

# Edgemont Community Association

## **Minutes of the General Meeting**

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.  
Capilano Library, 3045 Highland Blvd.

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### **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.

### **2. RCMP Constable Judith Bertrand, Community Policing Centre**

Constable Bertrand introduced herself as a six-year member of the RCMP. Her role with the CPC is that of the storefront Constable with the goal of identifying local problems, building intelligence, fostering a community relationship through the volunteers, and promoting crime prevention. Programs run out of the Edgemont CPC include child ID which has registered over 7,000 kids; speed watch; home security; bike patrol for lock-out auto theft; and business watch.

### **3. Pedestrian Crossing at Highland Blvd. / at Ridgewood Dr.**

Peter Thompson reviewed the issues and options while RCMP Constable Bob Beaudoin addressed the school safety patrol program. Recent changes to the intersection – lane and crosswalk markings and temporary curb bulging – are deemed an improvement for both pedestrians and motorists.

### **4. Upper Capilano Redevelopment Sites**

Brian Platts reviewed the status of the active Upper Capilano redevelopment sites, which include:

- a) Site 1 – construction of 20 unit "Edgemont Villa" is well under way. 21 unit "Highland Glen" proposed for the second half of the site was returned to Council after a Public Hearing and received approval. Rezoning process still requires formal adoption. One of the benefits of the development will be the provision of an Edgemont Village entry sign for the Southgate Plaza.
- b) Site 3 – construction of 50 unit "Capilano Ridge" is well under way. Public benefits include the new sidewalk from Ridgewood to Capilano Crescent, improved traffic signal workings with left turn arrow, and an Edgemont Village directional sign.

- c) Site 5 – proposed redevelopment of a large single-family property on Norcross Way has been a topic of discussion at previous ECA meetings. Various designs and site layouts have been shown. Word is that the applicant intends on reactivating the submission. The Upper Capilano Plan designated site for up to 7 units multi-family.
- d) Suspension Bridge – ECA Executive met with Suspension Bridge ownership, the architects, and adjacent neighbours. Proposal is for the expanded theme park. The District's Advisory Design Panel asked for significant design changes. Hopefully Suspension Bridge ownership will agree to bring application to a future ECA meeting.

## 5. Coffee Break

Bob thanked Delany's In The Village for donating the coffee. Also, Bob noted that '02 membership dues of \$5 per family can still be paid.

## 6. Sun Dial Presentation

Brian Albinson provided a brief history of sun dials. Using display boards Brian explained the various types of sun dials including the very accurate analemma designs. Brian explained that his objective is to create a beautiful and interesting interpretation of the motion of our solar system, not to create an accurate timekeeper. Even though the parameters of every sun dial are rigidly fixed there is an infinite possibility of artistic presentation possible. Perhaps an ideal location in Upper Capilano for the construction of a sun dial is the Capilano Regional Park next to the Cleveland Dam. **A general show of hands indicated unanimous support for pursuing this idea further.**

## 7. Edgemont Village Issues

Corrie Kost used the overhead projector to show some photos of the very successful Summer Concert Series in the Village. Photos of the grand opening of the Southgate Plaza were also shown.

Bob White had to leave the meeting at 9:00 p.m. so Brian Platts filled in as Acting Chair.
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## 8. Council & GVRD Issues

Brian Platts provided an update on the following items:

- a) Noise Bylaw – the ECA pursued changes to the District's Construction Noise Bylaw through the Federation of NV Community Associations. The old Bylaw allowed large-scale construction seven days per week and on holidays also. The new Bylaw prohibits large-scale construction on Sundays and holidays and further limits construction on Saturdays from 9-5 p.m. only. This new Bylaw does not prohibit general home improvement or construction less than 500 square feet.
- b) Third Crossing – a group calling itself "Transvision" sponsored two public forums on the topic of a third crossing of Burrard Inlet. Having attended the meeting in North Van., Brian offered his view that the issue will likely go no further than the discussion stage.
- c) Billboards – Brian reviewed the proposal to erect large billboards throughout the District in exchange for public infrastructure like twinning the Dollarton Bridge. The initiative died after widespread public outcry.

- d) All-Candidates' Meeting – Brian asked the membership if the ECA should sponsor an all-candidates' meeting for the upcoming municipal election campaign. A discussion ensued wherein it was decided that the ECA should sponsor such a meeting in November, although it may be just for councillor candidates as NET will be holding a mayoralty debate on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **9. Cleveland Dam Water Works Project Update**

Peter Thompson gave a brief overview of the plans for the treatment of our water. The GVRD will be constructing twin tunnels from the new Seymour water filtration plant to the Cleveland reservoir. Water will go from Capilano to Seymour, be treated with filtration then be pumped back to Capilano for secondary treatment and distribution.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Gord McGillivray read a statement outlining his observations and concerns with respect to the traffic and pedestrian volumes in Edgemont Village, specifically, Edgemont Blvd. Gord submitted the idea that Woodbine Drive should be designated as a suitable bypass road, available for the diversion of through-traffic around the Village. Gord's commentary resulted in a discussion on the issue where a number of points and counter points were made

It was then MOVED by Gord McGillivray SECONDED by Margaret Dean and DEFEATED

*“THAT in order to move along the proposals to initiate a traffic bypass around the Village, the Executive of the Edgemont Community Association be directed to examine them in detail and report their conclusions to the members at the next General Meeting for the purpose of presenting the community's recommendations to North Van District for traffic, safety and amenity improvements in Edgemont Village.”* Vote count: 10 in favour; 11 opposed

## **11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**