

North Vancouver Community Association Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of Monthly Regular Hybrid Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 15, 2025

Place: Skyline Room, DNV Hall

Time: 7pm-9pm

Present:

John Miller (Chair) - Lower Capilano

Lyle Craven - Lynn Valley

Gillian Konst - Lynn Valley

Irene Ingel - Lower Lynn Valley

Eric Skowronek - Edgemont

Lynn Kelly - Edgemont

Margaret Campbell - Edgemont

Michael Campbell - Edgemont

Corrie Kost - NVCAN Director Emeritus

Peter Teevan - Seymour

Karen Barnett - Seymour

Val Wilkins - Deep Cove

Eric Andersen - Blueridge

Babs Perowne - Woodcroft

1. **Welcome** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:00pm

2. **Request for minute taker** Val Wilkins volunteered

3. **Approve Agenda** Eric Andersen asked to add discussion about BIRD CANADA.CA; revised agenda approved

4. **Approve Minutes**

September 18, 2024 Minutes approved

October 16, 2024 Minutes approved

5. **Old Business** - Additional Board members; especially secretary position

No volunteers for permanent secretary / minute taker.

Eric Andersen suggested using AI software for taking minutes. As these meetings are hybrid AI software may not provide great 'draft' minutes. This option will be further reviewed. Discussion about other alternatives: Irene Ingel volunteered but has some conflicts with current meeting time and hybrid nature, Val suggested rotating responsibility to each CA. No resolution reached.

6. **New Business** - Community Boards - this is the beginning of discussions with DNV

- a. Discussion about types of boards considered: Bulletin boards for flyers, letter boards, electronic boards

- b. Discussion about managing these boards: John spoke about a previous board in Lower Capilano that was self managed / with a CA designate 'caretaker' for expired messages (one month limit)
- c. All CAs expressed an interest in a community board and a few CAs have considered types/locations as well

Here is the list:

Seymour* S/E corner of Mt Seymour Parkway and Roche Point Drive
Edgemont# SW corner of Edgemont and Highland Blvd
Lower Capilano# in Barbour Park
Deep Cove*/^ NW corner of Mt Seymour Parkway and Dollarton Highway
Lynn Valley
Lower Lynn
Woodcroft# in Bell Isle Park
Blueridge* Mount Seymour Parkway and Berkeley Road

*electronic (example at Presentation House Theatre-at 3rd and Chesterfield)
#bulletin style
^letter style

6A. New Business birdcanada.ca is responding to a DNV RFP for rental e-bikes and e-scooters. Blueridge CA has been approached by birdcanada.ca for a support letter in exchange for a revenue share if they are the successful vendor. Eric Andersen asked if other CAs had been approached. Lynn Kelly (Edgemont) had received an email but had not responded.

There was further discussion about scooter rentals as a concept. The first issue is the number of bicycles and scooters left on sidewalks. These are a hazard to pedestrians especially those who are visually impaired. Incentive to return the vehicles is lacking. Feedback to DNV (Transportation Planning) about these program flaws will be investigated by Eric Andersen. There is some urgency as the RFP is active.

7. Community Roundtable

a. Seymour - Peter reported:

Seymour Estates site-recent workplace incident when a worker fell through a site floor with NS Fire and Rescue attending.

Main Street Thru Line changes initiated by MoT have been delayed and Peter plans to meet with MLA Susie Chant to lobby for continued eastbound access to Dollarton Road.

Another topic he will bring up with Susie Chant is NS lack of heliport suitable for BC Ambulance. (The nearest heliport is Coal Harbour.)

With the tragic wildfires in LA County, Mike Little will be looking and DNV readiness.

b. Corrie Kost reported:

DNV should increase the allocation of CAC funds to park space (\$3,000 in DNV vs \$50,000 in Langley)

Costco sells an inexpensive security camera system

Updated NS news article links are posted on the NVCAN website (with many articles on the waste treatment plant upgrade)

c. Edgemont - Eric Skowronek reported:

ECA held AGM on October 24, 2024. The Mayor and some members of council attended. As mentioned previously, Edgemont has registered as a Non Profit Association. Along with this we have changed the name back to the Edgemont Community Association. The Bylaws and new name were approved by our membership at the meeting.

2nd Annual Christmas Tree event - the Association sponsored 4 Christmas trees located at the corners of the Edgemont and Highland intersection. The trees were decorated with decorations made and hung by students from four local elementary schools. Lynn Valley graciously lent us 4 tree stands for this event.

The Capilano Suspension Bridge has purchased two properties in our area. One is the previous Capilano Heights Chinese Restaurant near Cleveland Dam. The other is the previous Petro-Can site at the corner of Queens and Woodbine Drive. Both are going to see use as Parking Lots. The Suspension Bridge will also be having some offices in the building on the Woodbine/Queens property. The Chinese Restaurant came down on Monday January 6, 2025.

Retail closures - Two stores in Edgemont Village are closing. One is Delish General Store and Jar Bar Refillery. They announced some fixtures being available on Facebook about a month ago, the actual move out was January 2, 2025. After about 10 years at its current location 'TRIMS' is also closing due to the property being purchased as part of the Petro-Can site. They closed January 1, 2025 and are looking for a new location.

The Chevron Service Station, the last station in Edgemont, has been sold. It went up for sale about a year ago and the 'service portion was eliminated leaving only the gas service. We will await proposals for redevelopment.

d. Lynn Valley - Gillian and Lyle reported:

Parade of Christmas Trees Lighting Evening was a success

Emery Village Stage 4 under construction. Two new traffic lights are now installed.

e. Deep Cove - Val reported their AGM is on Jan 22nd. We are hosting at Deep Cove Yacht Club with an agenda including: NSEM and Firesmart presentations with Mayor Mike Little and Councilor Lisa Muri attending and taking questions.

f. Woodcroft - Babs reported:

The artificial turf playground is installed at Bell Isle Park

Neighbourhood experienced a 2 hour power outage due to a substation failure and a 24 hour water stoppage when a pipe was replaced.

g. Blueridge - Eric Andersen reported about a number of initiatives including:
Blueridge Cares Program supported 4 families at Christmas;
BCA is kicking off a Blueridge Foundation grant concept for functions and activities open to Blueridge residents (\$250 max/event and up to 4 events/year)
We are working on the March newsletter
AGM will be held on Tuesday May 13
Blueridge Good Neighbor Days is scheduled for (25th Anniversary) May 25,2025
At the request of one of our directors, BCA now meets monthly which shortens their meeting time and helps keep everyone informed

h. Lower Lynn - Irene reported that the BC Court of Appeals recently ruled that the provincial law prohibiting a court challenge of a city's approval of the Arbutus Supportive Housing project is unconstitutional.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm