

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday April 19, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Gillian Konst	Lynn Valley
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

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Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove/Strathcona
Val Wilkins	Deep Cove/Strathcona

Guests:

Betty Forbes	DNV Councillor
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- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** Meeting agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the January 18, 2023, February 15, 2023, and March 15, 2023, meetings were approved.
- 4. New Business:**
 - a. Door to Door Sales Licensing System and Proposed Bylaw** – Peter reviewed his report (see Appendix A) and invited comments from the members. Corrie suggested that the topic may be covered at a provincial level by the Consumer Protection Act passed in 2001 which allows a 10-day period to cancel. He also wondered about a minimum dollar threshold other current protections and asked how many people go door-to-door. Val M. commented that enforcement might be difficult and mentioned Block Watch. John thought it might be a good idea and that a by-law might be helpful for the RCMP. Eric A. questioned the need for another by-law and was not convinced it would help. Irene suggested people might not be aware of existing protections such as business license for goods/services, ids for canvassers (such as politicians and charities) and that consumer education could be a first step. She also thought the proposed by-law was too broad. Councillor Forbes recommended education first. Betty added that DNV is short of staff who could enforce the bylaw. She

suggested canvassing the CAs and staff before submitting the by-law request.

Peter will re-write his material for circulation to members so they can seek their CA comments and approval.

- b. Report on Transportation Plan Goals** – Peter reviewed the transportation statistics spreadsheet (see Addendum D to agenda). He explained it in context with the OCP and population statistics from 2022 of 82,562 DNV residents. Discussion included comments on the use of electric vehicles, effect of lobby groups on the budget process swaying decision making on cycling infrastructure needs, questions on whether ICBC could provide statistics on the number of registered cars/vehicles in the District, people who use active transportation may also have a vehicle for occasional use thereby requiring a parking space.

Councillor Forbes advised that the Bike Master Plan is anticipated to be updated in mid-June and a Transportation Plan Workshop will be held on May 15.

Further comments referred to the OCP densification at town centres will have changed statistics, walking is age and weather dependent, and the failure of the Lions Gate transportation plans. Questions were raised on the safety of cargo bikes based on increased weight mixed with other modes of traffic.

5. Community Roundtable.

- a. EUCCA.** Corrie reported on the following items: The Medical Clinic in the village had closed. Karin Kirkpatrick was overwhelmed when speaking at the Capilano Library on the issue of closing the last gas/service station in Edgemont. The clock needs work (plaques so worn that text is virtually unreadable) and he was searching for the appropriate area to the DNV to address the issue. Twitter changed their access classification to a subscription base, so EUCCA now used Instagram to advertise events. Eric S. and Leslie run the EUCCA programs and find that effective meetings require more than just a speaker (eg food and beverages). They held just one in-person meeting this past year and recognize they may need to use Zoom.
- b. Woodcroft.** Val reported Corrie sent a write-up regarding topsoil, not sewage, to blame for the contamination in the river. Insurance companies and lawyers are involved to try and sort things out, which will take time. So things seem to be at a standstill at the moment. *Re. Lions Gate peripheral area:* The townhomes on Belle Isle South/Curling Rd. are 100% occupancy; Ebb & Flow on Glenaire (east of Fullerton) are 50% occupancy; and excavation along the river is starting in May. A new project "Belle Isle North" is in rezoning submission stage, recently sent in for detailed application. A Public Information Meeting is likely to take place in May or June. The walkway along the river east of the Woodcroft bridge has been newly landscaped. Also the temporary dog park is proving popular.
- c. Norgate.** Irene reported their AGM will be on June 6, on zoom.
- d. Blueridge.** Eric A. reported on the following items: BCA used Square but it is blocked by Twitter with its new subscription format. Due to many changes happening at Twitter, the BCA will shortly stop using this social media platform – at least until further notice. For the first time BCA advertised a street cleanup in Blueridge/Seymour Heights on Earth Day, April 22. The deadline for our BCA scholarship is April 30, and we are hoping for good and qualified candidates. The BCA's AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at Canlan Sports, and

we will have Mayor Mike Little as our guest speaker that night. Two new board members will be joining us that night – both will be great additions to our 12-person board based on their track record with the BCA. On Tuesday, May 16, the BCA will be co-hosting a presentation with the Deep Cove Community Association and the Seymour Community Association at Parkgate. The presentations will be made by North Shore Emergency Management and the DNV Fire Department about FireSmart. BCA have started working on our next newsletter which should hopefully be ready for distribution at the end of May. BCA's previously (pre-pandemic) yearly event, Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, will be back on Sunday, June 11, at Blueridge Elementary School, between 11 AM and 3 PM. A rather inexperienced, but very keen and enthusiastic planning committee is currently working diligently on this.

- e. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported that their AGM is scheduled. He also said the redevelopment at Lynn Valley was overbuilt referencing the towers, Black Bear pub (owned by BOSA) and Safeway.
 - f. **Seymour.** Peter also commented on the FireSmart program coordinated by the 3 CAs, that the team searching for unexploded ordnance at the rifle range had exploded two pieces and their work continues. BC Parks held a Zoom session on a long term recreation plan for Seymour Park. The turnout required two sessions to accommodate the number of people attending. BC Parks is in the pre-planning stage with a goal of having all park activities contained within the park (eg vehicle management). Eric A. commented that the Trail Liaison Meeting addressed the issue of dog management. Meeting was facilitated by Urban Systems and BC Parks staff.
 - g. **Lower Capilano.** John noted that Marie Place had DCC for both Translink and MetroVan.
- 6. Speaker for May meeting.** Hydrogen plant (HTEC) to build a plant near the Chemical companies. Focus: jobs and risk factors. See Virtual Public Information Meeting Details: website - www.DNV.org/Public-Meeting. Date: April 20 to May 4, 2023. Also, Public Information Meeting: Time & Location: Thursday, April 27, 2023, Doors Open: 5:00 PM, Open House Discussion: 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School Gymnasium, 420 Seymour River Place. Babs will send flyer on meetings to NVCAN members.
- 7. Next Meeting: Regular meeting - May 17, 2023**
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**

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.