

BCA AGM 05/23 - Chair's Report 2016-17

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At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 23, 2017, the current Chair, Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for the BCA for 2016-2017:

FIRST OF ALL: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED HIS/HER TIME TO THE BCA.

Although it may sound totally like a cliché, it is a fact that the BCA could not operate without all YOUR assistance, directors, volunteers and meeting participants.

1/ our scholarship was handed out to a Blueridge youth for the second time

2/ we decided to have our finances audited by local residents for the first time, in view of the amount in the bank (exceeding \$15,000 at the end of the fiscal year, February 28) and found a couple of volunteers

3/ our partnership was continued with UBC, although on a smaller scale

4/ the BCA has started working with the District of North Vancouver to explore ways to help owners with BC Hydro transformer boxes on their property with 'Decorative Wrap Installation', should they be interested

5/ a well-attended All Candidates Meeting was co-sponsored with other local associations prior to the provincial election in May, 2017

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

7/ we had a couple of guest speakers – David Cook, local biologist (November) and Tom Walker, North Shore Safety Council (March)

8/ three newsletters (May 2016 (8 pages), Nov 2016 (8 pages) and March 2017 (4 pages)) were prepared in 2016-2017 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 2017.

9/ the BCA hosted a very successful 19th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 5, 2016, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A committee is working hard on the 20th BGND.

10/ the BCA general account as at February 28 (end of the fiscal year) has a negative balance of \$1,058 - in addition we have \$13,761 earmarked as seed-money for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and \$2,400 left over from the Farmers' Market and \$214 for the Blueridge Sharing Garden.

11/ the BCA has a regularly updated website: www.blueridgeca.org and Facebook page as well as our main e-mail address: info@blueridgeca.org. We have about 430 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (gone up from 275 last year).

We have a Twitter account located @BlueridgeCA (if people want to "follow" us). Different hashtags associated with our other account are: #BGND2017 and #SharingGarden

In 2016/2017 have encountered lots of problems with our website and had to change service provider for that reason.

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 monthly.

13/ the BCA has representatives on the Community Advisory Panel, Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the Highway Interchange working group, the Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee, the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee and North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN).

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

15/ the BCA has met with the Superintendent for the North Vancouver School District 44 about the future of Blueridge Elementary School

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

17/ the BCA continues to offer a baby sitting service

18/ the BCA continued to assist local Syrian families in Blueridge

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