

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BLUERIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

May 13, 2014

Blueridge Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Eric Andersen.

**Guest Speaker**

The Chair introduced Mike McCardell, a resident of Blueridge and well-known author and journalist. Mr. McCardell gave a presentation to the meeting about “good and bad neighbours”. Those present thanked him for his enjoyable talk.

**New Executive**

The Chair reported that present directors of the Association are: Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Javier Montemayor, Lesley Brooks, Rhoda Irwin, Colleen Mah, Graham Gilley (webmaster), Sonia McLeod (editor), Stephen Parker (treasurer), Angela Duso (communications) and Eric Andersen (Chair).

The proposed board members for 2014-15 are: Ruth Hanson, Jim Hanson, Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Lesley Brooks, Rhoda Irwin, Colleen Mah, Graham Gilley, Sonia McLeod, Stephen Parker, Angela Duso and Eric Andersen.

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that nominations close.

The Chair reported that Graham Gilley had agreed to co-chair the Association with him for the upcoming year, and that Angela Duso and Colleen Mah will be co-vice-chairs.

**Chair’s Report**

Chair Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for 2013-2014:

1/ meetings continued to be held every second month (September, November, January, March and May).

2/ we had a number of guest speakers – North Shore Mountain Bikers Association, District of North Vancouver (about tree planting on streets and sharing garden), Canexus Corporation and Mike McCardell

3/ three newsletters (May 2013, November 2013 (8 pages) and March 2014) were prepared in 2013-2014 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers). Another newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in May/June 2014.

4/ the BCA hosted a very successful 16th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day in June, 2013, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A large and dedicated committee is working on the 17th BGND.

5/ the BCA general account has a balance of \$225 - in addition we have \$10,151 earmarked as seed-money for the next Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and \$3,400 from the Farmers' Market.

6/ the BCA has a regularly updated website: [www.blueridgeca.org](http://www.blueridgeca.org) and an e-mail address: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org). We have about 250 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights.

7/ the BCA has notified its members of numerous meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through our Communication Officer's monthly 'Blueridge Bulletin'.

8/ the BCA has representatives on the CMAC water committee (Anne and Alf Cockle), Community Advisory Panel (Alex McNeil), Canlan Ice-Sports Committee (Alex McNeil), the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (Eric), the Highway Interchange working group (David Davey), the Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee (Alf Cockle and Eric) and the Natural Hazards Working Group (Eric).

9/ the BCA has a traffic committee, a Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee, a trails committee, a Constitution and Bylaws committee (ad hoc), and three new committees: a sharing garden committee, a scholarship committee and a Good Neighbour Greeting committee. Each committee will make a presentation.

10/ the BCA arranged a workshop for interested parties on November 2 (new)

11/ the BCA has its own brochure

12/ the BCA is looking at offering special services for its members, such as a babysitting service and 'buy and sell' on our website

13/ the BCA has made progress towards a revision of its Constitution – the firm goal is to finalize it in the fall

14/ the BCA adopted a new logo after many beautiful and creative submissions from local residents

15/ the BCA bought two new signs with the new logo on it

16/ the BCA sponsored a Christmas tree at Parkgate decorated by Blueridge Elementary students

A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE BCA – special mention of a couple of non-board members, Ruth Hanson and Alberto Gonzalez.

### **Finance Report**

The Treasurer presented his financial report, which is attached.

### **Blueridge Creek Clean-up**

Rhoda Irwin reported on stream clean-up work and noted that they had received outstanding support from Blueridge Elementary students.

### **Good Neighbour Day**

Angela Duso reported that the next Good Neighbour Day will be Sunday, June 8, from 11 am to 3 pm. An enthusiastic committee is working on the event, which will have a “Garden Party” theme.

### **Traffic and Safety Committee**

Graham Gilley presented his report, which is attached. Questions were raised about the possibility of roundabouts to help regulate traffic. The cost and problems with transit buses make them unlikely to be approved.

### **Website**

Graham Gilley reported that a new “Buy and Sell” section of the website is up and running.

### **Sharing Garden**

Colleen Mah updated the members on the progress of this project. Approval for a site is taking longer than expected due to the need to hold community meetings. They have received \$1500 in funding from Vancouver Coastal Health, have about 15 volunteers and a Facebook page. They will also move ahead to plant the four garden boxes at Blueridge Elementary this year.

### **Trails Committee**

Anni Danielson reported on the trail map that was distributed and suggested that we organize community walks to introduce residents to the trail network.

### **Good Neighbour Greetings**

Lesley Brooks reported that she has been well received by the new residents of Blueridge she has visited to welcome them to the community.

### **Old Business**

Dave Davey reported on the upcoming open house to present replacement plans for the Lynn Creek Bridge.

### **New Business**

The chair offered his condolences to Anni Danielson on the recent loss of her husband, Bruce, who was an active member of the Association.

The meeting offered its congratulations to Eric Andersen upon his recent Award of Honour from the District of North Vancouver to recognize his outstanding contribution to the community.

### **Blair Rifle Range**



Donna Sacuta presented a brief summary of the research she has conducted on the history of the Blair Rifle Range. She will be making a full presentation to the Association at its November meeting.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 9 pm.

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Stephen Parker Chartered Accountant

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NOTICE TO READER

I have prepared the Statement of Financial Position for the Blueridge Community Association as at December 31, 2013, and the Statement of Operations for the year then ended in my capacity as Treasurer. No independent firm of professional accountants has audited, reviewed, compiled or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of these financial statements.



STEPHEN PARKER, CPA, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

May 10, 2014

These financial statements are compiled solely for the use of the directors and members of the Blueridge Community Association pursuant to the constitution of the Association. No representation of any kind is made to any other person.

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BLUERIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As at December 31, 2013  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

ASSETS	2013
Current Assets - Cash	\$13,272
Reimbursement Receivable	\$504
	13776
	13776
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current Liabilities	\$-
Fund Balances	
BGND - years prior to 2007	6603
BGND 2007	171
BGND 2008	-1429
BGND 2009	418
BGND 2010	-145
BGND 2011	785
BGND 2012	2138
BGND 2013	1610
General	225
Farmer's Market	3400
<b>FUND BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2013</b>	<b>13776</b>

BLUERIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
Year ended December 31, 2013  
(unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

REVENUES	2013
BGND revenue and government grants	\$12,694
Add Reimbursements pending	\$504
	\$13,198
	\$13,198
EXPENDITURES	
BGND	\$11,084
Other operating expenses	593
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,677</b>
<b>TOTAL EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,017</b>

**Blueridge Community Association  
Profit & Loss Standard  
January through December 2013**

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions and Support	10,043.75
Gov. Grants	500.00
Sales	2,150.00
Total Income	<u>12,693.75</u>
Expense	
BGND 2013	11,083.30
Convention or Meeting Expense	178.64
newsletter	336.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	160.85
Postage and Delivery	26.17
Printing and Reproduction	168.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	33.64
Rent	194.25
Total Expense	<u>12,180.85</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>512.90</u>
Net Income	<u><u>512.90</u></u>

#### Meetings & Correspondence

The committee as a group has not met at all this year. The Chair has been in constant communication with the District throughout the year. All of our proposals have been posted on the BCA website and mailed directly to any community members who have requested them.

#### Completed Work

Since the 2013 AGM much work has been completed by the District on initiatives stemming from a community Association meeting over a year ago. We have seen the center line up Berkley repainted with consistent markings; new curb bulges at Carnation and Berkley with the possibility of a lit crosswalk to come; and a new crosswalk installed at Layton and Berkley. This work was all aimed at increasing the crossing opportunities for children across Berkley and reducing driver confusion.

#### On-Going Work

The Byron Road s-curve by Blueridge Elementary School remains on our radar as an area in need of speed abatement. The proposal for a marked crosswalk at the Hardy Path, along with parking restrictions on the South and North sides of Byron turned out to be just a bit too onerous on local residents. We have asked the District to shelve those plans while we look for alternatives.

#### New Proposals

**On ramp at Berkley & Mt. Seymour PKWY:** We are glad to report that the District has no intention of changing the current intersection layout.

**Stop signs at Hyannis Drive & Sechelt Drive:** It was proposed that the stop sign at the North-east end of Sechelt Drive (@ Hyannis) be removed and replaced by 2 stop signs on Hyannis Drive, on either side of Sechelt - the goal being to reduce the speed through this section of Hyannis Drive. Changing this intersection layout would be problematic as it would require an odd deviation from national traffic standards.

**4-Way stop at Emerson Way & Carnation Street:** Given the large imbalance in traffic volumes on Emerson vs. Carnation through the intersection, we have suggested to the District that traffic bulges, installed on the NW and NE corners, would open up the sight lines for pedestrians, calm the intersection speeds and keep the larger traffic volumes travelling north and south on Emerson moving smoothly.

Respectfully submitted May 13, 2014,



Graham Gilley