

Edgemont Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday, January 27th, 2005, 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 13th Annual 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. 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 27, 2005 is **\$156.65**

3. Executive Elections:

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

4. Review & Discussion of Library Space Needs Study:

Peter reviewed the background of the study and explained the conclusions and recommendations contained in the consultant's report. At issue is the recommendation that an alternative site be explored to accommodate the Capilano Branch. Peter explained that the Executive strongly opposes this recommendation on the basis of a number of fundamental flaws and omissions contained in the study report. Peter carefully explained the concerns of the Executive and its recommendation to the ECA membership that a letter be sent to the Director of Library Services, Gerry Collver, explaining the ECA's concerns in detail (a draft of the letter was posted on the board). By a show of hands by the approximately 50 members, **there was unanimous agreement** to send the letter.

5. Presentation by DNV Fire Chief Gary Calder:

Gary began by providing some personal background including his 33 years on Fire Department. It was an entertaining and very informative presentation that included various handouts. Gary talked about what is involved with a state of emergency such as the recent mudslide in Seymour. Questions from the floor focused on how the ECOMM dispatch system works and also on when the Fire Department is dispatched for medical calls.

6. Coffee Break by Delany's & '05 Dues Collection

7. NVD Council Issues & Other Updates:

Corrie gave a detailed accounting of the following issues:

Bylaw 7356 – Boarding of Animals (Council Input Complete – no decision)

- Public Hearing Nov 16/2004, then Jan 11/2005
- Note that there is no more input to council allowed till bylaw adoption.
- Allow dog as boarding home occupation ?
- Allow veterinarians to board healthy dogs ?

Policies:

- Now Council policy to always go to referendum in case of undedicating dedicated parkland
- Council refuses to limit hours of liquor stores in village cores having residential components above.
- Use of Heritage Funds on depreciating assets continue.

Budget:

- \$20,000 in 2004 budget for Edgemont Parking & Traffic Study ???
- William Griffin parking lot upgrades of \$565,000 in 2004 (#1 priority of unfunded items) – still not in 2005 budget)
- Despite about 2% more net income over 2004 (eg GST rebate, Traffic Fine Revenue) there will be an added MINIMUM 3.5% tax increase.
- Property taxes are scheduled to increase about 5%/year over next 5 years.
- Good news: Heritage fund contribution to maintenance: \$400K 2005, zero next year
- Bad news: We have a chronic \$2.6m shortfall in our maintenance program.
 - Will take another 5 years of tax increases to cover full maintenance costs (\$8.6m) /year.
 - \$85million shortfall for 2004-2020 Infrastructure improvements BUT that ignores items <\$500k – which if folded in would double this figure!

- High Priority to address potential debris flow on Mosquito Creek -\$6m – unfunded for 2005.
- Total unfunded requests \$14,755,000 for 2005.
- \$11million taken from Heritage Fund in 2003/2004 to fund Lynn Valley Projects – No plan yet how this is to be repaid. Danger: Revenue will be used to cover operations in district – not to pay back the Heritage Fund. Policy workshop council/staff in next month.

Capilano Library:

- \$60,000 item (#23) of 2004 budget - Seismic Upgrade says: Ref: report to Council Oct 2001 2nd stage: design & tender based on space needs and feasibility study done in 2003
- In 2004 budget, also listed as item #26 – for 2006 – a preliminary estimate of \$767,400 for construction of seismic upgrade to Capilano Library.
- No longer listed in 2005 budget
- ~ 20 people attended Nov 9th/2004 meeting here on various options
Danger: Decommissioning of Capilano Library

Translink:

- Levy increasing from 27.52 cents à 47.38 / \$1000 assessment
- Capilano Highlands assessments up 19.4% to \$654,000 à **\$310 / home**
- Our Mayor should be the representative?
- Although some money is flowing back (Dollarton Bridge, road maintenance..) local taxes do not reflect this added “revenue”.
- North Shore Transit Authority

Assessments:

Base Change: \$585,000 à \$685,000

Cut-off Slope: \$10/\$1000 à \$5/\$1000

New Base/Full loss now at \$779,000 & \$833,000 for seniors

Pay Parking:

- Lynn Canyon Park
- Cates Park
- Deep Cove Panorama Park
 - note apparent inconsistency with recent parking variance to 2221 Panorama Dr!
 - \$2/hr, \$5/day, \$20 annual residents pass
 - Mountain Bikers pay lot - \$10 flat fee proposed
 - Next phase : William Griffin

Misc:

- Cannot ask for ID when voting for Municipal Elections
- Council still considering selling parkland to encroachers (at 25% replacement)
- Alpine Recreation Strategy Plan
- High cost (\$600K ?)
- Low general public participation in process
- 55 parking spots – Mountain Hwy and/or Braemar area - \$500K
- 100 Block W. Queens – lost opportunity for true seniors housing – 50 units
- Some initial council support for large Bingo Hall facility à slots à casino

8. Village Merchants Update:

Robin Delany could not attend due to a family commitment.

9. Community Policing Update:

CPC Constable, Jennifer Fouton, was introduced. Jennifer noting the following programs currently being run out of the centre:

- Speed watch
- Child ID
- Business watch
- Lockout auto crime

10. Any Other Business:

None

11. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.