

Blueridge Bulletin

July 2025



Photo by Barbara Rennie

What? It's July?!? Already?!? We've already passed the longest day of the year, and school is out? Wow. I swear there was snow on the ground just last week. I must be getting old.

But no matter. However crazy it may feel, the world keeps turning, and things keep happening, including right here in Blueridge.

The photo above shows a burl on a tree here in Blueridge. Wikipedia says such things are caused by some form of stress, possibly the result of a viral or fungal infection. That's not a young burl. It's been growing for decades, and it's seen a

lot of change in that time. Your editor happens to know where this tree is located. Have you seen it?

And how about this: Have you got a photo for next month's cover? Send it in! bulletin@blueridgeca.org

June saw a lot happening in DNV Council meetings, and many of those items could impact Blueridge residents. You can find a summary of those meetings in the *Notes from the Sausage Factory* section below. In addition, DNV Fire and Rescue created a system to let you tell them about your property ahead of time, so they have a better chance to get things right if they respond to an emergency at your home. It's called Community Connect, and it's our feature article below. You'll also find an article called *Trash Talk* that was promised last month. It may help avoid common issues with garbage and recycling. And those are just a few of the items this month.

Oh! Late-breaking news! Susie Chant's office tells us that the intersection at Main and Mountain Highway will not be converted to remove the dedicated eastbound lane. We'll continue to be connected to the rest of the District!

So please settle back with a cup of coffee or tea and check out what's going on right here in the neighbourhood!

Thanks for subscribing!

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DNVFRS Introduces Community Connect

Jeff Powell

Community Connect is a new service from DNV Fire and Rescue (DNVFRS) that lets residents and businesses register details about their property so that in the event DNVFRS responds to an emergency, they have more information about the location and conditions they can expect. This includes things like:

- Accessibility requirements, important medications, or health concerns
- Presence of pets
- Number of occupants
- Languages spoken
- Property layout

In addition, you can opt to receive an email or text if DNVFRS has to respond to an incident at the registered property.

Only DNVFRS captains have access to the information, and only while they are responding to an incident at your address.

You can learn more and register at: <https://www.dnv.org/news/dnvfrs-launches-community-connect-service>. In addition, there was a [North Shore News article](#) about this program, and DNVFRS has prepared the video below.



SUSIE CHANT

NORTH VANCOUVER-
SEYMOUR

Main and Mountain Highway Update

The Office of Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver – Seymour

After spending my last column talking all about the legislature’s spring business, this month I’d like to get really local and talk about something near and dear to us all: transportation on the North Shore.

Late last year, the provincial transportation ministry proposed a significant change at the intersection of Main Street and Mountain Highway, removing the

dedicated lane for eastbound traffic. After implementation, vehicles travelling east of the Ironworkers would have shared the lane with vehicles heading over the bridge. While this change was intended to improve travel times for public transit and port traffic, residents of communities east of the Ironworkers were alarmed at the prospect of increased delays for local traffic. Hearing this feedback, the province decided to pause the change to allow for further consultation.

Throughout last fall and since my re-election, I have had many conversations with community members who are anxious about the status of this proposal and the removal of the dedicated eastbound lane. I'm pleased that earlier this month, the transportation ministry decided that the pre-existing lane configuration will be reinstated with the expected completion of roadwork this summer. The ministry reached this decision following extensive consultation with local government, TransLink, and users of the port.

The bottom line: you spoke, and your government listened. My job as your MLA is to represent this community's wishes, so I'm grateful to everyone who has reached out over the last several months to share your views about this issue with me and with the province.

If you have questions or feedback to share about any provincial issues or government programs and services, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and my team by phone at 604-983-9859 or by email at susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca. And if you'd like to chat in person without making an appointment, I will also be hosting an informal drop-in session at my office in Lynn Valley ([217-1233 Lynn Valley Road](#)) on Wednesday, July 30th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. However you choose to connect, I hope to hear from you soon!



District Considering Changes to Single-Family Zoning

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

At a recent meeting of the North Vancouver District Council, we considered proposed changes to single-family zoning, namely bylaws for new builds pertaining to basements, building height, buildable area, and maximum sizes for coach houses.

A key recommendation from staff is that we remove floor space exemptions for basements and cellars. Currently, bylaws provide a floor space exemption for fully in-ground spaces, such as basements and cellars. This creates an incentive to build into the ground in order to maximize the usable floor space in a new home.

To facilitate this change in zoning, staff are proposing that we increase the maximum allowable building height and increase the total permitted floor space on a lot in order to “lift” homes out of the ground. Basements have negative environmental impacts (groundwater interruption), higher construction costs, and worse livability compared to above-ground structures. The trade-off will be allowing taller structures. Whereas current zoning seeks to limit single-family structures to two stories, the proposed amendments would allow three-story single-family homes above ground.

Other and likely less consequential changes proposed include bylaw changes to permit more buildable areas within the front-yard setback and increasing the maximum size of coach houses from 969 square feet to 1,400 square feet.

The issue of “height versus basements” does have implications for our single-family neighbourhoods. With the proposed changes, single-family homes will be built taller, and this can change the neighbourhood ambiance. The matter will be referred to a workshop for further debate and full consideration of the potential implications of the proposed changes. We encourage public participation.

For my part, I do support the initiative to eliminate the floor-space exemption for basements because this will discourage digging into the ground, which we know causes needless environmental disruption and less livable below-ground units. As for allowing additional height to offset the buildable area lost by eliminating the basement floor-space exemption, I look forward to further debate and public input on this issue.

A final decision on these issues is likely to occur in late 2025 following the yet-

to-be-scheduled workshop. In the meantime, I encourage residents to let their views be known to Council. It is your community. Do you want basements or taller structures in single-family zones?

If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.

-- Roald Dahl



Bear News from NSBBS for July

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

Yearling update:

Last month we discussed yearling bear cubs and the fact that they are out in the world on their own for the first time and trying to establish food sources.

We have two and possibly three yearlings active on the North Shore this summer. One male has been roaming around Blueridge, Riverside East, and possibly up to the Upper Lynn area. This guy is showing very typical yearling behaviour. He is curious and a little bolder than an adult bear. He isn't easily deterred by the usual deep, strong voices or loud noises.

The most important thing to keep him safe is for everyone to really try to restrict his access to human-provided foods. Please give your garbage, organics, and recycling bins some TLC by scrubbing them out with vinegar. Consider clearing a space in your freezer to store the most odorous parts of food waste: any scraps from animal-based foods and grease from cooking or BBQ. Please

wash out containers before adding them to the recycling. Used diapers and bird feeders of all types are major bear attractants, as are fruit trees. Remember, if you can't or don't want to pick all the fruit from your tree, you can register it with our friends at the North Shore Fruit Tree Project, who will harvest and donate the unwanted fruit. <https://www.nsfruittreeproject.ca/provide-a-tree>

Quarry Rock

We have placed signage at the bottom of the Quarry Rock trail to let hikers know there have been a few sightings of a bear near the top of the trail. Please keep dogs leashed and do not leave any food or food wrappers unattended. Remember to talk or call out while using trails to let wildlife know you are there and prevent surprise encounters.

Outdoor Fridges and Freezers

Once again we are reminding residents that outdoor fridges and freezers are a strong bear attractant. A bear's incredibly sensitive nose can smell the food that's frozen inside the freezer! Please empty and remove any such outdoor appliances.

Doors, Windows, and Cars

The last reminder is to keep ground-level doors, windows, and garage doors closed until you are right there to monitor them. Hopefully we will have some warm summer weather soon, and while it's tempting to catch a breeze through the house, this is an open invitation to bears. Cars must be empty of food and perfumed items (air fresheners, that box of laundry soap from the store, etc.). Doors must be locked and windows kept closed whenever the car is parked.

Thanks to everyone for helping to look after our beautiful bears!



Trash Talk

Jeff Powell

As someone who walks a dog around our neighbourhood regularly, I get to see a number of issues on garbage pickup days. A quick list might help people get things right and make life better for everyone, so here are the most common garbage issues I see in Blueridge.

Green Bin:

- No plastic bags of any kind are allowed in the green bins, not even bags labelled biodegradable. Such bags typically only decompose under specific conditions that our green waste handling does not provide. It's good to keep smelly green waste in your freezer during the week (to avoid attracting bears) and put it in the green bin on collection morning, but it cannot be in a plastic bag. A paper bag is fine, or it can just go on top of your yard trimmings.
- Greasy pizza boxes go into the green bin. Clean ones can go in the bag with your other paper and cardboard.
- Paper green waste bags are not accepted outside of your green bins. This differs from city to city, so you might be used to buying paper bags at the hardware store to dispose of extra green waste. That doesn't work in the DNV. Paper bags left curbside will not be collected. To get them picked up, put them into your green bins.

Blue Bin:

- Plastic bags and other flexible plastic items aren't accepted at the curb. No bubble wrap, no grocery bags, no candy wrappers. While West Vancouver recently announced a pink bin for flexible plastic, the DNV doesn't yet have such a program. Flexible plastic can be recycled for free at the [recycling centre on Riverside Drive](#).

- Unwashed cans, bottles, and other containers are animal attractants. Bears will go after smelly bins when they encounter them, but in my experience, the animals that do the most littering in Blueridge are crows. Every morning they go around to the smelly blue bins and toss things out looking for an easy meal. To keep that from happening and to avoid contaminating a recycling batch, wash your cans, bottles, foil, and containers.

Paper Recycling:

- Put shredded paper into a paper bag and fold it closed. Loose shredded paper gets blown out of the collection truck and winds up all over the street.

Garbage:

- Styrofoam can be recycled for free at the [recycling centre](#), including foam trays that meat is often packaged on. Sadly, it isn't recycled curbside.
- Put styrofoam packing peanuts in a bag if you must throw them away. Like shredded paper, they get blown all over the street if not contained. But if possible, save and reuse them instead.

Other Considerations

- Don't put your bins out too early. Some people put their bins out the night before collection day. You can be fined for doing that. Putting things out early gives animals more time to make a mess, and it may encourage more people to put out smelly bins too soon. Only put your bins out on collection morning after 5:30am.
- All kinds of things wind up in the blue bins that people hope can be recycled. It's called "wishcycling." Some items, like garden hoses, simply cannot be recycled. Those go into your garbage bin. Other things are recyclable, but not using curbside pickup. Scrap metal - including pots and pans, for example - can be taken to the [recycling centre](#) for free, but it cannot go into your blue bin. If you are in doubt, check the [waste wizard](#) on the DNV website to see where and how to recycle what you have.
- Dog poop poses a particular problem. Limited amounts can go into your garbage bin, where it should be double-bagged, and it never goes into the green waste bins. But the big issue is people leaving bags of dog poop all over the neighbourhood. I find such bags regularly on my walks, both on the trails and along the streets. Don't be "that person." Please carry the bag home and put it in the trash!

Next month, a discussion about bins - how many, their sizes, how to get them repaired, and so on.



TransLink Plans for Bus Routes 210, 211, 214 - Phibbs Exchange

Brian Gardiner

TransLink is looking at making changes to bus routes 210, 211, and 214 to help passengers get from North Vancouver to downtown Vancouver. Each route has some or all of its schedule going to downtown Vancouver.

The plan is to have routes 210, 211, and 214 terminate at Phibbs Exchange and have passengers transfer to a new route to downtown Vancouver. The plan is thought to provide more frequent service to downtown and try and deal with problems associated with heavy traffic on the Second Narrows, which impacts the reliability of the bus service.

The plan is being considered as part of TransLink's "Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan," which is dealing with an increased population and demands on transit.

Translink asked for input earlier this year and continues to invite feedback.

There is no timeline for the changes, but I'm guessing 2026 might be looked at.

The Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan: <https://www.translink.ca/plans-and-projects/strategies-plans-and-guidelines/area-transport-planning/burrard-peninsula>. See Package H of the Discussion Guide linked there for specifics about these proposed bus route changes.



Blueridge Elementary

BPAC Update—June 2025

Cheryl Sauve

June was a fun filled month for wrapping up the school year at Blueridge Elementary!

The gardens at Blueridge are flourishing, providing lots of work for the Eco-Kids Club and volunteers.

Big congratulations to all the students who participated in the finale of elementary Track and Field competitions at Swanguard Stadium. You worked so hard!

Spirit Day took place on June 13 with fun activities hosted by the grade 7's for all the younger grades. A big thank you goes out to the North Vancouver Fire Department, who brought a truck to school the last week of June to have water-filled fun with the kids!

Students celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day by learning and playing Slahal, a traditional indigenous game. Blueridge also celebrated a 'Free to Be Me' day in June. Each class created posters sharing what they felt free to be at Blueridge, highlighting the diversity and individuality within the school community, and shared these all together outside in a colourful parade.

Blueridge Elementary welcomes a new Vice Principal & Principal for the 2025/2026 school year. Looking back, a big thank you to Ms. J and Ms. Gerandol for all their hard work on behalf of our school community the past few years.

Congratulations to the grade 7 Blueridge graduating class of 2025, who had their celebration on Wednesday, June 25, that included adorable 'before' & 'after' photos of the graduates and a walk down the aisle accompanied by their kindergarten and grade 1 buddies. As a grade 7 parent, with my youngest

making the leap to high school, I'd like to sincerely thank all the staff and Blueridge families who have made these kids feel like they're part of something bigger in our beautiful community the last 10 years. Between the ice cream socials and tanks of salmon fry and the hatching chick eggs and the Terry Fox run and donation collections to benefit the wider community, we feel so lucky to live here.

School's out, so while you're driving out there, keep your eyes wide open for kids running around out in the world all day long.



Happy summer!

If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed.

-- Unknown



Congratulations to Summer Auger, who won the \$100 prize for answering Blueridge related questions at the BCA table at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day!.



Trust your editor: You don't want Scotch Broom anywhere!

Invasive Species in B.C. Gardens: What You Need to Know

Emilie Currie

Gardening in British Columbia offers a rich and diverse palette of plants, but not all greenery is good for our ecosystems. Invasive species—non-native plants that spread aggressively and outcompete local flora—pose a significant threat to gardens, parks, and natural habitats across the province.

Common culprits include Himalayan balsam, English ivy, Scotch broom, and Japanese knotweed. These fast-growing plants can quickly take over garden beds, smothering native species and reducing biodiversity. Once established, they are notoriously difficult and costly to remove.

Invasive plants often arrive in gardens through ornamental plant sales or as hitchhikers in contaminated soil. While they may look appealing, their environmental impact can be devastating, leading to soil degradation, increased fire risk, and disrupted wildlife habitats.

To help combat this, gardeners can:

- Learn to identify invasive species using resources from organizations like the Invasive Species Council of BC: <https://bcinvasives.ca/>
- Choose native or non-invasive alternatives when planting
- Dispose of garden waste responsibly—never dump clippings or soil in natural areas

- Report sightings of high-risk invasives through platforms like [Report-A-Weed BC](#) (via an app you can install on your phone or an online reporting form)

By being mindful about what we plant and how we manage our green spaces, we can protect B.C.'s unique ecosystems—starting right in our own gardens!!

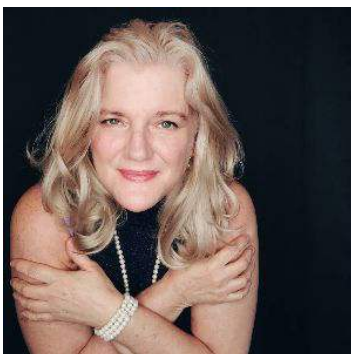
It is wonderful to feel the grandness of Canada in the raw, not because she is Canada but because she's something sublime that you were born into, some great rugged power that you are a part of.

-- Emily Carr



Music in the Garden Concerts Coming Up Soon!

Two concerts are happening in July!



The first show is Cayla Brook on July 6th, 4-6pm. Cayla is an award-winning singer-songwriter. She has a passion for the sophistication of jazz and the energy of rock music, accompanied by her superb band, Bill Sample (piano), Miles Foxx-Hill (bass), and Buff Allen (percussion).



The second concert is The Marc Atkinson Trio on Saturday, July 19th, 4-6 pm. They've been performing internationally for 20 years, playing everything from the Montreal Jazz Fest 5 times to a private party for the Queen of England. The music is focused around the compositions of Marc Atkinson but has the backbone of the Gypsy swing rhythm and elegant reflections of Django Reinhardt. An evening of instrumental guitar and violin music that will knock your socks off! Marc Atkinson (guitar), Cameron Wilson (violin), Scott White (bass), and Jody Rutherford (guitar).

And the final show of the series will be Marcus Mosely and Friends on September 6th.

About the Garden Concerts:

- Each concert is \$40. Save yourself \$10 and buy all 3 concerts for \$110!
- Limit of 60 people in the garden, so you'll want to get your tickets early.
- All tickets are sold in advance by emailing Roxie Giles:
roxiemusic2017@gmail.com.
- Tickets on sale now!
- Location: 1969 Arroyo Court

Humor Break: A Very Canadian Encounter

From CTV News: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/article/canadian-safari-moose-sticks-its-nose-into-bc-womans-car/>

Are you enjoying this issue of the Blueridge Bulletin? If so, please share it with a friend or relative who might also appreciate it. And ask them to [subscribe!](#)

And of course, if you're not a subscriber yourself, please [join us](#). It's just one email a month, and we try to keep it interesting and full of useful information.

Thanks, and happy summer!



NVRC: Ron Andrews Rec Centre Celebrates 50 Years and Summer Concert Series

It's been 50 years since Ron Andrews Community Recreation Centre opened, and NVRC is throwing it back to 1975 in style!

Join us on Wednesday, July 9, for some far-out fun for the whole family, including retro-priced public swims (just 25¢!), cupcakes, line dancing, face painting, temporary tattoos and more!

Celebrate with us like it's 1975 again!

- **Where:** Ron Andrews Community Recreation Centre, 931 Lytton Street, North Vancouver
- **When:** Wednesday, July 9

Event schedule:

- **1:30-3:30pm** Public swim (25¢ admission)

Birthday party – everyone welcome:

- **5-8pm** Face painting, tattoos, crafts & activities
- **5:30-6:30pm** Line dancing (25¢ admission)
- **6:40pm** Ceremony with Mayor Mike Little
- **7-8pm** Cupcakes & music from NVRC artist in residence Melifawn
- **7-8:30pm** Public swim (25¢ admission)

A blast from the past

According to local newspaper *The Citizen's* coverage, North Vancouverites

celebrated the pool's grand opening in 1975 with a ribbon-cutting by then-Mayor Ron Andrews and figure skating phenom Karen Magnussen attended by North Shore swim groups and capped off by a synchronized swimming performance from the Capilano Catalinas Synchronized Swim Club.

Free Summer Concerts

If you're looking for an evening of local music, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture has you covered with their series of free concerts in local parks and plazas. There are concerts all through July and August, covering a variety of musical styles and in various locations. All the details are available on the NVRC website:

<https://www.nvrc.ca/news-stories-events/events/live-local>

Have fun!

Naturalist David Cook Presentation and Walks

These are upcoming events that Blueridge residents may find interesting.

Thursday August 7th 2025:

Title: Old-growth forests of the North Shore.

A free public nature talk by the Parkgate Library, District of North Vancouver.

A PowerPoint presentation by David Cook, biologist.

Registration is required: Because of fire regulations and therefore limits to the number attending, registration is required. Register online at NVDPL.ca or call 604-929-3727 Extension 8166 closer to the date.

Meeting time & location: 7:00 pm in Parkgate Library. 3675 Banff Court, North Vancouver. The Parkgate Library is located in the Parkgate Shopping Centre at the corner of Mount Seymour Parkway and Seymour Road, North Vancouver. Access is gained via Seymour Road, which is the road to Seymour Provincial Park, or by Mt. Seymour Parkway.

Description of talk: Join biologist David Cook for a talk about the old-growth forests and groves of the North Shore. You'll learn why they are under threat, where to find them, how to identify an old-growth forest, and what makes them so unique and important. We'll also discuss threats to these forests, including disease, climate change, and logging. Old-growth forests are essential for human health. Did you know many medicines come from plants in these

forests?

There are also three WALKS that may interest Blueridge residents. They are all for the Parkgate Library. They are still in the planning stages, and the library has not yet started to advertise them. They are as follows:

- Saturday, July 26th, 2025: Conservation area at Maplewood Flats, the North Shore's botanical gardens.
- Saturday, August 9th, 2025: Roche Point Forest, a selectively logged old-growth forest.
- Thursday, August 28th, 2025: A walk in the natural world of the black bear.



Kamila Bashir



Paige Jung



Emma Fish



Sydney Tough

North Van Arts Camp Creative

North Van Arts Staff

North Van Arts has 4 unique artist leaders for Camp Creative at Maplewood.

Kamila Bashir is leading camps July 7 - 11 and July 14 - 18

Kamila Bashir is a designer and educator whose practice is rooted in slowness, observation, and care. A recent graduate of Emily Carr University of Art + Design, she works across design research, storytelling, and material exploration, often drawn to the quiet intersections between people, place, and memory.

Paige Jung and Emma Fish are leading camps July 21 - 25 and July 29 - Aug 1

Paige Jung is a Chinese-Canadian illustrator, muralist, and artist from Vancouver, Canada. Using digital and acrylic mediums, Paige is known for her proficient use of colour and gestural shapes to create illustrations that tell

stories of connection, wonder, community, and what makes us human.

Emma Fish draws deep inspiration from nature, guided by her love of snowboarding and connection to the mountains. Since moving from Australia to British Columbia in 2016, she has merged the vibrancy of her Australian roots with the majestic Canadian landscapes.

Sydney Tough is leading camps Aug 11 - 15 and Aug 18 -22

Bassist, vocalist, composer, and educator Sydney Tough graduated from Capilano University in 2019 with a Bachelor Degree in Jazz and Education. Sydney sings and plays bass in a variety of musical projects ranging in style from jazz, R&B, and folk. Her visual art practice includes watercolour, acrylic painting, and printmaking. Sydney's passion for fine arts education has led her to work with children as a visual art instructor and early childhood music teacher.

There are still a few spots left. Register today:

<https://northvanarts.ca/art-education/camp-creative/>



Notes from the Sausage Factory

Jeff Powell

These are highlights from DNV council meetings, intended to help Blueridge residents keep up with local government happenings that may impact our neighbourhood. Not every item before the council is mentioned.

June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting:

While there were a large number of distinct issues on this meeting's agenda, only two are potentially relevant to Blueridge residents. The first was a change in bylaws to allow a dine-in restaurant at 680 Seylynn Crescent. This item was approved, and eventually a new restaurant may be available that isn't too far from Blueridge as a result.

The second possibly relevant agenda item was related to on-street parking of large and recreational vehicles. There are two locations in the DNV where a substantial number of such vehicles are parked continuously. One is at Bowser Island, near the intersection of Highway 1 and Capilano Road, but that property is not under the control of the DNV. Instead, that land is under provincial jurisdiction, and any changes there have to come from the province. The other location is along Lloyd Avenue and on a few other streets near the site of the new wastewater treatment plant. There was extensive discussion about this topic, and it was very clear that no one on the council wants to make life more difficult for people who are actually homeless and living in RVs. However, there are definitely concerns about abandoned RVs and other large vehicles, as well as reduced parking in the area as a result of these vehicles being in place. In addition, it was suggested that some of the workers at the wastewater plant may be living in vehicles parked on the street to save commuting time. Apparently some businesses in the area have also had issues with safety and security as well.

Despite extended discussion, no specific action or solution was found or adopted, but Council did direct staff to accelerate the identification and removal of abandoned vehicles in that area. Councillor Mah opposed that resolution, but only because it's his impression that work was already being done.

This is only potentially relevant to Blueridge residents if you park a large vehicle on the street somewhere in the District and if the Council directs staff to enforce existing bylaws more aggressively or if the rules are changed to make on-street parking more restrictive for those vehicles.

Finally, in the reports section of the meeting, Mayor Little commented on the fatal boating collision in Cates Park. (If this is news to you, a series of newspaper articles are linked in the Newsworthy section below.) He stressed that it will be some time before everything about the incident is known. In addition, he reminded residents that anyone seeing reckless boating taking place should call 911. If you have information about the accident at Cates Park or want to report something after the fact, he reminded everyone that the non-

emergency line for the RCMP is 604-985-1311.

June 16, 2025, Council Workshop:

This meeting was a chance for staff to share with the council the [2025 State of the Assets Report](#) as part of preparing the budget planning process in September. The report breaks assets down into several major categories, only the most significant of which were discussed here. In general, the DNV appears to be doing better than average in the province overall, but there are significant cost exposures coming in the next 10 years, including:

- Substantial expenses to keep the District's buildings in service or replace those that are no longer usable.
- Much of the District's sanitary sewer system will approach the end of its service life over the next decade.
- Similarly, much of the DNV's drainage system will approach the end of its service life as well.

Discussion pointed out that the DNV began large expansion about 60 years ago, which is why so much of the sanitary and drainage system is starting to age out in the coming years. In addition, climate change is putting additional stress on many DNV resources, and it will cost more to deal with those issues.

Collectively, these expenses will put pressure on the council to increase taxes and/or cut services to pay for these projects. Not one council member present was happy about that prospect, however. No decisions were taken, but we'll hear more about these issues when the 2026 budget process gets started and over the next several years.

June 23, 2025, Special Meeting:

This meeting was a single-issue event designed to gather public input on the [DNV's 2024 Annual Report](#). To be completely honest, not many people appear to be interested in this document. As of June 23rd, the Annual Report Webpage had 120 visitors and 205 unique views, with only 93 downloads of the report itself, with 1 comment via their online form and another via email. Staff says that is a normal level of engagement with this document. And only two people attended the meeting in person or virtually to make comments about the Annual Report. Their comments were generally technical in nature, and staff took notes and will address them all in a document online.

June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting:

This meeting covered a lot of ground, and some of it was controversial. The first

item relevant to some DNV residents was a vote on increasing the maximum stay in a Short-Term Rental or Bed & Breakfast from 28 days to 89 days to bring it in line with the provincial rules. This included the first, second, and third readings and passed unanimously. Final approval is expected on July 7th.

Next came the most complex and challenging issue of the meeting: the update to the Official Community Plan (OCP) to bring it into alignment with the Provincial housing rules. Here, the Council was strongly divided. Staff prepared and presented a proposal to draft bylaws to enable zoning for approximately 22,400 more housing units in the next 20 years. After much discussion and public input, that plan anticipated 75% of those units in the District's town centres and the rest spread out over the district (their "refined scenario"). Once the staff presentation concluded, DNV Mayor Mike Little brought up significant concerns about this plan. His contention is that existing zoning (allowing each residential lot to include both a suite and a coach house) meets the Province's required housing goals. In addition, he objected to the Province requiring all this additional housing without providing any concrete funding for the infrastructure required to support the additional population (schools, hospitals, roads & bridges, transit, etc.). Finally, he argued that the Province's housing requirements are based on population growth estimates that are incorrect. In fact, he says growth is not keeping up with the Province's projections even now. As a counter to the Province's requirements and all that District staff had done to meet them, Mayor Little asked for an additional set of bylaws to be drawn up that represented a "minimal compliance" option. These bylaws would rely on existing zoning to meet the Province's requirements.

At this point, as other councillors weighed in, the differences in perspective became clear. To one degree or another, Councillors Muri, Hanson, and Forbes sided with Mayor Little, while Councillors Back and Pope supported the original staff proposal. Councillor Mah landed somewhere in the middle but was seeking a slower approach to the issues than the staff recommendation provided.

After much discussion, what passed was a request for staff to draw up two sets of bylaws - the full recommendation and the minimally compliant one. Debate on this issue will resume when those bylaws are presented to Council at a future meeting.

Next on the agenda was a presentation from staff about rewriting and simplifying the zoning bylaws in general, including those relating to coach

houses. However, this item also proved challenging in its own way. While staff's intent is to simplify and streamline the bylaws with minimal impact on DNV residents (and no impact on someone who isn't building a new residence or engaging in a large renovation), there are many implications to these changes. Several council members asked that this item be referred to a workshop so they can learn more about the details before seeing (and voting on) new bylaws. Two councillors - Back and Pope - weren't particularly interested in the workshop and wanted faster progress on the bylaw rewrite. In the end, however, the item was referred to a workshop.

The next item was a review of the DNV's response to the October 2024 atmospheric river event, and while you might expect this to be a simple presentation and approval, there were fireworks here as well. Councillor Pope expressed frustration here, claiming the report sugarcoated and downplayed the event. Her language drew sharp responses from other Councillors for discussing too openly items from a closed meeting, but details weren't clear. The report was finally accepted unanimously.

The final item was a motion from Councillor Hanson to ask staff to look into requiring bells or similar noise-making devices on all bikes in the DNV. His claim was that the City of Vancouver has such a requirement, but the BC Motor Vehicle Act doesn't. However, that contention was challenged, and a quick internet search does seem to indicate that bells are actually required on all bikes in the province. This item passed 6-1 (Councillor Back opposed, saying that it wasn't needed and couldn't be enforced effectively). If staff reports back that bells are already required, expect this to go away.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

June 24, 2025, Public Meeting on Daycare Facility in Blueridge

This meeting was called to solicit public input on the expansion of a daycare facility on Berton Place here in Blueridge. Numerous people spoke both in person and virtually. No one spoke against the daycare facility itself, and many of the speakers were users of the daycare business who were highly supportive of it increasing the number of children it can manage and their ages. But approximately half the speakers were very concerned about safety. Berton Place is a short cul-de-sac with limited visibility and parking. There was concern over safety and accidents on the street with increased use. The daycare owners contend that all users of the facility are told to drop their children off on Berkley Road and to enter the facility using the footpath that connects Berkley

to the end of Berton Place. Some worried about safety on Berkley Road as well. Council will vote on this daycare expansion at a future meeting. A second public meeting on this topic is scheduled for 5pm on Tuesday, July 8th, at [DNV Municipal Hall](#).

June 24, 2025, Public Meeting on Licensing for Residential Rental Properties

This isn't likely to affect too many people living in Blueridge, but there may be one or two. The District was soliciting public input on the new licensing framework, which primarily targets those renting out multiple units for profit. The rules explicitly ignore someone renting out a suite or coach house on their own property, but if you rent out two units elsewhere you would be impacted. The rules will require those affected to get a license costing \$140 annual per unit rented out, and attest to all units being in compliance with health and safety bylaws. Most cities in Metro Vancouver already require such licenses, and the program will provide the DNV with additional information that will help inform future housing policy. The fee is only intended to cover the cost of the program. No one signed up to speak about the program, and only one person was arm twisted (in a good natured way) to comment at the meeting. Their comments were that they supported the program but want to see clearer communication around it. Given that reception, if you own a rental building here in the DNV, you'll probably be required to get a license in the not too distant future.

Those wanting more information should attend council meetings in person or online, read the meeting minutes, or watch the recording of a meeting after the fact. You can comment about issues before the council via email or by attending a meeting. Information about all these options is available at <https://www.dnv.org/government-administration/meeting-agendas-and-minutes>.

I am so excited about Canadians ruling the world.

-- John Diefenbaker



A Night on the Town

Looking for a local night out? Here's an option:

[Presentation House Theatre](#) presents:

World Ender - a musical exploring various publicly-derived answers to one question: "How would the world end for you?" With compiled vignettes of songs and stories, the performance explores answers such as global warming, apocalypse, and more through the lenses of young adults who give these answers. World Ender explores themes of death, existentialism, love, joy, and the human condition.

- July 24, 25, & 26, 4:30 and 7:00 pm
- In the Presentation House Theatre, [333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver](#)
- Tickets and more information are available at the link above.

Editor's Note: This column collects information about local shows that Blueridge residents might want to attend. But summer is here, and many of the usual venues are off for the season. There aren't any July shows from First Impressions Theatre, Deep Cove Stage Society, the Ambleside Symphony Orchestra, or the Deep Cove Coffee House. So we ask, are there other local events that should go on this list next month? [Let us know!](#)



In A Nutshell

- **A polar bear walks into a bar.** He says to the bartender "I'll have a rum and coke." The bartender asks, "What's with the big pause?" The bear shrugs. "I was born with them."
- **Register your wood-burning fireplace** - All Metro Vancouver residents who use a wood-burning fireplace or similar device are required to register it and register a declaration of compliance with best burning practices. You can learn more and create an account to file your registration and declaration at <https://service.metrovancouver.org/RIWB/>.
- **Why does Waldo (from Where's Waldo) always wear a striped shirt?** He doesn't want to be spotted.
- **No, school zone speed limits are not going to be enforced 24/7** - If you've read or heard that, it is misinformation coming from the internet. Here's a [news story about it](#), which is also in the Newsworthy section below.
- **I dropped my toothpaste.** I'm crestfallen.
- **Bears and garbage** - If you didn't read Holly Reisner's article above, you should. We have bears out and about in Blueridge, and garbage is a big attractant. Please review her guidance, and if you haven't seen the [BCA's webpage about garbage and recycling](#), take a look at it as well. There are lots of tips and links to help you keep your garbage bear free!
- **What do you call a broken can opener?** A can't opener.
- **Summer 2025 Deep Cove Heritage Society newsletter is out** - This issue features an article about Shorty Rieboldt, an article about the new Fire and Rescue Facility, and numerous photos from the past and present. Available online here: [Deep Cove Newsletter](#)
- **What do you call a melon that can't get married quickly?** A cantaloupe.
- **Water conservation** - This is your regular reminder that Metro Vancouver is subject to Stage 1 water conservation rules at this time. Lawn watering is limited to just once a week now. [Click here](#) to learn which day you can

water, and here are all the [other water use restrictions](#). The current water restrictions are always listed on the [BCA website's homepage](#). These restrictions will continue until at least October 15th and may go on for longer or get more severe if required.

- **Why do defence lawyers go out for Mexican food when they're feeling down?** To get some case-ideas!
- **Fire danger** - Despite the cool weather in June, our fire danger did rise and remain at "moderate" for much of the month. And it's likely to go up even more in July given the weather forecast. Please be cautious with anything that might start a fire. The [BCA website's homepage](#) also has the current fire danger level and a link to the [DNV's forest fire prevention page](#).
- **What language do bridges speak?** Span-ish.
- **Your item here** - Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, send us an email with the information: bulletin@blueridgeca.org.
- **What do you call a dog magician?** A Labracadabrador Retriever.
- **Are we sorry about all these awful puns and lame jokes?** Nope. Never!
- **How many ears does Captain Kirk have?** Three. The left, the right, and the final front ear.



Newsworthy

News articles and other items that Blueridge residents might find interesting or useful.

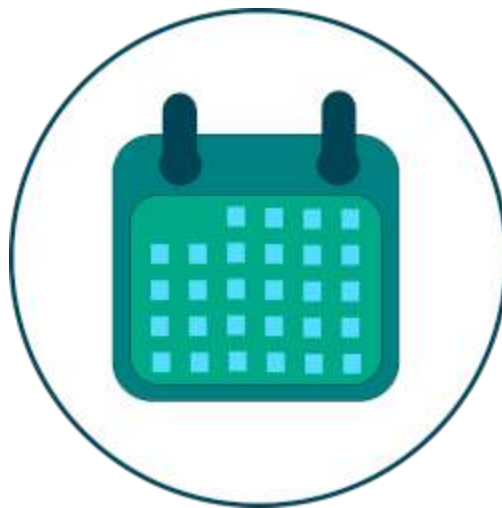
- [Transit Fares Go Up on Canada Day](#)

- [DNV Approves Emergency Response Plan](#)
- [Maplewood Farm turns 50](#)
- [BC Highway Patrol Debunks Online Misinformation About School Zones](#)
- [DNV Looking to Streamline Single-Family Zoning Rules](#) – this includes allowing larger coach houses
- [Councillor Hanson Pushes for Mandatory Bike Bells in the DNV](#)
- [Deep Cove in 1958](#) – a photo from MONOVA
- [Bat Houses at Parkgate Park](#) – to help with mosquito control
- [DNV Council to Expand Restaurant Options at 680 Seylynn Crescent](#) – not far from Blueridge
- [New Bakery Opening Later this Summer](#)
- [DNV Fire Seeks Information from Residents](#) – this article is about Community Connect, which was announced last month by DNVFR
- [North Shore Culture Quest App Available Now](#) – if you want to do something fun without crossing a bridge
- [Property Taxes Due July 2nd](#)
- [2024 DNV Annual Report Now Available](#)
- [DNV Investigating Business Licenses for Rental Properties](#)
- Metro Vancouver
 - [New Committee Will Advance Recommendations from Independent Governance Review](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver's Chief Administrative Officer Made Over \\$500,000 in 2024](#)
 - [Metro Vancouver Loses Trial Delay Request](#) – related to the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant case
- North Shore E-bike Program Changes
 - [New North Shore e-Bike Operator Announced](#)
 - [Lime Bikes Going Away](#) – but a new provider will replace them
 - [DNV Announcement](#)
- DNV Looks to Reduce Extended RV Parking on Streets
 - [District of North Vancouver to crack down on parked RVs](#) – from the North Shore News
 - [DNV Council Considers Ways to Reduce RV Parking on Streets](#) – from the North Shore Daily Post
- Squamish Wildfire
 - [Fire Held](#)
 - [Wildfire Likely to be Declared Held in the Next Day or Two](#) - this article also regularly updated
 - [Good Progress on Fire](#)
 - [Wildfire Buring in Squamish](#) – this article is regularly updated

- Tragic Boating Collision in Cates Park
 - [GoFundMe Created for Second Boat Crash Victim](#)
 - [Calls for More Boating Enforcement After Fatal Crash](#)
 - [RCMP Seeking More Witnesses of Boat Crash](#)
 - [Kayakers Saw High-Speed Boat Just Before Collision](#)
 - [Child Killed in Boat Crash Identified](#)
 - [Vancouver Sun article](#) covering the same event
 - [Fatal Boating Collision in Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen](#)

This Month In Cheese

- [The art and science of aging cheese with affineur Olivia Haver](#) - your editor needs a new hobby!
 - [Kelowna grocery store helps crack cheesy world record across Canada](#)
 - [Can you eat cheese if it has mold on it?](#) - well, you **can**...
 - [Wheel of 20th-century Italian cheese smashes record for oldest parmesan](#)
 - [Celebrating Canada Day with local wines and cheese](#)
 - [Cheese curd catapult](#)
 - [Climate change is coming for your cheese](#) - on no!!!!
 - [Cheese factory chemical spill hospitalises five](#) - hard to believe
 - [The country that produces the most cheese in the world might surprise you](#) - alas, it's not Canada
 - [Ditching the frying pan to make grilled cheese changed the game](#)
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Important July Dates

- Jul 1: Canada Day
- Jul 2: DNV property taxes due

- Jul 2: [BC speculation tax payments due](#)
- Jul 6: Cayla Brook concert - see article above
- Jul 9: Ron Andrews Rec Centre 50th Celebration - see article above
- Jul 15: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#)
- Jul 19: Marc Atkinson Trio concert - see article above
- Jul 19: [Maplewood Farm's](#) 50th anniversary, 9 am - 1pm, [tickets available online](#)
- Jul 30: Drop in at [MLA Susie Chant's office](#), 2 - 4 pm
- Jul 31: Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, DNV Public Library, [Capilano branch](#)

Notes:

- Our local schools are on break for the summer. Inquiries about registering children for school or other questions can be directed to the [North Vancouver School District](#).
- If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).



Top 10 Links from the June Blueridge Bulletin

1. [Arrest in Blueridge](#) - 14 clicks - this was back in May
2. [In-Ah Mellor's website](#) - 11 clicks - one of our local artists
3. [Silverlynn Complex gofundme](#) - 9 clicks
4. [Amazing New Dishwasher](#) - 8 clicks
5. [North Van Arts](#) - 7 clicks - for the North Shore Culture Quest App
6. [Development on Mt. Seymour Pkwy](#) - 7 clicks - this development hasn't been approved by the DNV council
7. [SoapnShine Mobile Auto Detailing](#) - 5 clicks - one of our Project Community offers
8. [Letter About Dog Poop Bags not Going to the Right Place](#) - 5 clicks - see Trash Talk above as well!
9. [The BCA Website](#) - 3 clicks - So many resources about Blueridge!

10. [Google Maps to Highlands United Church](#) - 3 clicks - for Deep Cove Coffee House

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Thank you, and we'll see you next time!

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We have [publication guidelines](#) that we recommend you review.

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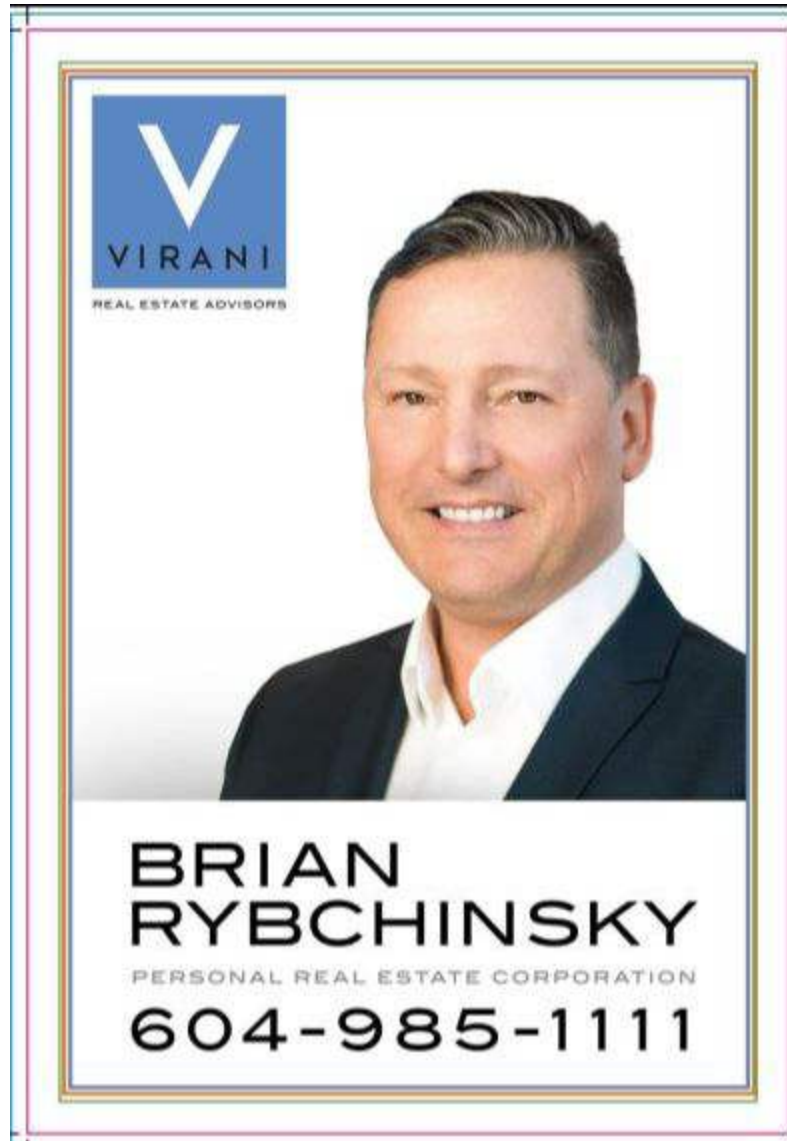
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