

# Keep West Van natural

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Dear Editor:

Mayor and Council:

Why, oh why, cannot you leave well enough alone? West Vancouver is so blessed with a beautiful natural waterfront, why turn it into a semi commercial waterfront?

As the saying goes, give a child a toy in a box and they will play with the box! Whatever happened to using imagination when playing around the waterfront? Contrived entertainment is so boring after a time!

Judging by some correspondence, it appears that some people moved to West Vancouver by default, while they still yearned for the downtown style of nightlife. Did they not research before they came? What was the initial attraction to move here in the first place? Certainly not nightlife!

Residential development has been incorporated into the Ambleside to Dundarave areas. Putting a residential mix with night entertainment is all very well, but when the patrons want to go home, to their peace and quiet, the residents in these areas are still left with the noise and all that accompanies the entertainment businesses!

In summertime we expect there will be temporary waterfront activities. They come and go. This is tolerable, but, constant? I do not think so!

Hard earned taxpayers' money has gone into opening up the waterfront for grassy parkland. This is widely acceptable. Please continue to do so. Just do not contradict the process by building anything on it again, ever! That would be just plain foolishness!

Over time we will lose more and more waterfront land at the eastern end of West Vancouver, waterfront not owned by the municipality. If we commercialize what we presently own, we will lose the uniqueness of what is left of this beautiful Eden. Nature and using one's imagination, the peace, the quiet, watching wildlife, the serenity of breathing in the beautiful sea air, without cooking odours permeating - this is what makes our West Vancouver parkland waterfront so special. It recharges the weary soul. Humans need this, please never destroy it!

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