

E.C.A. Minutes

General Meeting

October 25th 2006

1. Introduction:

- Call meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcome all attendees.
- ECA 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. Meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. ECA is a residents’ association – only the residents of Upper Capilano vote on issues.
- Voting rules – must be a current resident of Upper Capilano, having attended at least one previous meeting, with your name registered on the phone list.

2. Presentation by Ian Abercrombie, Director of Facilities and Planning for School District #44 on the proposed sale of ‘surplus land’ adjacent to Cleveland Elementary School.

- There was resolution in 2003 on sale of surplus properties re investing monies into school site
- Value about \$3m – ie. \$600K/lot.
- Growth for 6 classrooms allowed for
- Reviewing forms submitted from public meeting.
- Next School board meeting last Tues Nov 2006. → TRUSTEES

3. Building Code for New Highlands School (Brian Albinson)

4. Coffee Break by Delany’s (Thank Robin!) & ‘06 Dues Collection for those who have not yet paid.

- Dues is \$5 per family paid once a year

5. NV District Council Issues (Corrie)

Amendments to C5 Zones – Capilano Suspension Bridge

- Staff to return issue to council June 12th – new Public Hearing ASAP
- No action to date

Grouse Woods RM1/2 single family homes proposed rezoning to allow secondary suites, boarders, B&B

- despite overwhelming local opposition council allowed above (Dunn/Muri opposed)

BC Rail Lands – zoning w no bus depot approved (Jun 26th)

- Council passed motion July 17th “entertain exceptions to current Policies and Bylaws supporting the retention of the industrial land base and Bylaws prohibiting big box retail in the District “ – Only Harris opposed
 - application by COSTCO – requires exception to no big-box
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Subdivision Process (No rezoning) Streamlining

- less info provided neighbors
- notification to community associations dropped
- council approval dropped

Water Meters for Single Family Homes

-Both DNV and GVWD declare this uneconomical (Jun 26th)

DNV 2005 Annual Report

- Wins UBCM Community Excellence Award
 - Report presented to public on June 27th
 - Only 1 member of “public” comments!!!
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Residential Zone Day Care Amendments

-allow **open ended number** >20 children with council approval

Recreational Needs Assessment / Facility Plan

- Final report due Nov/2006 (council)
- Need to carefully monitor impact on Delbrook and Griffin Facilities

Council – August 21st -Variances to FSR nixed

“Board (of Variance) be advised that it endorses the staff approach and considers a variance of permitted Floor Space Ratio (FSR) under the Zoning Bylaw to be an impermissible variance of density.”

Billboards

- Council, August 28th firmly opposes billboards by Squamish Nation
- see web site www.stopthebillboards.ca

2007 Financial Plan

- Item for sidewalk construction on Capilano Rd included
 - Little public involvement (1 out of 8 council meetings involved public last year!)
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RCMP Overuse of TASER Guns as a Compliance Tool

Council – October 16th – “request a full report from the RCMP on the policy and procedures regarding the use and application of such force”

Lynn Valley Library/Towncentre

- Striving for LEED Silver (Green Building Initiatives)
- Unknown if it will meet 2005 Earthquake Building Standards!
- IRONY: Old library replaced due to not meeting Earthquake standards!

GVRD:

- Provincial Judge allows lawsuit on Lions Gate Sewage Plant polluting Burrard Inlet
- 3rd Seabus on hold pending Provincial governance review of GVRD
- CAUTION:** Implications of an unrestricted unshackled (read: unrestricted), unelected body

Plastic Bags Tax:

- Environmental concerns misdirected/overblown
- Can be recycled/reused
- Looks like another “tax grab”
- UBCM to debate issue

DNV VISION STATEMENT:

By 2020, we will be recognized among the most sustainable communities in the world as demonstrated through our environmental stewardship, strong network of neighbourhoods, a vibrant economy and community driven growth and change”

6.Edgemont Merchant’s Association Update by Pat Gallagher.

7.Any Other Business

- “Kilby” backed out of lease
- Sign at SouthGate should be installed in next couple weeks.

8. Adjournment