

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 15, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:02 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
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Regrets:

Barbara McKinley	Norwood/Queens
Val Moller	Woodcroft

- 1. Welcome.** John welcomed members to the Zoom meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the June 16, 2021 AGM meeting were approved.
- 4. Old Business. Election of Officers.** John reported that the Board of Directors elected officers are:

President	John Miller
Vice-President	Peter Teevan
Secretary-Treasurer	Babs Perowne
Communications	Corrie Kost
Member-at-large	Eric Andersen
Member-at-large	Irene Davidson
Member-at-large	Herman Mah

- 5. New Business.**
 - a. 2020-21 Schedule of Meetings.** John announced the schedule of meetings for the coming year.
 - Special October 20, 2021
 - Regular November 17, 2021
 - Regular January 19, 2022
 - Special February 16, 2022
 - Regular March 16, 2022
 - Special April 20, 2022
 - Regular May 18, 2022
 - Regular/AGM June 15, 2022

b. Suggestions for Speakers? Topics for speakers at Special meetings included:

- Rent regulations for Commercial Tenants Workshop
- Importance of Bees
- Parks and Trails
- DNV Budget Meeting
- Local By-Election
- Shirt Sleeves meeting with DNV Council.

After discussion, it was agreed to arrange speakers for our Special Meetings as follows:

- Shirt Sleeves meeting with DNV Council, preferably in October depending on DNV Council's availability
- Speaker on Rent regulations for Commercial Tenants Workshop – meeting date to be determined
- DNV Budget Meeting with Rick Danyluk in February
- Parks and Trails update by NV Recreation Dept in April
- Information on Bees – speaker at a regular meeting.

c. AGM Meeting Locations for CAs. Blueridge was the only CA that had held an in person meeting since the start of COVID. The meeting was a hybrid on-line/in-person meeting. No suggestions for venues was suggested.

6. Community Roundtable

- a. Blueridge.** Eric A. reported in spite of COVID causing the cancellation of major regular BCA events like Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and the Dîner en Bleu, the BCA has been kept very busy with various projects over the summer. Our AGM was held September 14 and was partly in-person at the new local coffee shop, United Strangers Coffee, and partly via Zoom. A departing director, who is also leaving Blueridge, was replaced. Her function as our Volunteer Coordinator proved to be extremely valuable to the BCA, but we have fortunately found another volunteer for this job. It has streamlined our volunteer functions, and e-mails go out monthly with volunteer opportunities. The Blueridge Business Directory has now been added to our webpage and is listing all the companies that are based and operating from Blueridge. So far we have 31 companies listed, but we are hoping for more. Our website has been completely revamped by a new volunteer. The information is very current and we have more pictures than previously. The Blueridge Book Club was started this summer and now has 20 members. They meet monthly. The fall newsletter unfortunately had to be printed earlier than anticipated due to the federal election which prompted us to have the usual All Candidates Meeting at Mount Seymour United Church with our partners on September 13. It meant that we were only able to put a 4-page newsletter out instead of the usual 8 pages for our newsletters.
- b. EUCCA.** Eric S. reported *Movie Shoot* September 7, 8, and 9 saw Christmas come to part of Edgemont Village. The movie company brought in decorations, lights and of course a truckload of snow... It will be a 'Hallmark' movie to be aired this Christmas season. It is entitled "Christmas Promise". *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 of 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms. Currently they are finishing putting up the framing for the roof and expecting the windows to arrive by month end. The owner expects completion by March 2022. *Grouse Mountain Upgrade* Grouse Mountain is putting forth a proposal to upgrade their facilities. The primary feature will be replacing the 'Blue Tram' with a new Gondola with 27 cabins allowing for transit of about 1000 persons per hour. This should return their capacity to what it had been years ago. Their current capacity is about 900 persons per hour. This upgrade could get them to 1900 per hour. They

will also be upgrading some of the base facilities and adding 193 parking spaces. They extol providing a better experience to skiers and more turnaround of guests and providing jobs. However, in their proposal there is no mention of traffic levels which may increase along with the change. *Lime Bikes* Lime Bikes have arrived on the North Shore and in Edgemont Village. This rental program has been approved as a 2 year pilot project by all three municipalities. To the best of our understanding, there was little consultation relative to the actual installation of the program. Bikes are to be stored in “Lime Groves”. These consist of a white outlined rectangle in a number of locations. The limited consultation consisted of the vendor setting out a “Lime Grave” and then consulting with neighbours within a certain radius. My understanding is that the bikes are found in the “Lime Groves” and should be returned to a “Lime Groves” once the renter is finished. However, enforcement of this is seemingly slim to none as these bikes are appearing at many locations on the North Shore. Many left in the middle of sidewalks in areas like Edgemont Village or on streets or street corners. Many cities in the United States have had problems with these and scooters etc that are rented and just left in the middle of sidewalks in people’s way.

- c. **Pemberton Heights.** Herman said he had nothing to report.
- d. **Deep Cove/Strathcona.** Chris reported the storm sewer construction is underway and on schedule. Val reported the DNV received federal funds in June for the revamp of the lower block of Gallant. Chris added the DNV is keeping residents informed and will be asking for additional input this fall, including a survey on the ultimate fate of the temporary road. She also reported Deep Cove Days may reappear in December due to Covid. Deep Cove held an All Candidates Meeting. And they have received over a thousand petitions on the issue of business rent controls.
- e. **Seymour.** Peter reported on the successful All Candidates Meeting with Blueridge and that Parkgate is gradually re-opening.
- f. **Norgate.** Irene reported recently, further work was done to complete the West 15th Street/Tatlow Avenue Neighbourhood bikeway. This bikeway connects Lions Gate Village to the City of North Vancouver, at Roosevelt Crescent. Upgrades are road markings, signs and speed pads. Three new replacement houses are currently being built on Silverwood Crescent. We hope to have our AGM as soon as we can arrange a meeting room with the school district.
- g. **Woodcroft.** Babs presented Val M.’s regrets that she had a schedule conflict with a Strata meeting. Babs reported on the 10 week construction period affecting traffic travelling west on Marine Drive at Capilano Road. Babs said that services to be available at the Lions Gate Community Centre are scheduled to take possession in October but the Centre will be unlikely to open before early 2022.
- h. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that they are looking for a new Program Director for Lions Gate Community Centre. He also reported that plans to extend the bike lane along Tatlow from Marine Drive to Hope are underway; and that the plans do not include sidewalks or consideration for pedestrians as pedestrian needs are a different department than traffic.

7. **Next Meeting: Special meeting - October 20, 2021**

8. **Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm**