



At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on November 10, 2020, the current Chair, Eric G. Andersen pointed out the following highlights for the BCA for 2019-2020:

Due to COVID-19 we had to postpone our AGM from May to November, 2020, (a Zoom call) so the period covered is actually a total of 18 months, instead of the usual 12 months period.

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

It has been said many times before, but the BCA could not operate without EVERYONE's assistance: directors, volunteers and meeting participants alike.

#### **Enhancing our Community**

1/ our **scholarship** was handed out to a Blueridge youth for the fifth time.

2/ our '**Project Community**' has expanded from cleaning of fireplaces & furnaces to cleaning of gutters, cleaning of chimneys and hedge and tree trimming – it has become quite popular.

3/ the BCA has been in contact with Recreation Sites & Trails (from the provincial government) regarding a **potential trail from somewhere in Blueridge to Parkgate**. This will take time and patience.

4/ the BCA continues to monitor the situation regarding the **future of Blueridge Elementary School**.

5/ the BCA tried – unsuccessfully so far – to explore the possibilities of a **dog park in Blueridge**.



## **Finances**

1/ our **finances** are in a reasonable shape and have increased marginally thanks to the increasing number of ads that are included in the monthly Blueridge Bulletin.

2/We have four sub-accounts: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Farmers' Market money (now dedicated for our yearly scholarship), the Blueridge Garden and the general account.

## **Events & Activities**

1/ the BCA hosted a very successful 21th **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day** on June 2, 2019, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A committee was working on the 22nd BGND early in 2020, but it had to be cancelled due to COVID.

2/ the BCA hosted the second **Dîner en Bleu** on June 8, 2019, but this year's event had to be cancelled because of COVID-19.

3/ the BCA had a **creek clean-up** in September 2020 spearheaded by a new volunteer.

4/ the BCA quickly put a **volunteer team** together to assist all residents during **COVID-19**, but there proved to be very little need for help in our community.

5/ due to COVID-19 the BCA embarked on a number of rounds of **Blueridge Community Care Packages**, first for the Lions Gate Hospital and Berkley Care Centre, followed by the RCMP, then the fire department and finally North Shore Rescue. We got excellent media coverage, including TV.

6/ the BCA will continue after COVID to visit and **greet all new Blueridge/Seymour Heights residents** when they move to the area.

7/ in October the BCA co-hosted an **All Candidates Meeting** via Zoom for the provincial election.

## **Communications & Meetings**

1/ a **BCA meeting** was held in September, 2019, at which time it was decided to scale back the bi-monthly meetings and focus on fewer, but more topic-oriented meetings.



2/ the BCA has a regularly updated **website**: [www.blueridgeca.org](http://www.blueridgeca.org) and **Facebook** page as well as our main e-mail address: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org). We have 586 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (gone up from 530 last year and 480 the year before).

3/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.

4/ the BCA now has a **Blueridge Business Directory** on Facebook.

5/ 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.

6/ the BCA is offering **baby, pet and house-sitting services**.

7/ the BCA has its own **brochure and biz cards** with social media information.

8/ five **newsletters** (May 2019 (4 pages), fall 2019 (8 pages), March 2020 (8 pages), summer 2020 (8 pages) and November 2020 (8 pages)) were prepared in 2019-2020 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers!).

### **Committees**

1/ 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).

2/ the BCA has a **traffic committee (ad hoc)**, a **Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee**, a **trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood)**, a **Blueridge 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.

3/ the BCA co-founded the **Seymour Trail Liaison** with the North Shore Mountain Bike Association, but due to COVID this only resulted in one meeting so far.



Our **goals for 2020-2021** include:

### **Enhancing Our Community**

assist and get our **volunteer coordinator** up and running,  
start the **FireSmart program** in Blueridge,  
and start working on the **Blueridge Awards**

### **Finances**

try new **fundraising** (perhaps paper-shredding and/or scarecrows?)

### **Events & Activities**

offer an **electronic recycling**

### **Communications & Meetings**

finalize the revision of our **brochure and printing copies**  
improve how to **advertise and highlight our many activities**

### **Committees**

to continue looking for **younger residents for our board**,

