

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes from Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 16, 2019
Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Room: Meeting Room A
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
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Wilkins	Strathcona
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Bruce Crowe

Regrets:

Katherine Fagerlund Deep Cove

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Item added to New Business: Town Hall Meetings. Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes for November 21, 2018, were approved.
- 4. Old Business: Update on Meeting with DNV Mayor/Council.** Councillors Jim Hanson, Mathew Bond and Betty Forbes accepted the invitation to attend the February 20 NVCAN meeting.. John reported that Mayor Mike Little also accepted and wished to discuss the OCP with us. Other possible topics included OCP – communicate its accomplishments, managing construction vehicles, DNV Council/NVCAN relationship, adequate funding for the Community Building Grants, Community Town Hall Meetings with Mayor/Council. After discussion, it was agreed that the two topics from NVCAN on the February agenda would be:
a) Construction vehicle management (eg Lynn Valley, Lions Gate) and b) What would Mayor/Council like to see NVCAN do?
- 5. New Business**
 - a) Community Building Grants.** Eric A. reported that requests for Community Building Grant funds exceeded the fund's limit by December 15. The Blueridge CA request for a grant was only partially reimbursed. Eric A. reported that even though the fund level had been increased it was now covering Community Events as well as Community Building. Various options for managing the funds were suggested: grant deadline dates where all grants for the year were considered at one time, equitable ways to limit size of

grants, splitting Community Building into separate fund from Community Events, increasing the size of the Fund.

- b) **Community Town Hall Meetings with Mayor/Council.** Peter proposed that NVCAN ask Mayor/Council to schedule Town Hall meetings in various venues across the District to respond to questions from the public. A proposed Agenda would be to have Planners report on projects that have been submitted but not yet reached first reading and on infrastructure work planned for the area; an review of CACs and forecasted allocations; followed by questions and answers from citizens. Peter's proposal is set out in the attachment to these minutes. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

6. Community Roundtable.

- a. **Woodcroft.** Val reported the houses for two townhouse projects are set to be demolished. Namely those on Belle Isle & Curling and Curling & Glenaire. They have fenced off the park which they plan to use for parking during construction. Woodcroft held its Xmas Carol Night in December with a good turnout despite heavy rain. There is now a link on the DNV Website inviting suggestions for the naming of the new road between Fullerton and Curling. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 1st.
- b. **Norgate.** Irene reported that tertiary treatment can still be added to the Wastewater Treatment plant at a later date even if pumps are installed by Lonsdale Energy Corporation. The proposed condo at 1210-60 16th Street is under review. There are no further updates on traffic issues from the meeting last spring, namely, 15th and Pemberton traffic light, parking on 15th Street, and Philip Street. Once the B-Line is implemented, traffic tie-ups are expected between Capilano Road and Hanes Avenue. The bus stops in the Norgate area are at Capilano Road, and Pemberton Avenue.
- c. **Deep Cove.** Katherine reported by email: I wonder if NVCAN is interested in compiling a list of questions/issues for discussion to send to Council that are specifically related to the Workshops? My thoughts for consideration which I raised during the comment period on Monday:
- i. The OCP calls for a 'guideline' target of 10,000 new units by 2030. Monday's workshop included a considerable amount of discussion about wanting more rental (market and non-market) and other housing types aimed at other than market condos. There are already approximately 5,200 units occupied or approved to date. There are also 4,000 more 'in the pipeline' (i.e., known to staff), predominantly slated as market ownership units. Given that the approved and 'in the pipeline' units already satisfy the 10,000 unit target, how does Council plan to achieve their apparent goal of increasing new housing stock in the rental and non-market areas?
 - ii. Mayor Little said during his campaign that it's more affordable to retain/remodel existing housing as compared to building new. (I agree.) Can Council incentivise that approach to improve affordable housing in the District?

Councillor Curran also mentioned sustainability. The development industry has said that they are not against measures such as recycling demolition and site preparation materials and building more energy efficient housing; they just want a level playing field so that everyone is subject to the same rules. I'd like to encourage Council to require such measures as part of rezoning.

- d. **Maplewood:** Stuart reported that development plans had been quiet recently. Riverside Drive is dangerous and he suggested using CACs to make it safer. Stuart also mentioned that the North Shore Innovation District has been separated from Maplewood according to Dan Milburn. It is now considered to be an outlying area. Babs reported that an ad appeared in the North Shore News for several Open Houses will be held on January 30, February 6, 13 and 20 at the Innovation Campus Gymnasium (see www.NSIDLands.ca).

- e. **Blueridge:** Eric A. reported North Shore Rescue gave a presentation on safety in the woods at the Blueridge meeting. The program to have fireplaces and furnaces cleaned has about 25 people signing up this year. Eric. A suggested other CAs might offer similar programs with to support local merchants.
- f. **Seymour:** Peter reported traffic lineups on Mt. Seymour Road were creating dangerous conditions. As only the Mt Seymour Parkway proposal for Tatla passed (the one for Allaire died), Seymour CA is trying to confirm whether Traffic Management is still proposing to run construction traffic through the cul-de-sac (Gaspé Place). Seymour Estates (Mt Seymour Parkway & Lytton) is now vacant. The Fire Department is doing training there.
- g. **Lynn Valley:** Lyle reported that LVCA preparing for its AGM. Lyle also reported ongoing concerns regarding traffic management at the Kirkstone project and that Emery Place has only one occupied unit remaining.
- h. **EUCCA:** Eric S. reported that the Canyon Restaurant closed and will be replaced by a Japanese/Korean one. Thrifty's will not open for another 7 months (about September or October). Shoppers is waiting for permits which are not expected to be issued for another month. Eric S. also reported that the EUCCA AGM was held March 13 and was attended by Mayor Little. The Capilano Suspension Bridge group wants to develop a 'temporary' parking lot on the land occupied by two houses on the east side of Capilano Road. The public information meeting on the topic incorrectly summarized previous meetings, according to audience members.
- i. Edgemont merchants decorated the village for Xmas including candy cane streetlamps. Boffo construction completion is a year late and only two-thirds of the units have been sold; however move-in starts next month. The Connaught (Grosvenor) move-in starts in March. A daycare is opening, a high-end pizza shop has opened, and a fresh Greek yogurt shop will be opening soon. Eric S. suggested that construction vehicles be allowed to use part of the underground parking area, acknowledging that HVAC and lighting generally would be minimal. Corrie reported that the NSN articles for December/January have been compiled and posted to our website.
- j. **Lower Capilano:** John reported that there is a submission to rezone the old Indigo Bookstore on Marine Drive to C9 allowing more uses, with no changes to the building or parking that currently exists. The Mayor inquired if there would be objections if Council waived a public hearing and just handled the issue as a regular Council agenda item. The concern is that the increased uses may change parking requirements in the area and have a negative effect on the existing businesses.
The budget shows plans for two plazas in Lion's Gate: One plaza and public art on Hope Road at Capilano and the larger plaza in the Larco development. However there are no applications for redevelopment on the east side of Capilano Road and closing Hope Road to build a plaza (which no one asked for) would negatively affect entry into the west side of the lower Capilano community.

7. Next Meeting: Special Meeting. Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019. We will be meeting with Mayor and Council.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.