



# Seymour Valley Community Newsletter

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Mark Feb 19th on your calendar and join us for the annual Seymour Valley social. There's lots to discuss and it's a great way to meet your neighbours. Jaycee House is across the road from Cap College next to the equestrian center.

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2003  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Jaycee House  
1251 Lilloet Road

### Agenda

- Introduction
- LSCR Presentation
- Nominee announcements
- Election
- Summary of issues
- Social

### Candidates

- Bob Charlton
- Phil Holland
- Bill Maurer
- Michele Payne
- Ken Reid
- Willy Schuurmann
- <vacant>

We are continuing to search for suitable candidates for the SVCA board. You need only 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. Call Bill Maurer, at 789-2172 to apply.

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### Board of Directors

<i>Bill Maurer</i>	929-9442
<i>Harry McGucken</i>	929-6586
<i>Michele Payne</i>	929-4444
<i>Phil Holland</i>	924-1087
<i>Bob Charlton</i>	929-6228
<i>Ken Reid</i>	929-3254
<i>Sher Sacks</i>	929-8875

### Upcoming Meetings

DNV Council	Feb 3
SVCA Executive	Feb 5
SVCA AGM	Feb 19
FONVCA Meeting	Feb 20

### Sidewalks

In the past, in discussions and in surveys, many residents have indicated that sidewalks are very much needed along Riverside Drive.

This is a project your Board is interested in pursuing for the community, but only if there is enough support from the residents to warrant us launching a campaign to obtain better sidewalks. We would require your input on many issues such as type of surface (cement, asphalt, limestone), whether on one side or two, usable width, and whether a tax levy would be supported in order to partially fund some improvements. Now is the time to let your voice be heard. **Plan to attend this AGM to let us know what you think, either for or against sidewalks.**

### LSCR Water Projects

*Coming soon to your neighbourhood: Nearly 1 billion \$ worth of Public projects to enhance drinking water safety and capacity.*

A representative of the GVRD will provide an update on three significant water projects that will soon enter the construction phase in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve:

- 1) the Seymour Dam seismic upgrade project
- 2) the construction of a new Water Filtration Plant
- 3) the installation of new 5' to 7' water mains between Seymour Dam and Burrard Inlet

Come hear how these projects will benefit and impact you. Hear and provide feedback into the plans for managing construction related issues including traffic along Lilloet Road and the junction of Mt. Seymour Parkway, parking in the LSCR, tree/plant clearing, protection of fisheries, noise reduction and minimizing overall environmental impacts.

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Seymour Valley Community Association  
**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I – Name**

The name of this Association shall be the Seymour Valley Community Association.

**Article II – Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal Year of the Association shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**Article III – Charter**

The Charter of the Association shall be:

- To improve the quality of life in the Seymour Valley Community

- To inform the Community of matters relating to it
- To foster a cohesive Community
- To provide democratic representation on Community issues

**Article IV – Membership**

Membership is automatic for individuals whose primary residence is within the SVCA's boundaries and are 19 years of age or older. The geographic area covered by the Seymour Valley Community Association is the Seymour River Valley north of the Mount Seymour Parkway. This includes Riverside Drive, Edgewater Lane, Chapman Way, Treetop Lane, Rivergrove Place, Riverbank Place, Swinburne Ave-

nue, Grantham Place, Seymour Blvd, Bow Court, Seymour Court, Heritage Blvd, Tanager Place, and Hilary Place.

**Article V – Executive and Board of Directors**

Section 1. The Board shall consist of seven Directors duly elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Their term shall be for one year or until the next AGM.

Section 2. The Directors shall elect from amongst themselves three executive officers: Chair; Vice-Chair; and Secretary/Treasurer.

Seymour Valley Community Association  
**BY-LAWS**

**Article I – Duties of the Executive and Board of Directors**

Section 1. Chair

The Chair shall be the executive officer of this Association and shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that Minutes are recorded for all meetings.

The Secretary/Treasurer will facilitate basic bookkeeping and record keeping with respect to the Association's business.

Section 4. Board of Directors

The Directors shall determine policies and activities of the Association; elect the Executive; approve all expenses incurred by the Association or by the Board before such claims are paid; and, strike committees as required.

All Directors representing the view or policies of the Community Association in a public forum, whether in writing or in person, shall clearly state that they are acting on behalf of the Seymour Valley Community Association.

The Directors shall be vested with the power to call special meetings of the Association and to designate the date, time and place of any such meeting, together with a reason for call of such meeting, same to be fully stated in a notice.

**Article II – Political Action**

The Association shall not endorse, either by expenditure of funds or through a vote of its Board of Directors or membership, any candidate for public office.

**Article III – Board Vacancies**

The Directors may at their discretion appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy during the term.

**Article IV – Quorum**

Four or more Directors in a meeting shall constitute a quorum sufficient for the transaction of any and all business of the Association.

**Article V – Board Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of once per quarter.

**Article VI – Informal Voting**

The Board, at its discretion, may vote on various issues via email. No fewer than five Board members must respond by email or in writing within 72 hours of a proposed resolution and a minimum three-quarters majority of the Board (five) is required to pass the resolution.

**Article VII – Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 60 days of the fiscal and calendar year-end with no less than 14 days notice to the membership. A minimum of 35 members must be present at the AGM in order for it to proceed. In the event of less than 35 members in attendance, the Board will immediately call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors to determine next steps and will advise the Community accordingly.

**Article VIII - Community Response**

The Directors may at its discretion formally or informally solicit a response from the community on various issues to more accurately gauge the desires of the Community as a whole.

**Article IX – Committees**

Members of the community may request that the Board consider any issues affecting the community by written request to the Chair. The Directors may strike a Committee primarily consisting of resident members with at least one Board member. When requested, the Committee Chair or Board sponsor shall provide a status report to the Board. Any course of action recommended by the Committee must be approved by the Board prior to implementation.

**Article X – Community Representatives**

The Directors may sanction a representative to attend public meetings, council meetings, municipal committees or other meetings where issues are being addressed that may affect the community. The SVCA representative shall gather information and report back to the Board. Only with permission and direction from the Board shall the representative act as a spokesperson to communicate the Association's position on behalf of the community as a whole.

**Article XI – Changes in Constitution and By-laws**

Changes in Constitution and By-laws shall be determined by a three-quarters majority vote of the Directors. All other questions shall be decided by a majority