

# North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

## Draft Minutes from Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W

Room: Meeting Room A

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

### Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Eric Skorownek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Betty Forbes	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
John Hunter	Seymour
Chris Sallis	Strathcona
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

### Guests:

Kelly Bond	Lynn Valley
Bruce Crow	Inter-River/Lynn Valley
Megan Curren	Deep Cove

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved with the addition of discussion on Questions for All Candidates Meetings.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 29 and April 18 meetings were approved.
- 4. Old Business:** Member List Update. After discussion, it was agreed the Member List would contain the name, email address, and phone numbers of members. Each member specified their choice of the contact information that would be included. A paper copy of the list will be distributed at the next NVCAN meeting. The members' list will not be available online.
- 5. New Business:**
  - a. North Vancouver Citizen Action Association.** John reviewed the material provided by the NVCAA regarding introducing students to voting in municipal elections. The material will be attached to the minutes and distributed to members. After discussion it was agreed that the questions NVCAN prepares for All Candidates Meetings will be made available to NVCAA so they could be used for their Practice Vote.
  - b. Mobility Pricing Report.** Corrie reviewed some of the issues relating to Mobility Pricing including the impact on small business (employees, customers, and delivery costs), cost of infrastructure to record traffic, need for better transit to replace single occupancy

vehicles. Further discussion referenced presentation at SFU with Swedish and UK representatives describing impact in their cities. Suggestions to improve traffic flow included staggered working hours and school hours.

- c. **Questions for All Candidates Meetings.** After discussion, it was agreed that NVCAN would prepare questions to ask candidates running for District Council. Corrie will update the list from prior years for presentation at the NVCAN June meeting.
- d. **Summer Lunch.** On a show of hands, it was decided to hold a summer lunch at Northlands Restaurant on Wednesday, August 15 at noon. Babs will make a reservation for the group.
- e. **Issues re document handling at DNV.** Eric A reported that the Blueridge Monitoring Committee report had not been included with the materials for the Public Hearing on 3428 Mt Seymour redevelopment. Several members commented they did not receive responses or confirmation that emails sent to Mayor/Council regarding development projects. It appears that if those who use the DNV website to submit the email receive confirmation of receipt, whereas those writing direct to Mayor/Council may not. Several members also commented on the overall size of DNV Meeting Agenda packages. It would assist the public if agenda packages would be broken into separate pieces relating to the projects, rather than one omnibus package. Members also expressed concern on the number of public hearings appearing on the DNV Calendar with insufficient time to review and comment meaningfully on the various projects. Comments were also made about the time lag to see the published results of the meetings and Hearings on the District Website. Comments were also made about the redactions in some of the public input. One way to avoid redaction is to allow names and contact information to be made available to general public.

**MOVED** that: NVCAN prepare a statement for DNV Council that adequate time be allowed for volunteers to process the volume of materials for the numerous projects coming to public hearings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Katherine Fagerlund will draft the statement for review by NVCAN members

## **6. Community Roundtable.**

**Norgate Park.** Irene reported that traffic and parking issues at 15th and Pemberton were being investigated. It was also noted that By-law officers did not attend to noise complaints.

**Blueridge.** Eric A reported that the Newsletter had been published. The printing costs were higher as a result of the old company was no available. The 120 seats for the 'Diner en Bleu' sold out quickly, with a waiting list. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Good Neighbours Day will be held on June 2 with a variety of entertainment for all ages. Blueridge and Seymour CAs will be scheduling an All Candidates Meeting. As noted above, Eric commented that the Blueridge Monitoring Committee report on 3428 Mt Seymour was omitted from the materials for the Public Hearing.

**Maplewood.** Stuart reported that 200 fingerling salmon were recorded in the local creek, so the restocking program was having some success. Bruce Crowe and Stuart received a favourable response from the Maplewood businesses regarding the information on North Shore Emergency Measures. Stuart also reported on the fourteen story project being developed behind the Stong's plaza and that many of the original owners in Maplewood have left the area. BC Housing is taking on some of the buildings in the area.

**Lynn Valley.** Betty reported that LVCA held its AGM on May 8th and have elected our new board. Lynn Valley Days will be on June 15 and June 16 with the dinner gala on the 15th and the parade and events on the 16th. LVCA had been very busy and active speaking to Council at the three Public Hearings on Emery Village about the LVCA concerns.

**Woodcroft.** The Woodbridge/Citimark development on Glenaire/Fullerton/Sandown for 150 units was approved by Council on May 28th – 5/2. Lisa Muri and Jim Hanson opposed due to “too much, too fast”. There was a Public Information Meeting on May 23rd on the proposed development on the Travelodge site. As we had an Association Meeting in Woodcroft the same night, we arranged another meeting in Woodcroft on May 29th. About 50 people attended, and they were very vocal about the height of the 29 storey tower, density, and traffic. The project did not receive much support. Darwin Properties will hold another Public Information Meeting on June 13th, 6 – 8 pm at the Rugby Club, regarding their development on the Earl’s site.

**Pemberton Heights.** Paul reported that Indigo on Marine Drive will be closing on June 25. This follows closings by Sears at Capilano Mall, and Jordan’s Rugs also on Marine Drive. It indicates that combination residential/commercial buildings are not sufficient to sustain businesses relying on daytime pedestrians.

**Delbrook.** Diana reported on the redevelopment proposals for the Delbrook Lands. The latest version moves the Day Care to another area of the park, further reducing the area available as a park. Mike Little had attended the presentation for the redevelopment.

**Deep Cove.** Katherine and Megan reported that a questionnaire on traffic issues received 400 responses in one week. Issues mentioned were blockage of fire truck access for emergency rescues, inability of Tour buses to navigate the narrow streets with parked cars, and large numbers trying to access Quarry Rock at one time. Some remediation has been implemented including parking restrictions to protect service based businesses, capping the number of people allowed to Quarry Rock at one time, providing a by-law enforcement officer to monitor compliance. Arrangements are being developed to address Tour busses, possibly limiting the size of busses allowed to the area. By-law changes have been made to help address some of the traffic flow issues. It was noted that the by-law prohibiting diving off the Deep Cove pier has been rescinded. Deep Cove CA is being revitalized and a website is being developed. It proved that having an issue will prove a uniting feature for a community.

**Strathcona.** Chris reported they held their AGM on May 24 and dealt with issues such as traffic calming, clean parks, waterfront access and the Raven project (which is on hold). There were discussions about merging the CA with Deep Cove as there are only 300 people in Strathcona. It was suggested that as a sub-group of Deep Cove, then Strathcona could still retain an identity.

**Edgemont and Upper Capilano.** An 8 townhome development on a single family lot on Capilano Road, next to an adjacent single family lot where 8 townhomes were built some 15 years ago, was the subject of a recent Public Hearing. Corrie reported that it was alleged by the Emery Place developer that there were some 330 emails in favour. He also noted a number of Public Hearing email submissions had not only the names and addresses, but substantive, and what he feels relevant, statements redacted. He suggested that to avoid any redaction that this be specifically requested in the text sent to the clerk by the submitter. In relation to this Corrie also noted a particular resolution was advanced during the May 10 Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference in Whistler (allegedly attended by several DNV Councillors) by the Squamish Municipal Council.

**Lower Capilano.** John reported Lower Capilano held its AGM on May 30. Capilano Community Services attended and spoke on the Lions Gate Recreation Centre that opens next year. The plan is to move the after school program from Norgate and Capilano elementary schools to the new

Recreation Centre. Two homeless people who had set up tents on the Bowser Trail were moved along by the RCMP. After that 2 fires were burning in the wooded area. While the Fire Department received more than one call about the fires, it was not obvious that the calls were reporting different fires. Tamsin Guppy, DNV, attended The Travelodge project Public Information Meeting. Some of the information she provided was outside her purview and inaccurate (eg B-Line bus destination and Capilano Elementary School capacity). Another issue with the Travelodge project is the mix of unit sizes of market and affordable units.

**7. Next Meeting: General Meeting.** Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.