

Edgemont Community Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Thursday March 26th 2009
Potlatch Room Capilano Library

1. Introductions

ECA Meeting chairman Kitty Castle called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and welcomed all 30 attendees to the 17th Annual General Meeting. Kitty gave a brief outline of the agenda and explained that the ECA's 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. Kitty welcomed the presence of three councilors, Robin Hicks, Roger Bassam, and Mike Little and Branch Manager Susan Larsen. She apologized for the delay in starting the meeting due to the difficulties of setting up the LCD projector. DNV Director of Planning, Permits & Bylaws, Brian Bydwell provided the projector and laptop as the Capilano Library projector is not yet available.

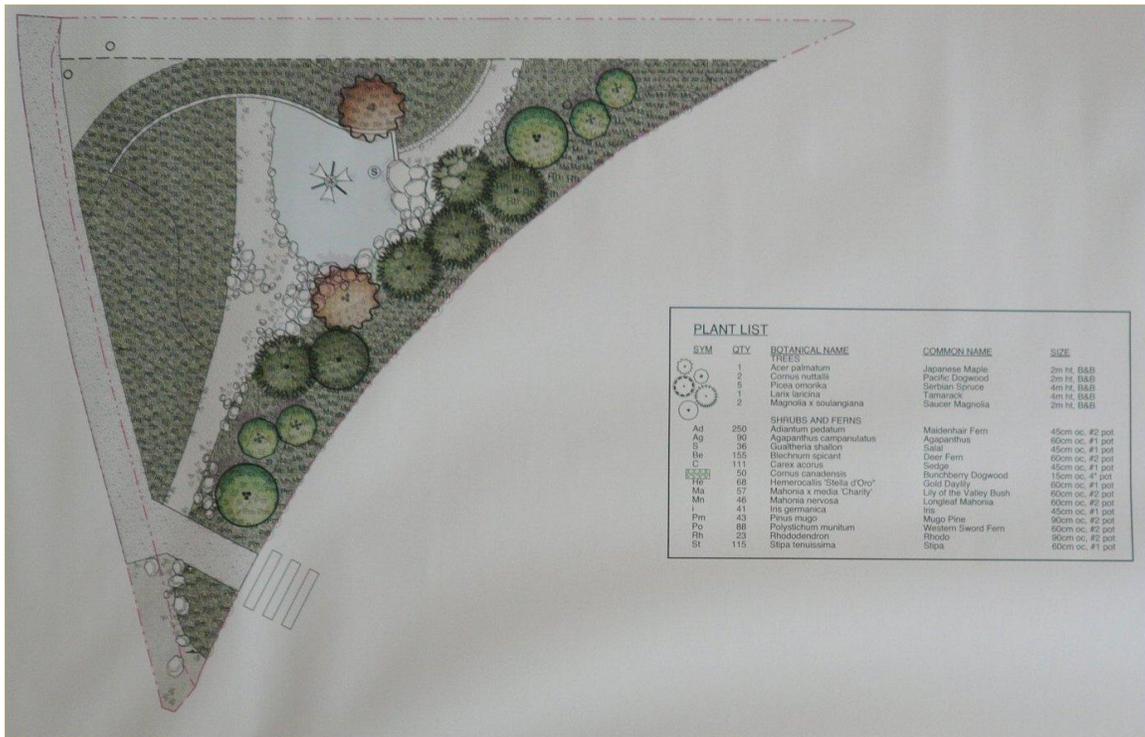
2. Presentation of 2010 Torch Relay by Volunteer Grant Botto, North Shore Torch Relay Committee Chairperson. He came with Richard Campbell Co-chair and Community Associations. Date of the torch relay coming through North Vancouver will be February 10 2010. It is very likely that the route will come through Edgemont Village with a short ceremony here. They are looking for volunteers for this special event and Grant left application forms "Show Your Spirit North Vancouver" and information about the Relay. He offered to come back to a Fall ECA meeting with more information.

3. Speaker Brian Bydwell DNV Director of Planning Permits and Bylaws gave a presentation on the District Official Community Plan Review Process. There is a 26 member Community Planning Workshop which will be presenting to Council on 8 April. There will be a Community Values Survey (15 minute telephone interviews with 600 residents in late April/early May). There will be a Forum in September. The OCP is to include targets and policies relating to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. There was mention of the lost generation in DNV residents aged 20-35years old and the OCP will address that age gap. Mentioned that the 1990 OCP projected a population of 93,000 by this year whereas it is only 85,000. It is proposed to be a much smaller document than the current District OCP. Projected completion date of the OCP is December 2010.

4. Brian Albinson, ECA executive member, gave a presentation with excellent graphics on Sundials including the Village Banner and Sundial proposal. His presentation was very well received. An example of a modified village banner, used as a sundial, is shown below.



5. Coffee Break. Coffee and cookies provided by Delaney's at no charge. Annual Member dues of \$5/Family/year were also collected – totaling \$100.
6. Speaker Brad Snelling, DNV Parks Designer, on the renovation for the Triangle, including the Fountain, at Ridgewood and Capilano Road. He had large drawings of the proposal including the individual plantings. The fountain, designed by George Norris, is to be raised 3ft and the pond area will be greatly reduced. The District is hoping to secure funding and make this more of a Gateway and have the improvements in place for 2010. Mention was made of DNV Engineering wishing to “decommission the slip road” and make all traffic wanting to head east from Capilano Road onto Ridgewood come up to the traffic light to turn right. Originally the fountain area was all part of the adjacent Capilano Park. Durante Kreuk did concept drawings for this renovation in December 2008. These drawings were later left for the ECA. A sample image is shown below.



7. Pat Gallagher gave an update from Edgemont Business and Professional Association. There will be a fundraising fashion show for the Women's Shelter on April 23rd, a Corvette event near the Library on June 27; Friday music nights will start in early July. Neon signs from Pharmasave demolition are being stored in District Hall.

8. 2009 Executive Elections.
 There were no additional nominations from the floor. The following were elected by acclamation.
 Brian Albinson
 Grig Cameron
 Kitty Castle
 Ron Johnstone
 Corrie Kost
 Alan Magelund
 Brian Platts
 Peter J Thompson
 James Walsh

A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2008 AGM was proposed by Grig Cameron seconded by Brian Albinson. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report and Council Update.
 James Walsh presented these reports prepared by Corrie Kost. See addendum for details of Kost's commentary to stimulate discussion. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report (Current Balance of \$277.57) proposed by Grig Cameron and seconded by Ron Johnstone. Motion carried.

10. Announcement of a Black Bear Talk “Jeannie’s Journey” by well known Whistler bear researcher Michael Allen at District Hall on Thursday April 23 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

• **Two important trends** that may be troubling...

- Dominance of mountain biking on walking/hiking trails
- Increase in dog-off-leash use of parks

Both of these trends appear to affect existing users.

• **Translink Transport 2040 Plan**

- North Shore pays ~\$6million/year in taxes to finance Plan
- North Shore has low benefit relative to taxes paid
- Translink – not North Shore – decides service levels
- System unsustainable without huge increase in GVRD taxes (Councilor Hicks concerned that taxes may double in 5-6 yrs)
- More council debate was given the “dog regulation bylaw”

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• **Landslide Risk Abatement Program**

• From experience with the;

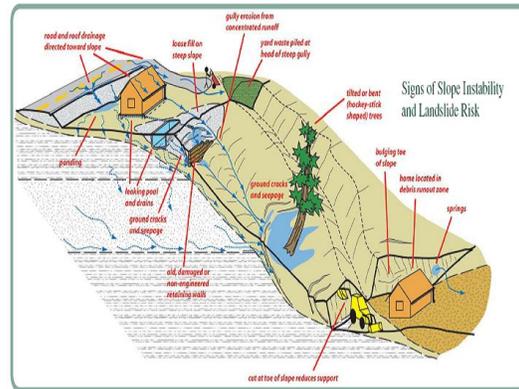
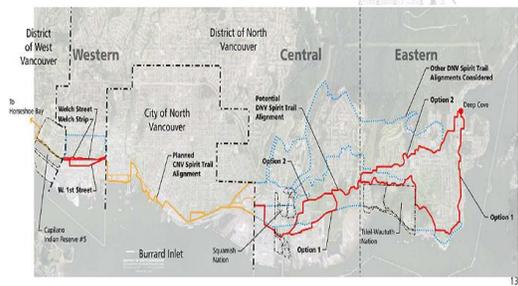
- Westlynn and Pemberton Heights Escarpment
- Berkley Landslide

• **HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF WATER GENERATED LANDSLIDES**

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• **Spirit (Walking/Biking) Trail: Deep Cove - Horseshoe Bay**⁽¹⁻⁴⁾

- Unlike WV and CNV – DNV largely away from Waterfront
- More slopes (>8% grade) of paths – limits accessibility



• **Grouse Mountain Expansion Plans**

- New Chair lifts constructed (\$2.4 million) – no net-loss motto
- One Wind driven turbine to enhance local electrical supply but will have a negative impact on wildlife.
- No large increase in Capilano Rd. traffic anticipated
- Enhanced Grouse Mtn experience
- ECA was notified of helicopter logging

• **Bell Mobility Tower – Edgemont Blvd and Highway**

- Objection on basis of aesthetics
- Some residents fear health aspects but fears non-scientific
- Bell eventually retracts application

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Warning signs for (loss of) democracy

- “It’s in the public interest to move more quickly”
- “An Official Community Plan of 10pages will suffice”.
- Skewed Committees - lacking community representation
- Holding of closed meeting of Council contrary to Community Charter – although there are indications this will no longer happen in the future.
- Lack of cost-benefit analysis in proposals (eg. bicycle lanes)
- More council “Workshops” – fewer televised Regular Council meetings.

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• **Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Options**

- Extend use at Cache Creek
- Local Incineration
- **Export to Washington State (Council mostly opposes this)**

• **Garbage**

- Taxes(fees) keep increasing while
- Overall tonnage falling
- Recycling cost-benefit marginal (now negative)

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