

Edgemont Community Association
General Meeting October 20th 2010
Potlatch Room, Capilano Library
Minutes

The Meeting was brought to order by Mr. Peter Thompson at 7pm with a brief summary of the Rules, and an introduction of Mr. Ralph Sultan, MLA. About 40 members attended.

1. Presentation by Mr. Ralph Sultan MLA

Mr. Sultan briefly described the infrastructure improvements by the Provincial Government including the new exits from Lions Gate Bridge which will improve the access for public vehicles.

He agreed that the access to the Highway West from Capilano are unsatisfactory and will try and obtain funds for improvement.

Mr. Sultan said that the new sewerage treatment works required by the Federal law would cost over \$400M. If the cost were split three ways (Federal, Provincial, Municipal) this would translate into an annual cost of about \$570 per household. If the cost were downloaded entirely onto the local government the cost would be \$1,400 per household. He undertook to make every effort to get a three way split.

On the HST he said in his opinion it was good economics and bad politics. It would make BC industry more viable and able to employ more people. He supported it. Questions were asked about the merits of regressive and progressive taxation. Mr. Sultan mentioned that the HST is actually progressive in a roundabout way (refund cheques for low income folk). He observed that if the HST were repealed the equivalent amount would probably have to be raised by progressive (income) tax. He agreed that the HST represents a \$2 billion tax transfer from corporate to personal.

COFFEE Courtesy of Robin Delaney

2. Edgemont Community Association Future

Grigor Cameron presented a PDF on the Edgemont Community Association, which covered the background, mandate and major accomplishments of the ECA. A membership fee increase to \$10 was proposed and accepted. Feedback forms were handed out requesting ideas for future activities and support for a proposed association name change.

3. Village Banner Update

Grigor Cameron presented a PDF on the village banner project. He outlined a brief history of the project and summarized the present position. Agreed design concepts are being worked on

by local art students with the objective of producing a more abstract stylized design compatible with the Village milieu.

4. Demonstration of Water Quality

James Walsh presented the results of testing water quality with an electronic analyzer. The samples for 6 locations on the North Shore were well within the Canadian National turbulence limit.

5. PetroCanada Redevelopment

Brian Albinson presented a PDF on the current facts about the old PetroCanada site and outlined the reasons (cost of site, cost of new building) why a change of zoning will probably be requested. He explained why change of zoning has a public issue element. A questionnaire was handed out requesting feedback on preferred density and occupancy of the site.

6. Upper Levels Sound Barrier.

Michael Royle presented a PDF on the problem of noise pollution from the Upper Levels Highway. The area affected is on the North side of the Highway, West along Gladwin drive. A review of the problem elements and suggested infrastructure to mitigate the problem were presented.

There was no Other Business, meeting adjourned sine dei at 8.50pm