

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes from AGM/Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 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
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Val Hammerburg	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Wilkins	Strathcona
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Absent:

Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Chris Sallis	Strathcona

Guest:

Jim Hanson	DNV Councillor
Brian Hutchinson	District Fire Chief
John Harvey	Lynn Valley

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m.
- 2. Presentation: DNV – Fire Station and Training Centre Relocation to Maplewood.** Fire Chief Brian Hutchinson presented the plans for the new fire station and training centre in Maplewood. He described the changes to the service response times and the equipment that would still be available at the existing Lynn Valley station. He also presented a time line for the construction of the facilities. Questions raised included handling of an event a chlorine spill, possibility of having BC Ambulance facilities on the site, and the ability to handle tower fires in the Lynn Valley area.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved with the addition of two items:
 - 4.e. Number of meetings held by annually by each Community Association.
 - 4.f. Recommended Park Space per capita.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the April 17, 2019, regular meeting were approved.
- 5. New Business**

- a. **2019-20 Meeting Schedule.** It was agreed to keep the same schedule of meetings for next year. NVCAN will meet on third Wednesdays of September, October, November 2019 and January through June 2020. Regular and Special meetings will alternate, starting with September as a regular meeting. Suggestions for possible speakers include: North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission (topic facilities), DNV Budget preview, RCMP policing (crime rates), Metro Vancouver Parks (trails and park areas), Housing Task Force.
- b. **Election of Directors.** After discussion, it was agreed that the NVCAN representatives would elect three directors to replace the three directors whose terms expired and that the newly elected directors would then determine the officers for the coming year. It was announced that the retiring directors were John Miller, Eric Andersen, Corrie Kost and the remaining directors were Irene Davidson, Babs Perowne and Peter Teevan. Nominations were received for John Miller, Eric Andersen and Corrie Kost. As no further nominations were received, the nominees were acclaimed to hold office until the AGM in June 2021.
- c. **Conflict of Interest – DNV Councillors.** Eric A. presented background material arising from the discussion at Monday's DNV Council meeting. Roundtable discussion followed on definitions of conflict of interest arising from election financing, whether conflict applied to all proposals or only development proposals, whether conflict was limited to issues where an individual had a pecuniary interest or a more general interest (eg member of a board). Councillor Hanson advised that DNV Council had scheduled a workshop for July 16 so the Mayor and Council could continue to review this topic. Corrie commented: a) perfection is often the enemy of the good; b) developers are the "Elephants" of the issue - with \$billions involved; and c) rest of issue has to do with "peanuts".
- d. **Summer Lunch/Dinner – Wednesday August 21.** Babs asked whether the group wished to continue its practice of an annual Summer Event. Peter suggested holding a BBQ at his home. Peter will provide details of the arrangements for Babs to circulate.
- e. **Number of meetings held annually by each CA.** Eric A. said that Blueridge was reviewing its meeting structure and asked the CA representatives for an estimate of the number of their annual meetings. The average was about 3-4 board meetings, and 2-3 general community meetings plus special events (eg Community Days, Town Halls, Xmas celebrations).
- f. **Park Space per capita recommendations.** Corrie spoke on the recommended park space per capita of 38 hectares per 1000 people. He expressed concern that DNV's current development was impacting that recommended amount. Attached are the reports which form much of the basis of his remarks on added parkland space that should be provided by population growth/development. The quote "The 1966 Plan goes on to recommend a future standard of 94 acres (38.0 ha) / 1,000 for all parkland" is from page 18 of the report found at by which 10,000 more people (OCP plan to 2030) would need 940 more acres of parkland with (at estimated \$6m/acre) costing \$5.64Billion. More recently this has been watered down (mostly due to land costs) to 5 hectares (12.4 acres) per 1000 new residents, thus requiring 124 acres for 10,000 new residents and at \$6m/acre a cost of "only" \$744 million. Copy attached (Modern Compact Cities)

Another recent paper gives the ideal urban green space (UGS) of 50sq-metres per capita which translates to 5 hectares (12.4 acres) per 1000 people The "Parkland.." report (see below) on page 19 (23) of that report states "In 2014, the Regional Parks System

operated by Metro Vancouver had a calculated ratio of 5.5 ha / 1,000 residents" which seems to be in line. Copy attached (Parkland Supply Std).

The reports can be found at:

- Modern Compact Cities: How Much Greenery Do We Need.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6209905/pdf/ijerph-15-02180.pdf>
- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, Parkland Supply Standards Research:
http://metrovancover.org/boards/Parks/Regional_Parks_Committee_Agenda-2016-Feb-10_Report_Attachment_5_3.pdf

6. Community Roundtable.

- a. **Norgate.** Irene reported Norgate held its AGM Wednesday June 19th and it was well-attended. We elected 3 new directors. Our main topics were traffic/parking management. This summer the DNV plans to provide two new crosswalks at east and west entrances to Alderwood Park (the strip park), which is well-used walkway across Norgate. This provides added safety for residents.
- b. **Woodcroft.** Val M. reported that demolition of Grouse Inn had started. She also reported that there had been some recent car break-ins and bike thefts.
- c. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported the Diner-en-Bleu had been a great success, as had Blueridge Days. The silent auction raised \$3000.
- d. **Seymour.** Karen reported that Seymour held its AGM on June 6, 2019, re-electing the same board members. Peter added the CA was happy to add Deb Bramley as a member at large.
- e. **Deep Cove.** Katherine reported that Deep Cove is now a registered Society and that discussions regarding a merger with Strathcona are ongoing.
- f. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported that Lynn Valley will be holding Lynn Valley Days this Saturday, June 22. He also advised the Lynn Valley AGM was rescheduled to July 4.

7. **Next Meeting: Regular Meeting.** Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

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