

# North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

## Minutes from Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday April 17, 2019  
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
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Chris Sallis	Strathcona
Val Wilkins	Strathcona
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

### Guest:

Veronique Turner                      Darwin Properties Ltd.

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes for March 20, 2019, were approved.
- 4. Invitation to Workshop.** Veronique invited Community Associations to attend a workshop on the North Shore Innovation District. Various dates/times were discussed. The group showed strong support for the workshop. It was agreed that Veronique would set up a Survey Monkey to select the preferred choice of the CAs, an agenda and description of the project Babs will then circulate the survey and materials to NVCAN members.
- 5. Presentation on issues relating to rental housing availability.** Peter presented an analysis on the impact of GST and the Provincial Property Transfer Tax on development costs for rental properties. The combined costs of the two taxes exceeds the Development Cost Charges and Community Amenity contributions charged by the municipality. A question and answer period followed Peter's presentation. Veronique agreed that Peter's analysis accurately represented the impact of these taxes on development costs for purpose-built rental projects. Possible solutions would involve action by both Federal and Provincial governments.

## 6. Old Business:

- a) **Request that DNV notify CAs re zoning changes.** The group discussed what items required notification from the DNV. The main issues were notices of zoning changes, although changes to licenses that would impact traffic/parking and neighbourhood noise levels (eg business license changes) were mentioned. Lyle mentioned the issue was discussed at the last Monday's Council Meeting where notifications needed to extend beyond traditional print media. One proposed change to the current notification emails was to add the option of 'Categories'. Members were reminded that they could sign up for notifications regarding Significant Development Changes on the DNV website (<https://www.dnv.org/property-development/get-updates-about-new-developments-email>).
- b) **Contact DNV re video on YouTube.** Babs said she had not contacted the DNV on this. As she did not experience the problem, she could not accurately describe the problem to the DNV. John M. will contact the DNV on this topic.
- c) **Contact D Stuart re Community Building Fund budget amount.** Babs has not received a response from Dave Stuart to enquiries as to the amount of the Fund for 2019. John M. reported that he had spoken with both Christina Rucci and Dave Stuart. There seems to be an issue as to the formal paperwork required approving the increase to \$20,000. John M. will follow up with the Mayor and Dave Stuart.
- d) **Communications from DNV to CAs.** Discussed under 6.a.

## 7. New Business

- a) **Paying for website: Community Building Funds.** Corrie advised that the NVCAN domain name had been renewed for 3 years at a cost of US\$76, and that the web host for NVCAN.ca had been paid for 2 years at a cost of US\$239.
- b) **Delbrook missed 3 meetings.** Babs advised that Delbrook has missed 3 Regular meetings and therefore has lost its voting rights with NVCAN.

## 8. Community Roundtable.

- a. **Norgate.** Irene reported the water main replacement for Oakwood Crescent is completed. New curbs are planned for Redwood Street near the school and possibly a second crosswalk. There is a stop work order (from April 10) on the sewage treatment plant owing to an administrative matter. A Norgate Clean-up for 'Pitch In Week' is organized for April 22nd.
- b. **Woodcroft.** Nothing new to report this month.
- c. **Blueridge.** Eric reported there had been a work party for the Community Sharing Garden. Corrie said that the eaves trough company recommended in the Blueridge Newsletter did a good job at a reasonable rate.
- d. **Pemberton Heights.** Herman reported on a successful Meet-and-Greet at the Corner Stone with the Major and 4 Councillors with about 50 neighbours attending. Herman also reported that as the Pemberton Heights Community Hall is district-owned property, it is covered under the District insurance policy. This means that people who want to rent the hall for events can obtain insurance coverage for about \$20 instead of \$260. The Capilano Elementary School PAC will hold a Fundraising Gala on April 27.
- e. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported that trees on east Kirkstone have been marked. These trees are supposed to be retained and it is not clear if the marking is to be sure they are retained or to be removed. Lyle also reported that the guest speaker at the Lynn Valley AGM will be Mayor Little. The AGM will be held in May at Karen Magnussen Community Centre.

- f. **Maplewood.** Stuart reported their first AGM had been held on April 1. Babs announced that promoted Maplewood from the category of emerging CA to a full voting member. Stuart further reported Maplewood had held a litter pickup. He also said there had been workshops with four developers on the redesign of Maplewood. As yet residents are not satisfied with the proposed plans. A workshop on Affordable Housing had also been held. It is being proposed to set up a website where people looking for affordable housing could register. Stuart reported planning is underway for Maplewood Days for August 17 at Maplewood Farm.
- g. **Strathcona.** Chris reported that DNV staff visited the Strathcona Road in regard to traffic calming measures for Strathcona Road. The community is now awaiting DNV's response to the dangerous traffic conditions.
- h. **Deep Cove.** Katherine reported that a group of residents are pursuing initiatives to revive the Deep Cove Community Association. A survey last year regarding parking and other Cove problems resulted in about 400 responses and some trial changes to parking regulations. DCCA proponents are hoping to send a follow-up email to those people asking if the changes are helping and, at the same time, provide a link to a DCCA sign-up page. The group is also looking in to getting involved with hosting Deep Cove Daze and holding an AGM, maybe in October. Regarding the re-development of Bridge Church, there have been many comments on Facebook and we've noted that the property has been completely cleared of trees, but Lisa Muri has reported that the development complies with existing zoning.
- i. **Seymour.** Peter reported that Inter-river wants to do a Clean-Up Day. Peter expressed concern that the Mountain Bikers Association 'had finished the Fromme trails'. It was now being proposed to develop the trails in Seymour/Blueridge. Lyle recommended that a Reference group similar to the one for Fromme. The Fromme reference Group influenced how the trail redevelopments proceeded. Peter also mention their AGM is coming up, but had no details now.
- j. **Edgemont Upper Capilano.** Eric reported that cement was being poured for Thrifty's. The Phase 1 walkthrough for occupancy at the Grosvenor Project had taken place. Business changes at Edgemont: At Home Décor is moving in from Ambleside and the Florist Shop had closed. EUCCA is coordinating a meeting with Steve Carney (DNV Traffic). The community has been asked to submit their concerns and possible solutions regarding Capilano Road traffic before the June 22 meeting.
- k. **Lower Capilano.** John M. reported that construction crews are able to use the underground parking at 1700 Marine Drive even though the building is only at the framing stage on the upper floors. John M. reported that staff were looking at installing a dedicated bike lane on Tatlow even though the residents are opposed. The road is insufficiently wide to allow for parking, bike lane and the sidewalk on one side.

**9. Next Meeting: Special Meeting.** Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 featuring SD44 on their Capital Plans for schools.

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