

BCA Chair's Report 2018-2019

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At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2019, the current Chair, Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for the BCA for 2018-2019:

FIRST OF ALL: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED HIS/HER TIME TO THE BCA.

As stated repeatedly before, the BCA could not operate without all YOUR assistance, directors, volunteers and meeting participants.

1/ our scholarship was handed out to a Blueridge youth for the fourth time

2/ our 'Project Community' has expanded from cleaning of fireplaces & furnaces to cleaning of gutters

3/ the BCA's work with the District of North Vancouver to help 5 local owners with BC Hydro transformer boxes on their property with 'Decorative Wrap Installation' was completed

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

5/ we had a couple of guest speakers: DNV planners (September), MP, Terry Beech (November), North Shore Rescue (January) and the Seymour Salmonid Society (May)

6/ three newsletters (May 2018 (8 pages), October 2018 (4 pages) and March 2019 (4 pages)) were prepared in 2018-2019 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers!). Another newsletter is scheduled to be distributed during the second half of May 2019.

7/ the BCA hosted a very successful 21th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day on June 3, 2018, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A committee is hard at work on the 22nd BGND.

8/ the BCA has a regularly updated website: www.blueridgeca.org and Facebook page as well as our main e-mail address: info@blueridgeca.org. We have about 530 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (gone up from 480 last year).

We have a Twitter account located @BlueridgeCA (if people want to "follow" us). Different hashtags associated with our other account are: #BGND2019 and #SharingGarden. We now also have an Instagram account

9/ the BCA has notified its members of numerous meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through our Communication Officer's 'Blueridge Bulletin' which goes out monthly and numerous postings on Facebook.

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

11/ the BCA has a traffic committee (ad hoc), a Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee, a trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood), a Blueridge Sharing Garden committee, a scholarship committee (ad hoc), a Good Neighbour Greeting committee, a nominating committee and a Community Lands Task Force (ad hoc) and a Dîner en Bleu committee. Some of the committee chairs will make a brief presentation at the AGM.

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

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

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

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

16/ the BCA continues to visit and greet all new Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents when they move to the area

17/ in October the BCA co-hosted both an All Candidates Meeting at the Mount Seymour United Church and later an introduction to the provincial 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform at Parkgate

Our goals for 2019-2020 should include to look for younger residents for our board and revise our brochure