

North Vancouver Community Association Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Monthly Regular Hybrid Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 16, 2024

Place: Skyline Room, DNV Hall

Time: 7pm-9pm

Present:

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| John Miller (Chair) | Lower Capilano |
| Lyle Craver | Lynn Valley |
| Peter Teevan | Seymour |
| Katherine Fagerlund | Deep Cove |
| Val Wilkins | Deep Cove |
| Eric Andersen | Blueridge |
| Trey Bell | Lower Lynn (arrived 8:45) |

1. **Welcome** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:10pm
2. **Request for minute taker** Val Wilkins volunteered
3. **Approve Agenda** Peter Teevan approved the agenda; Lyle Craver seconded.
4. **Approve Minutes**
 - June 19, 2024 Minutes approved by Peter Teevan; Lyle Craver seconded
 - Sep 18, 2024 Minutes not available; deferred approval to next meeting
5. **Old Business**
 - **November shirtsleeve meeting logistics** - John discussed number of attendees to determine room size; estimate is 15 attendees
 - **November Shirtsleeve Meeting topics** - call for topic ideas
 - Ask DNV to provide a link on the DNV website to the NVCAN website
 - Discussion about bylaw enforcement for waste management
 - Provincial election results; change any outcomes at DNV
 - *Discussion of Housing Needs Report
 - *Discussion of Sewage Treatment Plant status
 - Proposed MoT lane designation changes to Main Street-Second Narrows Bridge on ramp
 - Ask for Community Bulletin Boards - use CACs

Consensus that the Housing Needs Report and Sewage Treatment Plant issues are 2 most important topics for the meeting with District.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Meeting time review and ZOOM set up** - after discussion about moving the meetings to an alternate time to potentially better accommodate attendees, a consensus was reached to leave the time as is. Peter is connecting ZOOM technology to the Skyline Room in advance of the meeting start time and ZOOM attendance is often zero. After discussion, a consensus was reached that attendees requesting the ZOOM connection will advise NVCAN no later than the Sunday before the meeting. If no one requests the ZOOM connection, it will not be set up.

- b. **Approve Honorary Membership for Corrie Kost** - John made a motion to make Corrie Kost a board member emeritus with the right to attend and speak at NVCAN meetings. Katherine Fagerlund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Christmas dinner December 11 at Northlands** - the date, time and location was discussed and a consensus was made to meet on December 11 at 6:00pm at Northlands.
- d. **What can NVCAN and CAs do to increase youth involvement in the political process at election time and at ACMs?** - Katherine raised the issue about improving turnout at ACMs by younger voters (under 45 years old). An interesting discussion ensued with no conclusions reached. Eric suggested we discuss the broader issue of NVCAN/CAs reaching younger voters when we meet with council at next month's shirtsleeve meeting.

7. **Community Roundtable**

- a. **Deep Cove** - Katherine reported that the ACM was held October 8th (ACM presented by Deep Cove, Blueridge and Seymour CAs with Parkgate Society) at Seymour United Church
- b. **Blueridge** - Eric reported about a number of initiatives including: co-hosting the recent ACM on October 8th and commenting about a smaller turnout (held at same time as the Leaders' Debate broadcast); hosting World Rivers Day in late September the BCA promoted a cleanup of Blueridge Creek. It was reasonably well attended and it has now become a regular yearly feature in our neighbourhood; working on a hard-copy newsletter that should be distributed in the middle of November; working on the Blueridge Cares Program, where local families, who apply, can get financial assistance prior to Christmas (we are urging local residents to make contributions towards this activity. This started during the pandemic and we expect that the number of families will be growing this year.); The Blueridge Spirit Award was handed out in October by the previous recipient (as is the tradition). It is amazing to see the variety of local residents who are consistently volunteering their time at various levels and activities. They are not all involved with the BCA, but all do commendable work for the community.
- c. **Seymour** - Peter reported: recent ACM and debrief meeting scheduled next week to strategize around improving publicity for next ACM. Main Street Thru Line changes initiated by MoT have been delayed in part due to a petition signed by more than 1,000 concerned east-of-Seymour residents. Blair Rifle Range clearing of unexploded ordinances continues. Mount Seymour Parkway bike lanes complete (\$850,000 funds from Translink; \$200,000 from DNV) and have caused concern about lack of public involvement in the process and unintended consequences - speed limit drop and no right turns on red lights resulting in more traffic backups.
- d. **Lynn Valley** - Lyle reported: LVCA held their AGM last week. The groundbreaking for Emery Village Stage 4 (final stage) is complete.
- e. **Lower Lynn** - Trey reported that as a new CA they are planning for a community event in 2025.

8. **Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**