

# **Edgemont & Upper Capilano Community Association**

General Meeting

7:00pm, Thursday, November 22, 2018

Delbrook Recreation Centre

Fir Room

Chair: Grig Cameron

Adopted (Jan 23/2019) Minutes

## **1) Call to Order:**

After a 15 minute technical delay, Meeting Chairperson, Grig Cameron, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed 38 attendees. Grig introduced the members of the executive committee followed by giving a brief outline of the agenda. Grig then explained that EUCCA General Meetings are run under the "New England Town Hall" format where anyone may speak when acknowledged by the meeting Chairman, but once a point has been made it should not be repeated. It was noted that although all general meetings are open to anyone to attend, EUCCA is a residents' association and only members may vote on issues.

## **2) Review of Agenda**

## **3) BC Hydro - New Substation in Murdo Fraser Park:**

BC Hydro's project representatives explained that the purpose of the project is to upgrade the Capilano substation by replacing it with a new substation on the western half of the existing substation land.

The new substation will include:

- Two outdoor transformers.
- A building for indoor electrical equipment and a control room.
- Steel support structures to support the new and existing power lines.
- Other associated outdoor electrical equipment in the substation yard.
- The east side of the substation will remain operational during construction to continue to provide a reliable supply of electricity to nearby homes and businesses.

Capilano Substation is a set of electrical equipment built in 1950s that takes electricity at higher voltages (60kV) and converts it to a lower voltage to supply power to homes and businesses in the neighbourhood. This type of substation is called a distribution substation as it converts power from transmission voltage levels to distribution voltage levels.

There are approximately 12,000 customers currently being served by Capilano Substation. The service area currently supplied by Capilano Substation extends north to the base of Grouse Mountain, south to 1st Street, west to Capilano Road,

and east to Lonsdale Avenue. Most of the major equipment in the substation is near end-of-life and needs to be replaced.

Q&A Highlights included:

- Proposed building is 2-storeys with a basement
- Concern expressed from the floor over long construction timeline which is planned to begin 2019 with the substation coming on-line in 2024
- All construction parking will be contained on-site
- Some trees will need to be removed
- The project will require a full environmental assessment and creek mitigation measures
- Concern expressed from the floor over heavily loaded trucks exiting the site and merging into westbound traffic on Hwy 1
- Electrical capacity of new substation will be almost double the old one.

**Coffee Break (10 min)**

#### **4) DNV Overview by new Mayor Mike Little:**

Newly elected Mayor Little spoke about his first week in office and what he sees as the issues and challenges facing the new Council. Mike also discussed the ongoing improvements to the Hwy 1 interchange around the Ironworkers bridgehead and the upcoming implementation of the Marine Drive "B-Line" transit service. Q&A highlights included the results of referendum questions on the ballot, specifically on amalgamation of the District and City. Mike also responded to a question about the new Council denying a Development Permit for the BOFFO II project on Ridgewood Dr. and what that decision might indicate about Council's support for the Edgemont Plan and Design Guidelines.

#### **5) Any Other Business/Closing Remarks**

Grig noted that the next EUCCA meeting will be the association's AGM in February with the date to be determined.

#### **6) Adjournment – 8:50 p.m.**