

Edgemont Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Capilano Library, 3045 Highland Blvd.

1. Introduction:

Edgemont Community Association meeting chairman, Bob White, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the 11th Annual ECA General Meeting.

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. GVRD Presentation re: Plans For Treatment of Our Drinking Water

Mr. Doug Neden of the GVRD provided a brief overview of the District's responsibilities in the region followed by a detailed presentation on plans for the treatment of our drinking water. Discussion highlights included:

- To meet latest drinking water safety standards, filtration is required with the plant to be constructed at the Seymour facility
- Twin tunnels will be bored over two-year period between the Cleveland Dam and the new water treatment facility in Seymour
- Test drilling will be conducted on some Upper Capilano streets
- Capilano pump station will be constructed at Cleveland Dam with plant for temporary chlorination north of existing parking lot
- Energy recovery system will generate power from water moving through the tunnels with up to a \$600,000 annual return from Hydro
- Public access to Seymour Demonstration Forest will be maintained through construction period
- U.V. light will be used for primary water treatment, chlorination for secondary treatment
- Anticipating less chlorine than is currently used to treat water
- Capilano construction impacts on traffic will be minimal
- Some tree removal will be necessary in Capilano Park
- Existing parking lot at the dam will be closed from '03 through '05 but park will remain open with temporary parking provided

3. 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 Jan 28/2003, is \$258.01

4. Executive Elections:

Bob noted that Jennifer Jones, Gord McGillivray, and Gary Hawthorn have stepped down from the Executive and thanked each of them for their contributions. After calling three times for any further nominations or volunteers, Bob announced the following to be elected by acclamation for a one year term to the Executive Committee of the Edgemont Community Association:

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

5. Coffee Break by Delany's & '03 Dues Collection

6. Michael Blaney Presentation re: Village Clock Project

Mr. Blaney introduced himself and provided a brief personal background including the genesis of his idea to raise funds for an Edgemont Village clock. Mr. Blaney has already approached the municipality and the Village Merchants. The proposal is for a four-sided pedestrian clock 10'-9" tall to be located on the Delany's corner (although the location has not been finalized). The cost of the clock is approximately \$30,000. About \$6,000 has already been raised. Plaques for the base of the clock are selling for \$150 for a family name; \$250 for business name; and \$500 - \$1,500 for memorial plaques. Cost of the clock will include maintenance for 10 years. Response to the clock proposal was very positive.

Action: *Brian will write a letter on behalf of the ECA to the municipality in general support of the clock proposal put forward by Mr. Blaney*

7. Jan Bednarczik Presentation re: William Griffin Fundraiser

Ms. Bednarczik introduced herself as a physiotherapist who volunteers her time at the William Griffin Rec. Centre. The Griffin facility has, through fundraising efforts, become a fitness centre accessible to all people with disabilities. In fact, the facility is the first of its kind in Western Canada. Ms. Bednarczik encouraged ECA members to consider buying tickets to the April Fools Frolick dinner and live auction, the proceeds of which will be put towards construction of an accessible sun deck overlooking the artificial turf field. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Griffin Rec. Centre.

8. Discussion on Library Vending Machine (Kitty Castle)

Kitty raised the issue of the newly installed beverage vending machine in the entry of the Capilano Library. Kitty expressed her opposition to the commercialization aspects of the machine. The decision to install the machine was made by the Library Board in October of '02 and it was installed in January. A similar vending machine in the Parkgate Library has resulted in \$223 in a year. A general discussion ensued where the following points were made:

- The vending machine is unsightly commercial advertising and inappropriate for a public library
- A beverage machine will only encourage people to consume drinks in the library with spills being inevitable
- The machine presents a precedent for further commercialization within the library

Kitty asked the members to vote with a show of hands on the following three choices:

- 1) Keep the vending machine in the library – Zero Hands
- 2) Remove vending machine to another location within the library – Zero Hands
- 3) Remove vending machine entirely – Unanimous

MOVED by Kitty Castle SECONDED by Louise Williams and CARRIED unanimously

“THAT the Edgemont Community Association is opposed to the placement of any vending machine in the front entrance of the Capilano Library and requests its removal from the Library entirely;” and,

MOVED by Kitty Castle SECONDED by Louise Williams and CARRIED unanimously

“THAT the above motion concerning the vending machine and points of discussion be forwarded to the Chief Librarian and the North Vancouver District Library Board.”

9. Council Matters & District Budget

Corrie made note of the changes to Council as a result of the November election. Some of the issues worth following including the reconsideration of the change from allowing clear plastic bags for yard waste to paper bags and rigid containers. 2003 property taxes are proposed to increase by 6 percent. Water rates are scheduled to increase from \$242 to \$258 and sewer rates from \$227 to \$242. The Northlands fraud case continues to cause news and the 2010 Olympic bid committee will soon be making a presentation to Council.

10. Update on Upper Cap Redevelopment Sites

Brian provided a very brief update on the various Upper Capilano Redevelopment sights. The Norcross Way application has been reactivated and a Public Information Meeting will be held for the immediate neighbourhood. The legal issues surrounding the second half of Site #1 (the Barlow property) remain unresolved.

11. Any Other Business

12. Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.