

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes from Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 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
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
John Hunter	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Val Wilkins	Strathcona
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Ghalib Bhayani	Superintendent, RCMP
Peter DeVries	Communications Officer, RCMP
Bill Maurer	Seymour Valley
John Harvey	Lynn Valley

Absent:

Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove

- 1. Welcome:** John M. welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7p.m. and introduced our speaker, Superintendent Ghalib Bhayani.
- 2. Presentation:** Superintendent Bhayani presented his vision and brand as they describe the relationship between the RCMP and the community, as well as his background and experience in policing. He views communications between the RCMP and the community as critical and vital. Since Superintendent Bhayani took on his new role he has heard the community describe four areas of greatest concern: traffic, affordable housing, mental health and homelessness. He sees the RCMP as a service to the community and will working to maintain the low crime rate in North Vancouver. His presentation was followed by a Q&A period.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the Wednesday September 18, 2019, regular meeting were approved.

5. New Business

- a. **Community Building Grant.** It was noted that the Community Building Grant Fund would run out before the end of the year. John M. provided some background to the growth of the Fund and Council's concern (expressed at our Workshop with Mayor and Council) at the continuing demands on it. The CA Fund had been merged with a broader Community Building Fund to allow access to more funds, but that has proved insufficient for the demand. Discussion ensued relating to room costs and whether public buildings (eg libraries and schools) should charge room rental by Community Associations. Barry advised that Blueridge CA spends about \$1300-1500 annually for its newsletters and AGM. Other CAs, e.g. Pemberton Heights and Woodcroft, are self-funding. Typical costs incurred by a CA include room rental, website hosting, printing newsletters. To assist the DNV to set an appropriate funding level for Community Building Grant Fund, it was agreed that the CAs would send Babs an estimate of their annual funding requirements by the end of October. Once tabulated, John M. will present the list to Mayor/Council.
- b. **Boundary between Seymour Valley CA and Maplewood CA.** Bill requested that the Seymour Valley CA boundaries be properly identified on the CA map on the NVCAN website. After a brief discussion, it was agreed by Maplewood that the northerly boundary of their area should end at Mount Seymour Parkway. Corrie will correct the NVCAN map to reflect the boundaries for Seymour Valley. Seymour Valley CA will be added to the distribution list for materials from NVCAN.
- c. **DNV By-Law on Light Pollution.** Eric S. presented background material relating to light and noise pollution from a local resident. The main complaint rests on excessive reflected light from soffit lights. John M. advised that the DNV Mayor/Council held workshops relating to light and noise pollution earlier in the year. At the workshop on September 16, 2019, Mayor/Council directed staff to report back in 2019 on recommended changes to District by-Laws, policies and regulations. After discussion, **IT WAS AGREED THAT:** NVCAN urge the District of North Vancouver to move expeditiously on their review of noise and light pollution by-laws, policies and regulations; with such review to include such items as limits on hours of operation, lumens allowable and reflection from adjacent surfaces. John M. will take the motion to Mayor/Council and DNV General Manager -Planning, Properties & Permits, Dan Milburn.

6. **Community Roundtable.** Given the time constraint, members postponed the Roundtable.

7. **Next Meeting: Special Meeting.** Date: THURSDAY, November 21, 2019.
Topic: Oxford Non-Market Housing project.

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