

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 21, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Val Wilkins	Deep Cove
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Regrets:

Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights
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1. **Welcome.** John welcomed members to the first meeting of 2022-23.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2022 (AGM).** The minutes were approved.
4. **Election of Board Members.** John announced that the officers for 2022-23 remained unchanged:

President – John Miller
Vice-President – Peter Teevan
Secretary-Treasurer – Babs Perowne
Communications – Corrie Kost
Member at Large – Eric Andersen
Member at Large – Irene Davidson
Member at Large – Herman Mah

5. **August Supper** John reported that NVCAN held its annual summer event on Wednesday, August 17, at Northlands. Eleven people attended with a good time and good food.
6. **Community Round Table (All Candidates Meetings – ACM)**
 - a. **Woodcroft All Candidates Meeting** Val M. reported that the Lions Gate ACM would be held at the new Lions Gate Community Centre on September 28. It is hosted by Lower Capilano, Norgate, Pemberton Heights and Woodcroft community associations. *Construction* Developments progress slowly in Lions Gate neighbourhood with 2 of 3 phased townhomes on Curling now occupied. The

last occupancies expected this fall, as well as the finishing of the interim park. DNV will put in the permanent park fixtures, with the developers providing grass and gravel. DNV Council continue to approve massive density, despite no road infrastructure to support it. At least there are finally some improvements to the traffic flow on Fullerton Avenue. *Lions Gate Community Centre* They seem to be getting more activities organized. Example of programs are: Farsi speaking coffee group, Seniors social paint club, Craft circle, Library, Children's art exploration, Dance, School age sport, Adult fitness programs, and Adult visual arts, among other things. A friend told me her Scottish Dancing Group have rented space at less than they could get elsewhere.

- b. **Deep Cove** Val W. reported that the Executive and Committee meets on September 22 to discuss their October 4th ACM and to prepare questions for the candidates. Some enhancements to slow traffic on Strathcona Road occurred over the summer. Citizen dialogue continues for other improvements such as a cross walk to Strathcona Lookout Park. Citizens have raised concerns about speeds on Deep Cove Road (2 accidents in one week at one intersection); discussion about adding a traffic light but are there other options? Storm sewer work was completed. DNV is undertaking an Open House and Survey regarding the Lower Gallant capital project. Katherine reported on Livable Deep Cove saying the staff report reflected an interesting use of statistical results to reflect the DNV position rather than that of the residents. Katherine also reported that the main traffic calming measure was to install more traffic lights.
- c. **Maplewood** Stuart reported that the Fire Hall & Training Centre development is underway. A new Maplewood member encouraged the CA to Adopt-a-Street to improve conditions on the 2200 block of Dollarton Highway. The number of residents continues to decline and about 55% of the residents have left. Stuart also reported that he is developing a Health and Safety website.
- d. **Norgate Park** Irene NPCA President Art MacGillivray resigned for personal reasons. Norgate is currently acting to fill the vacancy. The annual Community Garage Sale was held August 27th. Norgate Park is helping to sponsor an All-Candidates Meeting September 28th at Lions Gate Co munitions Recreation Centre.
- e. **Blueridge** Eric A. reported on the following topics: *FireSmart* – the BCA has not been successful in generating much interest in this important program, however, our local coffee shop, United Strangers, has allowed representatives from FireSmart to use the facility to spread the word about this topic. It may happen once more before the start of the rainy season. *Seymour Trail Liaison Committee* – our next meeting with this committee takes place on September 27. It gives interested trail users (mountain-bikers, hikers, runners etc) an opportunity to meet and share information about the local trails. *Blueridge Creek Cleanup* – a cleanup of our local creek is scheduled for September 24. *Fall Swap Meet* – this is the first time that we are hosting such a large garage sale. The BCA is starting small with only eight participants, but hope to see this grow in the future, if the first event on September 25 is a success. *Newsletter* - The BCA's third and last hard-copy newsletter of the year will be published before the end of the week. This one will only be four pages and as usual handed out by volunteers. *All Candidates Meeting* – the BCA will as usual be part of the associations co-hosting the ACM at the Mount Seymour United Church on Tuesday, October 4. *Brainstorming* – We are very excited about a four-hour brainstorming workshop that is planned for Saturday, October 4, at Canlan. We went through a similar exercise nine years ago, and the results were amazing, including the Blueridge Sharing Garden, the Little Free Library as well as other activities.
- f. **EUCCA** Eric S. reported EUCCA will be trying a different way to get questions for its ACM, such as emailing members asking for suggestions and doing street surveys of passers-by. The ACM will be on October 7. Edgemont has been experiencing a high level of tagging recently on street benches and store windows.
- g. **Lynn Valley** Lyle reported that the new bike lanes on Lynn Valley Road (Phase 1 Mountain Hwy to Peters Rd/Phase 2 Peters Rd to Dempsey) are under construction. The bike lanes mean all street parking is being removed. The Lynn Valley Family Fun Fair was held last Sunday. The Lynn Valley

CA meets on September 22 regarding its ACM to be held on October 5. Lyle reported that the five towers to be built on the Safeway lot and the Bosa-owned pub development will create over 500 units. Both projects are moving in tandem. The Kiwanis tower is nearly finished. DNV Council passed first, second and third reading of a bill to lower the age limit from 60 to 50 years as there were insufficient applicants at the higher age.

- h. **Lower Capilano** John reported it was a quiet summer for the CA. Their AGM will be held just after the election. As reported by Val M, Lower Capilano is also working on the Lions Gate ACM.
- i. **Seymour** Peter reported another bear was recently put down by the Conservation Officers - this one had opened a residential door and accessed the fridge. It also tried other doors and that triggered the action by COS. The bears seem to have habituated to garbage collection day. Deep Cove/Blueridge/ Seymour / Parkgate all candidates meeting at Mt Seymour United Church on October 4th. Parkgate Day was September 10th and by all accounts was very successful. One complicating factor for the event was the Lynn Valley Family Fun Day scheduled at same date and time making attendance at both for community leaders (Mayor, Councillor Back) challenging. Second Saturday in September has been a long standing tradition for Parkgate prior to Covid. Coffee with the candidates at Parkgate is September 22 and is a mix n mingle format at the senior friendly time of 4pm.

7. New Business

a. **NVCAN Meeting Schedule 2022-23.** The meeting dates for the coming year (also listed on the website) are

19 Oct 22	Special	Post Election
16 Nov 22	Regular	
18 Jan 23	Regular	
15 Feb 23	Special	DNV Budget Review
15 Mar 23	Regular	
19 Apr 23	Special	
17 May 23	Regular	
21 Jun 23	AGM	

- b. **Topics for Special meetings** The following topics were suggested:
 - *Parks and Trails Update* – The last Parks and Trails plan is 10 years old. DNV Parks and Trails
 - *Update on Sewage Treatment Plant* – Metro Vancouver
 - *BC Housing Plans for Lower Mainland/North Vancouver*
 - *Climate Change – Fire & Risk Assessment, FireSmart*
- c. **Artificial Turf for Argyle** Peter discussed the history of artificial turf for Argyle and expressed concern that a similar situation could be repeated at Handsworth.

Peter Teevan recused himself from the balance of the meeting.

d. **Municipal Election 2022. Questions for Candidates by NVCAN** Given the extensive number of ACMs scheduled, it was agreed NVCAN would not prepare yet another set of questions for candidates. For those who are interested, the 2018 NVCAN question list are attached to these minutes.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Appendix – 2018 Questions for Candidates

1. What practical experience and accomplishments qualify you for the position you are seeking?
2. What three major issues are you most concerned about in the DNV, and how can they be addressed?
3. What role do you think community associations should play?
4. What is your understanding of the terms “non-market” and “affordable” housing?
5. What is your position on subsidizing housing of any type?
6. What should the District’s role be relating to subsidized housing?
7. Will you support a full public review of the OCP in 2019?
8. Under what circumstances are you willing to relinquish publicly owner or public assembly zoned lands?
9. Are you willing to defer further development until the required transportation infrastructure is in place?
10. What is your view on mobility pricing?
11. What is your view on how effective the proposed B-Line will be?
12. What is the source of your campaign funding?
13. What is your position on density bonuses or density transfers?