

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Location: Zoom Meeting**

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

AGENDA for Regular Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2023
Approval of Notes - February 15, 2023
Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2023
4. New Business:
 - a. Door to Door Sales Licensing System and Proposed Bylaw – Peter
(See Appendix A following and Addenda A-C attached)
 - b. Report on Transportation Plan Goals – Peter
(See Appendix B following and Addenda D attached)
5. Roundtable
6. Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**
7. Adjournment

**Contact info@nvcn.ca for meeting registration information.

Appendix A: Door to Door Sales Licensing System and Bylaw

Report to NVCAN Board and Members

By: Peter Teevan, NVCAN Board Member

Date: March 8, 2023

Subject: Proposal to ask DNV to Create Soliciting/Canvassing/Door to Door Sales Licensing System and Bylaw.

This report asks NVCAN to approve and endorse the following request to DNV Council & Staff:

*Whereas each property owner or tenant has a **legal right to “Quiet Enjoyment”** of their property, free from nuisance and unreasonable disturbances.*

*Whereas the Canadian Better Business Bureau (“2022 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report”, March 6, 2023) has determined that **Home Improvement Scams are the #1 riskiest in Canada in 2022** (“often perpetrated by door-to-door solicitors who offer quick, low-cost repairs”).*

*Whereas **March is Canadian Fraud Prevention Month***

We ask District of North Vancouver (DNV) Council to direct staff to prepare (a) Bylaw(s) and Licensing system that seeks to achieve the following for DNV residents (both owners and tenants):

- Establish a licensing system for door-to-door canvassers/sellers/solicitors/peddlers that ensures that people can:
 - Trust that the person at their door is an authorized representative for the company offering services/products/etc to the resident.
 - Trust which legal entity (Company or other) it is that is offering such service/product/etc and that they are duly licensed to do business in the municipality.
 - Trust that the representative, supplier-organization and its workers/suppliers are covered by Worksafe BC and carry appropriate insurance.
 - Be able to confirm the appropriate information on the average home security video recording system to enable reporting to appropriate authorities.
 - Trust that people dealing with Vulnerable People, especially alone, are subject to appropriate Criminal Record Checks, as is done in any industry with regular interaction with vulnerable people.
- Have (a) Bylaw(s) that enable such licensing system, set out reasonable operating constraints (and appropriate exceptions) and also:
 - Make it a contravention susceptible to fine to solicit/canvass/peddle to a residence which displays a “NO SOLICITING” sign in a reasonably prominent place.
- We expect that there will be appropriate and modest exceptions to both license fees and “no soliciting” infraction stipulations (e.g. Scouts selling cookies) and we offer to engage in consultation regarding such matters.

Appendix B – Report on Transportation Plan Goals

Report to NVCAN Board and Members

By: Peter Teevan, NVCAN Board Member

Date: April 3, 2023

I am submitting this to NVCAN for review and consideration. It is an analysis of the statistics and goals of the DNV Transportation Plan, as they may impact our budgeting and operations plans.

Please forward this on to NVCAN members for their review. If there is an appetite to have me explain the process that I undertook, and to ask questions about my conclusions and methods – I am happy to have this put on an NVCAN agenda – I don't think there is urgency as to when that might be because most of the Council Decisions regarding this appear to already have been made.

I will also share with some members of Council – and if NVCAN wants to add this to a meeting agenda – I would be happy to invite Council as well – so they get a chance to ask questions of their own.

I have done my best in this brief report to present the numbers and to try to keep my own opinions out of it – leaving each reader to draw their own conclusions – but I do think that “numbers don't lie” – and there is much that is apparent in plain view.

Members are welcome to contact me on their own to ask questions as well

Sincerely,

Peter Teevan

Here is a link to the DNV Transportation Plan:

<https://www.dnv.org/property-and-development/our-transportation-plan>

Here is a link to look at Trip Diaries:

<https://www.dnv.org/north-shore-transportation-survey-DNV>