

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)
Minutes of Regular Hybrid Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 18, 2024

Location: Skyline Room, DNV Hall

Time: 7:06 pm – 9:03 pm

Present:

Peter Teevan (Chair)	Seymour
Adelle Wilson	Lynn Valley
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley
Corrie Kost	Edgemont
Eric Skowronek	Edgemont
John Lesow	Edgemont
Barry Fenton	Blueridge

1. Welcome: John was unable to attend the meeting, Peter Teevan chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:06 pm. Peter arrived about half an hour early to set up the equipment necessary to hold the hybrid meeting. Unfortunately, again, no one attended remotely.
2. Volunteer/appoint person to take minutes. Eric Skowronek agreed to take minutes.
3. Approve Agenda. Corrie requested adding an Any Other Business item to the end of the Agenda (time permitting). Agenda approved as amended.
4. Minutes for the June 19, 2024 meeting. The chair requested that approval of the minutes be deferred to the next meeting.
5. New Business:

(a) Shirtsleeve Meeting with Council, Thursday November 14th. 7:00 pm at GNV Hall. This is an informal meeting with no minutes being taken. Regular NVCAN meeting for November 20th cancelled. CA's to advise who will be attending the shirtsleeve meeting by November 5th.

Discussion centred around the informal nature of the meeting to get an enhanced dialogue with the Mayor and Council. We have not had such a meeting for over a year. The Mayor's office needs the names of those who will attend including their respective CA;s by November 5th. These can be submitted to info@nvcn.ca. There was a question as to the agenda. This has not yet been set and so if anyone has suggestions for topics, those should also be forwarded to info@nvcn.ca, preferably prior to the November 5th deadline to allow for consolidation of the list of potential topics.

(b) All Candidates Meetings: 7 pm start
Lynn Valley October 7th Hillside Church (Kirkstone/Lynn Valley Rd)
Seymour/Blueridge/Deep Cove October 8th Mt.Seymour United Church
Edgemont October 16th Highlands United Church

The NSNA (North Shore Neighbourhood Alliance) requested that a number of questions relative to the sewage treatment plant be included in the questions asked of candidates at the meetings. The NSNA would forward some prospective questions to NVCAN who would forward them to the individual CA's. It is projected that this project will add about \$590 per year to the taxes of each household for a period of 30 years. It was also mentioned that the Squamish Nation may have negotiated construction of a pipe in the system for their sewage. Corrie mentioned that usually, all the costs of a sewage treatment plant are confined to construction and maintenance and that operational costs are covered by selling of by-products.

© Corrie reflected that he was going to officially step aside from community work by the end of the year. He would however like to keep some connection as he personally has a lot of historical information archived. Peter indicated that ongoing input was always welcome and there has been some discussion to giving Corrie an 'emeritus' designation to facilitate this.

6. Old Business: Additional Board Members - Secretary It was mentioned that since Babs has stepped down as Secretary, we will need to fill that position. This may be accomplished by electing additional Board members.

There was also a brief discussion of continuing with making 'HYBRID' meetings available. The last two meetings, Peter (with help from others) has spent significant time setting up the infrastructure to conduct such meetings using the facilities available. Both times, no one actually attended using the facility. This was discussed last meeting as well and there was considerable support for just having the meetings in an 'in person' format.

7. Community Roundtable

Lynn Valley Lyle reported that the ACM would be held on October 7th. There will be a public hearing on September 24/25 relative to a development of a six story apartment building which is purported to be 'affordable'. This raises some questions about the definition of the word 'affordable'. Another key issue is the access to this building. It is proposed that the access is off Lynn Valley Road which will likely lead to tremendous traffic back-ups at times. It is felt that the access should be off road.

Blueridge Barry reported that their ACM (in conjunction with Seymour and Deep Cove) would be October 8th. Overall it has been reasonably quiet in the Blueridge area.

Edgemont Eric reported that an approved townhome project by Wesgroup was now for sale. This property was the same one that had a project proposed by Boffo rejected by the new council on 4th reading. It was indicated that Wesgroup is quite busy in the Coquitlam area with larger high-rise projects and this type of project is not in their current wheelhouse. We will have to see who might bring this project (or a different one) to fruition. Edgemont will be getting a new restaurant selling Fish and Chips. Called The Fish Counter, they have two other locations in Vancouver. This replaces the former 'Red Tori' restaurant which did Korean chicken and ramen. In a brief discussion with the Mayor, it was noted that the District may be interested in purchasing another development property in the Village (former Petrocan site) to relocate the library. Citing a need to upgrade the facility, a new one would be built and then the old site sold. Corrie reported that he would be speaking at the next council meeting to discuss

the issue of 'Parkland". Normally the ratio is 8 acres of parks per 1000 population . The District is looking to reduce this which would be a significant subsidy to developers who should be providing either the land or funds.

Seymour Peter reported that the ACM (in conjunction with Blueridge and Deep Cove) would be held October 8th. The meeting will be broadcast on U-Tube. It was also mentioned that the District had partnered with Translink to improve the bikes lanes on Mt. Seymour Parkway. This has resulted in a reduction in speed limit there . There was no residential input or consultation on this as it was apparently mandated by Translink. This has raised some concern by residents and there is a petition (currently with about 1100 signatures on it) being circulated asking the speed limit be returned to the previous level and the 'No right turn on red' sign be removed. There is also work being done to the Spirit Trail and there appears to be some overlap/conflict with the bike lane project and those involved.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.