

January 2026 BCA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

Location: In-Person Meeting – Derbyshire Way

Chair: Mahnaz Fardghassemi

Members Present: Barry Fenton, Eric Andersen, Ted Bancroft, Lesley Brooks, Anni Danielson, Michael Bernard, Fariba Leilaby, Elmira Nazar, Mahnaz Fardghassemi, In-Ah Mellor.

Minutes of Meeting

1. New Newsletter Editor Edmund Hayley, a long-time Blueridge resident and recent journalism graduate from Langara College, has been appointed as the new newsletter editor.

- **Action:** Michael to assist Edmund in the transition for the upcoming March issue.

2. Succession Planning The Board is considering a "co-chair" leadership model to take effect after the May AGM. The proposal involves a rotating two-year cycle with two board members serving per year. By the end of two years, four individuals will be fully trained in the role.

- **Proposed Rotation:** 2 individuals for Year 1, followed by 2 other individuals

3. Cozy Nights The first Cozy Nights event is scheduled for **January 20th at 7:00 PM.**

- **Promotion:** Social media schedules are being set; PACs will be asked to share the event.
- **Action:** In-Ah to create a reusable Cozy Nights image template.
- **On-site:** Signage, sign-up sheets, and QR codes will be available to help community members subscribe to BCA updates.

4. New Resident Outreach To better integrate newcomers, Lesley will now request email addresses during her BCA "meet and greet" visits.

- **Goal:** Automatically subscribe new families to the community bulletin to keep them informed.

5. Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (BGND) Revival discussions have begun regarding a partnership with the Blueridge Elementary PAC to co-host BGND. The BCA would provide guidance and experience while the PAC leads the planning. Potential collaborations with Seymour Heights and Windsor PACs are also being explored.

6. Alliance of Neighborhoods A Burnaby-based group of community associations has reached out to NVCAN (North Vancouver Community Associations Network). These groups are organizing to approach the government regarding living conditions and infrastructure on the North Shore. The BCA sees this as a valuable opportunity to share experiences and learn from other associations.

7. "Blueridge Spirit" Project The Board discussed defining the "Blueridge Spirit"—the unique story of what makes our community distinct. This project will be a focus for expansion over the coming year.

8. Dog Owner Etiquette Following concerns regarding pet etiquette on community trails, the Board will provide guidance to residents.

- **Action:** Ted to write an article outlining recommended manners for pet owners.

9. Movie Nights The Board is exploring outdoor movie events. Options include using the production company's sponsors or securing local BCA sponsors. While a concession stand could generate revenue, the Board noted concerns regarding community interest.

- **Action:** A poll will be posted on the "Blueridge Neighbours" group to gauge interest before proceeding.

10. Town Hall Meetings The Board aims to strategically schedule Town Halls. There is a proposal to host an "All-Candidates Meeting" in the fall to introduce the candidates running for Council in the DNV - this will be coordinated with other community groups for a larger platform, likely at Mount Seymour United Church as usual..

11. BCA Scholarship The scholarship criteria are being updated for the website.

- **Action:** Lesley to send the final wording for the update.
- **New Initiative:** The Board discussed inviting past winners to provide updates on their progress to the community.

12. Spirit Award The Spirit Award is being presented to **Susanne Mueller** in recognition of her leadership in the annual creek cleanup.

13. Neighbours Helping Neighbours: Ginette is leading this initiative.

- **Action:** A meeting will be scheduled between Ginette, Eric, and Mahnaz to determine the specific requirements for the program launch.

14. Board Profiles The email regarding board member profiles will be resent.

- **Goal:** To have rough drafts completed within the month.