

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Regular Hybrid Meeting

Date: Wednesday May 15 2024

Location: Skyline Room, DNV Hall

Time: 7:10 pm – 9:07 pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano
Eric Andersen	Blueridge
Chris Sallis	Deep Cove
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Eric Scrownek	Edgemont Upper Capilano
Trey Bell	Lower Lynn (arrived 8:55 pm)
Irene Ingel	Lower Lynn (zoom)
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Karen Barnett	Seymour (zoom)
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:10 pm. John thanked Peter and Corrie for setting up the equipment necessary to hold the hybrid meeting.
- 2. Approve Agenda.** Corrie added two items to New Business:
 - a. Sewage Plant Update**
 - b. DNV Spring 2024 Community Report**
- 3. Minutes** for the April 17 2024 meeting were approved.
- 4. Old Business. Dates for All Candidates Meetings.** Corrie affirmed that the EUCCA All Candidates Meeting would be held Wednesday, October 16 from 7-9pm at Highlands United Church. Peter affirmed that the Seymour, Deep Cove, Blueridge All Candidates Meeting would be Tuesday, October 8 from 7-9pm.
- 5. New Business.**
 - a. Review in-person vs zoom meetings.** Peter and Corrie connected the Skyline Room to a Zoom meeting. Consequently, it will be possible to hold hybrid meetings in the future. John canvassed the members for their preference as to zoom only, in-person only or hybrid meetings. After discussion, a consensus was reached that we would proceed with hybrid meetings, with the expectation that members would attend in person. Peter will bring long cord mics until the DNV upgrades the connections in the Skyline Room.
 - b. Sewage Plant Update.** Corrie referred to the Metro Vancouver Board Workshop held on April 27 2024. (The link is <https://metrovancouver.org/boards/GVRD/RD-2024-04-17-ADD-11.pdf>) Note especially the projected completion date of the North Shore Sewage Plant by

about **2036** on page 7 (slide 14) along with many other pieces of information. As yet no decision has been made regards payment for the project.

- c. **DNV Spring 2024 Community Report.** Finally some interesting information can be found in the DNV Spring 2024 Community Report available at <https://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/community-report-spring-2024.pdf>
Members discussed the possible tax implications arising from the rezoning of residential homes. Corrie provided the following link to the application form for tax relief mentioned in the BC Assessment Act - Regulation 262/2022 the link is https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/regulationbulletin/regulationbulletin/r0262_2022 The application is for those who have resided in their home (as their principal residence) for 10 or more years so that the assessment will be based on actual use of one's property.
- d. **Liability Insurance for Community Events.** Corrie raised the issue of Liability Insurance for public events sponsored by Community Associations. After discussion of various events that required liability coverage such as the Christmas Tree display at Edgemont Village or All Candidates meetings in Recreation Centres or Libraries., it was agreed that John would follow up with Lisa Muri on what coverage the DNV could provide under its policy.

6. Community Roundtable

- a. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that the Travelodge property at Marine Drive and Capilano Road was up for sale for \$47M. He questioned whether the existing plans would undergo changes once a sale was completed.
- b. **Norgate.** Irene D reported: Norgate's new website will be up and running soon. www.norgateca.ca. For Earth Day, a group of residents met on April 20th to clean up Alderwood Park strip. We then extended our project to the school grounds. *Social Norgate:* Residents have been meeting at Tomahawk Restaurant on the 3rd Friday of each month, also at Beva (on Pemberton) the first Saturday of each month. The Norgate Park AGM will be held Tuesday June 11th by Zoom.
- c. **Deep Cove.** Chris reported the DCCA has been meeting together with representatives of the Deep Cove Business Association and Deep Cove Cultural Society to discuss a number of events such as Deep Cove Days, a fundraiser (June 1) for new street banners and the summer concerts, as well as issues such as upcoming parking restrictions in Deep Cove. The collaboration among these groups in Deep Cove has been a very positive step in addressing issues and finding ways to organize events.
- d. **Blueridge.** Eric A reported: *AGM* – the BCA's AGM was held on May 14 with Mayor Mike Little invited as the guest speaker. It was held at Canlan and reasonably attended. The Mayor's candid answers to many questions were well received by the meeting attendees. Councillors Jim Hanson and Herman Mah attended as well. *Scholarship* – at the AGM the BCA was able to recognize in person the Grade 12 student who had just received our scholarship. She started volunteering at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day when she was only seven years old! Her list of volunteerism is incredibly impressive! We were pleased to increase our scholarship to \$750 as of this year. *Newsletter* – our June newsletter (8 pages) was being finalized and its main purpose is to advertize Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. It will be handed out to all Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents by volunteers as usual. *Blueridge Good Neighbour Day* – it will take place on Saturday, June 15, for the 24th time. This year's theme is 'Fantasy'. We have an excellent chair and vice-chair and many devoted volunteers have been working on this event. Everyone from NVCAN is invited!

- e. **Lynn Valley.** Lyle reported: Successful Easter event in the Village. North Vancouver Recreation and Culture did not do anything this year as they normally do (which helped our event turnout). Letter to Mayor and Council re Southbound Mountain Highway @ Upper Levels back ups Letter to Mayor and Council asking what the LV Youth Center funds set aside 20+ years ago are now worth and will they please commit? Lynn Valley is the only major area of the District without one. Noting that they were able to find money in the budget for other pet projects. We have certified our own First Aid attendants. We purchased fire resistant tents for our events (long term cost saving over renting.)
- f. **Seymour.** Karen reported: The Department of National Defence continued its removal of unexploded munitions on the trail (they found one more this year). North Shore Rescue continues its series on Knowledge Network. A preview will be held at Capilano University. The All Candidates meeting will beheld at Mt. Seymour United Church as a live stream event. As of April 22, the federal election ridings changed extending North Vancouver west to 21st Street in West Vancouver. And moving east of Lynn Valley to Burnaby North/Seymour. Bike Lanes and speed limits on Mountian Highway are being reduced (child was hit by a motorcycle by Parkgate).
- g. **EUCCA.** Eric reported that EUCCA is planning on registering as a Society and is working through the registration process.
- h. **Lower Lynn.** Trey reported that InterRivere and Lower Lynn will be holding a joint All Candidates meeting. After the meeting, Trey also reported: On May 6th, Trey and Irene attended the DNV council meeting and spoke at the beginning of the meeting, introducing our new community association to the council. Have started planning a 2025 spring or summer community day to be held in the Lower Lynn area. Will be discussing as a group whether or not to host an all candidates meeting for the Provincial election candidates. May partner with Inter River CA. Next LLCA meeting is online on teams on May 21st. We hope to have more attendees since it is online instead of in person.

7. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:02 pm.