

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday May 18, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:35 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Cyndi Gerlach	Carisbrooke
Val Wilkins	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Regrets:

Val Moller	Woodcroft
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Welcome. John welcomed members to the Zoom meeting.

- 1. Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2022.** The minutes were approved.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a. Meeting with District MLA's.** John reported that MLA Susie Chant will attend the June 20 (AGM) meeting of NVCAN. We expect to hear confirmation from Bowinn Ma shortly.
- 4. Community Round Table.**
 - a. EUCCA.** Eric S. reported on the following:

Expansion of Delany's Coffee Delany's Coffee in Edgemont Village is expanding. They have taken over the unit on Edgemont Blvd to the east of their present store. (This was formerly occupied by TWIGA) This has been in the works for over 6 months and construction has finally started. A large part of the delay was in getting permits from DNV. This expansion will allow Delany's to provide more seating inside to compete with other 'coffee shops' in the Village and also provide some facility for their staff.

Condo Project Completion The condo project on the corner of Crescentview and Connaught is still continuing construction. The developer initially indicated completion in January, but it is now May and the project is still some time and work away from completion. As with most locations on the North Shore, parking is at a premium and the workers at such sites park around the Village and take parking spots from other visitors to the Village. The developer has arranged for off-site parking, but none of the workers use it because it is about 4 blocks from the site. Like other projects with underground parking, though there would be an opportunity to get vehicles off the road, the underground parking is not used by the developer.

Graffiti / Tagging of bus benches The Village has experienced a tremendous amount of graffiti

and tagging on bus benches (as well as newspaper boxes and fences). All the bus benches have this on them to varying degrees. If others have this problem and dealt with it we would be appreciative of ideas to resolve this issue.

- b. Maplewood.** Stuart reported that few residents are left and there have been no updates from DNV, CAP or NSEM regarding future developments. Many buildings have been demolished. He also reported that the Spicer Road development will be going to a public hearing to turn the property into a parking lot for industrial trucks. The use will be compatible with the surrounding area (industrial use). The current pub on the property closed.
- c. Norgate.** Irene reported:

 - Traffic.* There are ongoing concerns about traffic speeding along 15th Street. The current posted speed limit is 30kph and there are speed bumps. A resident of 15th street is in touch with DNV traffic and the RCMP over the problem. Residents of Redwood Street and Tatlow Avenue also report speeding on those streets.
 - Parks.* A member of Norgate executive contacted DNV Parks and Trails concerning problems experienced by residents in Alderwood Park (strip park) and the Spirit Trail. The following issues were reported in Alderwood Park: the path flooded after rainfall making walking difficult for many residents; someone is leaving food out for animals; used needles are found under the overgrown Laurel hedge on the north side of the park; and apparently this area is also used as a toilet. As for the Spirit Trail, residents report that speeding cyclists and motorized scooters make it hazardous for pedestrians, children and dogs. DNV Parks and Trails replied immediately concerning issues in these Parks and their response is encouraging.
- d. Deep Cove.** Val reported

 - Upper Gallant Road.* DNV council meeting on April 25th council passed a motion to remove the temporary Naughton connector and replace with a walking path after the Lower Gallant project is completed. The Upper Gallant Road project (sewer replacement) is substantially complete with landscaping recently completed
 - Lower Gallant beautification project.* The Livable Deep Cove project (Lower Gallant - federal funding) next step is for local citizen input - spring 2022 - awaiting update from DNV.
 - Strathcona Road traffic.* We are in discussion with DNV Engineering about traffic concerns on Strathcona Road including traffic calming, speed reduction, cross walk.
 - Boat moorage changes in Deep Cove.* New buoys with 72 hr time restrictions were to be implemented in summer 2021. That was then postponed indefinitely. We expect to be able to provide an update at the next meeting.
 - Community picnic.* The picnic planned for Thursday May 12th was postponed due to inclement weather and a new date has not been determined.
- e. Blueridge.** Eric A. reported The BCA's AGM was held on May 10, and it was a hybrid meeting with some participants following on Zoom and others attended the in-person meeting at the United Strangers, our coffee shop in Blueridge. The format had been changed and to make it more lively included questions asked by local residents about various topics concerning Blueridge. In spite of only 8 months having elapsed since the last AGM in September, the Chair's report included over 20 activities that the BCA had been involved with. Other items included: The Blueridge Garden had its work monthly work party on May 14. The BCA will have representation at the DNV's Natural Parks Trail Strategy meeting in the middle of June. The BCA has started working on a newsletter which should be going out towards the end of June. A resident has proposed to host an outdoor cello concert by an ensemble of professional musicians in their cul-de-sac in mid-August. Surplus proceeds would be going to the BCA. We are still searching eagerly for a new Volunteer Coordinator to replace the one who had agreed to do this on an interim basis in September.
- f. Seymour.** Peter reported that speeding remains an issue on Mt. Seymour Parkway. Little enforcement is done on the east side. DNV's Engineering advised they use a 3-prong

approach: Engineer, Educate and Enforce. Mt. Seymour is a long, straight stretch and it is difficult to break up through-traffic. The lights are too short to allow seniors to cross from the Seniors home to Parkgate. Mt. Seymour will be closed to accommodate the North Shore Triathlon on the May long weekend.

- g. Woodcroft.** Babs reported that road construction along Fullerton/Glenaire has been ongoing since April and is expected to continue through June. Also construction of the townhomes on Belle Isle and Glenaire have been delayed because of construction crew and supply shortages. Also the District of West Vancouver is replacing sewers along Keith Road, to the north of Woodcroft. The combination makes it difficult for emergency vehicles trying to reach the property with both North and South access points under construction at the same time.
- h. Lower Capilano.** John reported that DNV approved that the proposed development for the Travelodge site go to public hearing. This despite the proposal increasing the height to 27 stories up from 20 stories in the OCP, and increasing density to 2.75 up from 2.5.

5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – Regular/AGM Meeting

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm