

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes from Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 20, 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
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
John Hunter	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Wilkins	Strathcona
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guest:

John Harvey

Regrets:

Katherine Fagerlund

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Item added to New Business: “Second the Motion”. Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes for January 16, 2019, were approved.
- 4. Old Business: Recap on Meeting with DNV Mayor/Council.** John M. thanked Irene for acting as official NVCAN representative at the meeting. Comments on the meeting: DNV Mayor/Council appeared to view NVCAN as wanting to stop development; when this is not our position. The topics discussed ranged beyond the proposed agenda; which led to the proposal of a ‘roundtable’ discussion at a future meeting. Some comments were made on Mayor/Councillors suggestion that some CAs might merge based on geographic areas. Those who viewed the video after the event commented that the video froze frequently, thereby increasing the viewing time from 2 hours to over 3 hours. **Follow up:** contact the DNV and suggest putting videos on YouTube. Collectively, we viewed the meeting as beneficial and would like to have two meetings/year, with one being scheduled in September to address budget matters.
- 5. New Business**
 - a) Views – subsidized housing.** John H. reported on two topics:
 - i.** Possibility of municipalities suing large oil companies: The 20 largest oil companies are government owned. Therefore, it would not be prudent to follow the West Coast Environment Law proposal.

- ii. Subsidizing people who want to move to the north shore places an unfair burden on current residents who pay the taxes that pay the subsidy. Comments referenced the non-binding election referendum that approved \$150M for affordable housing– did people really know in voting for this referendum that they were voting to donate district land? Barry added that social housing should get preference over affordable housing.
- b) **Community Building Funds.** Eric A. reported that staff is unaware that the Funds were increased, as mentioned by D. Stewart at the Mayor/Council Workshop. John M. commented that the funds changed from \$10,000 in 2017 to \$15,000 in 2018, when the CA funds were merged with the Community Building Funds. After discussion, it was agreed to **follow up**: Email with Dave Stewart (cc to Christina Rucci) to confirm the current fund total.
- c) **Request that DNV notify CAs re zoning changes.** Eric A. commented that inadequate notice is being provided to CAs regarding zoning changes. Examples cited: change in a day care capacity and the road change regarding Exit 22A. General discussion about possible items of interest included zoning changes, By-Law changes, proposed Building Permits, transportation/road closures. Possible notification methods included emails to CAs (being more frequent than those used for Significant Developments), ability to subscribe to specific DNV web pages through an automated system, links to Facebook. **Follow up**: 1. Add as agenda item for next regular NVCAN meeting. 2. Add Communications from DNV as agenda for next Mayor/Council Workshop.
- d) **Presentation on rental housing availability.** Peter proposed a presentation on issues relating to availability of rental housing. The group agreed to add the item to the April Regular Meeting agenda. **Follow up**: Peter will provide Babs with background material to be distributed prior to the April meeting.
- e) **Speaker/Topic – May meeting.** John M. advised that SD44 will speak at our May Special Meeting on their plans for schools under the OCP.
- f) **Update on Museum and Archives of North Vancouver.** John M. reported that the representatives from the Museum would like to do an update to NVCAN. After discussion, it was acknowledged that our agendas for spring were filled, and to decline the offer at this time.
- g) **“Second the Motion”.** Corrie presented the attached document, pointing out that a group of our size did not require a seconder for motions.

6. Community Roundtable.

- a. **Norgate.** Irene reported that work continues on the Wastewater Treatment plant with no current issues.
- b. **Woodcroft.** Val M. reported: LARCO – Now looking at June as the earliest completion date. Grouse Inn site – Hoping to start construction this spring. Travelodge – Proposed development on hold waiting for staff review and also to learn more about the new Council’s priorities. New pedestrian walkway and lighting being installed along Glenaire between Fullerton and Curling. Woodcroft hosted a celebration of the Persian New Year on March 18th.
- c. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported that the NV Recreation and Culture were hosting an all-day forum at Delbrook Rec Centre on April 30. Topics of interest: recruitment and retention of volunteers, making a business case to receive grants. Information and registration page for the Forum can be found at: <https://www.nvrc.ca/north-shore-arts-forum>.
- d. **Strathcona.** Val W. reported that we’re pursuing first steps towards reinvigorating the Deep Cove Community Association, starting with a preliminary meeting on March 6th

and the next one scheduled for April 4th. Val W. also reported that Katherine has been in touch with Megan Curren offering a Council workshop presentation on construction affordability versus sustainability, especially as related to rental housing. Questions were raised about the DNV funding dollars being allocated to meeting the new GHG emissions. **Follow up:** Add to the agenda for the next NVCAN workshop with DNV Mayor/Council.

- e. **Seymour.** Peter reported Seymour is looking to set up a website with feeds from its Facebook page. A demolition permit for Seymour Estates has been requested by Anthem which includes lands adjacent to Ron Andrews recreation centre and a school. Allaire is also hoping to resurrect its plans.
- f. **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.
- g. **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. As Handsworth School will be demolished this summer, the Capilano Suspension Bridge site is under increased pressure to find visitor parking even though 40% of the visitors come by bus.
- h. **Lower Capilano:** John M. reported that DNV has scheduled another weed pull for the Bowser Trail. He also referred to the ongoing discussion regarding B-Line road improvements both in Lower Cap and the issues in West Vancouver regarding the terminus of the route. Here is the link to the information regarding the B line changes on Marine Drive -<https://www.dnv.org/notices/important-information-about-b-line-norgate-residents>.

7. **Guest:** John Harvey spoke briefly on a matter outside the scope of NVCAN.

8. **Next Meeting: Regular Meeting.** Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

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