

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 15 2017
Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PRESENT:

John Miller (chair)	Lower Capilano
Babs Perowne (secretary)	Woodcroft
Chris Sallis	Strathcona
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Jane Chersak	Norwood/Queens
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
Sharon Porter	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood

REGRETS:

Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Val Moller	Woodcroft

- 1. Welcome** John welcomed members.
- 2. Approve Agenda.** The agenda was accepted with additions.
- 3. Approve Minutes.** The minutes were adopted.
- 4. Speaker:** Tom Walker, North Shore Safety Council (NSSC), spoke about the work of the NSSC including various school programs and advocacy for safety. He offered to attend meetings of individual Community Associations to provide further details of their programs. He also extended an invitation to attend the NSSC meetings with staff held on the 1st Thursday of the month at noon, location: Delbrook Community Centre. If people wish to join the NSSC, they can do so at their website: <https://northshoresafetycouncil.ca/join>. Tom Walker's contact info: Tom Walker, President, North Shore Safety Council, cell/text 604.218.3697, email: walkert@shaw.ca
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a.** DNV Mayor/Council – Shirtsleeves meeting – John reported that the board decided it would be better to meet with DNV Staff prior to arranging a Mayor/Council shirtsleeves meeting.
 - b.** Future Presentation: Patrick Stafford-Smith for April. Babs reminded members that the speaker would be speaking on creating/attracting jobs to DNV. Our tentative meet-and-greet with MPs has been postponed until November meeting.
- 6. Communications:**
 - a. NVCAN emails:** Babs reported that DNV staff would like to receive the email addresses for NVCAN representatives. The emails would be used for distributing notices regarding public information meetings and other documents relating to the community. All members in

attendance agreed to Babs sending DNV their email addresses, names and Community Association name. Members present would check with other members of their community associations to see if others would also like their email addresses sent to DNV. It is understood that DNV is just in the development stage for setting up email contact lists.

b. News Clips: Corrie reviewed the various items included in the current month's items. The list has been posted to the NVCAN website.

7. Community Association Roundtable:

a. Woodcroft: Babs reported that the annual Persian New Year celebration will be held again this year at Woodcroft. There has been a large sign posted at the Belle Isle Park advising of the change to the pedestrian/cycle pathway. As the pathway was re-routed in late summer, the new sign implies development of the townhouse projects might be imminent.

b. Norgate: Irene reported, on behalf of David Knee, the only updates for this month are the response from the District re the 1591 Bowser development which was "Currently this permit is on hold and is not active. We do not know at this time whether it will continue in the future." The Province came up with \$193,000,000 of the \$212,300,000 requested (10% short) for the sewage plant. Seapsan is no longer using the sewage plant site for parking they are probably now parking in the FibreCo site as we were told last year. Three new houses under construction in Norgate.

c. Pemberton Heights: Paul said nothing new to report with no new developments at the old church and the Daycare is continuing its operations.

d. Deep Cove/Strathcona: Chris and Katherine reported on a concern about the process Darwin is using in trying to gain approval for their development proposal at the Raven area. Their preliminary proposal has been pulled as a result of the push-back DNV and Council received from residents and citizen groups so Darwin has offered to meet again with residents in order to "...deepen our understanding of our neighbourhood concerns". However, many residents were concerned that this step would be not only inappropriate as their concerns had already been made clear but also could be a way for the developer to persuade or gain agreement from residents through language and strategies many residents might not understand. The OCP had been amended for the Raven area about 6 years ago when a similar development proposal was rejected by DNV and the residents are happy with these height and other restrictions. Councillor Lisa Muri agreed that another meeting with residents was inappropriate but Darwin has already set up the meeting for March 29, 6-8 pm at Seycove High School. Councillor Lisa Muri will attend.

e. Blueridge: Eric reported a lower turnout than usual at the recent BCA meeting due to weather. We intend to meet with CMHC to discuss a possible Trail between Blueridge and Parkgate. Seymour Estates just south of Blueridge is scheduled to be redeveloped.

f. Maplewood: Stuart reported on that development permits were ongoing and 200 households need to be relocated (Maplewood Gardens). DNV requires the developer to relocate the residents. Plans are still underway for a May Day celebration in the mid-month. Specific date to be determined. DNV will provide space. North Shore Emergency Response has not signed on to the project. Stuart also reported that the rapid response system malfunctioned – sounding the horn to evacuate buildings, instead of the signal to stay inside. Corrie reported that CanOxy must cease production by 2030 and that chlorine should not be produced in a residential area.

g. Delbrook: Diana had nothing to report.

h. Norwood: Jane reported they are planning an area garage sale for May 4.

i. Seymour: Karen reported Peter Teevan moved the Facebook page site from 'closed' to 'public' and gained 64 likes and 92 follows. It can be accessed at <https://m.facebook.com/SeymourCA/>

or Google. Babs will add the link to the community name on the NVCAN website. Public Information Meeting: Rezoning of 3468 to 3490 Munt Seymour Parkway was held on February 23 with Tatia, the developer providing a viewing of the proposed buildings. A provincial All Candidates Meeting is planned for Thursday, May 4, from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Seymour United Church. It will be hosted by Blueridge Community Association, Strathcona CA, Parkgate Community Services Society, Mount Seymour United Church, and Deep Cove Community Association. A letter has been sent to DNV Council and Planning Department opposing the density of a recent proposed developments (including Tatia) on Mt Seymour Parkway.

- j. **Edgemont:** Corrie reported the developer for the Chinese restaurant on Capilano Road wants a variance to change the use. Also the Chinese restaurant on Woodbine/Queens wants to property to be rezoned, however, the old Edgemont zoning applies limiting height to less than 25 feet, FSR 1.0. The owner is to attend the EUCCA meeting. Corrie also reported the new 240-litre garbage carts have arrived, along with detailed instructions for how to position at curb.
- k. **Lower Capilano:** John reported the development plan for 1700 Marine / 1633 Tatlow property (Old Budget lot) will be going to Council for approval.
- l. **Lynn Valley:** Margaret filed the following report. The affordable housing forum hosted by North Shore Community Resource's took place on March 2nd. About 100 people in attendance – all ages and all housing situations. Concern re: lack of housing, lack of affordable housing and lack of creativity on the part of governments and developers to produce multi-style housing. Squeezed In.. Squeezed Out doing a lot of work in this area, based out of UBC, headed by Paul Kershaw. See link: http://www.gensqueeze.ca/structure_and_team. Increased number of coach house development applications. Lynn Valley Centre upgrades – BOSA article in NS News indicates Shoppers moving to Save on location, increased size of BC Liquor store, Save on moving to Zeller's site, improvements inside "mall". Going to be fabulous! Highway interchange – open house again on February 25th. Information on DNV website and MoTI website – work has started on Mountain Highway re-routing. Bike Overpass – mostly a City of North Vancouver project but the District is donating the land. This is to improve safety at the intersection of the on-ramp to highway one and LV Road. LINK Trail moving along nicely. Our Annual Park Project (clean-up of trails/park areas) is Saturday May 13 from 9 – 1p.m. This year it will be under the powerline from Mountain Highway to Cedar Gardens – details to come.

8. **New Business:**

- a. **DNV Staff – Shirtsleeves Meeting:** John reported that the NVCAN board recommends a shirtsleeves meeting with Dan Milburn and Jennifer Patton to review communications between staff and NVCAN. The group requested that Dan Milburn be invited to attend a DNV meeting to discuss the details of Temporary Use Permits, among other items. John will contact Dan Milburn to check his availability for our May 17 meeting
- b. **Frequency of NVCAN meetings (regular/special)** John reported that the Board, on request of several members, reviewed the frequency of NVCAN meetings. The Board recognized our current schedule of monthly meetings could be demanding. As a result, only the meetings listed in the Terms of Reference would be mandatory. Other meetings with speakers or workshops would be optional. It is recognized that NVCAN is still evolving and that speakers are now asking to attend our meetings.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

10. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

If you have any changes, please email Babs