

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular/AGM Meeting

Date: Wednesday June 15, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:40 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guest Speaker:

Susie Chant	MLA, North Vancouver - Seymour
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Regrets:

Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
Val Moller	Woodcroft

- 1. Presentation by Susie Chant, MLA.** John welcomed Susie Chant and members to the Zoom meeting. After a round of introductions, Susie spoke on issues and developments relating to transportation, jobs, and housing. Topics raised included plans for North Shore transit under the Translink 10 year plan, employment is back to pre-Covid levels, minimum wage has been raised and tied to rate of inflation. Forecast for 1 million jobs largely in Green Technology, Forestry (including a retraining package as jobs change into a value-add and clean industry), Health, Education and Research. On housing, Susie spoke on our shortfall in housing stock across the province to handle the 100,000 new immigrants to BC. Various affordable ownership pilots are underway in Victoria, Sealyann and First Nations areas. The Speculation Tax added 300,000 units to the market.

Susie's presentation was followed by a Q&A session. Topics included:

Peter's concern over Minister David Eby's proposals regarding development covered by an OCP.

Susie will contact David Eby about speaking at our September meeting (details to be confirmed).

Barry and Irene expressed concern related to licensing foreign trained people with professional and trade associations. Susie advised work is ongoing in this area and mentioned SFU's program to work with people trained as educators. She also spoke on overcoming our colonial bias in setting standards. Lyle questioned the effectiveness of a Rapid bus link compared to a skytrain link.

Irene encouraged expanding trades training to younger school children. Carson Graham is the only school offering trades training and this should be expanded to other schools. Susie commented that Minister Whiteside proposes adding apprenticeship and journeymen programs especially to auto industry and construction.

Corrie raised the issue of homelessness being connected to drugs and mental health issues and

whether this is needs support at the federal level. Susie responded that work is being done at both the provincial and federal levels but more is needed. She said that 6 die daily from opiates. While supportive housing is opening up more is needed. She mentioned the demand to house those on drugs or with mental health issues and brain injuries. In addition as 20% of those aging-out-of-care end up homeless within two years, the province now provides support from age 19 to age 27. Karen commented on the chronic teacher shortage, the limitations of the two bridges for improving transit, and questioned the necessity of the Mt Seymour ski pass system in off-peak times. Susie responded that Kelly Green (Parks) is looking into modifying the ski pass system. Stuart raised the issue of health and safety in Maplewood as it relates to industry. Susie requested that Stuart make an appointment with her to detail his concerns on the issues. Babs asked if any consideration is being given to a guaranteed income. Susie said that no pilot projects are planned now by Nick Simons, Social Welfare and Poverty Reduction.

After thanking Susie for her presentation, John turned to the business portion of the meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2022.** The minutes were approved.
4. **Election of Board Members.** John announced that the term of office had expired for Irene Davidson, Herman Mah, Babs Perowne, Peter Teevan. John advised that all 4 had agreed to serve for another term. He then called three times for any further nominations from the floor. No other nominations having been received, he then declared Irene Davidson, Herman Mah, Babs Perowne, and Peter Teevan to be elected for another term to expire in June 2024.
5. **August Supper? Wed Aug 17?** Babs proposed NVCAN hold its annual summer event on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:00 pm at Northlands. The majority of people indicated support. Babs will make a reservation and send an invitation to everyone in August.
6. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – Regular Meeting**
7. **Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**