

# North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 17, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

### Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Phil Dupasquier	Interriver
Cara Hodgson	Lower Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Barbara McKinley	Norwood/Queens
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

### Guest:

<b>Bryn Davidson</b>	<b>LaneFab Design/Build</b>
Heather Fowler	Rental, Social and Affordable Housing Task Force

### Regrets:

Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
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- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm.
- 2. Presentation:** Bryn Davidson, LaneFab Design/Build, described the concept behind for Temporary Tiny Homes for the Homeless. These small structures could be used as shelters for the homeless while developers are awaiting building permits for larger projects. Several shelters can be arranged on a single family lot with a communal kitchen and washroom facility. The shelters can be prefabricated or built on site. Issues surrounding permits, allotting the homes, taxes, etc. would need to be resolved with the District. A question and answer period followed the presentation.  
  
After the presentation and Q&A, there was a general discussion on some of the management and implementation issues involved but agreed the concept was worth pursuing.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the January 20, 2021, regular meeting were approved. Corrie advised the minutes on the web page were for February. Babs will correct the entry.

## 5. New Business

- a. **Adding CA contact information to NVCAN website.** Corrie recommended that each Community Association provide contact name, phone and email address to the CA information on NVCAN. The idea is to let the general population know how to get in touch with their CA. Each CA can provide the information to Babs to update NVCAN.ca.
- b. **NVCAN – sharing Zoom license with CAs.** John advised that the NVCAN Zoom license can be shared by CAs wishing to hold meetings. The Zoom license allows up to 199 participants. Any CA wishing to use the license can arrange with John or Babs.

## 6. Community Roundtable

- a. **Norwood/Queens:** Barbara reported that they will be holding their AGM on March 18. Ongoing traffic issues make it likely that motions will be made to contact DNV Council to arrange a discussion group with the community.
- b. **Interriver:** Phil reported that Brenda had stepped away from managing Interriver and that he had stepped in to replace her. He said that Interriver needs to be revitalized and that he would be in touch with Katherine Fagerlund for advice. He also commented on the heavy truck traffic on Lillooet Road arising from construction vehicles.
- c. **EUCCA:** Eric S reported on the following. *Construction:* There is currently one ongoing construction project in the Edgemont Village area, located just west of the Library on the corner of Crescentview and Connaught. The project will comprise 22 units. Currently the exterior walls of the parking garage have just finished being poured. The framing for the half the floating slab is nearing completion. The owner, a community resident, expects completion near the end of this year. Also, the Village's largest construction project is currently seeing the final commercial units completing their leasehold improvements which will add a general store and soap refillery, an upscale barber shop, a Mexican Restaurant (currently supplying food through delivery from an offsite kitchen) and the recently opened Scotiabank.  
*Fire:* Last night there was a call to the fire department for a pizza restaurant. Today there was a sign on the door indicating closed until 3pm. This was further updated to reflect Closed for Maintenance Until Further Notice. Likely the damage of equipment failure was more than originally thought.  
*Retail Openings:* Our long awaited Yoghurt store has also now opened. Though originally slated to only sell fresh yogurt, they have now expanded their offerings to include frozen yoghurt. A new Home Décor store will also open soon on Highland.  
*Traffic:* The District forwarded a proposal to the EUCCA for input relative to a one year trial of reducing the speed limit on Edgemont Blvd through the Village to 30 KPH. The proposal is not being favourably received with concerns that traffic would merely divert to side streets.  
Eric S commended Eric A on the Blueridge Newsletter.
- d. **Pemberton Heights:** Herman reported that he took Mayor Mike Little on a walkabout tour of the community. On the tour, they also visited the Community Hall and discussed various issues including traffic and stop signs.
- e. **Maplewood:** Stuart reported that he and Val H. had joined the David Suzuki Butterfly Rangers regarding planting of pollinators throughout Maplewood. Many trees had been removed around the area for the new Fire House near the Wild Bird Trust. Also much of the debris will be removed in preparation for the Fire House construction. The temporary use location for Dykhof will be open by the end of summer. Maplewood CA is also involved with a project to help youth in the neighbourhood. Stuart said the AGM will be held on April 1.

- f. **Woodcroft:** Val reported that Woodcroft took the Mayor up on his invitation for a walkabout meeting in Woodcroft, which took place on February 10th. We explained to him about our parkade restoration project, and how this necessitates the removal of several trees in order to replace the membrane over the parkade. The Mayor advised us that permits were finally coming, but it took another month until we received them. In all it took the District nearly three months to issue permits. Val reported that tree removal is now taking place, and work has started on some of the underground parkade area. Another topic discussed with the Mayor was opening up the Keith Road exit at the back of Woodcroft, mainly due to West Van giving permission to add quite a lot of height to the tower on the old Earl's site. Since this would add to congestion on the roads in Lions Gate owned by NV, the request was for some sort of compensation. However the Mayor told us WV was against it, but he would keep trying. We showed Mike a retaining wall (along Keith Road) that needs to be replaced – which is another project we have to deal with. Hopefully we clarified some misinformation being given to the District by a few vocal Woodcroft residents. Val also reported that the building of townhomes in our area continues fast and furious. It is becoming a jungle of buildings.
- g. **Norgate Park:** Irene reported on current topics of interest in Norgate as follows: West 16th and Lloyd supportive housing project – currently undergoing rezoning, (see the DNV website for info). Many people in favour, though some concerns expressed around parking provision, adequate/ongoing support for residents, substance use issues, safety. The Wastewater Treatment Plan is now anticipated to be complete and fully operational in 2024. Recently, two houses with large lots were sold and some residents wonder what developments might be proposed. The Drivers licensing centre has moved to the Norgate area, so learner drivers and driving schools are making use of the neighbourhood for practice.
- Later Irene reported David Knee (Pres.) and Mayor Little met in November and discussed several topics which were reported in a previous roundtable. Topics were— Lionsgate is the name of the neighbourhoods listed on the DNV website. Norgate is one of the communities in Lionsgate. This was a DNV staff decision. Oil recycling on the North shore – as previously reported. Issues with solid waste pickup – residents reminded of rules not to set out garbage before 7 am the day of garbage collection.
- h. **Blueridge:** Eric A. reported that a new newsletter will be coming soon. He also reported the Mayor did a walkabout at Blueridge. Eric A. commended the Mayor for that initiative and would like to see it repeated in future years. Eric A. reported that the trails are attracting an avalanche of use by local residents and visitors. The resulting car traffic is creating parking and other issues in the neighbourhood. Blueridge partnered with the North Shore Mountain Bikers Association and other trail user groups and prepared a joint notice to be placed on car windshields.
- The brochure used by the Welcome Committee has been updated. The auction for the 90 street signs was a great success raising \$3,700 which will be used for the yearly (\$500) student scholarships. A local Blueridge company-owner donated 5 awards to be presented to volunteers. The donation will be continued in future years also. Blueridge will partner with a student at UBC to analyze the data from the CA's website, Facebook site and Mail Chimp to determine which areas receive the attention so their items can be tailored to meet local demand.
- i. **Lynn Valley:** Lyle reported that the Christmas trees at the Square went ahead this year. Although with the move of SaveOnFoods from the north side of the centre to the south side by the towers, different arrangements may have to be made next year. He also

reported that the Mayor's planned walkabout had to be rescheduled. Lyle advised that the Lynn Valley AGM will be held in August/September this year. He also reported a Public Information Meeting is being planned for the Lynn Valley Legion redevelopment. Lyle reported that a rash of break-ins occurred when BC Hydro inadvertently cut power on East 27<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that construction on 29<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed, and the new configuration requires numerous lane changes, so caution is required.

j. **Seymour:** Peter reported that the Mayor's Seymour walkabout was held in Peter's backyard. Major topic was traffic on Mt. Seymour Parkway as the popularity of the area means extensive traffic backups to the point where residents are blocked from accessing and leaving their property. Peter also commented on the difficulty to access virtual DNV Council meetings. He had been told that part of the issue arose from privacy concerns and Freedom of Information Act requirements which impacted use of YouTube for live streaming.

k. **Lower Capilano:** John reported that tree cutting on the Bowser Trail to clear dangerous tress was underway. He expressed concerns regarding slope stability up to Pemberton Heights. Lisa Muri and two DNV staff recently did a site visit. David Emri will be contact Pemberton Heights and SaveOnFoods as well as Lower Capilano to discuss related issues including a budget for replanting.

John also reported that 48 trees had been removed from Glenaire Road near Curling Ave so that the road could be widened.

7. **Next Meeting: Special Meeting.** April 21 – Paul Dangerfield on Capilano University's future plans

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