

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016
Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PRESENT:

John Miller (chair)	Lower Capilano
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Chris Sallis	Strathcona
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Babs Perowne (secretary)	Woodcroft
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano

1. **Welcome** (regrets: Arlene King, David Knee, Jane Chersak): John welcomed members and guest, Laura Nickerson.
2. **Speaker: Evergreen Park Stewards – Laura Nickerson** Laura presented an overview of the Evergreen Park Stewards program operating in the City of North Vancouver. She described the park maintenance activities, education programs at day camps and schools, special event days (River Days and Earth Day) as well as setting out statistics on volume of invasive plants removed, native species planted. Questions included possibility of extending the program to DNV, costs and financing of the program, and appropriateness of pulling invasive plants. (Addendum to minutes: copy of presentation slides)
3. **Approve Agenda.** The agenda was amended to include: Updating Mayor/Council on NVCAN, Distribution of Council materials, BC Societies Act implementation date. Agenda was approved as amended.
4. **Approve Minutes – October 19, 2016.** Corrie noted amendments to Edgemont & Upper Capilano report, and Irene noted amendments to Norgate Park report. Minutes were approved as amended.
5. **Community Association Roundtable:**
 - a. **Norgate Park:** Irene reported that negotiations are ongoing with Seaspan regarding their shift-change whistle. Irene reiterated the concern about the change in zoning for the Dammholz property at 1210-1260 W 16th. The current plan changes the density and the design set out in the OCP for that area.
 - b. **Delbrook:** Diana reported that 2 crosswalks have been marked with signs as requested, but cars continued to speed on Delbrook. For SOS, Diana reported that the 2017 Walk date will be June 25. They have rented two water taxis to return walkers from Deep Cove to Cates Park.

- c. **Woodcroft:** Val reported: At the Public Information Meeting on November 1st they proposed another 87 units. Another PIM is scheduled for November 29 for an additional 164 townhouses. All this is in addition to the 26 townhouses already presented (a total of 277 so far). They are cramming in as much density as they can get away with, and it does not comply with the low density townhouse project originally intended for the peripheral area of the Lions Gate neighbourhood.
- d. **Lynn Valley:** Margaret reported that the Christmas tree parade will be on December 4 (and it will be FABULOUS!), the Mollie Nye light up will be December 1 (and it too will be FABULOUS!). The Lynn Valley Loop Trail was approved by Council as part of the Canada150 celebrations – funding TBA. The District is to do the work, plaques will be put up, and it is all on public property. The trail will be restricted to people, and dogs on leashes. A notice regarding the public hearing on Argyle School was presented. Corrie advised that the amount of rain North Vancouver receives in the Lynn Valley area exceeds the criteria to require a covered play area.
- e. **Strathcona:** Chris reported that there is mounting interest by neighbours regarding the height and parking for the redevelopment of the Raven restaurant site. Corrie advised there is a minimum parking space requirement for a restaurant. Also, the property is outside the town centre area scheduled for densification. Also that road is not classified as a rapid transit centre.
- f. **Deep Cove:** Katherine reported on the second chlorine leak (on Tuesday, November 16) and had reported concerns to Councillor Lisa Muri regarding the effect on Maplewood development.
- g. **Blueridge:** Eric reported that CMHC had agreed to allow access to the trail across their property, on the understanding that people used the trail at their own risk. However, the “No Trespass” signs had not as yet been removed. Blueridge will be meeting next week, and Eric handed out copies of the newsletter. Eric also reported that Carols in the Sharing Garden would take place on Saturday, December 10. Eric attended the School Board meeting as the Blueridge School may be sold. A School Closure Committee is reviewing the decision in light of the Supreme Court ruling on smaller classroom sizes.
- h. **Seymour:** Karen reported on what is happening with the proposed development at 3468-3490 Mount Seymour Parkway and another development next to Taylor Creek (next to Parkgate Mall). Lorraine Harvey has been in touch with Erik Wilhelm at the District in terms of this development. They are just at the preliminary proposal stage now. Based on feedback from staff and the community, the planning department will be preparing a letter/report to be forwarded to the developer. The developer will then have to go back to the drawing board to tweak or fix things that have been identified as problematic. Lorraine learned from Erik Wilhelm that the proposal does fit within the zoning guidelines and the OCP but they are concerned about the design, the density and on site amenities. When asked if it would be of benefit to them to have some feedback from the community he said by all means. It will take at least three or four months to get through the items above, and another four or five months to get to the stage where they would require the developer to host a public information meeting, so there is no rush for SCA to plan a meeting. Lorraine will get back to the developer and ask about their availability, probably in the new year. Erik Wilhelm was asked for an update on the proposal for the property right next to Taylor Creek, and it has apparently been approved for an eight unit townhouse development. That is down from approximately 14 or 16 that the developer originally presented when they wanted to purchase the lane access from the District.

Even their downsized design was not accepted. At this point, Eric has no idea when -- or if -- they will proceed. They could just decide to sell the property with the development permit in place. Babs commented on the wide range of projects Erik Wilhelm is handling – from Lions Gate town centre across to Seymour.

- i. **Edgemont & Upper Capilano:** Corrie reported that the latest meeting for the EUCCA was cancelled as there were no urgent issues. EUCCA are well informed on the status of the water main project on Capilano Road and the recent 6 month closure of Edgemont Blvd at Capilano Road; the construction projects newly underway near Edgemont Blvd and Ridgewood Drive; the upcoming public hearing on the proposed 22 Unit Apartment and Single Family House on Crescentview Drive scheduled at DNV Hall on Tuesday, November 22. For more information on preliminary application being made in Upper Capilano such as:
 - Application of 8 townhouses (in two buildings of four homes) at 4670 Capilano Road
 - Proposed 26 Unit Townhouse project for Ridgewood Dr and Ayr Ave
 - Proposed mixed-use redevelopment for 5020 Capilano Rd (Chinese restaurant)
 - Proposed 16 Unit townhouse redevelopment for 3695 Bluebonnet Rdcontact District hall or email bplatts@shaw.ca.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Website Update:** Babs reported that website is now up and running. Corrie added the software required to operate the site. Babs/Corrie demonstrated the various page access and links. Corrie will update the Community Association map as CA's give him boundary limits. He had worked from a photo of our workshop map, and it blurred some of the lines. Agendas and minutes will be posted as available. Minutes will change from "Draft" once approved.
- b. **NSWLC** John reported NVCAN has accepted the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee invitation to attend their Thursday, January 19 meeting. John and Babs will attend.

7. **NVCAN emails:** Babs reported that 3 emails had been received, all being copies of emails sent to Mayor and Council. (One email was from David Knee and two from Monica Craver). After discussion, it was agreed as a policy that rather than posting emails on the website, they would be distributed to members. Members could then take any appropriate action in response. Babs will circulate these emails.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Future Presentations:** January 18, 2017 - Kevin Bell, to speak on Exotic Species Reconsidered
- b. **DNV update:** Eric recommended that we do another presentation to Mayor/Council and arrange for a "shirtsleeves" meeting with them and staff. We need to reinforce that FONVCA has been replaced with NVCAN. To this point, Chris and Katherine requested an agenda item for January on communications.
- c. **Garbage - restrictions and penalties:** Corrie reported that allowable levels of mixed garbage/recycling has decreased. Waste Management companies/municipalities are penalized for mixed loads and can reject garbage and recycling at the homeowners if it does not comply.
- d. **Christmas/Holiday Lunch:** Babs suggested a Christmas/Holiday Lunch to be held at Northlands Restaurant, 3400 Anne Macdonald Way, in December. After discussion, it was

agreed to hold a lunch on Friday, December 16 at noon. Babs will make the reservation and send out invitations.

- e. **Cost of renting community spaces:** Margaret spoke on the high cost of rental space for the North Shore Recreation Centres. She would like to see them include a 50% reduction for NGOs.
 - f. **Election to board – January:** John advised that with the resignation of Eric Muira, we have a vacancy on the board. As the term of office extends to June, 2018, he announced we would elect a replacement at our January meeting. Nominations should be sent to Babs.
 - g. **Society Act – bylaws:** Margaret advised that any society registered under the current BC Society Act must register its by-laws on November 28. New rules will take effect regarding by-laws, if your group is registered under the Act, check the new regulations at the BC government website.
 - h. **Newspaper clippings:** Corrie handed out some copies of the various items published since our last meeting. Babs will post the list to the website under “Useful Information”. We will be working out the best way to handle these materials in the future.
9. **Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Topics for the agenda:
- a. Election of Board Member - John
 - b. Communications, including scheduling Shirtsleeves meeting – Katherine and Eric
 - c. Newspaper Clippings – Corrie and Babs
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

These draft minutes are on the website.

If you have any changes, please email Babs