

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## West Vancouver School District No.45 Correspondence List – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Letter Date	From	To	Type	Description	Reply by	Copied To	Action
October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Carolyn Broady, Chair	John Weston, MP West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country	Sent.	On behalf of the Board of Education, the Chair writes to Mr. Weston to thank him for his many years of service, and to express appreciation for his ongoing efforts on behalf of students and families in the West Vancouver School District.	N/A	WV Board of Education WV District Leadership Team	
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	Carolyn Broady, Chair	Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country	Sent.	On behalf of the Board of Education, the Chair writes to Ms. Goldsmith-Jones to congratulate her on her recent election win. Ms. Broady advises the new MP that WV Schools looks forward to working closely with her, and asks that she contact us to arrange a meeting.	N/A	WV Board of Education WV District Leadership Team	
November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Carolyn Broady, Chair	Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country	Sent	Ms. Broady writes to MP Goldsmith-Jones to apprise her of the application for a \$500,000 Community Infrastructure Grant from Western Diversification Canada to help replace the track and upgrade the grass field at WVSS to all weather turf.  The Chair asks for any support the MP could provide, and includes a copy of the original application, and all supporting documents from stakeholder groups for her information.	N/a	WV Board of Education	



October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

John Weston, Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country  
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Dear John,

On behalf of the West Vancouver Board of Education, I'd like to thank you for your many years of dedication to the community, our schools and families in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky riding. While the election results will have been disappointing for you and your team, we hope you know that you've made a lasting impact, and we appreciate the many fine things you've done as our Member of Parliament on behalf of students and families in our district.

We recall with gratitude your efforts around raising awareness about prescription drug misuse, your championing of Booktopia and the annual MP Writing Award, your visits to our school sites, your attendance each year at Remembrance Day ceremonies and your endorsement of our West Vancouver Secondary School track and field grant application as some of the many examples of your generous support for youth and education. We have enjoyed cultivating a close relationship with your team. Electoral transition is always difficult for those who dedicate their life to public service, but we know that you will continue to give back generously to your community.

We wish you and your family all the best and look forward to hearing about any future plans.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Broady".

Carolyn Broady, Chair  
West Vancouver Board of Education

cc: West Vancouver Board of Education  
West Vancouver Schools District Leadership Team



November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country

Dear Pam,

On behalf of the West Vancouver Board of Education, I'd like to warmly congratulate you on your recent election win in the West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky riding. We are very excited that you bring such strong community experience to your new role as well as a wealth of knowledge about your constituency. As a former mayor with a strong record of public service going back more than 20 years, I am sure that you will bring fresh insight to Ottawa and will be able to look for new opportunities to support the children and families in our community.

West Vancouver Schools has a strong reputation for excellence, and our success is due in no small part to the relationships we cultivate with internal stakeholders, local community partners and government representatives. It is our hope that we can begin to forge our new relationship without delay, and organize a meeting to discuss our mutual vision and goals.

Our Executive Assistant, Sharon Pierce, can be reached at [spierce@wvschools.ca](mailto:spierce@wvschools.ca) or 604.981.1030 to arrange a meeting. We look forward to connecting with you as your new schedule allows.

Once again, congratulations on your victory, and I look forward to working closely with you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Broady, Chair  
West Vancouver Board of Education

cc: West Vancouver Board of Education  
West Vancouver Schools District Leadership Team



November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones  
Member of Parliament, West Vancouver  
Sunshine Coast — Sea to Sky Country

Dear Pam,

It was nice seeing you on Wednesday at the Cenotaph. Thank you for your quick response with regard to scheduling a meeting with the Board of Education for later this fall; we look forward to finding a time to meet with you as your schedule allows. There is though, a matter of some urgency, that I felt it important to apprise you of prior to our meeting. In June of this year the School District, with the support of our community sports groups, the District of West Vancouver, the West Vancouver Community Foundation and both MLAs Ralph Sultan and Jordan Sturdy, applied for a \$500,000 Community Infrastructure Grant from Western Diversification Canada (<http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/18872.asp> (file number C005256) to help replace the aging track and upgrade the grass field at WVSS to all weather turf.

In our application we included letters of support from the Mayor, our MLA's, the West Vancouver Foundation, BC Athletics, and all the various sports group stakeholders (attached is a copy of the application and the letters of support). At the time we did speak to John Weston who also added his support to our application. As you may be aware, a number of projects were approved prior to the start of the election and it is our understanding that the remainder of the projects will be approved prior to the end of 2015. Your voice, and any support that you could provide, would certainly enhance our grant application.

The running track at West Vancouver Secondary School (WVSS) was installed in 1948, and it's served as the sole track and field venue for the citizens of West Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lions Bay for fifty-seven years now. Originally a cinder track, it was upgraded with a rubberized surface in 1990, but due to substrate failure has deteriorated to the point where only 3 of 5 lanes are open for use. Additionally, there are drainage issues with the grass infield that render it unusable during the winter months. Given the minimal funds received under the Ministry's current capital program, the West Vancouver School District is unable to remediate these issues on our own and may be faced with removing the track entirely within the next two years.

However, beyond education we recognize that we have a broader mandate to serve our community, and we recognize that our lands represent unique assets. The track at WVSS is one of the very few pieces of large, flat public land within West Vancouver. We believe that this site, situated in the heart of the community on public transit routes, offers a unique opportunity. Accordingly, we've engaged in discussions with the municipality and a number of community organizations in the hope of creating a joint project that will not just preserve the only track and field venue on the North Shore, but will provide a much-needed all season sports field and enhance the health and engagement of citizens of all ages.

The project is estimated to cost \$5.5m. It will include:

- 1) replacement of failing substrate, including levelling of site (currently 1 metre slope north-south), and installation of proper drainage system;
- 2) replacement of running track, including expansion to six lanes and installation of an asphalt track with rubberized surface;
- 3) installation of a regulation-sized soccer field with artificial turf surface;
- 4) installation of lights for both track and field;
- 5) installation of a public washroom building to serve the site;
- 6) replacement of bleachers; and
- 7) refurbishment of other track and field event areas (long, high and triple-jump, javelin, shot-put).

Participating stakeholders in the project (working together since 2012) include:

- 1) West Vancouver School District
- 2) West Vancouver Municipality
- 3) West Vancouver Community Foundation
- 4) West Vancouver Soccer Club
- 5) West Vancouver Track Club
- 6) Nor'Westers Track Club
- 7) Hershey Harriers Track Club
- 8) West Vancouver Senior's Centre

Funding:

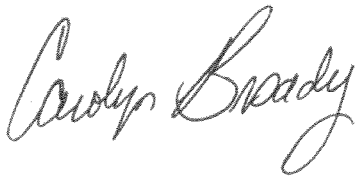
- 1) West Vancouver School District - \$250,000
- 2) West Vancouver Soccer Club - \$100,000
- 3) West Vancouver Community Foundation – \$250,000
- 4) West Vancouver Municipality – exact amount still under discussion, but expected to be greater than \$100,000 (could be substantially more)
- 5) Community Infrastructure Grant – have applied for \$500,000 grant; expect to hear whether or not successful within the next two months

## 6) Fundraising:

- a. Sports groups have formed a fundraising committee, chaired by soccer parent Clint Undseth and supported by Geoff Jopson (WV Community Foundation)
- b. Formal fundraising will begin in early 2016
- c. Naming rights will be offered separately for the track and the field

Pam, I wanted to ensure you were aware of the potential project and our grant application, and while I know you are just beginning to find your way in Ottawa, I felt it important that you know of our application and the community project that we are looking to undertake. If there is any further information or clarification we can provide, please let me know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Broady".

Carolyn Broady, Chair  
West Vancouver Board of Education

Cc: West Vancouver Board of Education