we heard from many residents that they wanted to use the greenway, but that they needed areas to sit and rest along the greenway, because of mobility limitations or just a desire to rest and gather. This was an especially common request from older residents and residents who wanted to travel the greenway with their children. Further, UBC Centre for Hip Health and Mobility's research in the West End found that the benefits from benches were tremendous on the health outcomes of residents. To address residents' requests and research, we installed temporary benches at regular intervals, approximately every 500m, along the greenway.

>> The benches along the S-Curve, between West 37th and West 33rd Avenues, are particularly popular because of the tremendous views of the north accessible from this space. In response to concerns regarding nighttime activity in this area, we have installed signage at each bench in this area encouraging users to be considerate of

neighbours, and we have reached out to the VPD to visit this area when they are available. Please contact the VPD at the their non-emergency number (604.717.3321) if you feel unsafe, but gathering on the greenway after dark is not a crime unless users are violating the Noise Control Bylaw 6555.

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>> As for adding more waste receptacle along the Greenway. We have just recently removed all the concrete barriers and replaced them with removable bollards. This will opens up an opportunity to place waste receptacles near Porta Potties, near benches or other strategic locations where there has been gaps. We are also hoping to place more and Porta Potties along the length of the Greenway. Right now the current Porta Potties are serviced weekly and we are monitoring whether this is enough.

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>> Then for lighting the Greenway, we are currently procuring a contractor that will assist in designing and building the innovative solar lighting between 33rd and 37th. We will have a bit more clarity on the commissioning date when we award the contract in early November; however, we anticipate that the complete installation of these units will take place in early 2018. It's worth noting that we will be placing lights just in this area for a trail period before we install lights along the whole length of the greenway.

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>> Thank you again for your email.

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>> Regards,

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

>> From: s.22(1)

>> Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 9:33 PM

>> To: Arbutus Greenway

>> Subject: Please don't forget the local residents along the greenway!!

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>> I attended the Design Jam today and things are looking good! At least for the vast majority of Vancouverites who will enjoy a very special greenway when completed. But as a resident whose property borders right on the greenway s.22(1)

I and my neighbors do have some concerns what the final product will be. For instance, I walked back along the greenway from Point Grey School today s.22(1)

and I could have filled several garbage bags with discarded cups, papers, wrappers, etc.

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>> So our concerns:

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- >> garbage along the greenway as mentioned above
- >> noise (ie: skateboards) and late at night groups
- >> lighting (will it be invasive to bordering properties?)
- >> crime prevention (nighttime patrols?)
- >> washroom locations and monitoring of these
- >> bench locations (noise again).

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>> We have lived along "the tracks" (as they were once called) for many years with few, if any, issues. But the volume of people already using the greenway is a concern for those of us who live directly on the greenway. It is a great asset to the City of Vancouver but please do not forget us residents that are directly on the greenway border. Hopefully you will be sensitive to our situation and consider mitigation measures so our lives will not be negatively affected by the planned changes.



>> Sent from my iPhone 6 Plus

From: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

CC: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 5/10/2018 10:25:46 AM

Subject: RE: Proposed Harvest Table on Arbutus Greenway

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your email and for sharing your thoughts on the proposed design concept. I have shared your feedback with the design team, I appreciate that you have included some alternative locations for the Harvest Table such as Demonstration Garden at the corner of West 6th and Maple, and the location near Delamont Park.

To give a bit of context to where we are in the design process, the proposed design of the Arbutus Greenway is currently at a conceptual design stage and is meant to serve as an overarching design vision. More than a 1,000 people took our online survey and provided comments on the proposed design concept, and our design team is working through all this feedback to fine tune the design. We will present the revised design vision and an implementation strategy to Council for their consideration this summer. Pending Council approval, we will develop a Master Plan and then explore detailed designs for the first areas to be constructed. During detailed design we will identify construction details, including items such as materials, wall heights, and privacy/security for residents. We are committed to collaborating closely with local residents during detailed design to ensure that the construction of the future greenway does not negatively impact greenway neighbours.

In terms of next steps, we're working on fine-tuning our design and will be reporting out on "what we heard" in June. If you haven't already signed up for our newsletter, I encourage you to sign up for our newsletter on the project website as it's a good way to stay in the loop about how the project is progressing, opportunities to get involved, presentations to Council.

Thanks again for connecting. Hope you have a great day.

Danielle

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From: S.22(1)

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 8:30 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

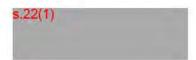
Subject: Proposed Harvest Table on Arbutus Greenway

Dear Arbutus-Greenway Project Team,

I am an owner/resident on West 5th Avenue. My apartment faces the Arbutus Greenway. I notice that the plans for the Arbutus Greenway call for a Harvest Table to be placed directly across from my apartment-complex. While I think a Harvest Table is a great idea, I question the placement of it in this block of the greenway. West 6th Avenue between Burrard and Cypress probably has the most residents per block of the entire greenway. A Harvest Table is going to generate noise and disrupt the peace and quiet of those of us living in its vicinity. We already have noise issues caused by users of the greenway. My apartment complex has a courtyard facing the greenway which unfortunately acts like a noise funnel. I am already able to hear conversations of greenway users quite clearly while inside my apartment and this is just people passing by. I shudder to think of what I'm going to hear from large dinner parties on a regular basis. My apartment complex is closer to the greenway than any other building adjacent to it. Every other building adjacent to the greenway has greenspace or trees or something that blocks it from the greenway. But not my building, and this is where the harvest table is to be located?? If this table were to be placed just one or two blocks further west or east, it would affect less residents. Why not place this table near a more public area such as adjacent to the Demonstration Garden at the corner of West 6th and Maple? Or the block further west near Delamont Park?

I applaud the efforts the design team has made and look forward to improvements to the greenway. But please re-consider the placement of this table.

Thank you.



From: s.22(1)

To: "Arbutus Greenway" <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 7/25/2018 3:30:57 PM Subject: Re: resident concerns

Attachments: Talton Place.pdf

I would like to offer a suggestion concerning the Arbutus Greenway area referred to as Electric Alley. If there is an effort to connect the Greenway to Vancouver history, you might want to include information about Talton Place, an area along the Greenway that went from 16th Ave. to 13th Ave. There is a lengthy paper about this in the UBC archives. One of the first "subdivisions" in Vancouver. Many of the houses in adjacent blocks date from this early development with distinctive architectural features. The little research I did caused me to look at this whole area in a different light.

https://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/nst-5625

Maybe even revive the name!

On Jun 6, 2018, at 1:10 PM, Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. During our recent engagement for the proposed design concept we received a number of emails from residents from this area. Quite a number of them shared the same sentiment that you included below.

This proposed design was influenced by public feedback, along with technical information and physical traits and constraints of the greenway. The proposed design features eight distinct "character zones" that provide a range of experiences, building on what we heard from the public. The zones also reflect on neighbourhood characteristics, and take inspiration from surrounding features such as parks, views, and topography. In the case with Electric Alley, we are working with a confined and somewhat built up area. One of the challenges with creating a proposed design, as I'm sure you can appreciate, is balancing a broad range of ideas and perspectives — sometimes including competing ideas and maybe even conflicting idea of what people think of when we say it's a greenway.

The City's definition of a Greenway is as follows, "greenways provide beautiful urban connections to important destinations throughout Vancouver for pedestrians and cyclists.

Greenways enhance the experience of walking and cycling by including improvements like expanded parks, increased landscaping, public art, and drinking fountains". Since the start of this project we have heard a number of key themes, such as provide general design and amenities, provide high end transportation design, incorporate public spaces into the design, support biodiversity and urban ecology. The opportunity to provide such amenities depends on the space available and this was a deciding factor in the proposed design concept for this section.

You will be glad to hear that we are having some meetings with local residents from this area to address their concerns with the proposed design so far. As we head into the detail design stage we will identify construction details, including items such as materials, wall heights, and privacy /security for residents. We are committed to collaborating closely with local residents during detailed design to ensure that the construction of the future greenway does not negatively impact greenway neighbours.

Thanks again for your email and reaching out to the team.

Warm regards,

Danielle

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 10:39 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway Subject: resident concerns

As I've previously written, I support the Greenway plan, including the Electric Alley.

Some area residents are resisting the plan for Electric Alley, but I'm not sure they have all the information and it seems they wish to characterize the plan in the worst possible light. I'm including this excerpt from one group. They seem to assume that the city has not thought through some of these issues. I would assume otherwise, but concede that not a lot is known at this point. How would you address their bullets?

Thanks, s.22(1)

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(the excerpt)

"GREENING THE GREENWAY

Arbutus Greenway Proposal

"Electric Alley"

(W. Broadway to W. 16th Ave.)

The City of Vancouver proposes that a section of the Arbutus GREENway between Broadway and W. 16th Ave be heavily built up as a so-called "Electric Alley."

We are concerned neighbours who seek your support to have the city change the current design that calls for:

- massive metal frames that will reduce the usable width of the path,
- overhead electric lighting that will shine bright lights into nearby residences,
- a roof covering that will obscure views of the sky and the north shore mountains and will become a gathering place for overnight sleeping.
- an outdoor plaza that will create noise, smell and food wastes (which can attract rodents)

Instead, we support GREENING THE GREENWAY as an urban walk- and cycleway with emphasis on wild flowers, shrubs, trees, pollinating insects and songbirds that will offer a pleasant and needed amenity to our urban residential neighbourhood."

1846 West 14th Avenue MAPS



Map 1: Fire Insurance Map circa 1912

The original Talton Place development boundary is shown by the large square (see commentary below). It was located a block away to the west from the Sutherland House, which was built at the same time as many of the houses in Talton Place and which shares many details with those houses including ample use of stone bases and piers as well as decorative brackets, trims, and stained glass sashes. Talton Place, which was intended to be a select upper class precinct, featured many pre-fabricated details and assemblies constructed by the developer, Prudential Builders, in a special factory located on East 2nd Avenue. Work on these houses began in 1910.



Talton Place - circa 1925

The Sutherland House is located a block away from this photo's location, which shows how the original Talton Place area looked in the 1920s. The 1800 block of West 14th Avenue would have looked very similar.

From: "Magtoto, Jordan" < Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca>

To: "Arbutus Greenway" < arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 5/11/2017 9:12:44 AM

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Thanks! Responded.

Jordan Magtoto | Planning Analyst

T: (604) 829-4391 | jordan.magtoto@vancouver.ca

From: Arbutus Greenway

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 4:46 PM

To: Magtoto, Jordan

Subject: FW: What next on "Greenway"?

Hi Jordon,

Just bringing this to your attention to respond to. The resident and her neighbor would like to meet a representative from the team in regards to some concerns that they have.

Cheers, Danielle

From: Storer, Paul

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:29 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: FW: What next on "Greenway"?

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:28 AM

To: Storer, Paul

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Hello Paul,

We will be interested in meeting with Greenway representatives in June when my neighbours have returned. We may as well do it together as our concerns are the samme.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Storer, Paul" <paul.storer@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2017-05-08 8:19 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Dear 5.22(1)

Thanks for your response. Staff from the Arbutus Greenway team will be in touch to discuss your concerns, if you®e interest in meeting.

For clarity, this has always been designated as a transportation corridor – first as an active railway and then zoned as a transportation corridor by the City. The decision made with the Canada Line was to run high-speed regional rail under Cambie rather than the Arbutus corridor, but the City's plans have long included this as a greenway for walking and cycling and, with the purchase of the corridor, future streetcar.

The idea is that the streetcar wouldn't be a regional service like the Canada Line, but more of a local service. We don't expect that there would be a streetcar on the corridor in the near future. Part of our work is to understand what it will look like, though, so that we can plan around the future alignment.

Our current planning work is to develop a design to improve the greenway for walking, cycling, and place-making. I hope you consider getting involved in helping us shape the design for the permanent greenway - we really need to hear from the people who live and work adjacent to the corridor to understand how to best design it for everyone.

Cheers,

Paul

From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2017 3:00 PM

To: Storer, Paul

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Dear Paul,

We appreciate your prompt reply. Our next door neighbours are away but were very dismayed to hear about the bench S.22(1) You will be hearing from them when they return. Teenagers were already sitting on the roadway throwing stones over their hedge. If it is opened at night behind us we will have major issues with policing! All the kids ushered out of Quilchena park will just walk up the track and party unseen in the secluded stretch. Everyone in our area will be growing thier hedges and putting in trees. If people were more considerate about noise and phones we would not be so bothered. We heard loud skateboarders all morning yesterday. Our use of our backyards is ruined.

You may now be telling us it is a long desired transportation corridor but it was rejected as such when the skytrain went up Cambie Street. There is only a destination at the south end, Granville Island, or maybe 4th or Broadway. You will not get the ridership.

Putting in a trolley track is a huge waste of city funds. Seasonal at best, it will prove very disruptive to all pedestrians and cyclists who will be on edge and grabbing children when it passes. In addition, Kerrisdale is no shopping destination, its offerings are modest and it still has too many empty spaces as retailers cannot afford the rents.

The project was touted to us as a Greenway, which was clearly very misleading! There is no reason to have the path wider than the seawall. Then it could be 'greened 'on both sides. Wildflowers sound like such a nice idea but a couple of decades ago the city spent many thousands of dollars on seeding flowers in Jericho and other parks. People picked all the daisies which never grew back and in a few years the rest were gone too. A very short term idea.

After s.22(1) of listening to the rustling of trees behind us, we feel as if we've moved downtown.

The seawall has no houses on it! People in a residential neighbourhood should not have to endure this level of intrusion. We do not fit this type of development.

What you have done is significantly alter our enjoyment of private property without consultation or compensation. Our skyhigh taxes are not payment for condo living amenities. We do expect the city to have a cooperative dialogue with regard to the impact and to find ways to mitigate the disruption.

Sincerely Yours,

s.22(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Storer, Paul" < paul.storer@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2017-05-07 11:51 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Dear S.22(1)

Thank you for your email. The Arbutus Project office shared your comments with me, as you asked to correspond with someone with more seniority.

The purchase and development of the Arbutus Greenway to develop a transportation greenway has been a goal of the City for more than 20 years, beginning in 1995 with the Greenways Plan, and recently reiterated by Vancouver 2040 - for more information on the policy guiding the development of the Arbutus Greenway, see page 3 of the January 2017 information boards, here: http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/arbutus-greenway-info-boards-jan-2017.pdf.

Greenways, as we define them in the City of Vancouver, are not linear parks, rather they are active transportation (walking/cycling/etc.) corridors with added amenities. Unlike parks, the City does not close transportation corridors, such as greenways, at night. For local context, we expect that the Arbutus Greenway will similar to the False Creek Seawall in terms of popularity and use. Like the Seawall, we are not expecting to close the Arbutus Greenway after dark, and we are exploring opportunities to add lighting in particularly dark areas along the Arbutus Greenway where it is needed for safety. We will work to ensure that any lighting design minimizes spill-over onto neighbouring properties.

I note in a previous email below that you asked when the project is planning on implementing greenery. Over the next coming weeks there will be seeding of wildflowers along the greenway. At this point in time there is no plan for planting of any additional trees or shrubbery along the greenway while the planning for the future greenway is underway.

In terms of peer projects, we are studying best practices locally and worldwide, including the Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis, the Beltline in Atlanta, and the 606 in Chicago. These are vibrant, urban spaces that connect neighbourhoods and special places with a high quality active transportation connection. To plan and design the Arbutus Greenway we are working closely with stakeholders in the communities along the Greenway, as well as residents and stakeholders citywide, because the Arbutus Greenway will be an asset for all residents to enjoy and access, similar to the Seawall.

We recognize that the transformation of the Arbutus Lands from an unused rail corridor into a walking and cycling route represents a significant change for the neighbours adjacent the greenway. We would be happy to have staff meet you at your property to discuss your concerns in detail and look to see if there are any measures we can consider to mitigate the overlook issues that you describe. I'm copying the Arbutus team to connect with you to set that up.

Regards,

Paul Storer P.Eng.

Manager of Transportation Design | City of Vancouver p: 604 873 7693
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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:52 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway; Mayor Media; mayor.robertson@vancouver.ca

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

This generic response from the Arbutus Greenway office is very disappointing. It does not answer my specific concerns. There is no precedent for this type of Park route which overlooks people's private homes in this manner. Your office is clearly making up 'rulings' and redefining parameters as things proceed.

There is nothing green about the 'Greenway' thus far. So far you have accomplished the laying

of a full width city street paved with asphalt, removing most of the greenery in our stretch! Grass and flowers will not be sufficient to replace the barrier. The rails to trails in Nova Scotia are what you should be referencing!

The project seems to be going in too many directions, none of which resemble the original proposal. The road is neither park nor path, the object seems very confused.

Although it might be an oversight, it is equally possible there exists a deliberate refusal by your office to have any consideration for what the impact would be on residents most affected by the route.

There was no particular consultation with stakeholders on our part of this route with regards to specifics such as benches, noise or policing. Our Quilchena area is the only part which is completely closed off and immediately bordering nearby houses. We should have been consulted directly.

I am giving you some feedback now. Certain elements are not working for residents in our area and we expect them to be addressed. I need to know where I may address my concerns, and this is the second time of asking!

Right now the attitude seems to be you feel you may steamroll negative feedback and fob me off onto other authorities.

Please note: City Parks are closed after dark!

Your Greenway is not a sidewalk, it is purported to be a linear park. Our area cannot be treated as you would an area of downtown condos. It is a private residential neighbourhood where residents pay enormous taxes for the privilege. We expect some continuance of our neighbourhood amenities. Making small adjustments would be neither difficult nor costly. Blanket refusals to address small changes is not how city hall should operate, it is highly dispespectful.

Whether or not you anticipated any impediments to carrying out plans as you envisioned them, we expect the city to be both cooperative and responsive to our concerns when you get it wrong.

There should be absolutely No traffic after dark behind the West 33 and 35th stretch of the Greenway. It is an invitation to all teenagers, crime, and very difficult to police! Lights would be unacceptable along this route as they would disturb residents and encourage traffic!

Please do not send further emails from an anonymous correspondant who hides behind the title of an 'office'. Your disregard of my previous request is unacceptable.

Please supply me the name and title of a person in seniority to whom further correspondance may be sent. There will be a continuance of this dialogue.

Yours Truly, s.22(1) Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2017-05-01 3:44 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Hi s.22(1)

The Arbutus Greenway is a public space for all residents to enjoy and use, similar to a street sidewalk or lane. As on street sidewalks, lanes and in other public spaces, the security of homes falls within the Vancouver Police Department's jurisdiction. You can contact them at (604) 717-3321.

The Arbutus Greenway is a public civic amenity, and benches installed along the greenway provide areas of rest and relaxation for users. The benches installed along the S-curve, between West 37th Avenue and West 33rd Avenue were installed for numerous reasons. For example, they face the view of the mountains and sea to the north, and they provide a natural resting space for individuals with limited mobility to enjoy the view. For more information about our public consultation process, which helped guide the location of benches, please visit http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/arbutus-greenway-temporary-path-oct-2016-open-house-information-displays.pdf.

Regards,

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From: Arbutus Greenway

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:52 AM

To: s.22(1) Arbutus Greenway

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for your email. I am going to raise this with the project team at an upcoming meeting. Please expect a reply next week.

Thank you,

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From: \$.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:01 AM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Thank you for your prompt response. Grass and wildflowers will be lovely and probably suffice for the most part. However, along our patch I would like to see a bit more than that. I would like to know to whom I should appeal to that end. It is a view area but still needs some filling in.

s.22(1)

Case in point: I am wondering at the wisdom of the placement of a nearby bench. It is perched close to the edge of a steep rise covered with large brambles. It faces out but there is barely room to maneuver there, one misstep and both mother and stroller would have been over the edge yesterday! Voices there carry in the empty space and we can hear entire conversations. There should be some low barrier, ie shrubbery, to break a fall. The rise continues for a short time above the lane behind Quilchena so it would not be a greay expense to deal with such a small stretch.

Thank you, s.22(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2017-04-25 9:04 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Arbutus Greenway <arbutusgreenway@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: What next on "Greenway"?

Hi s.22(1)

Over the coming weeks we will be adding grass and wildflower seeding with a topsoil mixture to the sides of the temporary path. We are not planning on adding any trees or more significant plants along the temporary path at this time.

Regards,

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 7:52 PM

To: Arbutus Greenway

Subject: What next on "Greenway"?

Will you be planting some greenery soon?

I'm wondering when the huge swath of bare pavement will become the promised 'greenway'.

Right now it is essentially a city street without cars, denuded of greenery by construction. At present it is not the park like path previously invoked as a park or greenspace.

Everyone going by on foot or on bikes can look straight down into people's back yards between West 33rd to the bend at Arbutus St. at 35th. There are constant voices and noise drifting down / up to residents which would be muffled by the addition of some shrubbery and small trees. These intrusions will only increase during summer months and will continue well into evening hours. The previous greenery was only scrub growth but it provided a cover which really needs to be replaced.

Please let me know your plans on this matter.

Many thanks for your ear.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.