

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday November 16, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:55 pm

Present:

Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Erik Skowronek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Christine Miller	Seymour
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Regrets:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Cyndi Gerlach	Carisbrooke
Karen Barnett	Seymour

- 1. Welcome.** In John's absence, Peter Teevan chaired the meeting. Peter welcomed members to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting were approved. Corrie requested the minutes reflect NVCAN website has links to the [videos](#) from the All-Candidates Meetings held for the DNV municipal elections. (see <https://nvcan.ca/index.php/in-the-news/>)
- 4. NVCAN Board Election.** Peter opened the election to replace Herman Mah (who is now a DNV Councillor) on the NVCAN Board of Directors. Two nominations had been received for Lyle Craver and Katherine Fagerlund prior to this meeting. Peter called three times for further nominations. No further nominations being received, the members voted by secret ballot. Katherine Fagerlund was elected to the vacated Member-at-Large position until the term expires in June 2024.
- 5. New Business:**
 - a. Motion: THAT the District of North Vancouver upgrade their website to handle on-line reporting of election results before the next election.** A lengthy discussion on the motion followed. Views were expressed that the paper ballot system did not encounter the delays of the online system. Various explanations were suggested for the late results such as website failure to handle capacity, to delays in processing mail-in and hospital ballots. Concerns were

expressed about the lack of capacity to handle high demand not only for election results but also for emergencies. Comments were made that when access to the DNV website is not available it added reflects on the community's faith and trust in the abilities of the DNV; no error messages were provided; website should be robust enough to handle the population of DNV. Discussion then broadened to discuss local emergency responses and the Alertable app. It was mentioned that Emily Dicken, the new Executive Director of NSEM, had approached NVCAN to attend one of our meetings. It was agreed that Babs would invite Emily Dicken to our January 18 meeting to review NSEM's roles and issues relating to emergency notifications.

It was suggested we request a statement from DNV on the website problem. The proposed motion was amended to: **THAT** the District of North Vancouver upgrade their website to handle more effectively on-line reporting of election results before the next election. Motion carried unanimously with John to convey the motion to Mayor and Council.

b. Schedule NVCAN brainstorming session on ways to increase community engagement.

Katherine clarified that community engagement related to the political process in general, beyond the poor turnout of votes in the last election. She also limited the initial brainstorming session to NVCAN members rather than the broader community association membership. Eric A. suggested Murray Mollard, the Executive Director of North Shore Community Resources, to facilitate the discussion. Murray Mollard has been active in raising awareness of the political process for many years. It was agreed Eric A. will invite Murray Mollard to our March 15 meeting.

c. DNV purchase of 1801 Capilano Rd – public input on intended use? Benefit of Road? Loss of Jobs? Loss of commercial use property? As John raised this topic and had presented his concerns at a DNV Council meeting, it was agreed to defer discussion until his return at our next meeting.

6. Xmas Dinner. On a show of hands, we agreed to Wednesday, December 14 for our Xmas Dinner at Nortlands. Babs will make the reservation and send an invitation closer to the time to confirm those who plan to attend. As usual, significant others are welcome.

7. Round Table.

a. Deep Cove. Katherine reported that the results of the survey for the Livable Deep Cove (Lower Gallant Avenue) Project were circulated by the DNV to the DCCA and published on the DNV website. DNV staff indicated that the report will be forwarded to Council 'for information', but it is not anticipated to be brought up at a Council meeting for discussion. The District wants to act before the deadline for Federal funding expires. Chris reported that recently, the project manager for the work done in Deep Cove requested that the DCCA make a comment on their communication and engagement with Deep Cove residents during the work. This comment would come from the board but was meant to represent the community. They hoped that we would conclude that the process of communication and engagement was 'adequate'; however, due to the sensitivity of these projects and strong disagreements on various sides, the DCCA board decided to stay neutral and not make any statements one way or the other.

b. Woodcroft. Val reported that Woodcroft received the permit from DNV for remove the rubble in Phase 2 of the parkade project, so we are proceeding with the Capilano and Hollyburn Buildings. Val have learned from one of the developers that -Belle Isle got its final occupancy Ebb & Flow (East of Fullerton) expect first occupancy in December. Belle Isle Park has an interim dog park. Other construction is ongoing.

- c. **Seymour.** Peter expressed concern about the downed power lines backing up traffic on Mt Seymour Parkway for 3.5km after the last storm. The road is the only access to the area. Peter also reported the Seymour CA AGM will be held on November 23.
- d. **Norgate.** Irene reported that The NPCA will hold a Directors' meeting on November 22nd 2022. The main topic for discussion is the proposed construction of new sidewalks in Norgate by the DNV. The sidewalks are part of a district plan to increase safety around schools. An online survey and emails show residents are against the DNV proposal, and instead suggest an extension to the existing Sowden Street sidewalk to improve safety.
- e. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported that Blueridge Cares program is going ahead again this year. Four families have applied already. The program will be limited to families within the Blueridge boundaries. The CA held a productive Directors' Meeting. Deciding (a) to restart meeting in-person again; (b) to invite neighbouring CAs to hold joint meetings on topics such as FireSmart and emergency preparedness and to find out how residents prefer to receive news – e.g. paper/electronic/phone; (c) brainstorm results to be posted on web and social media. Eric also advised that DNV was treating undergrowth in local forest areas clearing underbrush as part of a Fire Management program.
- f. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported that the Lynn Valley AGM was held at Karen Magnussen Centre in November. He also reported that the Lynn Valley Christmas in the Library Square will be held this year.
- g. **EUCCA.** Corrie and Eric reported that EUCCA will be holding its AGM as an 'in person' meeting on Friday November 18, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Highlands United Church (corner of Edgemont and Ridgewood) at 7pm. The keynote speaker will be Mayor Mike Little. A number of councillors have also indicated that they would attend. Eric S. reported on *Christmas in Edgemont Village*. Again, as in prior years, the merchants are sponsoring the 'lighting up' of the village. A number of trees along Edgemont Blvd and Highland are decorated with lights. Additionally, the red lamp post around the village have been decked out with white stripes and lights to make them look like 'candy canes'. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.



6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm