

Edgemont Community Association

Minutes of the General Meeting Wednesday, January 30th, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Capilano Library, 3045 Highland Blvd.

1. Introduction:

Edgemont Community Association meeting chairman, Bob White, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed all attendees.

Bob gave a brief outline of the agenda and explained that the ECA's General Meetings are run under the "New England Town Hall" format where anyone may speak, but once a point has been made it should not be repeated. It was noted that although all general meetings are open to everyone -- the ECA is a residents' association, therefore only residents of Upper Capilano may vote on issues. To be a voting member, one must be a current resident of Upper Capilano having attended at least one previous meeting and be registered on the ECA's phone list.

At this point in the meeting, Bob announced the recent death of long-time ECA member, Len Hendriksson. It was suggested that the association send its condolences along with flowers to Len's family

2. Treasurer's Report:

Corrie Kost gave the annual treasurer's report noting expenditures for meeting room rental, and other costs. The balance, after paying for current room rental, and as of Jan 29/2002, in the Association's account is \$409.45

3. Executive Elections:

After calling three times for any further nominations or volunteers, Bob announced the following to be elected by acclamation for a one year term to the Executive Committee of the Edgemont Community Association:

- Brian Albinson
- David Birch (new)
- David Culbard
- Robin Delany (Village merchant's representative)
- Gary Hawthorn
- Jennifer Jones
- Corrie Kost
- Brian Platts
- Peter Thompson
- Bob White

4. Traffic & Pedestrian Safety (Sgt. Bob Beaudoin):

To begin the topic, Corrie presented details of a December 5th meeting between members of the ECA Executive committee, District Engineering, a representative of the Highlands School PAC, and the

school Principal, Mr. Phil Marshal. The main topic of discussion at this meeting was the intersections of Queens / Colwood, and Highlands / Ridgewood / Colwood.

December 5th/2001 Notes of Meeting at District Hall

Attendees:

- DNV Traffic Engineering Dept.
- Phil Marshal, Principal, Highlands
- Representative of PAC
- Robin Delany, Village Merchants
- ECA Exec. Corrie Kost, Brian Platts, Peter Thompson

TWO KEY INTERSECTIONS:

Highland/Colwood/Ridgewood

OPTIONS DISCUSSED:

- fully signalized intersection? – does not meet warrants
- 4-way stops? – does not meet warrants
- green/amber/red crossing lights create false sense of security
- cedar bushes require cutting back to restore sight lines at Ridgewood/Highland to the south.
- Colwood Dr. at Highland, dedicated right-hand turn lane
- Southbound on Highland, right turn lane onto Ridgewood will be better marked with arrows on the pavement, orange pylons.
- Sidewalk required on north side of Ridgewood

Queens / Colwood

- fully signalized intersection? – does not meet warrants.
- sight lines good but vehicle speeds high /passing problems
- prime location for crossing guard

Conclusions:

- NV District will make improvements re: lane markings and hedge cutting to Highland/Colwood/Ridgewood intersection
- student crossing guard program will be pursued for both intersections
- next meeting will take place in Feb. or Mar. to discuss results & implementation of the above measures.

RCMP Sgt. Bob Beaudoin then introduced himself by providing a brief personal background. He went on to talk about general traffic / pedestrian safety issues. Of particular concern to Edgemont area residents was a recent accident at the Queens / Colwood intersection where a 4 year-old boy was struck in a marked crosswalk. Sgt. Beaudoin stressed that the accident was not the fault of the road or the flashing yellow crosswalk control device. Contributing factors included an iced-over windshield, an inexperienced driver in a hurry, with the little boy running out into traffic without looking.

After answering some general questions regarding traffic safety, Sgt. Beaudoin played a short video that showed how the School Crossing Guard Program is operated. In the City of Calgary, it was noted that in 64 years of the program being in existence, there has never been a child hurt in a crossing controlled by the student crossing guards. In BC, the program is funded by BCAA, is fully insured, and the kids are trained by the RCMP. Since the accident on Queens, parents have been acting as crossing guards until such time as the grade 7 students can be properly trained. The Highland / Ridgewood / Colwood intersection requires hedge trimming to improve sight lines, together with more prominent lane markings.

Coffee Break (On Behalf of DELANY's) and 2002 Dues Collection

5. Update on NVD Council Business (Corrie):

- **Grouse Grind Trail:** The current lease area to Grouse Mountain, the Grouse Grind Trail route, Baden Powell Trail, the 100.88 ha area proposed to be subdivided and sold were shown. District council would need to approve such a subdivision before it could be sold.
- **Community Charter:** Some changes proposed to the current Local Government Act were outlined. Very little public consultation has taken place to date.
- **Municipal Tax Increase:** Current status indicates an increase of about 7% is planned.
- **Yard Trim Pick-up changes:** A cost saving of \$2.35/household due to proposed changes will result in added costs to each household of about \$20 – mainly due to phase-out of clear plastic bags in favour of much more costly paper bags (\$.60/each) and/or use of 77 litre garbage cans.
- **Waterfront Plan:** Updates on street-end access to waterfront in Deep Cove, council's request for more reports, rock wall on public property blocking access from Panorama Dr,

and fact that current funding rate would imply 1000 years before many of the publicly supported waterfront visions could be realized, were outlined.

6. Update on Upper Capilano Redevelopment Sites & Southgate Plaza (Brian):

- **Redevelopment Site 1:** The two building design choices went to the District's Advisory Design Panel. The panel favoured the flat roof option, the one rejected by the ECA. Following the ADP meeting, the Executive sent a detailed letter to the Panel advising them of the design provisions contained within the Upper Capilano Local Plan. Despite the Panel's preferred option, the developer chose instead to redesign another traditional building design with a pitched roof. A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for February 13th at Highlands Church.
- **Redevelopment Site 5:** The developer of this Norcross Way site is continuing to make changes. The latest scheme involves 2 duplexes and 2 single family units. The required Public Information Meeting for surrounding residents has not been scheduled.
- **The Southgate Plaza:** This landscape project on the corner of Queens Rd. and Edgemont Blvd. was delayed through December and January. Construction should begin in February with completion in March.
- **Miscellaneous:** Brian reported on a letter just received from the District's Park's Department. The Upper Mosquito Creek trail requires some debris flow control work which will necessitate (by DFO standards) restoration of the creek bank. The replanting will take into consideration the desire to maintain views of the creek, and a sunny, open path.

7. Update on GVRD Water Projects:

Peter gave a brief update on the three options being considered by the GVRD for a drinking water treatment facility, which will include a filtration plant and two clear-wells. Option one is to locate a filtration plant at Cleveland Dam, or just north of the boundary inside the Capilano watershed. This option requires placement of the clear-wells within Capilano Regional Park, disrupting a number of trails. The other alternative is to construct the clear-wells beneath Cleveland Park playing fields.

Option two is what is known as the Skyride north site. We would build a large diameter pipeline behind the homes along Nancy Greene Way. The pipeline would then enter a filtration plant and clear-well complex about one kilometre north of the Grouse Mountain Skyride base. A tunnel would be required for this option. Construction traffic would have to utilize Nancy Greene Way.

Option three is to expand the facility at the Seymour filtration site. A pumping station would be required just below the Cleveland dam, and a deep tunnel would be carved through solid rock to the Seymour filtration site. This would be expanded to a larger plant to handle Capilano water as well, and the treated water would be piped back through a parallel deep rock tunnel to the Capilano site where we would construct a recovery facility and the water would enter the distribution system.

Peter noted that of the three options under consideration, the Monitoring Committee upon which he serves, favours Option Three.

8. Update on Village Merchants' Activities

Robin reported that the Edgemont Village summer concert series will once again be held.

9. Any Other Business

10. Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.