

AGM Chair's Report 2015-2016

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At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2016, the Chair, Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for 2015-2016:

FIRST OF ALL: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE BCA.

An amazing amount of help was given by an increasing number of volunteers in Blueridge & Seymour Heights. The BCA could not operate without all YOUR assistance.

We had a number of firsts this year:

- 1/ our first scholarship ever was handed out to a Blueridge youth
- 2/ our first toy sale was held, albeit not as successfully as we would have liked it to be
- 3/ a hugely successful partnership was explored with UBC – a great day of learning for both parties
- 4/ the BCA had Coast Mountain Bus Company change the routing for the 214 Blueridge bus after a meeting.
- 5/ a well-attended extra BCA meeting was hosted in April pertaining to public land in Blueridge and the potential closure of Blueridge Elementary School
- 6/ BCA meetings continued to be held every second month (September, November, January, March and May).
- 7/ we had a number of guest speakers – Mike Mayers of Metro Vancouver (September), Shaun Hollingsworth and Sharee Dobowits from the Seymour Salmonid Society (November) and Warren McKay of Cool North Shore (May)
- 8/ three newsletters (June 2015 (8 pages), Nov 2015 (8 pages) and March 2016)) were prepared in 2015-2016 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers!). Another newsletter is scheduled to be distributed during the second half of May 2016.

9/ the BCA hosted a very successful 18th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 7, 2015, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A smaller, but very dedicated committee is already working on the 19th BGND.

10/ the BCA general account has a negative balance of \$290 - in addition we have \$11,955 earmarked as seed-money for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and \$2,900 left over from the Farmers' Market.

11/ the BCA has a regularly updated website: www.blueridgeca.org and Facebook page as well as an e-mail address: info@blueridgeca.org. We have about 275 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights.

We have a twitter account located @BlueridgeCA (if people want to "follow" us). Different hashtags associated with our account are: #BGND2016 and #SharingGarden

12/ the BCA has notified its members of numerous meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through our Communication Officer's 'Blueridge Bulletin' which goes out once or twice a month.

13/ the BCA has representatives on the CMAC water committee, Community Advisory Panel, Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the Highway Interchange working group, the Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee, the Natural Hazards Working Group, and most recently on the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee.

14/ the BCA has a traffic committee (ad hoc), a Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee, a trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood), a sharing garden committee, a scholarship committee (ad hoc), a Good Neighbour Greeting committee and will shortly establish a Community Lands Task Force. Most committee chairs will make a brief presentation at the AGM.

15/ the BCA has its own brochure and biz cards with social media information

16/ the BCA continues to offer a baby sitting service

17/ the BCA's Constitution and bylaws have been finalized – and will hopefully be adopted at the AGM

18/ the BCA had its second wine tasting (in January)

19/ the BCA had another highly successful 'meet and greet' your neighbours aimed primarily at new Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents (in January) with special invited guests from local agencies and organizations