

BCA Chair's report 2017-18

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At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 8, 2018, the current Chair, Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for the BCA for 2017-2018:

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 third time

2/ our partnership was continued with UBC

3/ the BCA is working with the District of North Vancouver to explore ways to help 5 local owners with BC Hydro transformer boxes on their property with 'Decorative Wrap Installation'

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

5/ we had a couple of guest speakers (Mayor Walton November) and ZoAnn Morten (March)

6/ three newsletters (May 2017 (8 pages), Nov 2017 (8 pages) and March 2018 (4 pages)) were prepared in 2017-2018 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 2018.

7/ the BCA hosted a very successful 20th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 4, 2017, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A committee is working hard on the 21st BGND.

8/ 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 480 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (gone up from 430 last year).

We have a Twitter account located @BlueridgeCA (if people want to "follow" us). Different hashtags associated with our other account are: #BGND2018 and #SharingGarden. We now also have an Instagram account

In 2017/2018 we encountered some problems with our website.

9/ 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.

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

11/ 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) and a Dîner en Bleu committee (ad hoc). Most committee chairs will make a brief presentation at the AGM.

12/ the BCA continues to monitor the situation regarding the future of Blueridge Elementary School

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

14/ the BCA is now offering baby, pet and house-sitting service

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