

# North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 20, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

### Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove/Strathcona
Val Wilkins	Deep Cove/Strathcona
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Gillian Konst	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

### Guest:

Luci Cadman

Executive Director, Black Bear Society

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm.
- 2. Presentation:** Luci Cadman, Executive Director of the Black Bear Society, presented materials describing the typical black bears found in our area, their behaviours, food preferences, etc. She also advised on the behaviour we should use when encountering bears.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved. New Item: Consider acquiring a Zoom license. It was agreed to research costs and features available.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the November 18, 2020, regular meeting were approved.
- 5. Community Roundtable**
  - a. Deep Cove/Strathcona:** Chris reported they held their AGM on January 7 on Zoom. Much time was spent discussing the planned water main installation and a District representation was present to discuss the related temporary road extension. Chris went on to say that most people like the redesign of Gallant being one-way allowing restaurants to expand their outdoor space. Val W. reported that they are still working with DNV on traffic calming measures for Strathcona. However, the increase in use by people getting exercise outdoors (both from COVID and closures of some adjacent areas) means parking is at a premium. While some no parking signs have been installed, issues still remain. Val emphasized that progress is being made, even if slowly.
  - b. EUCCA:** Eric S. reported on the following items: (a) There is a new Yoghurt Store on the corner of Edgemont Blvd and Crescentview (former TRIMS site) that has been

threatening to open for about 2 years. (issues with the District) It finally opened a few weeks ago. It serves fresh Greek Yoghurt in a number of flavours. You then get to select various toppings. All yours for only \$9 or \$10 per portion. (b) The Village's largest project, the Connaught, where Thrifty's is located has now filled all of their commercial units. A Scotia Bank is almost complete and a store Delish General Store is moving from Highland Blvd to the last spot. Delish, the Barber Shop and Cantina Norte have not yet opened and need to complete their tenant improvements. (c) At the last meeting we reported that the new Condo project at the corner of Crescentview and Connaught was nearing completion of their excavation. This is now complete and they have to date, poured footings, 'blown in' about 200 feet of wall, formed and poured another 150 feet of wall and are currently forming more walls and completing their drainage. When speaking to the owner of the project, he indicated it should complete in about 12 months. (d) Around the Village, there remain about 4 prospective projects where the land has been acquired by developers and they are/were in various stages of the approval process. About a month back, one of those projects (Ridgewood Drive and Brookridge Drive - westerly end of the block with the BOFFO Development) was sold by the developer. They had done a lot of consultation with the neighbourhood but likely got tired of waiting for District Council to address market condo developments. (e) On Christmas Eve, a resident of the building I live in was crossing in the crosswalk in front of Thrifty's on Edgemont Blvd. He was struck by a car, taken to hospital and had a hip replacement. He is currently recovering at home but had a bit of a rocky Christmas.

- c. **Seymour:** Karen reported that the board of the community association reviewed the proposal for the Seymour Estates proposal but were split on their support.
- d. **Norgate Park:** Irene reported (a) Construction of the sewage treatment plant continues with work being done at the Phillip Street overpass and 1st Street to connect conveyance pipes. This means single lane traffic along 1st Street and congestion points along 1st Street and at Pemberton Avenue. See northshorewwtp.ca. (b) The development proposed for 1210-60 West 16th Street has not yet met zoning requirements. This project is for two four storey buildings. Neighbours have concerns about construction in this constricted area. (c) I have been asked about 'fire pits'. One neighbour was fined \$2000 for using a fire pit in November. Some people might not be aware of District bylaws related to firepits.
- e. **Maplewood:** Val H. reported that Maple Gardens has been demolished and plans for a community garden are on hold.
- f. **Woodcroft:** Val M. reported in December a development proposal for the Travelodge site was on the Council agenda. It was for three buildings - 4, 6, and 29 storeys. 35 non-market rentals, and 264 strata units, for a total of 299 units. Three councillors rejected the proposal, two were in favour, and two wanted a revision. Finally Mayor Little put forward a revised motion to not support the present proposal and request a revision. The motion passed 4/3. Some of us in Woodcroft wrote in opposition to the proposal. Val M. also reported that at Woodcroft, we are waiting for a couple of permits to be issued by the District in order for us to proceed with our parkade reconstruction project. In the meantime the recent heavy rain caused some serious flooding in the underground parkades. Also, Woodcroft had a six hour power outage with the recent wind storm.
- g. **Blueridge:** Eric A. reported on the following items: (a) Because of COVID a new activity took place in December, the Blueridge Christmas Project. A team of local residents (including some BCA directors) raised \$5,250 in cash and gift cards to benefit needy families in Blueridge. (b) The Council vote on approving the Seymour Estates project on

Mount Seymour Parkway, which increased the density from 141 to 341 units, was 5 to 2. (c) They had a community meeting to discuss options regarding visitor density on trails and near trailheads – particularly the parking issue. Three DNV Council members and a total of about 41 attended the Zoom meeting, including mountain bikers. The problem with parking has increased because of COVID and also since the Provincial government has implemented day passes in some areas (including the Mount Seymour Provincial Park), leaving folks to look for other trails. This is a related issue to that facing Deep Cove/Strathcona. (d) The street signs in Blueridge have been replaced. On request, the DNV gave the old signs to the community association to use as a fundraiser. Blueridge will be holding an auction (with a minimum bid of \$15 per sign) and selling the old signs in February. (e) They are updating their brochure which is handed out to new residents moving into the neighbourhood. One of the local realtors lets the CA know when properties have sold so the welcoming committee can contact newcomers. (f) DNV is planning to start work on the Seymour Trails Strategic Plan in early 2021. This will be dealing with trails in the Seymour area (including adjacent to Blueridge).

- h. Lynn Valley:** Gillian reported the following items: (a) The Annual Parade of Trees went ahead, with 70 trees decorated by local businesses, merchants, schools and churches. There was no lighting ceremony this year due to COVID and Vancouver Coastal Health guidelines prohibited voting, even online. We made a nice profit, and will make a donation to the North Shore Firefighters Charity. (b) We have been lobbying staff, Mayor and Council to see a Right Of Way at Tennyson and William returned to the public domain. This Right of Way was, for many years, claimed by a private home owner. The home was recently on the market and staff are now in the delicate process of negotiating for the reclamation of the Right of Way. (c) We delayed our AGM, hoping to have an in person AGM at the Museum and Archives, but it seems clear that we will need to hold our AGM via Zoom. (d) The BOSA residences are complete but the Polygon developments along 27th are still in progress. Work has started on the old Emery Village site on Mountain and 24th. (Mosaic Homes). (e) The Lynn Valley Centre is a bit of a mess, with access by pedestrians and cars a challenge. However, the work is ongoing. (f) LVCA requested a delay to the implementation of pay parking in Lynn Canyon amid the pandemic to allow for more consultation. Specifically we suggested that pay parking would impact adjacent neighbourhoods and that DNV residents should not have to pay for a permit when they already support their parks through their taxes.
- i. Lower Capilano:** John reported: (a) He and Mayor Little walked through the Lions Gate area noting deficiencies. John made the point that the Travelodge proposal further exacerbates the loss of jobs in the area and goes counter to the OCP. (b) DNV meeting videos can now be found on YouTube.

**6. Next Meeting: Special Meeting. Review of DNV Budget.** Date to be advised.

**7. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.