

Edgemont Community Association

Minutes of 12th Annual General Meeting Wednesday, January 28th, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Capilano Library, 3045 Highland Blvd.

1. Introduction:

Edgemont Community Association meeting chairman, David Culbard, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the 12th Annual General Meeting. David 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. GVRD Presentation on Seymour-Capilano Water Utility Projects

Senior GVRD Engineer, Mark Ferguson, gave a detailed Powerpoint presentation on the planned water utility projects for Seymour-Capilano. Some key points in the presentation included:

- The GVRD system includes over 500 km of steel water mains
- Coquitlam reservoir is very clean but Seymour and Capilano requires filtration
- Discussed Dam upgrades over the last few years
- Discussed \$600 million filtration project
- Showed building design for Cleveland Dam site and filtration plant at Seymour
- Discussed twin tunnel alignment and construction
- Addressed new building site construction, environmental considerations, as well as traffic and noise concerns
- GVRD will employ a full-time community liaison officer
- Discussed communication and public involvement

Discussion highlights included:

- Built infrastructure of tunnels and filtration plant is intended to last 100 years with computer systems a 10 year lifespan
- Chlorine usage will be decreased by approximately 50 percent due to water filtration
- Blasting work on vertical shaft at Seymour may result in temporary noise disturbance, but only one per day
- Tunnels will not weaken Cleveland east abutment as they will be bored through bedrock only
- Silty plume of water below Cleveland Dam is being studied
- Drum gate project underway so lake level has been lowered
- East abutment seepage control project is completed and seepage is under control

- The GVRD should consider conducting public tours of the tunnels before putting them into use
- Water quality will meet higher US standards
- Noise from pumping facility at Capilano should not be an issue
- Geothermal heating of facility
- Tree loss on Capilano Rd. adjacent to homeowners was raised as a concern
- Capilano lake will be filled in advance of summer

3. Coffee Break & 2004 Membership Dues Collection

4. Treasurer's Report:

Corrie Kost gave the annual treasurer's report noting expenditures for meeting room rental and other costs. The balance in the Association's account, after paying for current room rental, as of January 28, 2004 is **\$241.90**

5. Executive Elections:

Dave noted that David Birch has stepped down from the Executive because he is moving to another community. Dave thanked David Birch for his contribution. After calling three times for any further nominations or volunteers, Dave announced the following to be elected by acclamation for a one year term to the Executive Committee of the Edgemont Community Association:

- Brian Albinson
- Kevin Bell
- David Culbard
- Kitty Castle
- Robin Delany (Village merchant's representative)
- Corrie Kost
- Brian Platts
- Peter Thompson
- Bob White
- Bill Yager

6. Council & GVRD Issues presented by Corrie:

1. Block party insurance – ECA and FONVCA input made a difference. The insurance requirement is being waived and future block parties will be covered by the District.
2. DNV tax increase will be 6.5 percent for those properties with an average increased assessment.
3. From '94 to '04 the percentage tax increase has been 75% but over that time only 17% inflation
4. Translink 10 year plan could mean a \$250 property tax for a typical home
5. Corrie asked the membership to support the Responsible Tax Coalition's motion that the only fair tax for transportation improvements is a gas tax.

Moved by Corrie Kost, **Seconded** by Bill Yager and **Carried** Unanimously

“That the ECA support the Responsible Tax Coalition's motion that the only fair tax for transportation improvements is a gas tax.”

6. Corrie noted that a new Sign Bylaw is in the works. At some point the commercial core of the Village will need to specify its own specific sign regulations as part of the larger bylaw.

7. Capilano Suspension Bridge “Canopy Walkway” application will require a public info meeting on February 11th. The walkways were constructed without the necessary building or environmental permits.
8. Government fees on the increase.
9. Homeowners’ grant cutoff was raised but has still not kept up to rate of inflation while Whistler has a \$2 million cutoff.
10. Property Tax deferment program for seniors was reviewed. It is a good deal with an applied interest rate set below bank borrowing rates.
11. Changes to the RV parking & storage bylaw were reviewed.
12. Northlands golf course review

7. Any Other Business:

1. Village Clock – Mike Blaney noted that he has raised \$19 thousand of the required \$23 thousand. The base design will come next. The clock will hopefully be installed late this spring. The District funds electricity costs and insurance.
2. Pine Tree conflict with power pole on new plaza beside Highlands United Church. A lengthy discussion took place on this item. It was acknowledged that the TD Canada Trust – the only building that the power pole serves – has been uncooperative. It was agreed unanimously that Brian Platts would pursue this matter with the bank in the effort to have the pole removed and spare the tree from being cut down by Hydro as a danger to the power pole.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.