

EUCCA Annual General Meeting, September 26th 2023

“How do we address the ongoing scourge of
Graffiti in Edgemont and elsewhere”?

“All of these photos are recent and were taken within a small radius of where we are meeting tonight” (Highlands Church)



These photos were taken just after a EUCCU General meeting on September 14th 2023



This photo was taken on September 20th , At the back of Grosvenor building on Ayr



These are photos taken recently in the neighbourhood of various acts of vandalism on various surfaces.

Bus Stop at Capilano and Ridgewood



Stone wall behind Capilano and Ridgewood



**In the Heart of the Edgemont
Village Neighbourhood**

Graffiti at park 3151 Connaught across from Thrifty's



Example of wood fence Graffiti , Chesterfield and Lonsdale



Another example of wood fence Graffiti; It's everywhere and VERY hard to remove



Clothing Box Graffiti, Also VERY difficult to remove, Particularly by Non Profits on limited budgets!



Recent concrete wall Graffiti, Just off Lonsdale and Queens



When Graffiti is removed and then re-appears....



Wall Graffiti



Dumpster Bin Graffiti



Fence Graffiti, VERY difficult to remove!!



THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

GRAFFITI BYLAW

BYLAW 7503

Effective Date – September 27, 2004

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

This is a consolidation of the bylaws below. The amending bylaws have been combined with the original bylaw for convenience only. This consolidation is not a legal document. Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaw on this subject.

Original Bylaw	Date of Adoption
<u>Bylaw 7503</u>	September 27, 2004
Amending Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 8559	May 30, 2022

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw (Graffiti Bylaw – Bylaw 7503). The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

BYLAW 7503

A bylaw to prohibit graffiti and require that property be kept free of graffiti.

The Council for The Corporation of The District of North Vancouver enacts the following:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "GRAFFITI BYLAW".

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:

"Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means the person, or persons, appointed to the position pursuant to the Appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers Bylaw.

"District" means the geographic area of land within the boundaries of The District of North Vancouver.

"Council" means the Council of The District of North Vancouver.

"Graffiti" means one or more letters, symbols or marks, howsoever made, on any structure, place or thing, but does not include marks made accidentally, or any of the following:

- (a) a sign, public notice or traffic control mark authorized by the District Engineer;
- (b) a sign authorized pursuant to The District of North Vancouver Sign Bylaw;
- (c) a public notice authorized by a District bylaw or by provincial or federal legislation; or
- (d) in the case of private property, a letter, symbol or mark authorized by the owner or tenant of the property on which the letter, symbol or mark appears, that does not contribute to the unsightly nature of the property.

"Municipality" shall mean The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver.

Prohibitions

3. No person shall place graffiti, or cause graffiti to be placed on, or displayed from, any wall, fence, structure or other thing in any street, public place or on real property adjacent to a street or public place.

Requirements

4. Every owner or occupier of real property shall at all times keep any wall, fence, building, structure or thing that is located on such real property and adjacent to a street or public place free of graffiti.

Order to comply

5. Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer observes that a person has failed to perform any obligations pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue to such person an Order to Comply with the requirements of this bylaw in respect of which that person is in default.
6. An Order to Comply shall be in the form indicated in Schedule "A".
7. An Order to Comply is deemed to be served on an owner or occupier of real property when the District has:
 - (a) mailed, by registered mail, a copy of the Order to Comply to the address of the owner shown on the last revised real property assessment rolls; or
 - (b) delivered a copy of the Order to Comply to the owner or an occupier of the real property, or by placing the Order to Comply in a mailbox, or other receptacle, for the receipt of mail on the real property; or
 - (c) posted a copy of the Order to Comply on the real property.
8. Every person who has been served with an Order to Comply in accordance with this bylaw shall comply with the requirements of this bylaw in respect of which that person is in default within 30 days of such service.
9. Upon receipt of an Order to Comply, a person may appeal its issuance to the Council by giving notice of the appeal, in writing, to the Municipal Clerk within 15 days of the service of the Order to Comply.
10. If an appeal is brought, Council shall hear and determine the appeal and either confirm, amend or rescind the Order to Comply.
11. If an appeal is heard by Council, and Council confirms the Order to Comply, the person who brought the appeal shall comply with the requirements of this bylaw in respect of which that person is in default within 15 days of Council's decision on the appeal.
12. If the obligations imposed by the terms of an Order to Comply in respect of a default under the provisions of this bylaw are not performed within the time period established by this bylaw, the District, by its employees and or its agents, may enter the real property and perform the obligations at the expense of the owners or occupiers of the real property.

Default

- 12.1. Whenever a person is in default of doing any matter or thing required to be done under this bylaw, the District, through its employees or agents, may do what is required to be done, at the expense of the person in default, and such costs will constitute a debt due and owing in accordance with section 17 of the *Community Charter*.
13. The charges incurred by the District for work performed, if unpaid on December 31 of the year in which the work was performed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrears.

Obstruction

14. A person must not interfere with, delay, obstruct or impede a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or designate or other person lawfully authorized to enforce this bylaw in the performance of duties under this bylaw.

Costs

15. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall provide to the Treasurer an accurate record of all costs incurred by the District in performing or causing to be performed any obligations set out by the provisions of this bylaw.
16. Upon receipt from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer of a record of the total costs incurred in any specific matter, the Treasurer shall demand payment thereof from the owner of the real property in which work was performed.

Offences and penalties

17. (a) A person who:
 - i. contravenes a provision of this bylaw;
 - ii. causes, consents to, allows or permits an act or thing to be done contrary to this bylaw;
 - iii. neglects or refrains from doing anything required by a provision of this bylaw; or
 - iv. fails to comply with any order, direction or notice given under this bylaw,commits an offence and is subject to the penalties imposed by this bylaw and the *Offence Act*.
- (b) Each instance that a contravention of a provision of this bylaw occurs and each day that a contravention occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offence.
- (c) A person found guilty of an offence under this bylaw is subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$50,000.00 for every instance that an offence occurs or each day that it occurs or continues, plus the costs of prosecution.

18. Deleted

19. Deleted

Municipal ticket information

20. This bylaw is designated pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c.26 as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed.
21. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Bylaw Enforcement Officers are designated to enforce this bylaw by means of a ticket pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter*.
22. The words or expressions listed below in the Designated Expression column are authorized to be used on a ticket issued pursuant to Section 264 of the *Community Charter* to designate an offence against the respective section of this bylaw appearing opposite in the Section column.

SCHEDULE 'A'

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

GRAFFITI BYLAW NO. 7503

ORDER TO COMPLY

TO:

RE: Property at: (address)

Legal Description:

Complaints have been received regarding:

Investigation discloses the following:

The above constitutes an offence under the Graffiti Bylaw

No. 7503, Section _____

→ You are hereby ordered to:

Failure to comply may result in:

a) The District proceeding in accordance with the default provisions of the Graffiti Bylaw, including the District doing the work required and collecting the costs of that work as taxes ;

and/or

b) The District seeking to have you prosecuted for violating the Graffiti Bylaw.

Questions regarding this order may be directed to:

Yours truly,

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You may appeal the issuance of this *Order to Comply* to Council. An appeal must be brought within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this *Order to Comply* by giving notice, in writing, to the Municipal Clerk. Council must hear and determine the appeal and either confirm, amend or rescind the *Order to Comply*.

If the obligations imposed by this *Order to Comply* in respect of a default under the provisions of the Graffiti Bylaw are not performed within 30 days, and you do not appeal, the District, by its employees and or its agents, may enter the real property to which the Order relates and perform the obligations at the expense of the owners or occupiers of the real property.

The charges incurred by the District for work performed, if unpaid on December 31 of the year in which the work was performed, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the real property as taxes in arrears.

Chelsea W
Bylaws Clerk



355 West Queens Road
North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5
bylaws@dnv.org
604-990-2400



We respectfully acknowledge the original peoples of these lands and waters, specifically the səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), on whose unceded ancestral lands the District of North Vancouver is located. We value the opportunity to learn, share, and serve our community on these unceded lands.

From: jlesow <jlesow@whidbey.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 4:53 AM
To: Engineering - Generic Mail <engineer@dnv.org>; jlesow@whidbey.net
Cc: Bylaws <bylaws@dnv.org>; Eric Skowronek <eric5k5@shaw.ca>; Corrie Kost <ckost@shaw.ca>
Subject: RE: FW: Graffiti photos/ Grosvenor/Connaught

I am preparing a PowerPoint Presentation on Graffiti for the Edgemont Upper Capilano Community Association AGM.

I wish to meet personally with enforcement/ bylaw authorities today or tomorrow to discuss the specific ordinances in place at the District.

Please advise whom to contact at the District offices. I have a number of photos of graffiti vandalism I am compiling, including the previously referenced.

Thank you.
John Lesow
V7R 4H9
jlesow@whidbey.net
778 340 1239

Sent from my Galaxy

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

From: Engineering - Generic Mail <engineer@dnv.org>
Date: 2023-09-14 2:27 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: jlesow@whidbey.net
Cc: Bylaws <bylaws@dnv.org>
Subject: FW: Graffiti photos/ Grosvenor/Connaught

Hello Mr. Lesow, your graffiti concerns are being forwarded to our Bylaws Section.

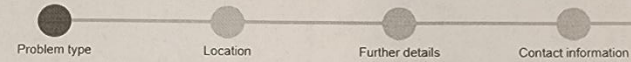
Subject: RE: FW: Graffiti photos/ Grosvenor/Connaught
From: Bylaws <bylaws@dnv.org>
Date: 20/09/2023, 3:33 p.m.
To: jlesow <jlesow@whidbey.net>

Hi John,

Thank you for your email and for speaking with me on the phone – my apologies that my phone was having issues.

I was trying to let you know that the best way to submit a problem is here directly on our website: [Report a problem | District of North Vancouver \(dnv.org\)](#)
It will allow you to attach your photos in the submission and will direct the problem to the appropriate team.

Report a Problem



What is the problem?

Select from the list below or search by keyword.

Search by keyword

Animals

Construction

Garbage, litter, pollution

Graffiti

In a park

On a store, house, or other private property

On public property (bench, garbage can, etc)

Here you can find our Graffiti Bylaw which should be helpful for putting together your presentation.
[Graffiti Bylaw | District of North Vancouver \(dnv.org\)](#)

Please let us know if you have any more questions and have a great day,

Who do we contact for ByLaw Enforcement?

- **These DNV Regulations do NOTHING to prevent Graffiti , They are Re-Active rather than Pro-Active....**
- **What can as a community to address this intolerable situation?**

One is to have the District of North Vancouver consider CCTV Cameras!

What are the real options to curb the epidemic of Graffiti in Edgemont and elsewhere?

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CCTV Cameras in London UK have been HIGHLY effective to battle Soccer Violence and Graffiti problems