

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 20 2024

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:10 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Bev Parslow	Delbrook
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Eric Skrownek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Irene Ingel	Keith Lynn/Brooksbank
Trey Bell	Lower Lynn area

Regrets:

Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Val Moller	Woodcroft

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm. At John's request, Irene Ingel and Trey Bell introduced themselves. Babs advised that Ian Abercrombie, the representative for Keith Lynn/Brooksbank had officially appointed Irene Ingel as the representative for the Keith Lynn/Brooksbank Community Association. Babs also advised that Ian Abercrombie had retired as a KL/B representative.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda.** With the addition of the following items after item 4, the agenda was approved.
 - a. Bill 44 – Housing - Corrie
 - b. Penfolds – costs – Peter T
 - c. Shirt-Sleeves meeting – John
 - d. Meet the Mayor at Cap Library – Corrie
- 3. Minutes** for the February 21 2024 meeting were approved.
- 4. Community Roundtable.**
 - a. **EUCCA.** Eric S. reported on the following items:
Edgemont Village Development Project. The development project at the corner of Highland and Woodbine is now underway. About 8 years from initial conception, all the houses and

trees are now down. The project will be 8 townhouses valued at about 2.5 million each. There has been some up and down with the sales of units. Reported by a neighbour was that four had sold and then two of them dropped out. They employed a demolition company to clear the land and have left it for the next company to start the excavation on March 21, 2024. This will likely take 18 months to two years to complete. A very large tree (about 5 to 6 feet in diameter) was cut down across the street from the project to make way for a street widening that will accompany the project.

Edgemont Blvd 30 kph Pilot Project At a recent workshop, District Council heard a report from staff relative to the pilot project sponsored by Lisa Muri. It was put forward by a resident and supported by the Edgemont Business Association and the EUCCA. It was a one year project that reduced the speed limit on Edgemont just through the actual Village to 30kph from 50 kph. At the time local residents expressed concerns about motorists finding other routes if this speed reduction did not also apply to other roads as well. The report indicated that there was no evidence of widespread traffic diversion. However, it was also noted that not all drivers were adhering to the new speed limit. There has been no enforcement of speeds, merely a change of signs and an occasional reminder by way of lighted signs in various locations around the Village. Staff has applied for funding to install a full traffic light at the corner of Edgemont and Highland. Some residents have already expressed concern about this event. More to come following expiry of the pilot project.

EUCCA Working on a Refreshment Plan Over the past few years the executive of EUCCA has seen a significant turnover. Along with this is a view to 'refresh' The Association. A Constitution committee has been struck to develop a new constitution as well as get us registered officially as a non-profit association. During discussion, and as these activities progress, the Executive has also voted to change our name back to the previous **Edgemont Community Association**. The feeling was that it was simpler for communication and was easier for people to identify with. This proposed change will be brought to our next General meeting for a vote of our membership prior to finalization. This will likely be a few months out.

Meet the Mayor Today there was a Meet the Mayor session held in the Capilano Library. Also there has been the case in the past was Karin Kirkpatrick, our MLA. There were about 15 people in attendance besides the officials and their assistants. One of the concerns raised by local residents were people living in parks near their property and the fear of a potential fire which could be devastating for the community. The Mayor indicated that a recent provincial regulation prevented municipalities from removing people from parks unless they could provide the people with a space in a shelter. The Mayor indicated that the District currently has no shelters, so they cannot take action to remove people, The best they can do is to try to monitor their activity through the use of Police or Fire resources or local agencies such as Lookout.

- b. **Woodcroft.** Babs read Val's report: The project Belle Isle North (north of the park) is likely to go to a Public Hearing in May. It sounds as though the Travelodge site is ready for redevelopment with yet another highrise. The homeless people who have been occupying it have been quite a problem for the residents of the new townhomes opposite on Curling Road.
- c. **Seymour.** Peter and Karen reported on the information meeting on the extension of the Spirit Trail to Deep Cove attended by 300 people. Karen commented that the original plan was for a multi-use path to accommodate strollers, bikers, wheelchairs as well as pedestrians. A general discussion on the information meeting followed.

- d. **Deep Cove.** Katherine reported on the DNV staff proposal at the DNV Workshop to handle traffic congestion at Deep Cove, which was not well received by Council members.
- e. **Blueridge.** Eric A. reported the following items:
 - Land acknowledgement.* At a board meeting in February the BCA board decided to start using a fine-tuned version of the land acknowledgement that the DNV is using. The person from the Tsleil Waututh First Nation, who did the land acknowledgement at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day in 2023, suggested that we use that.
 - Newsletters.* Our March newsletter has just been published and we will shortly be meeting to discuss the May newsletter.
 - Community board.* Although the DNV in the late 90's offered to install community boards in the various communities the BCA (and many other CAs) did not then take advantage of this. Now we have received requests from different parties to get such a community board, and we will be meeting before the end of the month with the local PACs to discuss this further and hopefully come to an agreement that we can jointly pursue.
 - BCA meeting.* A meeting will be held on April 9 at Blueridge Elementary School with a couple of guest speakers: Mike Mayers from Metro Vancouver and Holly Reisner from the North Shore Black Bear Society.
 - BCA AGM.* Our AGM will be held at Canlan on May 14 with Mayor Little as our guest speaker with particular emphasis on the zoning changes imposed by the provincial government. and the ramifications that this could have on Blueridge & Seymour Heights
 - Blueridge Good Neighbour Day.* Our yearly main event is scheduled for Saturday, June 15. We have had some changes on the committee, including for the first time ever a representative from each of the two local elementary schools, which is very rewarding to see. Our problem this year is the unbelievable bureaucracy that we are up against. from the school board (SD44) and the NVRC. What used to be a simple booking of the local school has become a totally nightmarish bureaucracy with lots of questions asked (including about expected water and electricity consumption!). and still no contract or invoice sent to the BCA although we applied for this nearly two months ago. The bureaucrats are clearly completely unaware of the efforts put in by volunteers to host a successful community day, which is very frustrating to see.
- f. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported that Lynn Valley is in the midst of acquiring new tents that would mean a discount of \$40/tent if another CA wants to order at the same time (base price \$675 (20'x10') or \$445 (10x10'). Any CA interested should contact Lynn Valley CA.
- g. **Lower Capilano.** John reported one of their long-time directors had moved when the owner sold the property.

5. New Business:

- a. **Bill 44 – Housing.** Corrie reported that Bill 44 allowed an FSR of 1.5 for the redevelopment of current single family homes to the allowed 4-unit or 6-unit replacements. If fully implemented all the single family home areas as currently exist in the DNV would disappear. Corrie provided the following links for further information:
 - [SSMUH and TOA Scenarios in British Columbia](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/D5F51C6F5F3E4AD79FEFB1BFBB45709C)
 - [The FSR of 1.5 is noted on page 22 Table 2](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/local-governments-and-housing/housing-initiatives)
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/D5F51C6F5F3E4AD79FEFB1BFBB45709C>
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/local-governments-and-housing/housing-initiatives>
- b. **Penfolds Solar Panels.** As a follow-up to the NVCAN presentation on Solar Panels, Peter presented the details of a proposal from Penfolds for his home.

c. **Shirt Sleeves Meeting with Mayor and Council.** John reported that no meeting has been scheduled. He will follow up on getting a meeting scheduled.

d. **Meet the Mayor, at Capilano Library.** Corrie reported the topics covered included:

- AI and traffic light synchronization
 - No more dump lights
 - Use wired or Wi-fi connected grid
 - Use better video sensors instead of loops put in pavement
- Solar Panel vs Trees
- 1 EV on average uses same amount of electricity as saved by switching from incandescent to LED lighting.
- Heat Pumps are too expensive in North Vancouver. Even w no rebates it seems cheaper to order from US.
- Murdo Fraser substation capacity is being doubled for our area.
- 18 more Superchargers to open “soon” at Fell/Marine Dr.
- Rain barrel program is not cost effective. DNV engineering study in past concluded payback period is 500yrs.
- Please no to full traffic lights at Edgemont/Highlands intersection.
- 60% of water flowing into Cleveland dam reservoir is dumped into the ocean.
- Harison lake is vast – enough to supply 100 million people. Should be used more extensively.
- Metro Vancouver is in a rain forest – we are restricted in our water use. Okanagon is a desert with few water restrictions.
- Big risk is a forest fire on Grouse Mountain. Use satellite real time images to monitor for fire like was done for Kelowna.

6. **In Person Meetings.** Based on the decision and discussion at the February meeting, Babs booked the Skyline Room at the DNV Hall for future NVCAN meetings in 2024.

7. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in person** at DNV Hall.

8. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:10 pm.