

General Meeting Final Draft Minutes

Edgemont and Upper Capilano Community Association

Highlands United Church Lower Hall Thursday June 22 2023 7:00-9:30pm

All EUCCA-Exec members were present: Corrie Kost, Louise Nagle (**Chair**) Margaret Campbell, Eric Skowronek, Susan Hyam, Elizabeth McLenehan, John Lesow (notetaker).

Meeting called to order by Louise at 7:10 p.m.

There were approximately 15 visitors present at the meeting.

Louise reviewed history of EUCCA from it's founding in 1992. Group is a non-profit. Boundaries: Capilano River to the West/Mosquito Creek to the East/Grouse Mountain to the North and TransCanada Highway to the South.

Voting Members must reside within these geographical boundaries.

Website: edgemontcap.org

Purpose of EUCCA: EUCCA Executive meets once a month. Advocates for residents on property issues, arranges speakers for the AGM, which is held once-yearly in September. Members of Executive attend meetings of DNV Council, either in person or via Zoom.

There was an open discussion for approximately one hour from residents in the audience. A member opened with a general question, "What mechanisms are in place to assure that the views of the entire membership are communicated by EUCCA Executive to the DNV in private meetings"? Eg; the DNV budget. Louise advised that we are in agreement with members on most questions. An Executive member has been attending DNV Council meetings for the past 30 years. We receive correspondence from members on subjects of interest which we can forward to the DNV Council. Our monthly executive meetings are open to all members as observers, not participants, unless invited to do so. Susan commended an executive member for extraordinary record keeping and encyclopedic knowledge of issues in the District.

A member commented on reported provincial plans to densify Edgemont. Corrie advised that these plans pertained to the District, not Edgemont specifically. A long standing member commented on development proposals in Edgemont Village and the need for more communication with residents on the status of these developments. Louise outlined several projects that are approved but currently "on hold", including: Ayr and Ridgewood (multiunit condos) and Woodbine and Queens (old Petrocan site). A member questioned whether all of these proposed projects complied with the OCP.

Comments on traffic patterns at Queens and Edgemont Blvd and possible plans to reconfigure the intersection. There have been accidents related to speed and alcohol. Roundabouts suggested to slow down incoming northbound traffic on Edgemont at Queens. Problems with adequate space for a roundabout. Comments on Engineering Staffing levels at DNV. Louise advised that there are 7 fewer people now in the department. Corrie advised that the District website now has a "File a Complaint" form on the District website for reporting problems to the DNV. Link: <https://www.dnv.org/government-administration/report-problem?s=03>

A member asked if the new 30 kph speed limit was part of an ongoing traffic plan to Edgemont. Corrie advised it was part of a "larger plan"; we do not know the particulars at this time.

Elizabeth briefed the audience on the "Refresh" program in 2013 as part of the long range plan for Edgemont. Concerns were expressed about the densification plans for Edgemont spreading into peripheral neighborhoods. An attendee commented on the need for bike lanes from Edgemont Village to schools for students.

Discussion closed at 8:00 for Coffee Break, Meeting resumed at 8:20

Slide show of topics begins. Louise read the first question submitted by a long time member regarding lack of adequate stop signs, crosswalk lines and pedestrian warning signs on some of the lanes in the Village. In particular, the lane beside the library where it enters Highland Boulevard. Eric suggested restricting parking by adding "No Parking" signs on the last stall to improve visibility. Also adding 20kph speed limit signs in laneways. It was generally agreed that encroachment of vehicles into narrower end spaces should be discouraged.

Slide #1 "What are your ideas on how to build a more dynamic, engaging, community association?"

Comments: Encourage kid's art programs, car show, and promote the idea of an Edgemont Christmas Village; tree, lights, etc.

Slide #2 "Do you receive the North Shore News or the North Shore Daily Post" ? 5 of the 15 audience members receive the NS News delivered to their door. The remainder do not. 2 members receive the NS News via e mail. All have access to the internet.

Slide #3 "Do you use Instagram"? Most of audience do not use Instagram. Audience was advised that the EUCCA has an Instagram account. 3 indicated a willingness to get an Instagram account.

Susan advised that the Blueridge Community Association has an active Facebook account.

Slide #4 "Has anyone in audience experienced vibrations, noises or hums in their home from an unknown source"?

Not one of the 15 audience members has experienced this problem. It was noted that one of our EUCCA members has had these problems in their residence and employed a GeoTech firm to locate the source. We have received correspondence from this member, to date no further action taken.

Slide #5 "What are your thoughts about losing the "services" at the Chevron gas station in Edgemont Village?" Corrie, Louise and John reported on efforts with Mayor Mike Little and MLA Karin Kirkpatrick to forestall closure of the service portion at Chevron. Unfortunately, these efforts have failed. The mechanic, (Roger a long time resident of the area) has left as of May 28, along with the cashier (Sallie). The new owners (Parkland) will not be reopening the auto service section nor will they be hiring anyone to assist in the full serve function. So we are, regrettably, down to a gas bar in Edgemont. Comments on the zoning of the parcel for future use. Height restrictions? Corrie has researched this. For the foreseeable future, the parcel will continue as a gas bar. Possible future uses, including charging stations for EVs, may be considered, as well as a park (as part of the original concept for Edgemont Village). Comments on Bake House property being vacant for 7 years, comments on Petrocan site at Woodbine/Queens - considerable open, unused or underutilized space.

Slide #6 "Thoughts on the new 30kph speed limit on Edgemont Boulevard". Most in the audience supported slower speeds along Edgemont. No support for raising the limit to 60kph. Discussion regarding barrier methods of controlling speeds, eg; curb build-outs, raised sidewalks, improved marking of pedestrian crosswalks. Also improved stop signs; more visible. Flashing signage when 30kph exceeded.

Slide #7 "In favor of more social events in Edgemont Village". No further comments. See responses to Slide #1.

Slide #8 "How many use the underground parking at Thrifty? Why or Why Not?" Most of members in support. Comments from a member on the underutilization of underground parking in the Village; Thrifty's, Library, etc. A member stated that the parking at the library should be for library patrons only. Need for more signage to indicate the availability of underground parking in businesses on Edgemont Blvd.

Slide #9 "What would it take to make Edgemont Village a more complete place to shop"? Suggestions: Hardware Store, Boutique Hotel, (Elizabeth) "Real" Restaurant (Corrie), Garden Shop.

Slide #10 "Opinions and comments on E bikes and scooters travelling through Edgemont Village?" Legislated speeds for e-bikes and e-scooters are 32kph and 24kph respectively. Governors can be easily modified to increase speed on e-bikes, irrespective of any provincial regulation. Travel should be restricted to roadways and not allowed on bike paths. DNV has no jurisdiction to license bicycles; electric or conventional. Corrie noted that deaths in bicycle accidents in Amsterdam now exceed those in automobiles since the introduction of electric bicycles. The continuing increase and popularity of e-bikes makes it necessary to consider them in any Transportation Plan currently being considered by the DNV. So far they have not adequately addressed the subject of e-bikes. Louise commented that in Japan the bike lanes are hard separated by a barrier from pedestrians.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. and the remainder of questions 10-19 will be brought forward at the AGM on Tuesday, September 26th also held at the Highlands United Church – Lower Hall 7-9pm