

Blueridge Bulletin

November 2025



November has arrived, and fall is in full swing. For your editor, that means he can't go outside without tracking maple tree leaves and flyers into the house

when he returns. It also means rain, which is good for our local reservoirs, even if so many people get tired of it.

And of course, the holidays are barreling down upon us at a furious pace. The Halloween decorations are already giving way to Christmas lights, which will keep the neighbourhood festive. There are even a few of you whose holiday lights have been running every night since last year. We see you!

Turning to this issue of the Blueridge Bulletin, it's a big one! And that's because there is so much going on. Key events last month included the Town Hall meeting with three of our local politicians present and extensive discussion of the DNF's Official Community Plan. Multiple articles below address these items in depth, and of course we have all our usual contributors as well.

So settle in with a cozy beverage and enjoy!

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Blueridge Cares 2025

Carolann Fraenkel

Each year we work within our neighbourhood to collect donations and gifts for families here in Blueridge who need some extra help at the holidays. If you could use some help over the holidays and live in Blueridge, please fill out the form linked below. In it we ask about your specific needs so we can do our best to help. All information you provide is strictly confidential.

[Blueridge Cares Help Request](#)

Help requests are accepted until Dec 5, 2025.

Want to be a part of the Blueridge Cares team?

If you'd like to help those in need, there are several ways to do so:

To participate, [fill out this form](#) or email blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org and we'll be in touch.

You could...

- Buy a gift for someone in need. Or more than one. We'll provide you with a gift tag and all the details. You purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag, and bring it back to us. We'll collect all the gifts and deliver them before the kids are off school for the winter break.
- Buy a grocery store or gas gift card for a family. We will bundle them with a holiday card and deliver them to a family who needs a little help.
- Donate cash. If you want to help but lack the time, our elves can do the shopping. We accept cheques (email blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org to learn where to drop them off) or e-transfers to the BCA Treasurer Ted Bancroft at tedb85@gmail.com. Make sure to put "Blueridge Cares" in the notes.
- Visit with a neighbour for a couple of hours. That's right, this year we're adding the option to visit with a neighbour. A chat and perhaps a cup of coffee might really brighten someone's day.
- Volunteer. If you are interested in becoming one of our elves, and have time to do some shopping and wrapping, or help organize and deliver gifts, send us an email at blueridgecares@blueridgeca.org and let us know. We'll get back to you and let you know where we need help.

Donations will be accepted until December 15th. We look forward to hearing from you before then!

However you choose to help, thank you very much!

Happy Holidays!

From the Blueridge Community Association



**Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends at
2:00 am on Sunday, November 2, 2025**

Don't be late to your first event or meeting on Sunday or Monday. Move your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night or when you get up on Sunday morning. Most computers and phones will automatically update their time, but we've all got clocks and devices that aren't that smart, including the ones in our cars.

There's a movement afoot to eliminate DST, and you can support it by writing your MLA and MP saying you're tired of it.

In November you begin to know how long the winter will be.

— Martha Gellhorn



Town Hall Meeting

Ted Bancroft, BCA Treasurer

On October 15, people interested in local politics attended a meeting at the Seymour United Church to ask questions of the three invited guests who represented the District of North Vancouver (Mayor Mike Little), the Province of BC (Susie Chant), and the Government of Canada (Terry Beech). Those interested could attend in person or watch a live podcast on YouTube.

The community was represented by the presidents of each of the organizing community associations: Blueridge, Seymour, and Deep Cove.

There were four prearranged questions posed by designated attendees directed to all three guests. Each guest addressed the topic and then took related questions from the floor. The four questions addressed the huge cost overrun projected for the North Shore wastewater treatment plant, transportation infrastructure, housing-related problems and the deficit spending/debt embraced by the provincial and federal governments.

All questions were asked and replied to in a respectful manner and helped the attendees get answers from folks who had some knowledge about the topics. The attendees expressed appreciation to the three guests for their attendance and their efforts to deal with the issues raised.

You can watch the entire proceeding on YouTube:

TOWN HALL MEETING! WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15th

Hon. Terry Beech
MP, Burnaby North - Seymour

Susie Chant
MLA, North Vancouver Seymour

Mayor Mike Little
District of North Vancouver

Come to engage on 4 important topics:

- 1) Transportation and Traffic
- 2) NS Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 3) Housing/Density Mandates
- 4) Rising Government Deficits & Debt

Wednesday October 15th 7:00pm
Mount Seymour United Church
1200 Parkgate Ave
North Vancouver, BC

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Town Hall Summary and Response

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

On October 15th, at the invitation of the Seymour, Blueridge, and Deep Cove community associations, I participated as a panellist in a town hall meeting on a number of major political issues facing North Shore communities. Joining me on the panel were Mayor Mike Little and Burnaby North-Seymour MP Terry Beech, with the Seymour Community Association's chair, Lorraine Harvey, as moderator.

The topics on the agenda were the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant, housing policy, transportation and transit, and public finances. I would be presumptuous to attempt a complete summary of what proved to be a long and rich discussion, but I would like to address each of the issues briefly here.

On the first topic, the delays and cost overruns in building the new North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant, attendees voiced frustration about the resulting disproportionate tax burden on North Shore residents as well as broader concerns about governance and transparency issues at Metro Vancouver. I also heard dissatisfaction and uncertainty regarding the prospect of getting meaningful answers about exactly how the project arrived at its present state, with calls for an immediate public inquiry.

I hear the message loud and clear and have been raising these issues constantly with my colleagues in caucus and with the provincial government. I commit to continuing to advocate for reform of regional governance and cost relief for North Shore community members. I should note that whenever I discuss regional governance reform, it is clear that it will be challenging to find a solution that works for the province as a whole and strikes the right balance between local autonomy and central oversight. This work is ongoing.

Regarding the call for a public inquiry, all three of us on the panel agreed that the legal process currently underway between Metro Vancouver and the former project contractor is the appropriate venue for fact-finding at present.

However, the province remains unequivocally committed to ensuring that people get the answers they need. If those answers don't come through the legal process or Metro Vancouver's own review, and a public inquiry is required, that is what will be done. Non-disclosure agreements would not provide a shield against those proceedings.

On the second topic, the housing crisis, residents expressed a number of concerns. I heard skepticism about attempts to address housing costs by increasing the supply of housing, as well as worries about the ability of local infrastructure to accommodate population growth, loss of existing affordable housing, and job prospects for new residents.

While Terry Beech pointed out that the impact of housing policy normally takes shape over decades, we are in fact already seeing the province's measures to increase housing supply having a tangible effect on prices. Early indications are that this approach is working just as basic economics suggests – as with other goods, scarcity of housing relative to demand leads to higher prices, and building more to meet demand lowers prices.

A number of people raised the point that preserving existing housing can ensure supply at a lower cost than new construction. I agree that this is an important part of the picture. The province's Rental Protection Fund was established for this very purpose, and it certainly plays a key role in our response to the housing crisis.

One attendee asked where the jobs will come from to employ all the people who will be joining our communities in the coming years. I look at this issue from a slightly different angle. From my own observations in the world of health care and from talking to local businesspeople, lack of affordable housing makes finding workers difficult, resulting in many vacant positions and putting a brake on economic growth. The jobs are ready – we need the workers to be able to afford to live here so they can fill those jobs and bring our local economy to its full potential.

Regarding infrastructure like schools and hospitals that are necessary to support a growing population, I noted that the province has made major investments to support growth on the North Shore, including the new and expanded Argyle Secondary, the new Cloverley Elementary on the way, the expansion at Lynn Valley Elementary, a new tower at Lions Gate Hospital, the

Urgent and Primary Care Centre on Esplanade, and the Foundry on West 1st. And our government will continue to make investments like these to meet the needs of our growing communities.

The issue that makes everyone hot under the collar is one particular category of infrastructure: transportation, the third topic of discussion. This issue needs little introduction! Traffic makes getting on, off, and around the North Shore increasingly difficult. Attendees raised concerns about the age and capacity of the Ironworkers and observed that problems on either bridge result in widespread gridlock. A [petition](#) on this issue was presented to all members of the panel, and I will bring it forward to the provincial government.

All members of the panel agreed that the Ironworkers is in need of replacement and that public transportation has a major role in improving mobility in growing communities. Bus Rapid Transit is expected to arrive on the North Shore in the near future, dependent on arrangements being made to ensure operational funding for this game-changing service. And we won't stop there; I will continue to advocate for the North Shore to receive the next SkyTrain route expansion.

All of the first three topics related in one way or another to the final one: public finances. Attendees expressed concern about large and growing provincial and federal budget deficits and asked what we are doing to bring public finances under control.

Budget pressures are being felt all across the country and indeed all over the world. BC is in a favourable position relative to other provinces, with a relatively low ratio of debt to GDP. But we are facing a real problem, and we are working hard to address it. I take fiscal responsibility seriously, and so does the provincial government.

At the same time, it would not be right – or responsible – to balance the books by cutting important public programs and services that people rely on. We've spent years building back what was torn down by the previous government, and we're not going to take the province back to those days. At the provincial level, all public bodies are undergoing a thorough spending review overseen by the Minister of Finance to identify opportunities for savings that do not compromise the quality or extent of public services. This will not be sufficient to eliminate the deficit, but it is one important part of our response to the economic situation we're facing.

The bulk of the heavy lifting in restoring the province's health will be done by increasing revenue through economic growth. As the provincial liaison with the Consular Corps, I see our government working hard to vastly increase international trade and investment. Our commitment to reconciliation has led to strong economic partnerships with First Nations across BC, creating new opportunities in the resource and tourism sectors. We're fast-tracking major projects in mining and energy. And we're funding skills training for the jobs our economy needs in the years ahead. This is how we're going to bend the curve on the deficit – by building and growing, not by cutting. There's more to say about all of these issues, and this is far from a complete synopsis of the entire discussion, but I'll leave things there for now. A recording of the full event can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZo1RYTyKCQ>.
[Or see the video linked above.]

My thanks to the organizers for the opportunity to participate and to everyone who was present to share their perspectives, ask questions, or just to listen – and, by their presence, demonstrate their care for the welfare of our communities.

As always, I am eager to hear from community members about the issues that concern you. My office can be reached by phone at 604-983-9859 or by email at Susie.chant.mla@leg.bc.ca, and I can be reached on my cell phone at 236-412-0432. If you would like to follow up on any of the issues discussed at this event, or anything else under provincial jurisdiction, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Where Do We Put 20,000 New Living Units by 2041?

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

Provincial legislation (Bill 44) sets a target for housing growth in the District of North Vancouver. The District is required by this legislation to have zoned capacity for approximately 20,000 additional living units by 2041. This is

approximately twice the pace of current development in the District. If we fail to create this zoned capacity, we face the prospect of the province intervening to accomplish the goals of the legislation.

It is, to many of us, problematic that the province is setting specific goals of housing growth without putting into place equally detailed plans for expanding infrastructure. Where are the plans to upgrade our transportation and other infrastructure to accommodate this increased population? When will we see a SkyTrain to the North Shore? When will our health-care capacity be developed to meet this increased demand? These are practical questions that, in the view of many, must be answered before we can seriously contemplate doubling our rate of housing development. There are also serious questions to be answered regarding the fiscal impacts of all this growth. Will this plan to add an extra 20,000 living units within 16 years put a strain on District taxpayers?

However, Bill 44 requires us to rezone in advance in a manner that accommodates these new units. The legislation is mandatory. What remains for Council to decide is how and where to direct this mandated population growth.

At the October 20, 2025, Council meeting, we passed the first reading on an Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment to guide this future growth. The majority of Council (Mayor Little, Counsellors Muri, Forbes and Mah) voted for a plan to incorporate this extra growth within our existing growth plans. A minority (myself and Councillors Pope and Back) voted in favour of an alternative plan that would have targeted this extra growth into expanded town centres and growth corridors. As stated in this staff report: “[This alternative plan] on balance provides greater opportunities for further diversity of housing types and more housing in centres and along corridors where there is greater access to transit, daily needs and amenities.”

I will continue to speak out against the housing growth mandates of Bill 44. I believe, with all due respect to the provincial government, that Bill 44 is poor public policy and that to mandate housing growth without a plan for infrastructure investment is not in the best interests of the District. However, if we are required to zone to add housing units at this pace, I believe that we are better off adding this zoned capacity in expanded town centres and growth corridors and protecting our single-family zones.

The OCP amendments will proceed to a public hearing. Come out and have your say. Tell us where you would like to place 20,000 additional housing units

over the next 16 years. At the same time, please communicate with your provincial representatives (your members of the BC Legislature) and tell them how you feel about our community being mandated to grow in population without a corresponding plan for investments in critical infrastructure.



Update on Chemtrade Plant Rezoning

Jeff Powell

Chemtrade submitted their rezoning application to the DNV on September 25, 2025. Their [Oct 2025 Newsletter](#) and their [Rezoning Flyer](#) describe the application and the process that happens next. See those publications for all the details, but in a nutshell:

- If the Chemtrade rezoning application is successful, they plan to build a new railcar loading building and additional infrastructure on their property at [100 Amherst Ave](#). These facilities are intended to reduce the risks associated with the production and distribution of chlorine.
- Information about their rezoning application can be found here on the DNV website: <https://www.dnv.org/business-development/100-amherst-avenue>.
- There will be a virtual public meeting Oct 27 – Nov 7, available at www.DNV.org/public-meeting
- There was also an in-person information meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.
- Their documents say the typical time to go from application submission to final approval is 15-20 months.

The DNV wants your considered feedback on this project, and both Blueridge and Seymour Heights are close to it.

The BCA has a [webpage full of information about the project](#) available if you want more details, including many links and references.



BCA Programs We're Working On

In last month's issue, we announced two new BCA programs under development.

Cozy Connections Night is the first. We're looking to bring neighbours together once a month for conversations and community building over light refreshments. We're still collecting your input:

- What activities or themes would make this event exciting for you?
- Do you prefer Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings?

If you're interested in this, please let us know, and share your ideas:

info@blueridgeca.org

Neighbours Helping Neighbours is the second. This is a chance to build connections with neighbours by helping each other out when needed. Maybe you can't mow your yard anymore. Or perhaps you need help getting to an appointment or the store. If you email us, we can try to put you in touch with someone who can help out. And don't feel shy. Everyone needs help at some point. And of course, the other side of that coin is that you might have time to help someone, or you might know someone that needs help. Again, email us. Your ideas and volunteerism might be the key things we need to get this program rolling: info@blueridgeca.org

Both of these programs were described in a bit more detail in the [October issue of the Blueridge Bulletin](#). Feel free to reread those articles if you'd like to learn a bit more.

We really want to hear from the community about both these ideas. Are you in?



2025 North Shore Black Bear Society AGM

Here are the details about the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the North Shore Black Bear Society:

Monday, November 3, 2025

[Corrigan Nature House, Maplewood Flats, North Vancouver](#)

6:30 – 8:30 pm – please arrive a little early to accommodate our full agenda

Light snacks provided

Registration is required: <https://northshorebears.com/agm-signup/>, and there are still a few seats available!

The society is excited to share this year's achievements and to present their keynote speaker:

Kayah George (She/They) is an Indigenous filmmaker and activist from the Tulalip and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Her work focuses on environmental advocacy, cultural revitalization, and storytelling. She co-directed *Our Grandmother the Inlet*, which received an Honourable Mention at the Vancouver International Film Festival, and is currently co-directing an educational documentary on orcas and Coast Salish matriarchy. Kayah is studying linguistics and psychology at Simon Fraser University and was named one of Corporate Knights' "30 Under 30" sustainability leaders in Canada.

Donations to help cover costs gratefully accepted at the door or by e-transfer to nsbbsociety@gmail.com

It will be an informative evening.



Photo by Laura W.

Q & A: Hungry, Sleepy Bears

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

Q: What are bears up to right now?

A: Eating and napping!

This is the time of year when our bears are eating as much as they possibly can to get ready for winter denning. They can be out and about for 20 hours per day – it can take that long to find 20,000 calories, which is the amount they can consume daily. This means seeing bears more often, at any time of day or night.

This also means that when bears get a really big meal (eating all the apples off a tree and the ground below, accessing multiple food waste bins on a garbage day morning, or fishing in the Seymour River), they sometimes need a nap – and it can be a long one! We've had several reports in the past weeks of bears sleeping in peaceful spots in yards. The latest one was in a treed area between a driveway and the street. The bear slept from about 10am to 6:30pm, despite many people, dogs and cars going by all day. Residents were worried the bear was ill or injured, but he or she just needed to sleep off a large feed.

Q: But how fat do they get?

A: Very.

If you've seen a bear lately, you may have noticed that they are getting really large. During this pre-winter phase called hyperphagia, they can gain a kilogram of weight a day and gain up to 30% of their total body weight before they head to their dens! For residents, this can mean that our fences are simply not strong enough to support the bear's weight, and panels often come down. At North Shore Black Bear Society, we recommend not fixing your fence immediately (if this is feasible for you) and leaving gates open to give bears free passage and protect the hinges. Bears often follow routes through neighbourhoods over and over again, and we hate to see a newly fixed fence be knocked right down again.

Q: When will they enter their dens?

A: That depends – partly on us!

Normally we see a sharp drop-off in bear activity in late November or early December. But, we know that if food is available (think garbage, food waste and bird feeders), this will interrupt denning behaviour and cause bears to be active all winter long. Living in Bear Country means managing wildlife attractants carefully all year round. Denning is optional for bears: for example, black bears in Florida don't do it all (except for mother bears and cubs). They don't need to sleep in the winter, because their natural foods are available all year round. Let's make sure our bears can't access human-provided foods this winter.

November's sky is chill and drear, November's life is red and sear.

— Sir Walter Scott



**SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS**
ELEMENTARY

**Seymour Heights
Elementary**

North Vancouver School District

Seymour Heights Elementary Update

Vesta Emmett

Seymour Heights has hit the ground running in the 2025/2026 school year. We had a wonderful Welcome Back BBQ + Bingo night to connect families together, our annual Terry Fox run, and celebrated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students in Grades 4-7 participated in the NVD cross-country meets, and the whole school is participating in our annual Scare Hunger food drive, collecting food and toiletries to be donated to the North Shore Women's Centre.

The PAC has a couple of fundraisers happening right now that are open to our Blueridge community to participate in.

- We have partnered with Neufeld's Farms in Abbotsford to offer delicious, sweet and savoury frozen options, just in time for the holidays. You can order until November 5th, and delivery is November 13th:
<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-seymour-heights-elementary-pac/ref/sm>
- Back by popular demand are Sun-Oka farm apples, which are gigantic, fragrant and juicy apples from the Okanagan. Order deadline is November 9th:
https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/082163718/org-campaign/seymour-heights-elementary-pac-november-2025
- Last year the Samosa Fundraising Company was a hit with our families, and we organized another round just before the end of the year. Purchasing will be available November 10th - 25th, with delivery on December 1st. A link will be shared once it has been received.



Blueridge
Elementary

BPAC Update - November 2025

Nicole Parfitt

October was a busy and productive month at Blueridge - from sports and fundraisers to new clubs and programs, students and families are back in the full swing of school life!

Parent Volunteers

A huge thank-you to all our amazing parent volunteers!! Popcorn poppers and hot lunch organizers to class helpers, club leaders, and sports coaches. Your time and energy help make Blueridge a special community. We couldn't do it without you!

Traffic Reminder

Please take extra care during school start (8:40 am) and end times (3:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Wednesdays). We encourage families to walk, bike, or scooter to school whenever possible.

A few quick reminders:

- The school parking lot is for staff only.
- The upper roundabout is for turning around only - no stopping or parking.
- In the lower roundabout, please don't leave your car unattended and pull forward as vehicles move.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe!

Clubs & After-School Programs

There are lots of great activities happening at Blueridge this fall:

- **Kids Chess Club:** Thursdays at lunch in the library.
- **Sports Explorers:** After-school skill development through fun, multi-sport play.
- **Farsi Program:** Open to all students, this program offers a welcoming space to learn Farsi and explore the rich culture that surrounds it.
- **Lights Up Musical Theatre:** Led by Lights Up staff, helping kids build confidence and creativity through singing, acting, and dancing.
- **Blueridge Buddies Afterschool Program:** Children get picked up by leaders and walk to Ron Andrews Community Centre for afternoon swim lessons.

Blueridge Spirit Wear

💙💚 Show your Blueridge pride! Hoodies, tees, and more are available now — perfect for wearing your school colours all year long. Order online at

blueridgespiritwear2025.itemorder.com/shop/home.

Winter Clothing Drive

We're collecting donations for the Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau from November 15 to December 19. If you have gently used jackets, raincoats, toques, or gloves, please drop them off inside the school entrance between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Questions or comments for the PAC? We'd love to hear from you!

 bpacblueridge@gmail.com



Water Metering Update: Date Set for DNV Council to Consider Report

Brian Gardiner

In the August issue of the Blueridge Bulletin, we reported on the state of water conservation and the possibility of water metering.

Water metering is seen as a way to reduce water consumption, with the indication in some communities that it has worked.

Council had asked staff to prepare a report (which has been delivered to Council) on water metering. District staff are looking at the November 17 Council workshop to review the business case for water metering.

Currently, new construction of multifamily, industrial, and other buildings in the

District is required to have meters. Such institutions are charged for the volume of water they consume.

Opinions on Council are mixed, so it might be an interesting meeting.

At the same time, Metro Vancouver is encouraging water metering for member municipalities: "Metro Vancouver supports water metering as a best management practice and encourages local governments in the region to move towards universal metering." [[source](#)] Metro's "Water Committee" meeting on November 26 is expected to discuss water metering.



DNV People, Dogs, and Parks Strategic Plan Survey Ends November 2!

Time is running out to get your input to the DNV on their People, Dogs and Parks Strategic Plan. One of the options is an off-leash dog park in McCartney Creek Park.

There's [more information online](#), including the [survey](#), but get there soon! The survey closes on November 2.



UXO Clearance Work Continues at Blair Rifle Range

Jeff Powell

The Department of National Defence (DND) has announced that the project to remove unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the old Blair Rifle Range is being extended through the end of March, 2026. As in the past, they have released a [new fact sheet](#) about the project and a [revised](#) map showing the area being focused on along with the trails that will be impacted by the effort.

For those not familiar with it, the Blair Rifle Range sits to the east and north of Blueridge. Starting at Mount Seymour Parkway, it separates the residential area from the golf course, but it goes much farther north, well into the hills. It was the site of military training between the 1930s and the 1960s, and some unexploded shells have been found in the area. The North Shore News [reports](#) that "DND has removed 989 kilograms of munitions scrap from Blair Rifle Range lands and more than 10,000 kg of other assorted trash." Multiple items have been detonated in place since this round of clearance work began.

DND will close trails where needed as the clearing process happens. The bulk of the area being cleared over the next few months is east of the ends of Larkhall Crescent, Tompkins Crescent, Hyannis Drive, and Dresden Way.

The BCA website maintains a [page about the UXO removal efforts](#), which gets updated as new information becomes available. Anyone interested in the history of the Blair Rifle Range is encouraged to read [Building Andy's Range](#), by Donna Sacuta, who extensively researched the history of the site.

**Thanks for reading
the Blueridge Bulletin!**



As a reader, you know that we pack as much news as we can into each issue. We do our very best. But there are a few ways you can help us in that effort.

Subscribe if you haven't already. Yes, it sounds silly, but more subscriptions mean more people are willing to write articles. Being a subscriber also means you get it in your email inbox directly. You don't have to wait for someone to share it with you or find it on the BCA website. It's only one email a month, and we don't share your information with anyone. (To be clear, we don't sell it either.) If you're not already a subscriber, [this link](#) will let you become one.

Share. Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think might be interested. One goal of the Bulletin - just like the Blueridge Community Association - is to foster community spirit. And the more people know about what is happening, the more community building is taking place.

Send us feedback! What are we missing? What are we getting right? What should we change? Your feedback will help the Bulletin improve. Send it to us at bulletin@blueridgeca.org

Send photos! As your editor, I spend time each month trying to find (or take) photos related to Blueridge. The cover image is particularly interesting, trying to keep it in theme with the season or recent events. But since most of us have cell phones with cameras now, there are more chances to get photos of interesting things in the neighbourhood. We keep photos around for use in future issues too, so send them in any time. Please include your name as you'd like to be credited. Submissions should be sent to bulletin@blueridgeca.org

Consider writing an article. We welcome submissions from the community. Articles should be of general interest to residents of Blueridge and Seymour

Heights. We have [submission guidelines](#) and [submission deadlines](#) online at the BCA website. Just a couple of months ago, Brian Gardiner wrote his first article for the Bulletin, and this month Bonnie Richter has contributed for the first time as well. Thank you both, and welcome! And thanks to all our other writers. It's much easier to create a publication like this with community submissions! Like photos, articles can be sent to bulletin@blueridgeca.org

Again, Thank You!



Finding the Ancestors and the Story of the “Filles Du Roi”

Bonnie Richter

Thirty years ago our children's grandparents had all passed away and there would be no one to tell stories of their past. I decided it was time to research the family history so they would know where their ancestors came from. Once I got into the search, I realized that I needed to learn these stories. So here is one part, and I hope it inspires you enough to begin your own research. It is very interesting that once you start, you will find your ancestors have been waiting for you to find them and learn their stories.

Filles Du Roi or the King's Daughters

My paternal grandmother's French Canadian ancestry is amazing! Her lineage goes back to 1642 France, and 49 of her ancestors can be traced back to the Filles de Roi. King Louis XIV asked for women to become part of a program to grow the French communities. For ten years, around 800 women signed this agreement and through careful selection of good moral conduct, homemaking skills, and excellent language skills, they would make for a strong foundation in the communities. These women were given dowries and royal protection so that they would marry, bring stability, and bear lots of children. It is for this reason they were called the King's Daughters and later also known as the

Mothers of Quebec.

In New France the population was around 2500, with only 200 of them being women. The women came from rural France, religious orphanages and poorer families who had no hope of being able to provide a marriage dowry for their daughters. Upon leaving France, they were given 50 livres and a trousseau of the following items: 1 each of a small hope chest, headdress, taffeta hankie, stockings, gloves, and a bonnet. Also given were 2 knives, scissors, a spool of white thread, 100 sewing needles, and 1000 pins.

On arrival the women were taken to a nunnery to be chaperoned until they chose a husband. Yes, they got to choose their husbands from the soldiers, officers, artisans and even the fur trappers. The dowry was increased to 100 livres if they married an officer or high-working official. Once married, the couple received a pair each of chickens, oxen, cows and pigs; 2 barrels of salted meat; and 11 crowns in money. These dowries were more than most women could have expected to receive in France, and so this dowry was a large enticement for the women. The trip over on the ships took about 2½ months, and you can imagine what travel in the old sailing ships entailed. The trip over was their incentive to stay, as they would not hazard another horrific trip home.

Two-thirds of French Canadians can trace their ancestry to between 1 and 80 of these 800 extremely courageous women.

This is a little-known history of Canada, and if you search Filles du Roi, you will find lots more.



December 20th 2025

Drop Off ASAP: 2690 Byron Road

Help support the community! Donate your gently used coats, jackets or sweaters for homeless shelters during the cold winter season! You are able to donate starting now up until January 10th, 2026, for two opportunities to contribute for those in need!

More Information: izia0221@icloud.com

The August noon in us works to stave off the November chills.

— Ray Bradbury



Finding Stillness in the Garden This November

Emilie Currie

As the days shorten and the air takes on that unmistakable autumn crispness, the garden has mostly gone quiet. The last vegetables are being pulled, the beds are ready to be mulched, and the air feels heavier and still. It's a natural slowdown and a reminder that rest is part of the growing cycle too.

In a community garden, this shift is easy to notice. We've moved from the fast pace of summer harvests to slower, quieter work—clearing beds, spreading leaves, and checking that the compost pile is doing its job. These small actions connect us to the rhythm of the season and give us a chance to simply pay attention.

Mindfulness in the garden doesn't need to be complicated.

- **Look around:** notice how the colours have changed – bright yellows, muted greens, faded flowers, and bare stems.
- **Listen:** hear the wind through the trees or the crunch of leaves underfoot.
- **Breathe:** take in the smell of soil, compost, and damp leaves returning to earth. Feel the cooler air as it passes through your nose and into your lungs.

November is also a good time for gratitude. The work done earlier in the year – planting, weeding, and watering – has paid off in food, flowers, and shared moments with neighbours. Now we close the season by giving back to the soil and to each other, setting things up for spring.

As the garden rests, it reminds us to do the same. Taking a slower pace, even for a moment, keeps us connected to what the garden teaches best: everything grows in cycles, and every season has its purpose.



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.

Sep 29 Regular Meeting:

This short meeting had only a couple of issues that might peripherally concern residents of Blueridge. The first was a series of minor changes to a waste reduction bylaw. If you demolish a house built before 1950, the rules around recovering wood from that home have been modified somewhat. The details are beyond the scope of this publication. If you are in that situation, you or your contractors will work with DNV staff to understand and comply with the rules. The other item was Council approval of a grant request to work on reducing ladder fuels in fire-prone areas of the District.

Oct 6 Regular Meeting: This meeting was cancelled

Oct 14 Special Meeting:

Reminder: A special meeting is just like a regular meeting. The only difference is that it wasn't on the original Council meeting schedule when it was published at the beginning of the year.

There were only two agenda items at this meeting, and the first (a business license issue) was unrelated to Blueridge. The main item on the agenda was the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Amendment. Staff characterized this as a "housekeeping" amendment, designed to update the annual financial plan to reflect a number of changes that have occurred. While this is a technical amendment that doesn't change future priorities directly, it does point out that the District's fiscal situation is tightening, and some changes to committed projects may be required in the coming budget year. During discussion, council members raised concerns about a gravel field conversion potentially being pushed out and asked about other ways to reduce District expenditures. This item received unanimous approval. Note that the November 10 DNV Council meeting will discuss the upcoming budget.

Oct 14 Workshop: This meeting was cancelled

Oct 20 Regular Meeting:

This meeting had a huge agenda, much of which was not relevant to Blueridge. The public comment period was fully used this time, with most commenters voicing concern about the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendments being proposed. Four items passed on a consent agenda at the beginning: rezoning a location on Capilano Road, the Financial Plan Amendment, the 2026 Council meeting schedule, and the 2026 Acting Mayor schedule. Next, the revised demolition rules bylaw passed 4-3, with Mayor Little and Councillors Forbes and Mah opposed. This adds a few rules when demolishing a home built before 1950. A large development in the Seylynn Centre on Hunter Street was approved 6-1 with Councillor Muri opposed. Then the rezoning needed to facilitate a liquor store move in Edgmont Village passed unanimously.

Next came the big item of the night: discussion of the amendments to the OCP. In response to Bills 44, 46, and 47, which greatly changed housing and zoning planning at the provincial level, every municipality is required to update their OCP by the end of 2025. In the process each city must create zoning that will allow a minimum number of new dwellings, where the number required comes from a provincially specified calculation. The DNV is required to make zoning

available for about 22,400 new homes by 2041 as a result of these laws. At Council direction, staff prepared two sets of bylaws that provide for somewhat different ways to comply with the province's rules: Option A, which allows more housing diversity in specific centres and corridors, and Option B, which makes no changes to the existing housing growth plans. Option B meets the provincial rules through the ability of any residential parcel to (at least theoretically) have a house, suite, and separate coach house. Until recently, staff had been recommending option A, and even the documentation provided at the meeting says that is their recommendation. However, things are changing rapidly. The province is currently working on Bill 25, which will again change the way zoning rules work in the province. While it has not yet passed, staff have changed their recommendation to option B, as that provides more flexibility in the face of what is likely to be present in Bill 25. Regardless of the selected option, the timeline to meet the provincial requirements by the end of the year is very tight, and these bylaws must get their first reading this evening to get things done in time.

This evening's public comments on the choice of Option A vs. Option B were far from unanimous, though most preferred Option B if a choice had to be made. Many commenters expressed frustration with provincial overreach and want some other option or some way to tell the province to butt out of zoning decisions best left to local governments.

Council discussion on this issue was robust, and some discord was obvious. Overall, the breakdown in the final vote was:

- Option A: Councillors Hanson, Pope, and Back
- Option B: Mayor Little, Councillors Muri, Mah, and Forbes.

Everyone agreed that the timelines from the province were too tight, and most expressed frustration - bordering on anger - with the way the province has inserted itself into local zoning issues. A particular issue, raised twice, was the fact that the province put municipality staff under non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) as part of preparing bills 44, 46, and 47 so that those staff members could not discuss the issues with their coworkers and council members.

Everyone expressed frustration at the lack of infrastructure funding coming from the province to help offset the costs of all this potential housing, and in this case infrastructure includes everything: roads, electricity, water, sewer, storm drainage, bridges, hospitals, schools, parks, etc. Many raised concerns that these zoning changes will not address affordability, and several noted that while the zoning might change, only the market will determine what actually gets built. If prices are too high, the housing goals driving these provincial bills will

not be met regardless of what the DNV or any other municipality does.

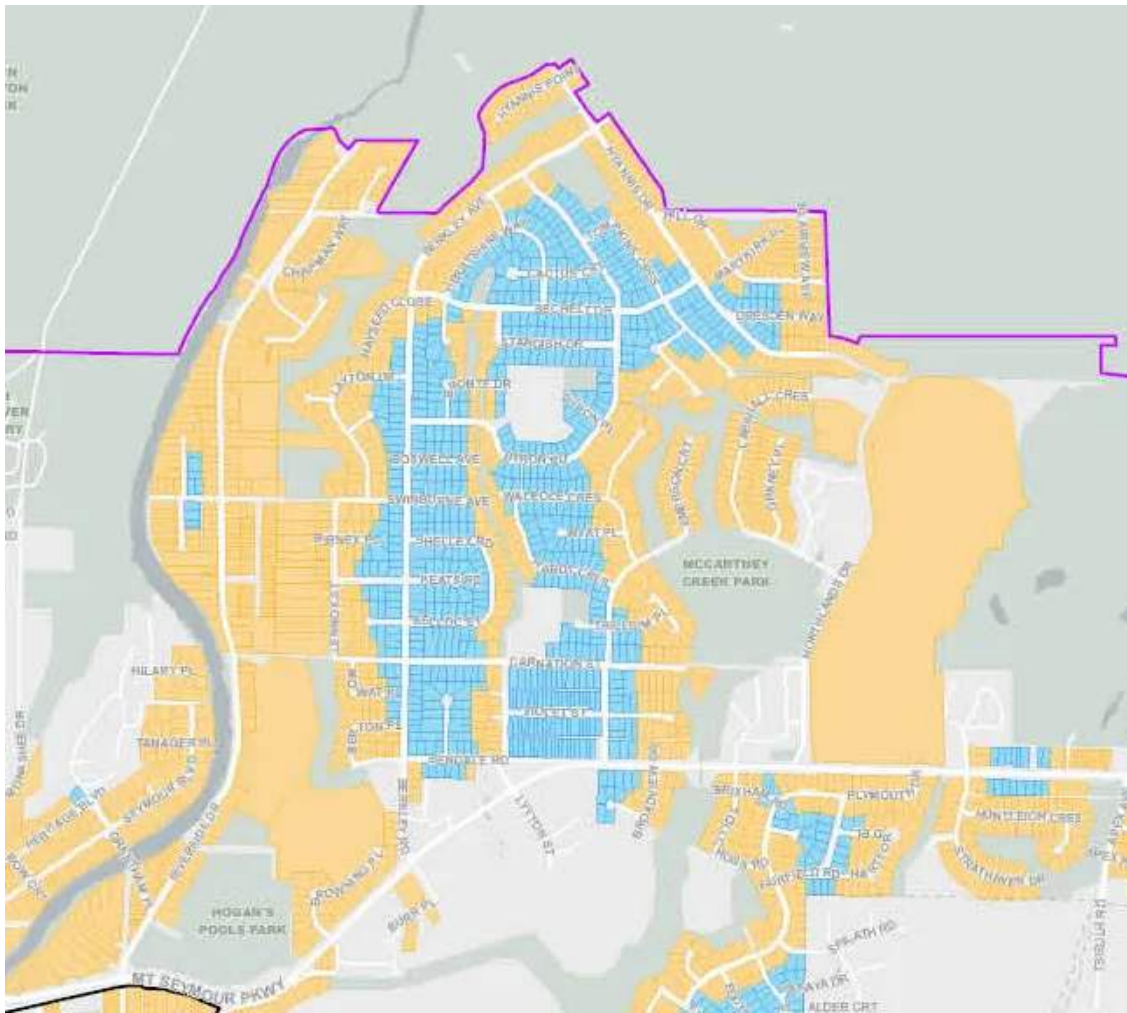
As shown above, Option B passed 4-3 and moves on in the steps to get the OCP updated by the end of this year. Expect a public hearing required for parts of these changes to happen on November 12th.

Finally, at the very end of the meeting, Council unanimously (and quickly) passed a bylaw to allow cannabis store hours to expand from closing at 9pm to 11pm, putting them in line with liquor store operations.

Oct 27 Workshop:

This meeting was a reintroduction of Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) as defined by Bill 44 for Council. This is particularly relevant in regard to Bill 25, which is likely to be passed by the province soon. SSMUH itself was not adopted by Council in 2024. Instead, Council adjusted single-family zoning in the District to allow every parcel to have a house, suite, and separate coach house. That zoning change put the District in compliance with Bill 44, and it added about 17,000 units of capacity to the District. Nothing requires anyone to build those units, and since the change was approved, only 6-10 units have been built under the new rules. (Additional changes to zoning are still coming, including potential changes to setbacks, building heights, and building sizes. These may make coach houses a more practical option for some people, among other things.)

If Bill 25 passes, as seems likely, it will impose the SSMUH rules on all cities in BC with more than 5000 residents. There are complex rules determining how many units would be allowed on a given lot, but within Blueridge and Seymour Heights it's pretty simple. Some lots in our area would be exempt from the SSMUH rules due to fire, flood, landslide, or similar risks. (About 35% of lots in the DNV were deemed to be at risk in one or more of those ways when Bill 44 was originally passed, and little has changed since then.) All other lots would be allowed to build up to four units as specified by SSMUH. In the map below (from the original discussions of Bill 44 and subject to revision), the orange areas are exempt due to one or more risks, and the blue areas could build up to four units per parcel. Note that the intent of the original map was slightly different. The blue areas also indicated parts of the District where servicing SSMUH units would be more difficult and expensive.



Discussion after the staff presentation touched on many areas of concern, including provincial overreach, lack of infrastructure funding, concerns over property valuations going up due to the possible zoning changes, and how development might occur and be limited by service (water, sewer, and drainage in particular) availability.

There will be ongoing discussion of how Council and the District will comply with the rules of Bill 25 if and when it passes. At the moment the District continues to implement the existing rules to bring everything into compliance with Bill 44 by the end of the year.

If you're interested in an SSMUH refresher, the BCA has [a page on our website](#) that includes our original discussion of SSMUH and links to various related news articles since then.

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>.



A Night on the Town

Looking for a local night out? Here are some options:

[Ambleside Symphony Orchestra:](#)

Eleven pieces, including Vivaldi's Concerto for Flute and Violin in D Major with Monique Wilberg (flute) and Zoe Robertson (violin). There are also several holiday-themed works. Bring the family!

- November 30
- Admission \$25 per adult. Children up to 12 are free.
- [Highlands United Church](#)
- 3 pm
- Or watch from home via livestream at amblesideorchestra.anywhereseat.com

[Deep Cove Coffee House](#) presents:

Feature: Heistek and Plato - Canadian vocal jazz treasure, Karin Plato, and Guido Heistek, renowned Vancouver ukulele (and guitar) maestro, perform duo arrangements of songs from the jazz, pop, and folk repertoire as well as their own compelling original compositions.

Openers: Joanne Finnermore, Robby Anchant, John Vavrik, and Steve Britton / Stone's Throw

- November 21, 2025
- Mount Seymour United Church, [1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver](#)
- \$20 each, cash only, at the door - includes delicious baked goodies, dark roast decaf coffee, teas and cold lemon water (Youth: \$5 / children & musicians: free)
- Doors open at 7 pm
- Opener: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- Refreshment break: 8:30 pm
- Feature: 9 pm

[First Impressions Theatre](#) presents:

Gunmetal Blues - A hard-boiled detective yarn disguised as a lounge act. Or maybe it's the other way around. Live from the Red Eye Lounge, piano player and tour guide, Buddy Toupee, leads us on a voyage – a voyage of mystery, murder, and music as Sam Galahad searches for a missing blonde in a world of smoke and mirrors, shadows and shattered dreams. Who murdered Adrian Wasp? Was it Carol Indigo, the party girl with the big secret? Or Laura Vesper, the woman with a past? Or was it a mysterious bag lady called the Princess? Will Sam break the case before the crooked cops and the bad guys break him? Will he find the love he thought he lost? Only Buddy Toupee knows. Put a buck in his "Tips" glass. Buddy takes requests.

- Nov 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 28, 7:30 pm
- Nov 15, 22, 29, 2 pm
- In the [Shaw Theatre](#) in downtown Deep Cove.
- 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. Are there other local events that should go on this list next month? [Let us know!](#)



In A Nutshell

- **What happens when a piano falls down a mineshaft?** A flat miner.
- **Salmon Lovers** - the latest issue of the [Seymour Hatchery Newsletter](#) (PDF) is available now.
- **Did you hear about the banker who left her job?** She just lost interest.
- **Register Your Wood-Burning Device** - Metro Vancouver continues to remind all users of wood-burning devices (including fireplaces) that you need to register your device and file a declaration saying you will follow their rules around the best wood-burning practices. You can register and declare on the [Metro Vancouver website](#). As your editor, I will point out that our neighbourhood can be very smoky on winter evenings and that [wood smoke is full of hazardous chemicals, including carcinogens](#). The Canadian Lung Association actually recommends that you don't burn wood at all in a residential setting. But if you must burn wood, please follow Metro Vancouver's rules to keep us all healthier.
- **Why aren't depressed people worried about flat tires?** They're always carrying despair.
- **A reminder: Clear your sidewalks of snow!** Yes, it's still early, but our first snow can sometimes arrive in November. But whenever it happens, we're all required to remove snow from our sidewalks by 10 am. The District reminds everyone that some residents are dependent on sidewalks to get around, so please clear them of snow ASAP. If you're up to it, you might clear the snow from your neighbour's sidewalks as well. The pedestrians will thank you!
- **Did you hear about the actuary who wouldn't make whipped cream?** She was whisk-averse.
- **The Bears Are Still Hungry:** It's still hyperphagia time, and the bears are eating as much as they can before they hibernate for the winter. Keep your garbage secure so they eat real food and don't get used to easy meals!
- **Broken pencils** are pointless.

- **On October 15th, Metro Vancouver's stage 1 water conservation rules ended.** Of course, it's always wise to save water. And the conservation requirement will return on May 1.
- **A termite walks into the bar.** He sits down and asks, "Hey, where's the bar tender?"
- **Your Item Here:** Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, see the Submit an Article section below.
- **How do you measure the quality of my puns?** A sighsmograph!



Newsworthy

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

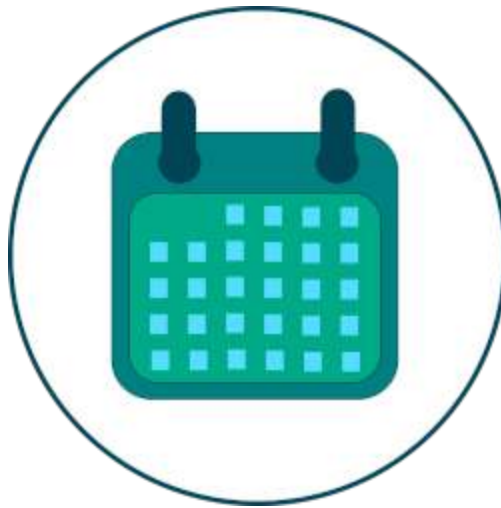
- [Jackie Bateman: North Shore seems to have a bit of a dog_poo problem](#)
- [Editorial: Every North Shore neighbourhood needs small scale housing](#) – the North Shore News puts a stake in the ground
- [Public Hearing about Official Community Plan Updates for Housing](#) (in response to provincial Bill 44) on Nov 12 at 7 pm
- [North Shore mountains see season's first snowfall](#) - October 25th!
- [North Vancouver District council split on plan for future housing growth](#)
- [Huge Lynn Creek development passed by North Vancouver council](#) - North Shore News take on the same story
- [West Vancouver council votes to defy provincial housing directives](#) - [BC Minister Responds](#)
- [North Shore community associations host town hall with Mayor Little, MLA Chant and MP Beech](#) - covers about half the town hall meeting

- [Did you know you can subscribe to pages and topics on the DNV website?](#) (Instagram link) Your webmaster uses this feature to track all kinds of things happening in the District
- [City of Burnaby cuts permitted size of new multiplex homes due to public outcry](#) - they are wrestling with SSMUH
- [North Van District giving away \(and planting\) free trees](#)
- [Hunt for unexploded bombs at North Vancouver site extended to 2026](#)
- [The Fall 2025 Seymour Hatcher & Education Newsletter](#) is available
- [People, Dogs and Parks Strategic Plan](#) - survey from the DNV open Oct 14 – Nov 2
- [Prada and Pyrex on the shelf at North Vancouver's new Highlands Thrift Store](#) - opens in the Highlands United Church basement on October 18th
- [Mail delivery set to resume as Canada Post workers to switch to rotating strikes](#)
- [B.C. housing bill focuses on multi-units, publicizing short-term rental penalties](#)
- [B.C. residents warned of people impersonating Girl Guides selling cookies](#) - wow... that's sinking to a new low
- [Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study](#) released. Some key points for DNV residents:
 - DNV has housing costs among the highest in Metro Vancouver (see page 9)
 - DNV has transportation costs that are also among the highest (page 12)
 - DNV's total housing and transportation costs are 5th highest in the region, exceeding \$50,000 per year (page 15)
 - DNV's total burden of housing costs is lower than average, though, due to the higher than average income of DNV residents (page 20)
 - SkyTrain is linked with housing and transportation affordability (page 24)
 - Transportation costs are largely driven by vehicle ownership (page 25)
- [What happens if disaster strikes the North Shore? NSEM lays out new evacuation plans](#)
- [Fire Prevention Week 2025](#): October 5 to 11
- [Fall feeding frenzy for local bears](#)
- [North Shore municipalities looking to boost committee recruitment](#) and here are the [DNV committees still looking for volunteers](#)
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- [Metro Vancouver sewage treatment plant project budget cut by nearly \\$4 billion](#) - apparently something has been learned from the NSWWTTP debacle
- [DNV councillor misleading on North Shore Wastewater Plant: Metro Vancouver chair](#)
- [Metro Vancouver Adopts New Approach for Upgrading the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) - [North Shore News article](#) – while not directly related to our treatment plant, it is related in some ways

This Month In Cheese

- [A cheese lover's cheat sheet to picking the right mozzarella for every dish](#)
 - [Alton Brown's Grilled Cheese Sandwich](#) (YouTube)
 - [How a cheese ban drove a new wedge between the UK and EU](#)
 - [The Best Cheese to Use for 6 Classic Recipes, According to a Professional Chef](#)
 - [The US government hides 1,322 million lbs of cheese in secret caves and no one knows their location](#)
 - [Beer Battered Cheese Curds](#)
 - [I Tried the Viral French Onion Grilled Cheese Sandwich and It's Pure Comfort in Every Bite](#)
 - [I Tried the 1950s Cheese Dream Recipe, and Now Have a New Favorite Party Snack](#)
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Monthly Calendar

November is:

- [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#)
- [Radon Action Month](#)
- [Movember](#)

Important November Dates:

- **Nov 2:** Daylight Saving Time ends. Move clocks back 1 hour at 2:00 a (or before you go to bed)
- **Nov 3:** Windsor Secondary: Winter Coaches and Staff Sponsors Athletics Meeting, Foods Rm, 5:30 - 7 pm
- **Nov 3:** Windsor Secondary: Winter Parent and Student Athletics meeting, Multipurpose Rm, 7 - 8:30 pm
- **Nov 3:** DNV Council Regular Meeting, [Municipal Hall](#), 7 pm
- **Nov 3:** WPAC meeting, Library, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- **Nov 3:** North Shore Black Bear Society Annual General Meeting, [Corrigan Nature House](#), [Maplewood Flats](#), 6:30 pm. (see article above)
- **Nov 5:** [Take our kids to work day](#)
- **Nov 6:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 10 - 11 am
- **Nov 7:** Windsor Secondary: Fall Choir Concert, Multipurpose Rm, 7:30 - 10 pm
- **Nov 8:** [National Indigenous Veterans Day](#)
- **Nov 10:** Professional Development Day - No school at Blueridge Elementary and Seymour Heights Elementary
- **Nov 10:** DNV Council Workshop, [Municipal Hall](#), 7 pm
- **Nov 11:** [Remembrance Day](#) - no school
- **Nov 12:** [World Pneumonia Day](#)
- **Nov 12:** Seymour Heights Elementary webinar: "Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities", registration at this [link](#), 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Nov 12:** DNV Public Hearing on the Official Community Plan Update, [Municipal Hall](#), 7 pm
- **Nov 13:** [World Kindness Day](#)
- **Nov 13:** Seymour Heights Elementary PAC meeting, staff room (or online), 7 pm
- **Nov 13:** Windsor Secondary: Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Interviews, 1 pm
- **Nov 14:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, DNV Public Library, [Lynn Valley branch](#), 1 - 2 pm
- **Nov 14:** Windsor Secondary: Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Interviews, 1 pm

- **Nov 17:** DNV Council Regular Meeting, [Municipal Hall](#), 7 pm
- **Nov 17-21:** Blueridge Elementary Scholastic Book Fair, library
- **Nov 20:** [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)
- **Nov 24:** DNV Council Workshop, [Municipal Hall](#), 7 pm
- **Nov 25:** [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)
- **Nov 26:** Windsor Secondary: Winter Band & Strings Concert, Kay Meek Theatre, 7 - 9:30 pm
- **Nov 27:** BPAC meeting, 7 - 8:30 pm, library
- **Nov 28:** School Term 1 ends
- **Nov 28:** Windsor Secondary: Review & Completion (no classes)
- **Nov 14:** Meet DNV Mayor Mike Little, DNV Public Library, [Capilano branch](#), 1 - 2 pm

Notes:

- Our local schools - even the two elementary schools, Blueridge and Seymour Heights - have differing schedules and do not always have the same short days or days off. If in doubt, check the official calendar for your specific school.
- Blueridge Elementary ends school at 2 pm on Wednesdays, while the rest of the weekdays end at 3 pm. This is not the case for Seymour Heights Elementary.
- If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).



Top 10 Links from the October Blueridge Bulletin

1. [The Imperial March on Rubber Chicken](#) (YouTube) - 58 clicks
2. [The BCA Homepage](#) - 29 clicks
3. [Mount Seymour United Church](#) (Google Maps) - 23 clicks
4. [DNV GEOWeb System](#) (property information) - 15 clicks
5. [District of North Vancouver to hold rain barrel pre-sale event](#) - 12 clicks
6. [Chemtrade Community Newsletter, Issue 8, Sept 2025](#) - 11 clicks
7. [Subscribe to the Blueridge Bulletin](#) - 10 clicks

8. [NSEM North Shore Disaster and Climate Risk Profile](#) - 10 clicks
9. [The BCA's Facebook Page](#) - 9 clicks
10. [The BCA's Instagram Page](#) - 9 clicks

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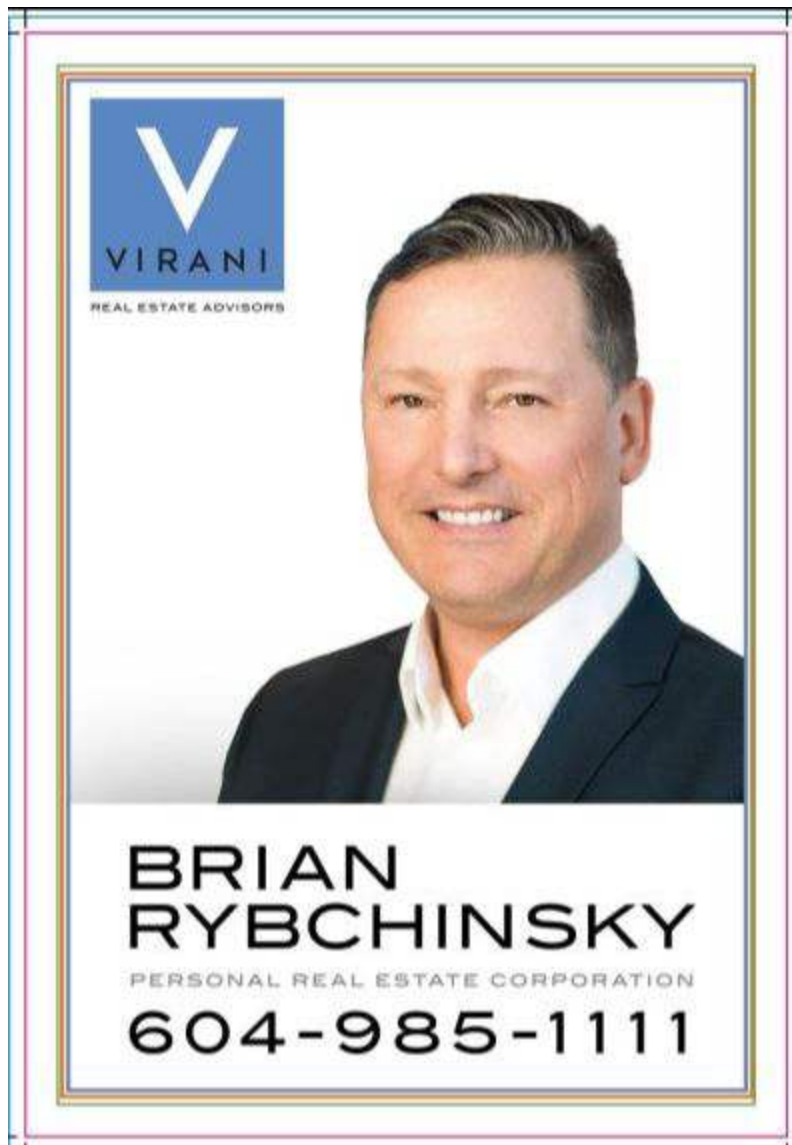
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