

# North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday November 15, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 8:45 pm

### Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Bev Parslow	Delbrook
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Eric Skrownek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Gillian Konst	Lynn Valley
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

### Regrets:

Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Val Moller	Woodcroft

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm.
- 2. Agenda for meeting** was approved.
- 3. Minutes** for October 18, 2023 were approved.
- 4. Old Business.**
  - *DNV Room Rentals* John reported that DNV Hall only has one room available for rent. This likely means that groups renting room would be required to pay Commissionaire fee. Also, Streamkeepers used one of the rooms on the same night NVCAN meets.
  - *Shirt-sleeves Meeting with Mayor/Council* John reported the Mayor and Clerk have not responded with a date for a 'shirt-sleeves' meeting. Any date now is likely to be Jan/Feb. He is pursuing these items with staff.
  - *Speaker for January Meeting* DNV Budget meeting with Rick Danyluk is now scheduled for January 17. Eric A. will re-schedule our Solar Panel presentation to a later month.
- 5. Revitalization Planning.**
  - *Quick Wins* - Peter added Seymour's Quick Wins to the list (see Appendix at end of minutes). Gillian emphasized that it has been increasingly difficult to attract volunteers.
  - *Next Steps* – After discussion it was agreed to hold a workshop for Revitalization Planning. The

plan is for a workshop of 4 hours on a Saturday. Gillian suggested Mollie Nye House as a possible venue. Eric A. will contact Ruth Hansen to see if she would be available to facilitate the workshop; and, if so, her available dates. Eric A. proposed a similar format as the 2016 workshops held to establish NVCAN.

**6. Xmas Dinner.** It was agreed we would hold our annual Xmas Dinner at Northlands Restaurant on Wednesday December 13 at 6pm. Babs will make reservations and send out invitation closer to the date.

**7. Community Roundtable.**

**a. Woodcroft.** Babs reported that work has started on Phase II of the PC Urban property on the west end of its existing complex on Glenaire (near the Rugby grounds). Also Darwin has approached the District of West Vancouver with a plan to redevelop Klahanie Court with a 24 storey market rental tower, and 2 non-market six story buildings for families and seniors. There will be a Public Information Meeting on Nov 28 at the Capilano Rugby Building from 6 – 8pm. Babs reported DNV held a pop-up information display regarding the redevelopment of the Belle Isle Park, where one-third will be a playground for young children, one-third for other people, and one-third for a dog-park. The size of the proposed dog park would be suitable only for small dogs. Babs also commented on the number of dogs using the river trail between Woodcroft and Park Royal.

**b. Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported there had been presentations on the Black Bear redevelopment by developers, as well as a Highway Safety Survey and Dog Parks Survey by the DNV. He commented that neither survey showed comments by other survey participants nor did the District present a listing of comments. In particular, with the Dog Park Survey it implied that all Parks would become Dog Parks. *AGM.* Gillian reported their AGM was held on October 25. Gillian also commented that so few people signed up for the AGM, that the venue was moved twice to smaller venues. Mayor Little and Councillor Jordan Back attended. *Parade of Christmas Trees* Gillian reported plans were underway for the Lynn Valley Christmas Tree display. The Tree Lighting will take place on December 3 at 4pm.

**c. EUCCA.** Eric S. reported *Edgemont Christmas Tree Project* A member of our executive is working on a project for Christmas time in Edgemont Village this year. The project will involve four elementary schools each decorating a Christmas tree. The trees will stand on each of the four corners of the main intersection at Edgemont Blvd and Highland Drive. This friendly competition might likely be extended for the next year if this event is successful. One of the final problems we are trying to work out is the insurance coverage required by the District. *Capilano Fish Hatchery* The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans is responsible for the Capilano Fish Hatchery. Federal building usually are replaced at the thirty year mark. This facility was built in 1971 so is currently over 50 years old. They are nearing putting the project out to tender and will be making a large number of changes to make the hatchery operate better and have the building be 'Net Zero'. Some current outdoor parts will be moved indoors for better control of water temperature for fish rearing. The interpretive material will also be updated and expanded. There will also be the inclusion of a 40 person classroom facility for the use of schools and the potential for groups to rent the room out for other events when it is not in use. It is anticipated to be completed in 2026 and include a warranty on the bits and pieces that runs to 2031 at no additional cost to the government. Since the hatchery is a necessary and working facility, it

- will continue in operation during the construction. The estimated cost of this is somewhat confidential and will run into the 5 figure millions of dollars. A visit to the facility to see the fish and the interpretive material will remain free of charge.
- d. **Delbrook.** Bev reported that the DNV has agreed to a traffic calming pilot on Delbrook Ave. Delbrook is also working with the DNV on the plans for the park. And he also reported on the difficulty of finding volunteers.
  - e. **Seymour.** AGM Peter reported that Seymour held its AGM on November 9 at Parkgate Community Centre on Thursday November 9th. AGM started with a presentation by Canada's Department of Defense who briefed us on the UXO (Unexploded Ordinance) search/clearing project that is going grid-by-grid over the next few years. This year's plan is to clear approximately 30 25mx25m grids. Underbrush but not tree's over 6" will be cleared and work goes to an average of 30-45 cm unless metal detectors sense something deeper. This year's schedule is mid-September (already underway) through May 31st, 2024. There will be rotating trail closures to ensure safety of workers and citizens. Mayor Little was a guest at our meeting. Two new Directors added to our Board: Ellen Clague – new Executive Director of Parkgate Society (increases the synergy and cooperation between our organizations. Diane Bennett – President/Chair of Riverwoods Housing Co-Op. 90 units across the road from Parkgate Mall (to the east). Diane brings a wealth of knowledge about the needs and means of mid-to-lower income renters and has also worked for a long time as a paralegal in a strata/real estate legal firm. Peter also reported that Seymour will be contributing hampers to the Christmas Bureau (for more info see: <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/ways-to-give/make-a-holiday-gift-to-the-christmas-bureau/>).
  - f. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported on the following items: *Seymour Trails Group* On October 24 the BCA attended the biannual Seymour Trail Liaison Committee meeting with other user groups such as the NSMBA, the SCA, hiking groups etc, and it is also attended by various land managers including the DNV and Recreation Sites and Trails. This is an umbrella group information-sharing and updating each other on the situation on the trails. *Directors' meeting* November 9 the BCA held a directors' meeting. *Newsletter* With a slight delay our October newsletter was distributed. It was 8 pages and contained a good variety of topics. *Sharing Garden* Unfortunately the Blueridge Sharing Garden has been the victim of both graffiti and various types of vandalism. It is frustrating for the volunteers to experience this, and the DNV has been approached to ask for advice. *Blueridge Cares* The BCA has again started its Blueridge Cares program which is meant to assist families in need living in Blueridge around Christmas time. Unfortunately there are a number of these families in our neighbourhood, often single parents with young children. After a successful Blueridge Good Neighbour Day in June, the planning committee will have its first meeting at the end of November to plan for next year's event.
  - g. **Lower Capilano.** John reported receiving a notice of a public information meeting regarding the redevelopment of the 2 motels on the east side of Capilano Road. The application as submitted proposes to extend Curling Road eastward to McGuire Avenue, dividing the proposed development with a new road. The proposed development include: a 12-storey hotel with 169 units, located north of the Curling Road extension with parking for bicycles and 127 vehicles; a 30-storey residential rental building stepping down to a 11-storey wing, located south of the Curling Road extension with parking for bicycles and 195 vehicles. The residential building as proposed comprises 423 units, including 384 market rentals and 39

below-market rentals (18 units will be operated by YWCA Metro Vancouver). Virtual PIM will be available on the DNV site from November 22 to December 5.

**8. Next Meeting: Special Meeting – DNV Budget review – January 17, 2023**

**9. Meeting adjourned** at 8:45 pm.

## **Appendix – Quick Wins for Community Association Revitalization**

### **Blueridge**

Eric Andersen

Blueridge Good Neighbour Day  
Blueridge Good Neighbour Greeting team  
Brainstorming sessions at Canlan  
Committees: trails, traffic and safety (ad hoc), 214 bus (ad hoc)  
Co-sponsoring all-candidates meetings prior to every municipal, provincial and federal election  
Creek clean-ups  
Dîner en Bleu  
Electronic recycling (ad hoc)  
Facebook/Instagram  
Three Newsletters a year (March, May and October) distributed strictly by volunteers  
'Project Community' (e.g. furnace/gas fireplace cleaning, gutter cleaning, chimney cleaning)  
Scholarship (\$750)  
Sitter services (baby, house, pet)  
Street cleanup  
Trail Maintenance  
Trail Walks  
Wine tasting (ad hoc)

### **Deep Cove**

Val Wilkins

Website  
Social media Facebook and Instagram  
Connected to some local Facebook groups as well for messaging  
Printed flyer about DCCA for handout at community events  
Discuss co-share fundraising ideas with Deep Cove Heritage Society  
Discuss ways to add value to community events, such as hosting an art table at the fall/spring market  
Reach out to neighbours for feedback on their issues such as the spirit trail cycle extension to Deep Cove

### **EUCCA**

Louise Nagle

Get Instagram page (for the under 60 population)  
At all 'town hall' Election Meetings: have exec members representing the Community Association be in attendance and address specific questions to candidates for. We must be much more Hi-Vis, literally.

**Lower Capilano**

John Miller

Street cleanup  
Community street party  
Facebook page (preferred by residents over a website).

**Lynn Valley**

Gillian Konst

Web site and FB, very strong thanks to Cathy.  
We email when we have something to say.  
We have a Fun Fair, a Christmas event.  
We are active at Council.  
Greatest need: volunteers

**Seymour**

Peter Teevan

Website  
Facebook  
Share community events with local partners  
Sponsor family through NS Christmas Bureau (hamper \$100/person for family of 4)  
Newsletter – electronic and printed  
Neighbourhood cleanup day in spring

**Woodcroft**

Babs Perowne

Town Hall meetings  
Newsletters  
Post notices on bulletin boards  
Barbeques in the Gardens  
Christmas Carol Night