

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 19, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:55 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Art McGillivray	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Regrets:

Barb 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 November 17, 2021 meeting were approved.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a. Status of DNV Council Shirt Sleeves Meeting.** John advised that the Mayor waited until the schedule for regular council meetings was approved before setting a date. We can expect to hear shortly when the Shirt Sleeves Meeting will be scheduled.
- 5. New Business.**
 - a. Registration of CAs as societies under the BC.** Katherine raised the topic as Deep Cove had at one time been registered and asked about the benefits to a Community Association to be registered. The general discussion mentioned that it may be required if the CA was seeking grants or entering into contracts. Directors and Officers insurance does not require the CA to be registered.
 - b. Province to fast-track housing approvals.** Peter introduced the topic based on the article attached to the agenda and expressed concern that the Provincial Government would enact legislation limiting a municipality's right to manage land use zoning. After a full discussion, it

was agreed that this topic would be included as an item for our upcoming Shirt Sleeves Meeting with Mayor and Council.

6. Community Roundtable

- a. **Seymour.** Karen and Peter reported on the massive traffic issues on Mt Seymour Parkway. At some points over the Christmas period, traffic had been backed up from the skiing area to Parkgate Shopping Centre. Part of the delay occurred when a 'tire check' was being conducted with only one person available to conduct the check and manage traffic flow. The Day Pass system also applied to access by North Shore Search and Rescue.
- b. **Deep Cove.** Chris reported Deep Cove will be holding its AGM next week. Chris also reported that work continues on the storm sewer on Gallant; noting that the sewer worked successfully during the recent downpours.
- c. **EUCCA.** Corrie reported that the CA will be reviewing municipal/provincial zoning. He also reported no development proposals had been received for Phase II adjacent to the Village. Snow clearing remained an issue, as in previous snowy years, as merchants are not required to clear sidewalks until 24 hours after the snow stops.
- d. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported that the Blueridge Community Association (BCA) followed up on the successful Blueridge Cares Initiative from 2020 and put a team of volunteers together that collected about \$5,600 from local residents as well as gift cards, toys, beer and other goodies for seven local families who applied to get a helping hand before Christmas. One of the ways to raise funds for this initiative was to use the Purdys fundraising program which is very easy and user-friendly using a special webpage. Thanks to this the BCA raised \$331 from Purdys chocolate bought by local residents.

Sharing Garden The issue with damage done to the Blueridge Sharing Garden during the summer has now been settled with the two perpetrators through the North Shore Restorative Justice Society. The participants in the Blueridge Sharing Garden were – under the circumstances – satisfied with the outcome which includes restitution for the damage done in the garden. It was an eye-opener for all parties and is most definitely a conflict resolution method that is suggested and recommended for neighbourhood disputes, as long as both parties agree to participate, and any culprit takes responsibility. The culprits will avoid getting a criminal record if they agree to this process.

PAC/Safety Council School trustee, Kulvir Mann, has invited the BCA to make a brief presentation at the North Shore Safety Council's next meeting to promote more cooperation between community associations and local PACs. This has been sorely missing so far (including in Blueridge), but would help all communities considerably instead of having these different organizations operate in silos. NVCAN's chair, John Miller, has kindly agreed to join Eric G. Andersen on the Zoom call on Thursday, February 3.

- e. **Norgate.** Irene reported Norgate plans to hold an AGM in March. The NPCA Constitution has been updated recently to clarify terms of membership and voting eligibility. Also, the NPCA boundaries are now extended to include the south side of Marine Drive and the west side of Pemberton Avenue. The proposal for the Cannabis shop at 1461 Marine Drive is approved by DNV Council. The housing project proposed for 1200-60 West 16th was defeated owing to lack of affordable rental units.
- f. **Maplewood.** Stuart reported that no new rezoning had been approved. Work had commenced on the grounds for the new Fire Hall and that the redirected Creek had not negatively impacted the Maplewood Flats Conservation area. He commented that the redevelopment may not be approved until the expiry in 2030 of the license to produce liquid chlorine at a local plant.
- g. **Pemberton.** Herman reported:
Christmas Tree Chipping - Sat, Jan 2, 2022 Local North Van business, Burley Boys Tree Service, once

again volunteered to have their trucks and crew out to chip Christmas for a donation. Funds raised went towards the Capilano Elementary School PAC.

Bottle Drive - Sat, Jan 8, 2022 Parent volunteers from the Capilano Elementary School PAC's Grade 7 Graduation Subcommittee organized a very successful bottle drive in Pemberton Heights. Over 20 students helped distribute flyers in the neighbourhood and were on hand when neighbours dropped off bottles at a volunteer's home. Parents then took the bags of bottles to the local recycling depot. It was a great community-building event and over \$628 was raised in one day.

- h. **Woodcroft.** Babs reported on Val's behalf that the Lions Gate Community Centre team are making progress and are in the final stretch of construction. Staff have not moved into the facility yet but are hopeful this will happen before the end of January. We are currently aiming for late February to welcome the public. [After the meeting, Herman, who is on the NVRC Commission, added Lions Gate CRC is near completion. Staff is expected to receive the keys to the facility mid-January at which time deep cleaning can begin along with setting up spaces and conducting all the training required to open the building. It is anticipated the facility will open to the public late February.]
- i. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that DNV approved the application for second marijuana shop in Lower Capilano, over-riding their policy of one marijuana shop per town centre.

7. Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 – possible DNV Budget Meeting

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm