



Seymour Valley Community Newsletter

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Another year is drawing to a close, so the Board of the SVCA would like to report back to all residents of our community on the progress that has been achieved by various committees on numerous initiatives.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting in the latter part of February 2003. All Seymour Valley residents are invited to attend. The exact date and time will be announced later.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES:

Some residents might consider volunteering their time and energy to serve their community by standing for election to the Board. You need only to reside within our Seymour Valley boundaries, be 19 years of age or older, and be eager to participate. But please, this is a serious commitment: A Board member must be able to attend monthly meetings, research issues that affect our neighbourhood, draft communications, speak before council, and in general, contribute his/her expertise in business, computer or networking contacts as the need arises. If this is you, call the Chair, Bill Maurer, at 604-789-2172 to apply by January 31, 2002.

Rock Crusher Noise

Michele Payne

Throughout the spring and summer, residents in the Edgewater, Swinburne and other areas may have been disturbed by loud grinding or heavy equipment noise. This was not as some may have thought, from temporary construction or water-main work. In fact, it was from an ongoing commercial operation set up in the unused City of North Vancouver Cemetery lands above the river on the west side. After numerous complaints, and letters from the SVCA, the District Chief By-law Officer had requested that the City cease their spoils recycling and rock-crushing operations by October 2nd. However, the works yard is not yet dismantled, so we will continue to put pressure on this disruption to our neighbourhood's peace.

Riverside Terrace

Bill Maurer

There was an overwhelming response to the Riverside Terrace Petition. We managed to get 276 residents signatures with the help of 10 volunteers. The petition was presented to council at the October 7 NVD general council meeting. The following letter was subsequently received from SLP co-chair Eric Andersen indicating the committees current position regarding this property:

To: Charlene Grant,
From: Eric Anderson
Date: Oct 8, 2002

After due consideration and deliberation within the SLP committee it is clear that the members agree to take the Riverside Terrace out of the SLP. It has also been suggested and

overwhelmingly supported that it be replaced by the following recommendation: 'Change residential designation to Parks, Recreation & Wilderness on the basis of significant environmental and geo-technical limitations (e.g. any residential development on the site will alter the runoff flow regime to adjacent and environmentally sensitive Hogan's Pools complex; residential development would sever the extensive existing natural wildlife corridor extending more than 1.5 km from Canyon Creek Park in the north to Hogan's Pool Park in the south; slope stability is a serious limitation along most of the rim of the Riverside Terrace bowl.)'

We trust you will be able to work the above into the SLP and would like to hear back from you in due course as to the revised timelines for the plan, fully recognizing that with the above change plus for the plan to go to the NVD's lawyer's office first, it will be at least another couple of weeks before it is ready to go to Council for first reading (accompanied by your report).

*Thanks and rgds,
Eric*

Further progress on the Seymour Local Plan was postponed until the conclusion of the local municipal election. We continue to monitor the situation and are optimistic that we will be able to support the plan when it comes to council for first reading and at the subsequent public hearing.

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Upcoming Meetings

FONVCA Meeting	Jan 16
DNV Council	Jan 6
SVCA Executive	Jan 8

Tip of the Month

Sodium street lights are supposed to remain on all the time. If you notice a light which cycles on and off during the evening then it is in need of replacement. Report these and burnt out lights to Ken at 929-3254.



Riverside Traffic Safety Committee

1. Working in conjunction with the District, the Committee has obtained approval for several new signs to be installed along the Riverside Drive corridor, to more clearly indicate blind curves, that the road is a dead-end, and that the speed limit is 50 kph. In addition, work continues on the development of a more elaborate "neighbourhood entrance sign" which would include space for community notices. This will be a joint District and community effort, so if any of our residents have wood carving or masonry skills that they could contribute, please identify yourselves to Committee Chair, Ann Solheim at 604-929-6436.

2. The Committee has set a goal of reducing the 85th percentile speed by 5 kph. by May 2003. Prior to the speed humps, the 85th percentile was 64 kph; the latest readings in October were 57-58 kph. The SVCA now owns a radar gun to help track excessive speeders in our area. Please be courteous to our local volunteers who you may encounter performing Speed Watch sessions. Within our community, we have won half the battle by just keeping up the awareness of our travelling speed. Several out-of-area reckless drivers have been

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reported to the RCMP tip line for follow-up. If you see excessive speeding, passing or unsafe driving habits, you can call 604-985-1311 and follow the prompts to "Traffic".

3. The Committee has formally requested a red-light warning signal (similar to the one near Superstore), be positioned on the down hill of Mt. Seymour Parkway heading west to the Riverside Drive stop-lights. This should make it safer for all when exiting our community.

4. The SVCA has requested that several areas of disintegrating sidewalks be repaired (in the 2000-2200 blocks) on Riverside Drive. These are not really to standard, however, and the ongoing lobby for proper sidewalks continues. Call Ken Reid at 929-3254 if you can help the Sidewalk Committee work toward that.

Entrance Sign / Notice Board

Bill Maurer

The district has allocated funds from this years budget for an entrance sign/notice board to be placed at the entrance to the community.

We are proposing that this sign be placed on the NW corner of Grantham and Riverside facing in a south-easterly direction.

Please contact Bill, 604-789-2172 if you have any suggestions or ideas about the design of the sign. It is our current intention to combine both a notice board and sign in one structure.

Have a Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year

Most of our newsletter are delivered electronically. If you have not been receiving these then you can register your email address at <http://seymourvalley.ca>. Back issues are also available online.

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Issue	Contact	Phone	Forum
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