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Photo by Corinne Volpatti

Here there be summertime dragons! Well, as close as we get, anyway.

Do you recognize the "creature" shown above? If not, you haven't hiked on the Hyannis Trail recently. It's not that far in, and it looks a little different every time I see it. If, like me, you spend far too much time at your computer, maybe it's time to pay him a visit.

I'd like to welcome all the new subscribers. Some people who filled out the Movie Night poll indicated that they were interested in getting our once-a-month emails. That's what this is, and in my role as editor I welcome you (along with our other recent subscribers!), and I hope you enjoy what you find here. Thank you for your interest!

This month, we're trying something (sort of) new. The table of contents is now a set of links that will take you to individual articles inside the issue. If you want to read a specific article, you can click on it in the TOC, and you should be taken right to it. We did this a while back and had trouble with the archived copies on the BCA website. Those links were a mess, but we now have a way to fix them, so we're trying this again. If you have comments on this or anything else in the Bulletin, please send them to bulletin@blueridgeca.org. We want to hear from you!

Many thanks to Corinne Volpatti, who shared a number of photos with the BCA, including the beastie seen above. We're always looking for more photos, though, so if you have some to share, please let us know with an email to info@blueridgeca.org. We need neighbourhood photos for our brochure, the BCA website, and the Bulletin. If you have more than one, please send a link to an online archive where we can download full-sized versions. And of course, please let us know how to provide photo credit to you properly. Thank you!

We hope you're enjoying the summer!

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Features



Local elections are coming

Jeff Powell

The Blueridge Community Association is a non-partisan organization. We will never tell anyone who to vote for. However, we can (and do!) educate people on the issues and encourage voting in general.

The next municipal election is on October 17th. [Historically, these have had very low turnout](#). In 2022, for example, only 15,032 or 22.6% of the population actually voted. And Mike Little won the mayoral race by just 322 votes over his challenger.

Your vote matters. In fact, with such narrow margins and low turnout, every vote matters.

But equally important is that local politics matters far more than most of us realize. Consider:

- Are business or building permits too hard to get? Or too easy?
- Are there potholes on your local roads that need fixing?
- Is there too much development in your area? Or the wrong kinds of development?
- Are our parks properly maintained? Do we have too few or too many? Do they support the right activities?
- Are your taxes not being spent how they should be?

At some level, all of those things (and many more) are locally controlled. And the DNV Mayor and Council are accountable to us, the voters, on those topics. In addition, our local politicians are our primary representatives to Metro Vancouver and the provincial government. Of course, each of us can contact those organizations directly, but our Mayor and Councillors definitely have more pull than individual citizens when it comes to getting changes made at those levels.

And if you want to know exactly what kinds of issues our Council addresses each week, you can read the Notes from the Sausage Factory column here each month in the Blueridge Bulletin. It summarizes those items that most directly affect residents of our neighbourhood.

As we approach election season, the BCA will do its best to present factual information about how to vote and who the candidates are. In addition, we're one of the sponsors of an All Candidates Meeting coming on October 8th. We've already created [a page on our website listing the declared candidates](#) that will also contain voting information as it becomes available. You'll be able to find it linked on our [homepage](#) until the election is over.

This year, please be a part of the process. Join us at the polls on October 17th!



Modernizing Single-Family Zoning: Fewer Basements, More Height

Jim Hanson, Councillor, District of North Vancouver

The District of North Vancouver has completed an update of its single-family zoning bylaws. The process required a number of Council workshops, a public hearing, and Council debate in a regular meeting. The new bylaws passed unanimously. We now have only two sets of single-family zoning rules, one for the nearly 19,000 single-family lots within the urban containment boundary and the other for 219 lots outside the urban containment boundary. These two zones replace a patchwork of 19 zones that provided differing regulations for different neighbourhoods. This will simplify the permitting process and reduce wait times at District Hall.

The most significant change is the removal of the basement exemption for the calculation of total allowable floor space. While basements are still permitted under the new rules, they will be included in the allowable floor spaces. Under the old regulations, the floor space of basements was exempt, which created an incentive to build basements as a way of adding to the total allowable floor space of a home. Given the environmental harms caused by basements (the volume of concrete and destruction of subsurface water flows) and the comparative unlivability of basements compared to above-ground living space, Council sought to bring in bylaws that would no longer incentivize basements.

To compensate for the loss of the basement exemption and to encourage building up instead of down, the new bylaws permit three-storey buildings compared to the two-storey limit in the old regulations. The new zoning regulation also brings in less consequential changes to front yard setback (reduced to 20 feet from 25 feet), a requirement for a portion of any lot to have a landscaped area with a permeable surface, and a new rule that will include garages within the calculation of allowable floor space.

The method of calculating the total floor space ratio (FSR) is modified to reflect the inclusion of basements and garages, but the total buildable area will remain nearly identical. A new rule will allow a 500-square-foot bonus to the allowable

floor space for coach houses.

For my part, I advocated for stronger regulation to discourage basements. However, overall, I regard the new single-family zoning rules as a step in the right direction, and I believe they will be welcomed by the community for their simplicity (two zones instead of 19) and their support for more liveable structures that are above ground.

The English winter—ending in July,
To recommence in August.

-- Lord Byron, English poet

We wish.

-- Greater Vancouver Water District (probably)



Busy, Busy, Busy: Bear Reports are Up – Way Up!

Holly Reisner, Executive Director, North Shore Black Bear Society

We have been super busy this July with about 23% more reports than this time last year. This is a good thing – we very much rely on residents letting us know what is going on with bear activity and, therefore, what support we can provide where.

It does come with some challenges: you may have noticed we haven't been replying to every report and not in as timely a fashion as we would like. We are READING every single one and trying to pick out the ones that are most urgent or where we can be most effective. We have also had to disable uploading videos with your web reports due to website storage issues. If you put a report in through our site, please indicate in the comments if you have a video and a short description of it, so we can reach out to you via email if we would like to see it. (I mean, I love seeing ALL the videos. We just have to manage it at this time.)

Why so Busy??

Short answer: we aren't sure. We know from conversations with other agencies that bear activity, specifically bears accessing bins, bears breaking into sheds and garages to access odorous bins and/or freezers, and bears entering homes and vehicles, is up across the whole region, not just on the North Shore. We are also seeing less bear activity than usual in some of the watersheds. This despite a decent berry crop and intermittent rain.

Bear Love is in the Air

June and July are bear mating season, and we have certainly been noticing some very large males coming through all around North Van. We even believe that some of our beloved locals, Fat Frank and Bob, may have some female companionship right now. Mating bears can hang around together for up to a week, so we are hoping that once this season passes, things might settle down a bit.

What Do You Need to Know?

The usual things are super important right now:

- Please do a careful job of separating organics – there should be absolutely no food scraps in the garbage bin!

- Any wrapper or container that has touched food needs to be washed before going into the garbage or recycling.
- Freeze those bits of food that are super attractive until the morning of collection: fish, meat, chicken scraps and grease from cooking or BBQ. And freeze garbage that you can't wash, such as the absorbent pad that comes under meat.
- Diapers are so attractive to bears! Flush the solid waste from them, wrap each diaper and store indoors in a pail with a tight-fitting lid. Pour some original-scent Pine-Sol into the pail and put the diapers out only on garbage day morning.
- Wash your bins out regularly with vinegar. Clean bins are better for bears and nicer for you, too.
- Fruit on trees and grape vines is starting to ripen! Please pick up fallen fruit every day and harvest your entire tree, vine or bush just before it ripens. Consider registering your tree for harvest with the [North Shore Fruit Tree Project](#) so they can donate the fruit if you aren't going to use it. If you have an old, overgrown tree that has millions of tiny apples, cherries, plums, etc., it's really best to remove the tree.

Let's Keep Bears Outside Where They Belong!

Keep ground-level doors, windows, and garage doors shut at all times, unless a person is right there. We know this is difficult when it's warm out, but if we give bears the opportunity to enter these spaces, or an unlocked vehicle, or one parked with the windows open a little, this can be a death sentence for them.

We appreciate when bins are stored in garages, but this is not enough to keep bears out of your bins! We are seeing bears break into garages and sheds because they can smell the bins inside or the fridge/freezer in there. Again, this is a potential death sentence for bears, and we have lost one bear already on the North Shore this year because of this. **Remember, odour control is the most effective way to safeguard your bins: physical security is helpful but secondary.**

How can you help?

- Please follow the recommendations above.
- If you are available to help distribute our information to your block, or beyond, please get in touch with us at www.northshorebears.com/volunteer. We love our volunteers as much as we love the bears!



Under the Stars: Community Movie Night is August 23rd!

Mark your calendars! The Blueridge Community Association is thrilled to invite you and your family to our upcoming Movie Night on Sunday, August 23rd.

We will be gathering on the big field at McCartney Creek Park for a wonderful evening of cinematic magic under the stars. This year, the votes are in and we are incredibly excited to be screening *The Wild Robot*, with the film kicking off right at 8:00 p.m.!

Event Details

- **When:** Sunday, August 23rd at 8:00 p.m. (Come a bit early to claim your spot!)
- **Where:** McCartney Creek Park (Big Field)
- **What to bring:** Pack your favorite blankets, lawn chairs, and cozy layers to stay warm when the sun goes down. Please also bring flashlights or headlamps! The park field lights will not be turned on, so extra lighting will help everyone safely navigate back to their cars or trails after the show.

Treats & Eats

No movie night is complete without snacks! We will have a concession stand packed with delicious treats and refreshing drinks. The concession will accept both cash and cards, so come hungry and support your community association!

Sponsor Movie Night!

Are you a local business owner looking to connect with the neighbourhood? You can sponsor Movie Night and have your business logo prominently

displayed on the big screen both before and after the feature film! It's a great way to showcase your business while supporting a fun local tradition. If you're interested, please reach out to us at info@blueridgeca.org. Here are the sponsors we have so far!



A True Community Effort

Events like this are all about celebrating our wonderful neighbourhood, and we need a little help to make it run smoothly. We are looking for volunteers to help with quick, easy shifts for setup, concessions, and wrap-up. If you can spare an hour to help out, please [click here](#)—we truly appreciate your support!

Finally, let's keep our beautiful park pristine. We kindly ask that everyone pitches in by cleaning up their seating area and packing out any trash at the end of the night.

We can't wait to see you all on the field for an unforgettable night!

Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.

-- Jenny Han



Rainwater Collection - Part 1

John Marquis

I grew up in Vancouver and have had the great pleasure of living in our Pacific paradise for over 60 years, half of which have been spent in the Blueridge community. For many decades. I looked forward to a week of very warm weather in May, a moderate month of June, and a hotter summer, with perhaps 3 weeks of constant sunshine, before everything began cooling off in September. The high summer temperatures were what seemed to be an incredibly hot 32 degrees. We didn't really consider the possibility of conserving

water since we clearly lived on the Wet Coast, and scarcity of water was a problem for people living in much warmer climates.

In 1993 the Lower Mainland saw the adoption of the first regional water regulation policy, which was a guide to outdoor water use. We got used to using less water in the summer months, with good recommendations for limited lawn sprinkling and ideas on how to use less of what still seemed to be a plentiful resource. 2015 now looks like the “good old days” because water restrictions started June 1 and ended on September 30, and depending on the stage, you could still water your lawn for 2 hours on alternate days. The last ten years have seen an ongoing expansion of the restrictions as the average temperatures have risen from May through September, and far less precipitation is happening, including a lessening local snowpack. Current water use restrictions now apply from May 1 through October 15, and even stage 1 lawn watering is only once weekly, with none allowed at stage 2 or 3.

Like many of our neighbours, we have made changes to our lifestyle and property to reduce our water consumption throughout the year, particularly during the increasingly parched extended summer months. We have installed low-flow shower heads, faucets, and toilets and have invested in appliances that use far less water than our old ones. We constantly ensure taps are fully turned off, and leaks and drips are fixed as soon as we spot them. Outside our home, we have significantly decreased the size of our lawn in favour of expanded garden beds with drought-tolerant plants and a rock garden, receiving many compliments from neighbours.

With more incredible heat waves in the last few years, we decided to make a further addition to our water conservation and collection efforts. After researching many different options, we invested in two 500-gallon storage tanks that are fed from our downspouts and filled during the rainy winter months. With a timer and pump, we have made it possible to use this reclaimed water when the need is greatest. Many people have asked about the system, including costs and maintenance requirements, and in the next issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin* I will provide additional details and pictures of our hidden treasure.

There are many other ways to conserve and use water differently to ensure we collectively have enough when needed, and we would love to hear your ideas. Please send your thoughts and best practices to the BCA at info@blueridgeca.org.

Editor's Note: One of the regular reviewers of the Bulletin pointed out that the DNV runs a [rain barrel program](#) every year that helps people get barrels. If this article (or the follow-on) inspire you, that program may be of interest next year.



Summer Update: Neighbours Helping Neighbours Is Here to Support You!

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Team, Blueridge Community Association

Summer is in full swing in Blueridge! Between vacations, warm sunny days, and shifting routines, the season often brings changes to our daily schedules. Whether you're heading out of town for a week or just dealing with a busy summer routine, remember that you don't have to manage it all alone—our community is here to support you.

The Neighbours Helping Neighbours (NHN) program is all about fostering the kind of friendly, supportive community where people look out for one another. Think of us as the friendly neighbour down the street you'd naturally ask for a quick, one-off hand.

How We Can Help This Summer

If you're away or just need an extra set of hands, our volunteers can assist with simple, helpful tasks like:

- Watering plants and keeping your garden happy while you're traveling
- Checking in on neighbors who might appreciate a quick hello or a check-in
- Collecting mail or packages so your porch stays secure
- Small, everyday favors that give you peace of mind

Want to Lend a Hand?

Our program is built on the generosity of wonderful community members like you. If you have a little time to spare and would like to offer help to your neighbours this summer, we'd love to have you on board!

How to Request Support or Volunteer

Getting involved or requesting help is quick and simple:

- Visit the [BCA website](#) and head over to the [NHN page](#).
- Fill out the [request form](#) if you need a hand, or fill out the [volunteer registration form](#) if you'd like to join our helper list.

Our team will take it from there!

In Blueridge, community and connection mean everything to us. Whether you need a little help or want to give a little help, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to support each other!

Humour Break



We missed wedding season by a couple of months, but someone might still find this useful. Or funny!

Are you enjoying this issue of the *Blueridge Bulletin*?

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Please [click on this link](#) to subscribe.

And if you are already a subscriber, feel free to share this issue with a friend or neighbour who might find it useful!

Thank you!



Back to the Drawing Board for Cozy Nights

Michael Bernard

Our initial pilot project of Cozy Nights, where Blueridge residents can meet their neighbours in a casual setting at Canlan Sports North Shore (bottom of Berkley) every third Tuesday night of the month, has met with moderate success. We are, however, putting the next two Cozy Nights on hold (August and September) to take some time to explore some variations on Cozy Nights

going forward. To boost participation, we're going back to the drawing board to consider "theme nights" both at Canlan and at other locations. Some ideas that have emerged so far are:

- Staging a trivia night led by experienced hosts.
- Engaging travel professionals to talk about the newest, most popular destinations for everyone from seniors to budget-conscious young families.
- Holding a regular wine tasting event, featuring different experts talking about the best wines to buy, possibly staged at different Blueridge homes.
- Encouraging Blueridge residents young and old, to take up Pickleball at Little Cates Park

If you have any interest in bringing these suggestions to life or have some ideas of your own, please contact me at michaelwrbernard@gmail.com or leave a voice mail or text message at 604-506-5764. I look forward to hearing from you!

August used to be a sad month for me. As the days went on, the thought of school starting weighed heavily upon my young frame.

-- Henry Rollins



DNV Urban Tree Canopy Festival

Each year the District of North Vancouver distributes free trees and shrubs to residents to help improve the urban tree canopy. This year's program has started, and you can learn more at the [Urban Tree Canopy Festival page](#) on the DNV website.

Interested residents can fill out [this form](#) to request up to 3 trees and up to 3 shrubs if you have a yard and up to 3 shrubs if you don't. The form will remain available while there are plants to request. Orders are first come, first served.

Pickup will be on October 3 or 4, 2026, and the DNV will provide the details on how that will work.

Happy planting!

Blueridge Sharing Garden



August in the Garden: A Season of Gratitude

Emilie Currie

August is when the garden begins to show the rewards of all the work that came before it. The seeds planted in spring, the hours spent watering and weeding, and the care given throughout the season all come together in a moment of abundance.

If you've stopped by the Sharing Garden recently, you'll have noticed just how much it has grown. The beds are full of big, healthy plants, and there is no shortage of colour, from dahlias and poppies to lavender and coneflowers.

In July, we harvested our garlic, which is now curing and will be ready for purchase later in the summer. Please keep an eye on our socials for more information! We're also enjoying plenty of zucchini and cucumbers making an appearance and the first hints of red beginning to show on the tomatoes.

A garden is never created alone. Behind every thriving space are the people who lend a hand, share their skills, donate their time, and help strengthen the community around them.

This month, we want to take a moment to say thank you.

A huge thank you to Jan, owner of Take A Bough (take a bow!), for the incredible hedge-trimming work. In just three hours, Jan accomplished what was a massive job and completely transformed the space. Thank you as well to Manhaz for the beautiful new box signs, Kyle at The Junk Haulers for his support, and Craig for generously donating wood shavings and compost to help keep our garden growing.

Gardens are built with soil, sunshine, and a lot of helping hands. We're grateful for everyone who contributes to making this space a little better, season after season.



Blueridge Garden Concerts

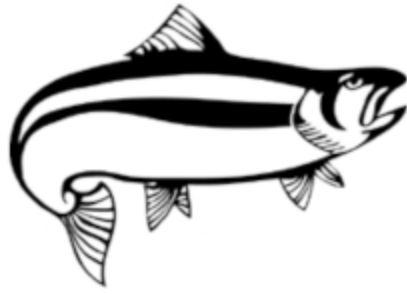
Roxie Giles

The 7th season of concerts presented by Don & Roxie Giles continues in their garden right here in Blueridge. Two shows remain, \$45 each, 60 tickets per concert!

Bring your own summer snack and drink. Chairs, tables, and glassware are provided. A great way to enjoy our fabulous community!

- **Saturday, August 8th, 4 pm:** GE/ME and the boys: Singers Georgina Arntzen, Mary Ella Young, Tom Arntzen (keyboard), Buff Allen (percussion)
- **September 5th, 3 pm:** Van Django

Please send your email of interest to Roxie: roxiemusic2017@gmail.com. She will contact you with all the details.



SEYMOUR SALMONID SOCIETY

Seymour Salmonid Society 2026 Annual Open House

The Seymour Salmonid Society (SSS) is hosting our annual Open House!

Sunday, August 30th, 2026 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

The event is hosted at the Seymour River Hatchery in the Metro Vancouver Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (at the base of Seymour Falls Dam). Free shuttles will transport you from the Rice Lake Gate (at [4900 Lillooet Road](#)) to the Hatchery every half hour.

No registration required.

Find out what's been going on at the hatchery and learn more about the Seymour Salmonid Society. There will be hatchery tours, games, an information booth, a live band, and a barbeque!

For more information visit www.seymoursalmon.com or email volunteering@seymoursalmon.com.

One day you discover you are alive... but, not long after, the sun goes out.
Snow falls, but no one sees it, on an August noon.

-- Ray Bradbury



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 29 Special Meeting:

This meeting covered two items of interest. The first was an update on the Development Approvals Process Review and some associated bylaws. This effort continues to work at streamlining the processes associated with development applications, and the bylaws presented are part of that effort. Council asked questions about priorities and to clarify some points, but the bylaws were given first, second, and third readings unanimously.

The second was a request from staff to approve the allocation of funding to certain facilities projects. This item ran into trouble. There were deep concerns about the money being spent here in light of the budget deficit the DNV faces. In particular, spending \$6.9M on new bathrooms in Cates Park was called out for various reasons. In the end, this was referred back to staff in a 6-1 vote, with Councillor Mah opposed. The intent is to see these issues brought to a future workshop so they can be discussed in a lot more detail.

June 29 Workshop:

This entire workshop addressed the 2027 budget outlook. According to DNV staff, given increasing costs - particularly in charges from Metro Vancouver, but also in other areas including construction, energy, and fleet replacement - it would require a 7.5% tax increase each year over the next three years to maintain service levels. But Council has a long-stated preference for much

lower tax increases - of 3.5% - which is at odds with the cost increases the DNV faces. In addition, most of the DNV's budget is not directly under Council's control. Charges from Metro Vancouver and contracted and mandated services total 75% of the budget, leaving only \$58M out of \$236M in which adjustments can occur. Staff presented some examples of information that will come to Council showing areas of the DNV budget and the service levels currently provided, along with what changes to those service levels might mean.

There is some contention here between Council and staff about what the term "service levels" actually means. It may be differently understood, or the expectations around them may be different. Regardless, the budget process for 2027 will be a rocky one, and difficult choices lay ahead.

July 6 Meeting:

This meeting started with four quick votes - no debate - to adopt things that had previously been debated before Council. None were particularly relevant to Blueridge. The next item was the vote on third reading for the Chemtrade rezoning request. This was hotly debated, but honestly, the only council member who changed his vote from the last time this came up (in February, 2026) was Mayor Little, who decided to support the rezoning in response to Chemtrade's offer to stop chlorine production in 2046. No new arguments were presented to change anyone's mind. The rezoning passed 4-3 with Councillors Muri, Forbes, and Pope opposed. At this point the DNV will have to finish negotiation of a section 219 covenant with Chemtrade, and then this item will come back to Council for a final vote.

Then came a discussion of a six-unit townhouse development at 873 Premier Street. Councillor Muri was concerned about the lack of a traffic survey in the area, but the development was given first, second, and third readings unanimously. Next, the annual Community Service Grants and Childcare Grants were approved unanimously. Then a report from Metro Vancouver about their solid waste management plan was presented and accepted. The handling of solid waste (garbage) appears to be one area where Metro Vancouver leads, at least in North America.

Next there was a discussion about disc golf facilities and a staff recommendation to allow temporary use of the grounds at Cleveland Park for disc golf events and tournaments. This was approved unanimously.

Item 8.11 was a discussion around a request by Councillor Mah to have the

DNV request an inquiry into the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant by the Inspector of Municipalities. While Council was united in support of this request, there was highly divisive discussion in the process of getting to the vote. Councillor Pope claimed to be the one taking the lead on demanding an inquiry, and both Mayor Little and Councillor Muri took objection. This was a highly acrimonious discussion, and it was clear that this Council does not get along particularly well.

In a follow-up motion, Councillor Muri asked that Council ask the Greater Vancouver Sewer and Drainage District Board to apply the full \$235M settlement received from Acciona to the North Shore subregion to reduce the costs paid by residents for the NSWWTP, and that any review of the NSWWTP be completely and truly independent from Metro Vancouver. This also carried unanimously, but Mayor Little did raise the concern that Metro Vancouver might prefer to use the Acciona settlement money to help ease the entire region onto a single rate for all wastewater. In addition, there was speculation raised that the reason the Province has been hesitant to start a review of the NSWWTP is that Acciona is involved in several other projects around BC, and such a review could make life more difficult for those other efforts.

July 13 Meeting:

Be aware that the supporting document for this meeting is over 1000 pages long. However, about 400 of those pages are a quarterly document release from the DNV that is unrelated to the meeting itself.

The first major item at this meeting was final approval and the issuance of a development permit for 46 townhouses on Mt. Seymour Parkway at Gaspe Place. These had previously been debated, and tonight's vote was only final approval. They passed 5-2, with Councillors Muri and Hanson opposed. Next, Council debated issuing the development permit for an affordable housing development at roughly the corner of Riverside Drive and Old Dollarton Road. This passed 6-1, with Councillor Muri opposed. After a few items not related to our area, Council addressed and debated the revised residential zoning bylaws. These simplify all residential zones in the DNV down to just two, remove the incentive to create fully in-ground basements, allow additional height, and make changes to make coach house development more practical. They do not introduce Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH). These passed 5-2 with Councillors Muri and Forbes opposed. The primary objection was their belief that these changes had been pushed through too quickly.

Next, there was a proposed change to an already approved development called Maplewood Gardens. This is a very large development (over 500 units) coming to Maplewood in the area surrounded by Old Dollarton Road, Riverside Drive, and Front Street. The developer wanted to change 121 strata to rental units, 20 at below-market rates. A previous attempt to make these changes had failed because it removed too much parking. This time they didn't remove as much and added 2 car-share spaces as well. This passed 4-3 with Councillors Forbes, Muri, and Hanson opposed. Forbes and Muri were primarily concerned about parking and density, while Hanson was concerned about the size of the development combined with the lack of enough affordable units.

A regular financial plan amendment passed unanimously. These update the financial plan twice a year to reflect what has changed. The Aging and Older Person Strategy update presented Council with the progress on this item, which is in the middle of its second phase. The DNV is developing a strategy to help make the community more livable for residents as they grow older. There will be a ten-year implementation framework as part of the final product, and staff is hiring a gerontologist to help with the effort.

Finally, Council unanimously agreed with a motion from Councillor Muri to ask DNV staff to bring back information about tree canopy loss in the DNV. While everyone supported this, there were some interesting points raised. Some (Back & Mah) were concerned about the potential for this to cover a wide range of concerns. Mayor Little expressed some concern about overreach into private property, which was countered by Councillor Pope suggesting that the fees to remove large-diameter trees should be substantially increased. Mayor Little also brought up some history of the area and how it had previously been clear-cut in the 1800s, and just how much of a recovery has already happened. Everyone agreed that this won't come back before Council until after the October election.

July 20 Meeting:

This was the last meeting of the Council before the summer break, and it wound up a lot of outstanding business. First, a number of student bursary award winners were announced and presented with their cheques. Then there was public input, in which four people (including the BCA's Eric Andersen, speaking as an individual) spoke against a proposal related to a new bridge over Lynn Creek in the area of Rice Lake, in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve. Moving on to issues that affect our area, the first one was the Chemtrade Rezoning. Councillor Pope tried to postpone this vote until the next

council was in place, but her request was ruled out of order. And since no debate was allowed, the vote occurred. It passed 4-3 with Councillors Muri, Forbes, and Pope opposed.

A development at the corner of Riverside Drive and Windridge Drive was granted more time to work with staff to find a solution to the issues it faces. Apparently the big problem is that the developer doesn't want to pay for a large section of storm drain upgrade on the property, but various Councillors pointed out that the decision to grant more time does not mean that the DNV will pay for this work. The request passed unanimously.

The restructured residential zoning amendments passed unanimously. These have been discussed before and were not up for debate. The regular financial plan amendment also passed unanimously with no debate. Then staff gave a presentation about what is required to finish the creation of Roche Point Park. There are multiple bylaws needed and a public hearing, but it seems likely this will get done in the fall. This carried unanimously.

Next, there was discussion of putting digital advertising at a few bus stops, including two at the corner of Mt. Seymour Parkway and Seymour Boulevard. Where the sites do not currently have shelters, this program will build new ones. In addition, the District will get a new source of revenue that fluctuates with the number of ads displayed. It is expected to be in the range of \$95,000 to \$145,000 per year based on advertising at 7 locations. There were mild concerns raised about light pollution (or bothering neighbours with the lighting) and about driver distraction with the ad changing every 8 seconds, but everyone wants the new shelters and the additional revenue. This carried unanimously in the end.

Then Council received a Climate Action Update from Staff. This report outlines progress the DNV has made on its climate goals over the years, and shows the trends. The largest concern here were two provincial programs that are not being funded now, including the Wildfire Fuel Reduction program, which the DNV has used extensively in previous years.

A report on District Engagement with Young People was received unanimously.

And finally, Mayor Little's motion to ask staff to prepare a referendum question about creating a new bridge over Lynn Creek in the area of Dempsey Road and Rice Lake Road was soundly defeated. Only Mayor Little supported it, and

every Councillor spoke against it, each covering various aspects of the issue. It seems unlikely this will be brought up again any time soon.

The public hearing about Roche Point Park is tentatively scheduled for September 8th, and the next DNV Council meeting is planned for September 21st.

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>.



The BCA has many programs and resources that benefit the residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights. Some of them are:

- [Blueridge Business Directory](#) - find businesses based in and around Blueridge
- [Blueridge Cares](#) - supports Blueridge families during the holidays and difficult times
- [Blueridge Community FUNdation](#) - helps fund activities in our neighbourhood that promote goodwill, social benefit, or good to the community
- [Cozy Nights](#) - casual gathering for residents to catch up with new and old neighbours
- [The Eric Andersen Blueridge Community Association Scholarship](#) - a grant given to a community volunteer going on to post-secondary study in Canada; applications accepted March 1 - April 30
- [The Blueridge Sharing Garden](#) - a community garden and oasis between Carnation and Lytton Streets
- [Sitter and Tutor Directory](#) - find child, house, and pet sitters, as well as tutors

- [Neighbours Helping Neighbours](#) - a volunteer-led program by the BCA designed to provide short-term, one-off support to our fellow residents during unforeseen circumstances.

You can find a full list of our programs on the [BCA website](#).



In A Nutshell

- **Did you hear about the antiques collector who found an old Coca-Cola lamp?** She was soda lighted.
- **Remember the BCA's Sitter Directory!** If you need a sitter this summer - for your kids, pets, or even your home - we have a list of locals who are interested in doing that job. Just visit the [Sitter Directory](#) and find someone that looks good to you. Fill out the form, and they should get back to you. That same directory has tutors as well, if you want to avoid the summer slide!
- **Did you hear about the exorcist who offers a payment plan?** Apparently if people fall behind on payments, they'll get repossessed!
- **Bears and Garbage:** Did you read the article above? If not, please do. We have to keep our garbage odour-free.
- **Did you hear about the celiac disease sufferer who visited a wheat processing plant?** She was a real gluten for punishment.
- **Water Conservation:** The [return to Stage 2 water conservation rules](#) happened on July 16th. This reduces the hardships on a number of businesses, in particular, but doesn't change the watering rules too much. Lawn watering is still prohibited, which is the single biggest issue. Most importantly, though, we have to keep conserving or we will be back in stage 3. As of this writing, the [reservoir levels](#) are at the very bottom of the normal range for the time of year, and we just had some rain, but hot weather will return, and with it water use will go up. Our chances of

getting through the summer without going back to stage 3 rules depend on reducing our water consumption.

- **Did you hear about the guy who pickpocketed a dwarf?** How could anybody stoop so low?!
- **Where is the "A Night Out" section?** Just like last month, it turns out that none of the theatres we track run shows in August. Are there any alternatives? If you know of any shows or events that we should be sharing, please send them to us at bulletin@blueridgeca.org. We do know that at least some theatres will have shows in September, though, so stay tuned!
- **Did you hear about the guy who jumped off a Paris bridge?** He was in Seine.
- **Fire Danger:** As always, this fluctuates quite a bit. As of July 27, we've had a fair bit of rain, and our local fire danger has dropped back to "low." However, numerous fires are burning in BC, and there has been a lot of property loss as a result. In addition, temperatures will go back up and things will dry out. Our best defence against wildfire is extreme caution with anything that could start one. The number of cigarette butts along our local streets is disheartening when viewed in this light.
- **Did you hear about the woman who put snakes in her hair to cure migraines?** It was strictly for Medusinal purposes.
- **Your Item Here:** Do you have a short item for next month's Blueridge Bulletin? If so, see the Submit an Article section below for details on how to send it in.
- **Did you hear about the man who left his fortune to the San Andreas nature preserve?** He was generous to a fault.



Newsworthy

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

- [Inside North Vancouver's newly opened \\$230-million Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre](#)
- [District of North Van OKs sweeping changes to single-family homes](#)
- [Heat warning issued for North Shore](#) – For June 22nd
- [DNVFRS Annual Report 2025 is now available](#)
- [District of North Vancouver approves chlorine plant extension after rejecting it 3 months ago](#)
- [Update: B.C. commits to keep Squamish-100 Mile House rail corridor public](#)
- [Risk of landslides near District of North Vancouver homes decreasing, report finds](#)
- [North Shore 'Golden Girls' program aims to get seniors sharing homes](#)
- [More EV charging now available across the District](#) – including new chargers at Parkgate
- [Notable moments in the history of Canada Day](#)
- **Bridge Over Lynn Creek**
 - [Eve Lazarus: This isn't the first fight to preserve the heart of Lynn Canyon](#)
 - [North Vancouver district council rejects mayor's plan for road across Lynn Canyon](#)
- **Upcoming Local Election**
 - [Are you registered to vote?](#)
 - [DNV Councillor Catherine] [Pope announces re-election bid for DNV council](#)
- **Metro Vancouver Restructuring**
 - [B.C. government to 'consider' Metro Vancouver board's move to cut directors](#)
 - [Tight security bars public at Metro Vancouver board meeting with CAO absent](#) – in this meeting, there was a vote on how to distribute the proceeds of the NSWTP lawsuit settlement. The article says a motion to disburse all proceeds to the North Shore was defeated, but does not directly say what the end result was.
 - [Metro Vancouver Boards Approve Changes to Board Size and Structure](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
- **Chemtrade Rezoning**
 - [District of North Van council confirms final Chemtrade chlorine vote](#)

- [District of North Vancouver reverses Chemtrade chlorine ban](#)
- **Developments Near the V7H postal code**
 - [North Van council votes 6-1 for Maplewood affordable housing](#)
 - [DNV council to consider approval for Riverside Affordable Housing](#) – This was approved in Council on July 13th
 - [DNV council to vote on adopting 46-unit townhouse rezoning for Mount Seymour Parkway](#) – at the corner of the Parkway and Riverside Drive
- **Wildfire Preparedness**
 - [The Emergency Apps You Need for Wildfire Season](#)
 - [The Science Behind BC's Fire Danger Ratings](#)
 - [Community Connect](#) – from the DNV; allows residents to provide information about occupants and issues in a home so an emergency response can be more effective
 - [B.C. urges residents to pre-register for emergency support as wildfire activity increases](#)
 - [Urging people to pre-register with Emergency Support Services](#) – from the province; allows preregistration for emergency support in the event of a wildfire
- **Wildfire News**
 - [Updated: Pemberton wildfire again being held](#)
 - [More B.C. communities under threat of encroaching wildfires](#)
 - [B.C. wildfires force closure of 2 major highways linking Lower Mainland, Interior](#)
 - [All Boston Bar residents ordered out as new wildfire erupts](#)
 - [Major highways shut amid plea for Fraser Canyon residents to flee wildfires](#)
 - [BC Wildfire Service braces for heat peak, warns of potential new starts](#)
 - [New fast-moving fire triggers urgent call to evacuate Boston Bar, B.C.](#)
 - [Here are the latest numbers on British Columbia's wildfire season](#)
 - [B.C. wildfire tally surges past 100 as lightning transforms fire season in a flash](#)
 - [Boston Bar blaze destroys more homes as B.C. wildfire numbers spike](#)
 - [Wildfire activity jumps again overnight after lightning strikes across B.C.](#)
 - [Crews work through night on B.C. wildfire as evacuation orders hold](#)

- [Nervous times in Pemberton, B.C., as residents watch fire fight from their backyards](#)
- [Wildfires tick up as lightning flickers across southern B.C.](#)
- [As Fire Looms, the View from Inside a Tiny Town](#) – about the Boston Bar fire
- [Photos: Signal Hill wildfire in Pemberton](#)
- [Expert questions whether Lower Mainland's forest-edge towns are ready as fire nears Pemberton](#)
- [Campfire ban coming to much of B.C. starting tomorrow](#) – July 16, 2026
- [Cedar Hedges 'Go Up Like a Roman Candle' During Wildfires](#)
- [Wildfire prevention starts with all of us](#) – from the DNV
- **Water Use Restrictions**
 - [Metro Vancouver returning to Stage 2 water restrictions](#) – on Thursday, July 16th
 - [First Narrows Crossing Back in Service, Stage 2 Water Restrictions in Effect Starting July 16](#) – Metro Vancouver press release
 - [Coquitlam council blasts Surrey for leaving the region high and dry on water use](#)
- **North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant**
 - [Metro rejects North Shore request for sewage plant settlement money](#)
 - [North Van councils renew calls for inquiry on sewage plant costs](#)
 - [North Vancouver mayors call for independent public inquiry into wastewater plant costs](#)
 - [\[DNV and CNV\] Mayors' statement on wastewater treatment plant](#)
- **Dredging Second Narrows**
 - [Tsleil-Waututh sue to halt Burrard Inlet dredging project](#)
 - [B.C. First Nation challenges dredging plan to accommodate larger tankers in Vancouver](#)
 - [Vancouver Fraser Port Authority gets OK to dredge Second Narrows](#)
- **Strike News**
 - **Air Canada**
 - [Air Canada says 11,000 IAMAW workers have ratified new contract](#)
 - **Flair Airlines**
 - [Pilots at Flair Airlines ratify three-year contract](#)
 - **WesJet**
 - [Deadline nears on WestJet flight attendants strike threat](#)

- [Air Canada offers help for travellers ahead of possible WestJet strike, flight cancellations](#)
- [Were you planning to fly WestJet? What you need to know about the looming strike](#)
- [WestJet flight attendants' union serves airline 72-hour strike notice](#)
- [WestJet, flight attendants sign wind-down plan ahead of possible strike](#)
- [Vancouver flights could be cancelled over busy August long weekend during possible WestJet strike](#)
- [WestJet offers customers chance to make changes ahead of possible strike](#)
- ['Bit of a tricky situation': What WestJet passengers should know about a possible strike](#)
- [WestJet flight attendants approve strike mandate as ground pay takes centre stage](#)
- **Metro Vancouver Workers**
 - [Metro Vancouver workers threaten full-scale strike with little progress in talks](#)
 - [Update: Metro Vancouver Statement on GVRDEU Strike](#)
 - [Unionized workers who look after regional parks like Grouse Mountain walk off job](#)
 - [All GVRDEU workers at Metro Vancouver parks walk off job; union warns of 'full-scale strike'](#)
- **BC Nurses**
 - [Rob Shaw: B.C. nurses wanted 32% wage hike before arbitration](#)
 - [B.C.'s unionized nurses to end job action provincewide to review recommendations](#)
 - [B.C. nurses: Mediated talks 'productive' but 'too early to know' if deal is possible](#)
 - [B.C. nurses to halt picketing as mediation talks begin](#)
 - ['Positive development': BC nurses remove Vancouver picket line as province appoints mediators](#)
 - [Veteran mediator Vince Ready to step in to try to end B.C. nurses' dispute](#)
 - [Talks between B.C. nurses and employer at impasse, union wants the province to help](#)
 - ['Maintaining essential services': Here's how BC Nurses' strike is impacting Metro Vancouver hospitals \(UPDATE\)](#)

- [B.C. nurses to expand pickets to cover three health facilities, citing intimidation](#)
- [Nurses in British Columbia will picket the province's largest hospital next week](#)
- [BC nurses will escalate job action Tuesday](#)
- [B.C. nurses start limited job action as strike deadline passes](#)
- [Rob Shaw: B.C. nurses reach strike position as pressure builds on Eby government](#)
- [How could a nurses' strike impact B.C.'s health-care system?](#)
– CBC video
- **Translink**
 - [66% of Metro Vancouver bus drivers reject tentative deal with TransLink's bus firm](#)
 - [Unifor Locals 111 and 2200 reject tentative agreement at Coast Mountain Bus Company](#)

Just Because Stories – these are here because they made your editor happy:

- [What is this, an ATM for dogs? Yes it is, and it's inside a Vancouver bank](#)

This Month In Cheese

- [The Meltiest Burger Cheeses, Tested and Ranked](#)
 - [Every Cheesemonger We Spoke to Said Storing Your Cheese This Way Is Ruining It — and What You Should Do Instead](#)
 - [The Most Expensive Cheese in the World Doesn't Come From a Cow, Goat, or Sheep](#)
 - [Kraft Heinz Launches Lactose-Free Philadelphia Cream Cheese](#)
 - [Is Pre-Shredded Cheese Really That Bad? We Asked Food Pros To Settle The Debate](#)
 - [How climate change is putting traditional parmesan cheese at risk](#)
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Monthly Calendar

August is:

- [National Immunization Awareness Month](#)
- [Stage 2 water restrictions](#) are in place

Important August Dates:

- Aug 1: [Emancipation Day](#)
- Aug 3: [BC Day](#)
- Aug 4: Chemtrade emergency siren test, 10am
- Aug 5: [Parkgate Community BBQ](#), [Parkgate Community Centre](#), 11:30 am - 1 pm
- Aug 8: Music in the Garden (see article above), 4pm
- Aug 8: [International Cat Day](#)
- Aug 9: [Blueridge Sharing Garden](#) volunteer work day, 9 - 11:30 am
- Aug 23: [BCA Movie Night](#) at [McCartney Creek Park](#), Free! 8pm, showing The Wild Robot
- Aug 23: [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition](#)
- Aug 26: [National Dog Day](#)
- Aug 30: [Seymour Salmonid Society](#) annual open house, [4900 Lillooet Road](#), 10 am - 3 pm
- Aug 31: [International Overdose Awareness Day](#)

Other Events Calendars:

- [North Vancouver Recreation and Culture](#) - a full calendar of events
- The Georgia Straight's [Things to do in Vancouver](#)
- North Van Arts - [Exhibits](#) and [Events](#)

Save the Date:

- Sep 8: First day of school
- Oct 8: All candidates meeting for local election, sponsored by the BCA
- Oct 17: Local election day

Notes:

- Our local schools are closed for the summer. Be careful, as kids are around all day.
 - If you're looking for these dates later, they are all on the [BCA Events Calendar](#).
 - To subscribe to the BCA events calendar, use this link in your calendar software:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/m4rqsnivbm6ejkcan2t48tq5lg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>
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Top 10 Links from the July Blueridge Bulletin

1. Movie Night Vote Form (vote is currently closed)
2. [The DNV's Landslide Risk Assessment Update](#) (PDF)
3. [Two North Vancouver properties flagged for landslide risk](#): Report - North Shore Daily Post article
4. [Landslides, floods bring visceral response for Amita Kuttner, who lost mother in 2005 Berkley slide](#) - North Shore News article
5. [Blueridge Book Club Facebook Group](#)
6. [Wildfire home hazard assessment](#) - from DNVFRS and the DNV
7. [The BCA's Sitter and Tutor Directory](#)
8. [The BCA's Local Business Directory](#)
9. [The BCA Map](#) - shows the area the BCA represents
10. [Stage 3 Water Restrictions](#) (PDF) - from Metro Vancouver

Overall, 53 out of 147 different links were clicked on at least once each, and there were 302 clicks total.

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Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

[Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

Got questions? Send us an email: info@blueridgeca.org

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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.

The submission deadline for the September 2026 edition is August 27, 2026.

Submission deadlines for later editions can be found [here](#).

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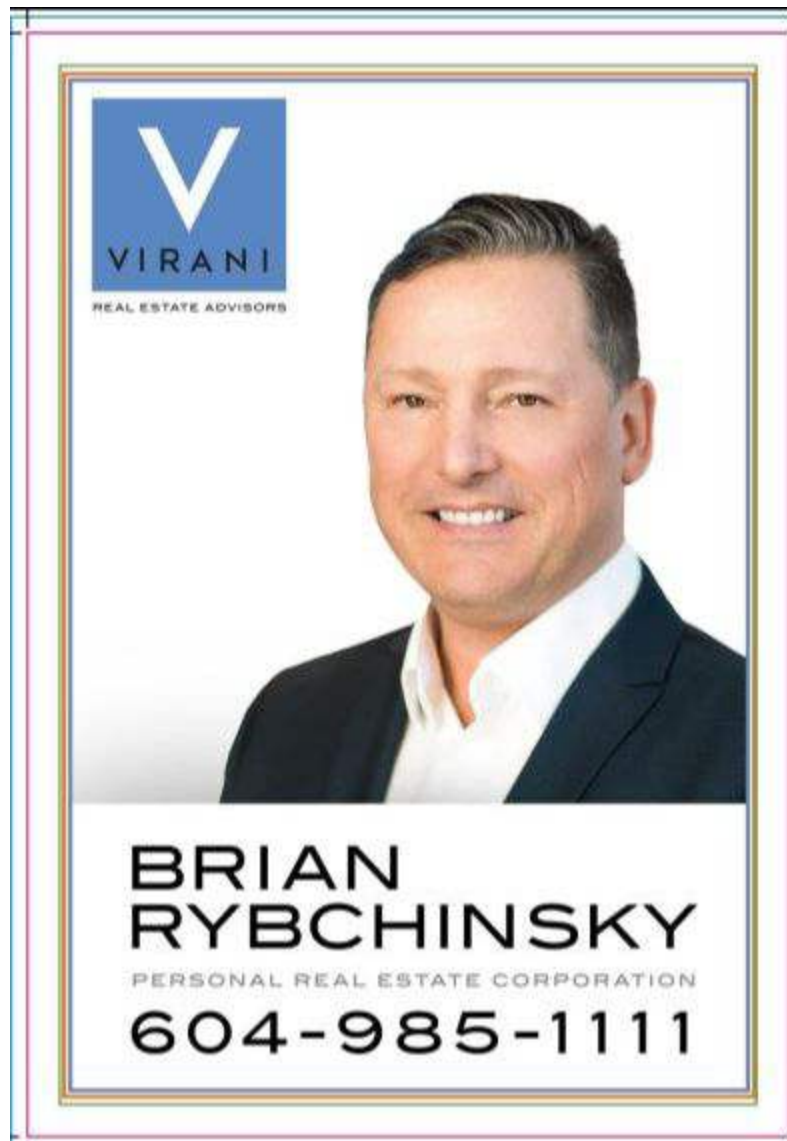


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