North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of the AGM/Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday June 16, 2021 Location: Zoom Time: 7:00 – 8:50 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove/Strathcona
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove/Strathcona
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
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guest:

Rick Danyluk

DNV Manager Business Planning & Decision Support

- 1. Workshop discussion on the DNV Annual Report. In a Question & Answer session, Rick Danyluk addressed questions from various members. Even as Rick addressed the concerns at the meeting, he also encouraged members to put their questions and comments in writing and submit them to the DNV.
- 2. Approval of Agenda. Agenda was approved.
- **3.** Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the April 21, and May 19, 2021 meetings were approved.
- **4.** Election of Officers. John advised on the expiring terms of directors for this year. He noted the maximum number of directors is seven, each with a length of term of two years. The directors whose term expired now are: Eric Andersen , Corrie Kost, John Miller. The directors whose term expires in June 2022 are Irene Davidson, Herman Mah, Babs Perowne, Peter Teevan. John said that the retiring directors had each agreed to run for another term. After calling three times for nominations from the floor and receiving no additional nominations, John declared the nominations closed and the three directors re-appointed by acclamation. The new term of office for Eric Andersen, Corrie Kost and John Miller will expire June 2023.

5. Community Roundtable

- a. **Pemberton Heights.** Herman reported on the Community Garage Sale. The ongoing restrictions of COVID eliminated the communal sale of prior years. This year the participating individuals hosted a separate sale.
- b. Lynn Valley. Lyle had no updates for this meeting.
- c. **EUCCA.** Eric Skowronek had no updates for this meeting.

- d. Woodcroft. Val M. reported that P.C. Urban's Secord Phase (along the river on Glenaire, in Lions Gate Village) went to Council for first reading on May 31st. Council voted to send it to Public Hearing. We are waiting to hear what date this will be held. Val M. also said the Woodcroft parkade project is moving forward with the underground restoration, but we are still waiting for a permit from DNV to remove and replace the membrane in the central plaza. We get mixed messages as to what the delay is. Babs reported on the Capilano River Alert system, summarizing a Metro Vancouver presentation. Five alarms with sound system and strobe lights are to be installed at key locations including at the Fullerton Ave bridge. The equipment will be mounted on 10-12' poles, with the directional signals to minimize the impact on local neighbours. The sound level will be 110 DB (or the equivalent level to a rock concert). A similar system will be installed at the Seymour Falls dam.
- e. **Maplewood.** Stuart reported on the building at Riverside Drive and Mt. Seymour Parkway (Maplewood Plaza) has been demolished. He said they plan for two Butterfly Gardens, sponsored by the David Suzuki Foundation. They would like to encourage honey producing bees, however that needs to be coordinated with the Black Bear Society.
- f. **Norgate.** Irene reported that the Arts and Crafts Sale took place on Saturday June 12th, and it was a success. People walked or drove around the neighbourhood to view a variety of paintings and crafts. A Norgate neighbourhood garage sale is planned for Saturday June 26th from 10am til 2pm. We are expecting many of our neighbours to participate- lots of bargains! Our CA is planning our AGM for September or October depending on when we can rent a meeting room at Norgate Elementary school.
- g. **Seymour.** Peter said there was not much this month to report. Our Chair, Lorraine Harvey is still contending with residual pain from her broken leg. Peter also said he was pleased that the issue of GST being a barrier to Purpose Built Rentals was tabled in Parliament last week by Mission, Matsqui Fraser Canyon MP, Brad Vis. Peter reported campaigning for e-bike stations located on the east side of the District including Deep Cove and Phibbs Exchange. He read is email relating to e-bike stations: (attached to the end of the minutes).
- h. Deep Cove. Katherine reported there's a lot going on in Deep Cove! The DCCA held another well-attended (between 50 and 100 participants) ZOOM meeting on June 9th. DNV representatives were there for the first bit to discuss numerous DNV projects that are underway, including:
 - The Gallant Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement project, to replace the culvert under Gallant Ave to accommodate storm surges and avert overflows and flooding. This project is underway now and is expected to continue until November. It involves temporarily reducing Gallant Ave to one-lane traffic heading west. The DNV has made efforts to announce the project in various media outlets with suggestions that visitors choose alternative ways of getting to the Cove this summer. Website: https://www.dnv.org/streets-transportation/gallant-avenue-storm-sewer-replacement.

The Naughton Ave by-pass, which has involved the removal of a wooded area to create an alternate one-way access to the Cove while the storm sewer replacement project is underway. The future of the by-pass will be the subject of resident/Staff/Council discussions. Several residents are very vocally requesting that the by-pass is retuned to

• Parking in the Cove, impossible every summer but expected to be worse this year due to parking capacity taken up by the storm sewer replacement project. The DNV is implementing 3-hour parking restrictions in the Cove parking lots. Residents have requested time limits on streets, but the DNV requires the majority of residents on each street to agree to that limit.

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- A Deep Cove Bike Valet Service has been initiated for weekends, another effort to limit vehicular traffic headed into Deep Cove this summer.
- Livable Deep Cove, which involves Lower Gallant Ave and continuation of the pilot project to expand sidewalk areas into the street right-of-way.

It's worth noting that the DNV has worked hard to provide for public input on these projects, including attendance at three DCCA meetings and links on their website for submitting opinions and ideas. Other items discussed during the meeting once the DNV representatives left included:

- The DNV initiative to consider allowing alcohol in District Parks, with suggestions that Strathcona and Panorama parks may be included for consideration. The initiative was to be discussed by Council on May 31st, but has been pushed to the June 21st meeting. Residents have voiced concerns about potential negative impacts such as late night parties and broken glass in the parks. The Staff report can be found in the May 31st Council meeting package.
- Boats in the Cove. Council has voted in favour of a new "Wharf and Anchor Regulation Bylaw", which is designed to limit long-term boat moorage in the Cove. This is similar to a Bylaw that was implemented in Port Moody and comes from collaboration between the DNV and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. It will involve mooring only on designated buoys with imposed time limits, allowing control of non-authorized boat moorage.
- DCCA picnic. The DCCA is hoping to host an informal picnic for Deep Cove residents this summer or in September, possibly with local musicians providing entertainment for their neighbours.

Chris added that Susie Chant will host a zoom meeting regarding traffic on June 17.

- i. Blueridge. Eric A. reported it's been a very busy month for the Blueridge CA:
 - Our June newsletter was recently distributed to all 1,500 homes in Blueridge by volunteers. In it we advertised the Windsor Grads parade through Blueridge on June 17, although the BCA has no direct involvement with this activity. We also advertised a special BCA meeting entitled 'Something's happening here' on June 22. This will be a meeting dedicated to all the activities and events held by the Blueridge Community Association. There will be a number of 30 second-videos with many board members and volunteers detailing the various activities, and this will be followed by Q&A's. We are hoping that more residents will be interested in the work of the BCA and sign up to volunteer for our association.
 - Saturday, June 26, there will be a metal and electronic recycling offered to all residents next to the Blueridge Sharing Garden at the north end of Lytton Street in North Vancouver. It will be held between 10 AM and 12.30 PM and everyone is welcome with their recyclable items. It will be held at the same time as the Blueridge Sharing Garden will be hosting a work party showcasing the activities and beauty of the garden.
 - We had a well-attended traffic meeting in early June with representatives from DNV Parks, Bylaws, Transportation and Engineering as well as the RCMP. Three members of Council attended. Although the traffic and parking problems with the many visitors have not been solved, we have made some small progress, and it was confirmed earlier in the week by our MLA, Susie Chant, that the provincial government, based on public feedback, will not continue with the day use pass for Mount Seymour Provincial Park. We had co-hosted a meeting with our MLA about this in early May, so it was nice to note a positive response.
 - A volunteer is currently working on our website to make it more attractive and give it a 'fresh look'. We hope to attract more parties this way.
 - For the first time five Blueridge Awards have been handed out. A local resident donated the awards. The number of nominations were a bit lower than we hoped for, but we hope this

will become more popular over time when more residents are familiar with this, as well as all the criteria set up for each category.

- Unfortunately the Blueridge Sharing Garden was subjected to vandalism at the beginning of June. An alert neighbour phoned the RCMP around 2 AM and an officer arrested a young adult in the garden. Much damage had been done already, which was very depressing after all the volunteers' hard work. Many of the vegetables are being sold at the local coffee shop, United Strangers, and all the proceeds are donated to local charities such as the Harvest Project. If anything positive comes out of this, it is that the case has been diverted by the RCMP to North Shore Restorative Justice both the perpetrator and the victims (the garden volunteers) in addition to the RCMP agreed to use this alternative to the criminal justice system.
- i. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that DNV has approved a marijuana store at Pemberton and Marine Drive. This is in addition to the one authorized at the old Mark's Warehouse site.
- 6. August Dinner. It was agreed to hold the Annual Summer Dinner on August 18 at 6 pm at the Northlands Bar and Grill. Babs will send out an invitation to all members and make reservations.

7. Next Meeting: Regular meeting - September 15, 2021

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Addendum: Peter Teevan's email re e-bike stations

Thanks for the reply - I want to encourage you to put at least three stations in the Seymour area. I think it should be endemic to this test to benefit not just the vendor and the e-bike user, but the community at large as well.

It is well known that we have large volumes of people going to not only Cap U but also to Deep Cove and we have an increasing problem with access and parking there.

If a user could take transit to Phibbs, pickup an eBike then return it to a charging station in Deep Cove while they enjoy their day there, returning to Phibbs later - then the community would benefit.

There are far too many projects justified by the "critical mass" of the Lonsdale corridor that leave out the peripheries of our municipalities.

Please strive for this,

Sincerely,

Peter Teevan