

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 18, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:05 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Val Wilkins	Deep Cove
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

Guests:

Emily Dicken	North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM)
Susan Hyam	EUCCA
Christine Miller	Seymour

Regrets:

Val Moller	Woodcroft
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- 1. Welcome.** John welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- 2. Presentation.** Emily Dicken described several fire emergencies where NSEM responded over the last several months providing support for housing and economic crises to 120 family units. Emily then talked, in relation to NSEM, about public education and the importance of community networks and communications; how in times of emergencies neighbours support each other. She then spoke at some length on the Alertable app and how it ties in to Environment Canada's weather alerts and DriveBC's traffic alerts. Amber alerts are public intrusive alerts sent by the RCMP. Other emergencies handled by Alertable are 'push out' messages through the app, or by text or email. Users can select from various levels and types of messages. Co-ordinated testing with response partners takes place at scheduled intervals. Emily answered questions on Alertable (available through [NSEM.ca/Alertable](https://www.nsem.ca/alertable)). Currently 35,000 people have the Alertable app.

Emily then went on to discuss emergency preparedness and the importance of having an emergency kit on hand (containing supplies for 3-7 days), and the 10 types of hazards which vary across the North Shore. Samples are King tides, flooding, landslides, fires and heat domes. NSEM puts emergency notifications on their website, Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as notifying the North Shore News.

Emily then talked about reorganization of NSEM to enhance strategic planning for disaster relief, community social planning, identifying vulnerable spaces (e.g. aging infrastructure). These changes allow NSEM to get ahead of disaster vulnerability. The work is based on the UN Sendai framework. NSEM also builds partnerships with service providers and NGOs.

3. **Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Motion: THAT the District of North Vancouver upgrade their website to handle more effectively on-line reporting of election results before the next election.** John will convey the motion to Mayor and Council at the next council meeting.
 - b. **Schedule NVCAN brainstorming session on ways to increase community engagement.** Murray Mollard will run a brainstorming session at 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?** After discussion of design changes from the OCP and the original design, and current property uses in Lions Gate area, it was agreed that John will meet with Councillor Herman Mah to request that the DNV revisit its current plans for the property.
6. **Round Table.**
 - a. **EUCCA.** Eric S. reported that DNV Council passed a motion to reduce the speed limit on Edgemont Blvd. to 30 km. He expressed concern that this would divert traffic to adjacent roads.
 - b. **Norgate.** Irene reported the proposed DNV sidewalk construction projects for this summer have been put on hold while the Pedestrian Master Plan is being reviewed by council. A NPCA Directors' meeting will be held by Zoom on January 31, 2023.
 - c. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported that the *Blueridge Cares* program went extremely at the end of 2022 thanks to the generosity of many local residents and businesses. Less in-kind donations were made, which was made up by more cash donations. The program helped four families living in our community that asked for help in view of financially difficult times. We hope that the program will carry on around Christmas, 2023. *Blueridge Good Neighbour Day* With the COVID restrictions now lifted, we are hoping in 2023 to resume *Blueridge Good Neighbour Day* (BGND) which took a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic. There has been much talk in the community about when BGND would return, but this can only be feasible if a certain number of residents step forward and volunteer their time to plan the event. The initial feedback from the community in terms of volunteering has been lower than expected, but the first planning meeting was scheduled for January 23. The same issue applies about the need for volunteers for the planning process of the *Dîner en Bleu*. *Blueridge News* Through our monthly e-newsletter, the *Blueridge Bulletin* in December, we notified the community about a road safety grant called *Vision Zero*, and asked for suggestions that we could use it for, if we were to apply for it. A suggestion about increasing road safety for bikers using our main road, Berkley, resulted in a fair number of responses. Some (obviously bikers) felt that this would be a great idea, but others objected to this suggestion – in fact, most of them were not even living on Berkley (so this was not a matter of residents fearing to lose their street parking). We will have to decide how to proceed with this idea of improving safety, but in the meantime the application deadline for the grant has passed and this year the BCA did not apply. Potentially

this could create a rift in the community, as we have seen it in other parts of North Vancouver with the pros and cons of bike lanes. The BCA has started working on its first hard-copy newsletter of the year, which should be published at the end of February.

- d. **Maplewood.** Stuart reported a resident's concern over the decline in the residential conditions near 2200 Old Dollarton. The area is experiencing an increase in homeless population, caravan parking and general litter/garbage.
- e. **Seymour.** Karen reported, on Peter's behalf, *Seymour CA AGM* was held November 23rd at Parkgate Community Centre. The Board members remain unchanged with the exception of Trevor Ford who did not stand again. *Power Outage.* The Board resolved to send letter of concern to DNV regarding power outage/traffic back up from November 4 requesting involvement and inclusion in consultation and reporting. *Garbage Pickup* Peter noted Zone 5 garbage, recycling and green bins pickups were cancelled due to weather from December 16 to January 4. After asking DNV for some mitigation Peter received a form-reply that answered "why did you cancel pickup" and not "can we please have a mitigation plan". After resending the query, Peter has not received a response as yet. *Bears:* We have a bear problem in Seymour – 3 still active (could be 4) all centred around the large installations at: St. Pius School/Church, Parkgate Shopping Mall, Parkgate Community Centre and some reports at Riverwoods Co-op (in between the two). According to NSBBS they could be yearlings due to footprint size. Note – they have not denned even to yesterday. Conservation Officers are now involved (which could mean dead bears). *Shooting Death:* Police involved shooting death of a 27-year-old Riverwoods Co-op resident Saturday November 12th. Mental Health and drugs are reported to be the catalyst here.
- f. **Deep Cove.** Katherine reported *ower Gallant improvements/Livable Deep Cove:* This project has been tendered and is scheduled to start construction in early 2023, hoping to complete before summer. The project will necessitate closure of Lower Gallant during project implementation and temporary re-opening of the Naughton Avenue detour. The detour is to be permanently closed and re-fashioned as a public path once this project is completed. *FireSmart program:* Crews have been very active in the forest above Cliffmont for the last few weeks, clearing understory vegetation and removing smaller trees. A chipping truck parked at the top of Cliffmont is working through the cleared debris. The amount of woodfibre being removed is quite amazing!
- g. **Woodcroft.** Babs reported for Val M. that construction permits for Phase 2 of our parkade work (removing the overburden from the garden areas) has started. (Val M. attributes the long delayed permit approval to be a result of conversations with Mayor Little.) Construction on the next townhouse development at Fullerton and Glenaire has started too.
- h. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that all was quiet in the area.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – Special Meeting on DNV Budget with Rick Danyluk

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm