

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of AGM Hybrid Meeting

Date: Wednesday June 19 2024

Location: Skyline Room, DNV Hall

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Barry Fenton	Blueridge
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Eric Scrownek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

Guests:

Dave Goss	Chemtrade, Director of North Vancouver Operations
Amy Jonsson	Chemtrade, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications

Regrets:

Karen Barnett	Seymour
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- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:00 pm. John thanked Peter and Corrie for setting up the equipment necessary to hold the hybrid meeting.
- 2. Chemtrade presentation.** Dave presented materials on Chemtrade's operations at the North Vancouver plant. Dave focused on the upgrades to the plant and improvements made to reduce risk over the period of the current lease. He pointed out the necessity of chlorine products for the safety of our drinking water, the benefits of being located at a deep water port, and rail access. Dave and Amy answered questions from the attendees throughout his presentation. Concerns expressed regarding the newly approved hydrogen plant were also addressed. Amy provided a copy of the presentation and a link to our North Vancouver focused website www.askchemtrade.ca which has links to a newsletter, fact sheets, safety information etc.
- 3. Approve Agenda.** The agenda was approved.
- 4. Minutes** for the May 15 2024 meeting were approved.
- 5. Election of Board Members.**
Maximum number of directors: 7. Length of term: 2 years.
Terms that expire June 2024: Irene Davidson, Babs Perowne, Peter Teevan.

Terms that expire June 2025: Eric Andersen, Corrie Kost, Lyle Craver, John Miller.

John canvassed Peter, Irene and Babs to see if they would run again. Both Irene and Babs declined to run again. Peter agreed to run again. John then requested nominations from the floor to fill the two vacant positions. On receiving no further nominations, Peter was acclaimed as a board member. It was agreed to add an Election for Board members to the September agenda. The Board meeting scheduled for June was tabled until after the September Regular meeting.

6. New Business:

- a. **Alternative Approval Process.** Corrie presented the material (see appendix to minutes) in relation to the debt to be incurred for the new sewage treatment plant. A brief Q&A followed Corrie's comments.
- b. **August Supper.** It was agreed to hold the annual summer supper on August 21 at 6:00pm at Northlands Golf and Country Club. Babs will make the reservation and send out an invitation to members closer to the date.
- c. **Topics for speakers for 2024-25.** Members suggested the following list for speakers at Special Meetings for next year.
 - Shirt-sleeve meeting with Mayor and Council
 - DNV Budget (by Rick Danyluk)
 - Safety of Rail Cars
 - Lawyer on Municipal Law – relating to provincial requirements on municipal zoning
 - BC Assessment on Residential lots relating to Bills 44, 46 and 47.
 - Long term planning by Translink for the North Shore

7. Community Roundtable. Deferred to September as no time available.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

APPENDIX - Alternate Approval Process

In light of recent events relating to large increases coming to our municipal taxes due to large over-run costs for our new sewage plan, it should be noted that the subject matter has been completely bypassed by MetroVancouver

The subject matter can be found at:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/governance-powers/alternative_approval_process_guide.pdf

*The counter-petition threshold was lowered from 10% to 5% in 1968. In 2003, the counter-petition process was replaced by the AAP under the Community Charter and the **threshold was returned to 10%**. The counterpetition terminology was also changed to alternative approval process to signify electors' desire for increased public engagement for those matters considered "significant" to the community.*

AAPs can be used for:

1. Boundary extension
2. Change municipal classification
3. Disposal of certain utilities other than water or sewage system
4. Exchange or other disposal of parkland
5. Grant a franchise
6. Heritage property tax exemption lasting one to ten years
7. Liabilities under agreement (including P3s)
8. Loan authorization bylaw
9. Regional district service area establishment bylaws
10. Remove reservation or dedication of land (park, public square or heritage)
11. Riparian property tax exemption lasting one to ten years
12. Sale or lease of forest reserve
13. Unexpended funds

User-Pay-User-Say:

Underlying the local government system in British Columbia is the principle of "Userpay-User-say."

*Generally, those who pay for, use, benefit from or are affected by a proposed initiative (e.g., building new roads) or **those who will receive a new service (e.g., rural fire protection) have a say in whether the council or the regional district board can proceed with the matter.***

It should also be noted that the maximum municipal debt load is understood to be 25% of the annual budget (on a select set of items).