

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

DRAFT Minutes from Special Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Location: 147 East 14th Street, North Vancouver

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Ruth Hanson	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Betty Forbes	Lynn Valley
John Harvey	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Jim Hanson	Councillor, DNV
Kelly Bond	Lynn Valley
Bruce Crow	Inter-River/Lynn Valley

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m. and introduced our speaker, Mike Andrews, of North Shore Emergency Management Services (NSEM).
- 2. Presentation:** Mike explained how the room layout functioned during emergencies and later provided a tour of the radio room and explained its role. He provided a brief history of the organization, and its current role covering emergency and disaster services across all three municipalities of the North Shore. The office has a small staff augmented by trained volunteers. The office provides a generic and unified command centre coordinated with volunteers located throughout the municipalities. Services coordinate with other bodies such as fire, police and search and rescue operations. A Rapid Notify system spreads notices of incidents to citizens as required. Drones now assist in damage assessment. UBC students also developed an app that assists in speedy assessment for insurance claims. On average there are 1 to 2 significant incidents annually such as fires, floods and other disasters. NSEM provides emergency supplies at hub centres on the North Shore. Arrangements for water and air access to the North Shore in the event of an extreme emergency are in place. NSEM conducts training sessions not only for its staff but also for all volunteers. Where possible, everyone is trained in multiple functions to provide backup.

NSEM seeks groups to serve as Affiliated Volunteers to support emergency operations in times of major emergency and disasters impacting North Shore communities. The program has 3 options for participations as described in the attached Organization Engagement form. Training is provided. (See Useful Information page on NVCAN website for details).

- 3. Next Meeting: General Meeting.** Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018.
- 4. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.