

DRAFT FONVCA AGENDA

THURSDAY April 19/2001

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Diana Belhouse - Delbrook Community Association - Tel: 987-1656

1) Order/content of Agenda

2) Adoption of Minutes of March 15/2001 (attachment #1)

3) Old Business

3.1 "Smart Growth" - attendee(s) to Wed-Thur June 6-7 meeting at SFU Harbour Centre? - \$50 - see www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/events.html

3.2 Eldon Park Tree Management Plan. Information meeting was held at District Hall on Jan 25th - Kitty Castle to report.

3.3 Council Workshop 4pm-9pm Feb 1 see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2001/feb28fax.pdf> and response by Corrie at http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Corrie_Kost_1apr2001.pdf

3.4 Violation of Conflict of Interest Guidelines - update by Cathy Adams

3.5 District web links to Community Associations- Dennis Back's positive draft proposal - attachment #2 to the original (negative) staff report of <http://www.dnv.org/council/reports/215381.pdf> and (positive) follow up by Jeanine Bratina - Communications and Community Relations - resulting from Mar12 council meeting: http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Jeanine_Bratina_15mar2001.pdf

3.6 District Financial Plan (Budget) Update

For DNV list of Employees on payroll see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2001/employees-2001.txt>

3.7 Listing of Encroachments available on FONVCA web site - work in progress - see folder <http://www.fonvca.org/Issues/Public-Land-Occupation>

4) Correspondence Issues

There has been an explosion of email correspondence since the last FONVCA meeting. I have grouped the letters under "Additional Correspondence...". I number

of additional discussion topics could arise from them as FONVCA sees fit.

New Business

5) Council and other District issues.

5.1 Lessons from a Bed&Breakfast application for Class II (4-6 bedrooms) April 3 public meeting.- Corrie

5.2 Staff changes at North Shore News

5.3 Rating Council - Margaret Fraser

5.4 Return of funds to Heritage Funds - M. Fraser

6) Any Other Business

6.1 - For those with a leaning to the legal side:

Access to Freedom of Information is often denied on the basis of section 22 of the Act - eg. unreasonable invasion of personal privacy. For reference see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2001/FIO-section22.pdf> and for complete act refer to

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/bcstats/96165_01.htm

7) Chairperson & Date of next meeting. **May 17/2001**

Attachments

- FONVCA minutes of March 15/2001
- Draft of District's new LINKS policy
- Corrie Kost's response to District's Strategic Plan

Additional Correspondence & Reference Material

Artificial Turf Field:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Corrie_Kost_25mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Corrie_Kost_25mar2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_26mar2001a.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_27mar2001c.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_2apr2001.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_3apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Elizabeth_James_3apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/John_Hunter_3apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_4apr2001.txt

Council Expenses:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_4mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_4mar2001d.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_24mar2001b.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_24mar2001c.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_26mar2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_27mar2001d.txt

Deep Cove Sloped Lots Exemption:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_27mar2001a.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_27mar2001b.txt

Proper Posting of District Meetings - Links to web sites:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_9mar2001d.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_9apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Agnes_Hilsen_9apr2001.pdf
<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Hilsen-Sadler-9apr2001.pdf>
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Agnes_Hilsen_10apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_9mar2001c.pdf

Financial Plan - Maplewood Plan - Misc. Process:

<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Andersen-Hunter-Tracey-Sadler-6apr2001.pdf>
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_6apr2001c.pdf

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_9mar2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Corrie_Kost_18mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_4mar2001c.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_31mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_3apr2001c.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_4apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_29mar2001a.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Brian_Platts_25mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_27mar2001e.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_28mar2001a.txt
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_3apr2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_4apr2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Angela_Trudeau_24mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_9mar2001.pdf
<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Sadler-Fraser-Hunter-4apr2001.pdf>

Lease Income - Revenue Generators:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Don_Sigston_7mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_7mar2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_7mar2001c.pdf
<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Sadler-Fraser-Hunter-4apr2001.pdf>
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Elizabeth_James_5apr2001.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Elizabeth_James_5apr2001b.pdf
<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/James-Hunter-Tracey-Sadler-5apr2001.pdf>
<http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Sadler-Tracey-Hunter-5apr2001.pdf>
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_6apr2001b.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/John_Hunter_9apr2001.pdf

Ernie Crist - David Peak on land Sales:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_18mar2001.txt

Margaret Fraser - on Lynn Valley Ecology Centre

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Margaret_Fraser_18mar2001.pdf

Margaret Fraser - on development in District

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Margaret_Fraser_25mar2001.txt

Ernie Crist - on release of KPMG report

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_1apr2001.txt

Ernie Crist - on Funding for Advertising

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_24mar2001.txt

Ernie Crist - on new mandate for Recreation Commission

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_24mar2001d.txt

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_6apr2001.pdf

Ernie Crist -Ms. Bridgman on Translink

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_27mar2001x.txt

Ernie Crist - Reorganization of North Shore News

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_2apr2001.txt

Ernie Crist - on verbal abuse

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_3apr2001.txt

Ernie Crist - on Lynn Valley Plan / Town Centre

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Ernie_Crist_9apr2001.pdf

Canadian Tire - Big Box:

http://www.fonvca.org/recent-letters/Dave_Sadler_7mar2001b.pdf

OUTSTANDING FUTURE FONVCA ITEMS

- Status of petition list appearing in library copy of council package - Dave Sadler
- Sub-committee - models for community involvement in municipal election
- A process to follow outstanding issues of Council, for example, where is the "Joint Use Agreement", "Sign Bylaw", and "Cat Regulation Bylaw", to name a few.

FONVCA MINUTES

Thursday, March 15th 2001

Attendees:

Corrie Kost Edgemont Comm. Assn.
Cathy Adams Lions Gate Neigh. Assn.
Eric Andersen(chair) Blueridge Comm. Assn.
Dave Sadler Seymour Comm. Assn.
Hugh Murray Lower Capilano Res. Comm. Assn.
John Miller Lower Capilano Comm. Res. Assn.
Geoff Thorpe Panorama Ratepayers Assn.
Brian Platts Edgemont Comm. Assn.
Margaret Fraser(notes) Lynn Valley Comm. Assn.
Al Price Pemberton Heights Comm. Assn.
Diana Belhouse Delbrook Comm. Assn.
Maureen Bragg Save Lynn Canyon Park
Val Moller Lions Gate Neigh. Assn.
Jean Thompson Seymour Comm. Assn.

1)Order/Contents of Agenda: Chair Eric Andersen called the meeting to order. It was decided to defer items 3.2, 3.3 to the next meeting in order to give our guest speaker time for his presentation. Other items, which were to be added to the agenda, will be held over till the April meeting. Cathy Adams moved the adoption of the revised agenda, seconded by Al Price. Carried

2)Adoption of minutes of February 15th/01. The minutes of the February meeting were moved for adoption by Cathy Adams and seconded by Al Price. Carried.

3)Old Business - SmartGrowth presentation.

3.1) Eric gave the floor over to the guest speaker – Bernard LaRochelle MA (bernard@smartgrowth.bc.ca)– Community Relations Coordinator from SmartGrowth. (www.smartgrowth.bc.ca)

Bernard is the community relations coordinator for Smart Growth. He assists groups with questionnaires, workshops, looking at issues. He is involved in creating a manual/tool kit for participation in community planning etc. (to be ready in June 2001).

Bernard gave an overview of the mandate of SmartGrowth, and included conservation covenants and alternative development standards as two issues we might raise with our

municipal engineers and planners. He also gave a slide-show presentation.

SmartGrowth is funded by the Environmental Department of the University of Victoria, the Tides Foundation, the Endswell Foundation (USA) the Hewlett Foundation (USA – second year funding), the Vancouver Foundation, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry Responsible for Community Development and Volunteerism.

General discussion followed, including these comments/questions:

How do we get Council to honour OCPs? OCPs are not required to be enforced (i.e. they are statements of intent); they are easy to change, which is their biggest weakness. Community Associations need to include specific items and tighten the language, especially in the Goals and Objectives. Then the OCPs would be less open to interpretation, changes would have to be formalised, thus allowing more opportunity to have them monitored by residents.

How do we put pressure on politicians? Litigation issues – SmartGrowth has a dispute resolution fund which offers free legal advice etc. There is a guide coming out soon which lists legislation possibilities – **“SmartGrowth Guide to Municipal Law and Advocacy”**.

What impact is the debate on streams going to have? (development nearby etc.)? This does have implications on potential development, but the “jury is still out”.

How do we keep our community as it is and strengthen what we have? Smart Growth advocates RE-development Density bonusing should always be a consideration for the community to keep green spaces etc. Each community should develop a checklist. Town Centre developments/traffic bottlenecks etc. need to be addressed BEFORE housing is introduced.

Suggestions: OCPs should only be open (for example) one month per year for changes/amendments etc. This ensures a disincentive for constant changes and slows down re-zoning etc. Include “monitoring” in the language (benchmarks, outcomes etc.) Campbell River is an example of this.

In June there will be a free forum on June 6th from 7 – 9p.m. at the Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre and then on the 7th June for \$50, an all day forum. (same in Victoria on 8th and 9th) Bernard will distribute information as soon as it is available.

Eric thanked Bernard for his time and interesting presentation.

3.2 – Eldon Park - deferred

3.3 – Strategic Directions. A few residents attended this workshop at the Holiday Inn. Feedback is requested by 30th March. All Councillors, Managers, Directors seemed to be “on the same page”. It was not well set up for the public to be involved or hear what was being discussed. It was a type of “Town hall Meeting” All C.A.s are encouraged to send in their comments about the report.

3.4 Tourism – not enough participation by the community, agencies etc.

3.5 Whistler “rentals”– this “Leaning to the legal side” topic is distributed monthly for information only (left over from Feb mtg)

3.6 Community Planning workshop – second half of previous FONVCA meeting. Mixed reaction. Most people felt they had been heard, but not sure if the reports/outcomes will reflect all views. Will await report to council from Price-Waterhouse-Coopers.

3.7 Notification of committee meetings: Some of these meetings had not been posted and were therefore effectively not open to public input, participation, or observation. Dave S. has contacted Agnes Hilsen. She will ensure that meeting dates are posted in the new calendar on the District website

3.8 Draft letter re-Public Information meetings. Unanimously endorsed – moved by Cathy Adams, seconded by Hugh Murray to send the letter, with minor editing.

4) Correspondence:

4.1 Dog letter – general discussion.

4.2 Letter from A. Trudeau re “Big Box”: use of land, sustainability etc. Since Canadian Tire decision has only just been made by

council any open discussion on this matter would have been contrary to spirit of no more public input after a public hearing till council decides the issue. It was now pointed out how the CT development is problematic.

5) New Business

5.1 Violation of Conflict of Interest Guidelines:

Cathy Adams spoke to two issues of concern – both of which she has put in writing to Council, Municipal Manager: conduct of meetings – issue of potential conflict of interest not addressed and involvement of developer at certain meetings inappropriate.

5.2 Big Box – Information in Dec 2000 Issue of Scientific America “The Science of Smart Growth” was distributed for information only.

5.3 Link to Website. Further to reaction/motion at Council, Corrie received letter from staff. The meeting requested that Corrie reply, and re-state what had been decided at Council i.e. include all community agencies etc.

Discussion on this included the fact that the upkeep of the site will not cost the District any money, and the link could be closed one month prior to the election if necessary to avoid any political bias.

A report, after public consultation, is to come before council at some future time.

5.4 Tax Increase – now estimated to be actually 24%? This indicates a 15-20% spending over income. It would appear that Council think the Land Development program will solve our revenue problems. Questions – will Council cut back programs or will they increase taxes? All members are encouraged to address this as soon as possible. Council appears to be making a policy change by once again spending heritage funds on capital renewals (maintenance).

There are presently 40 properties worth about \$67 million. The rent collected in less than \$1 million = 1.5% of assessed value. The rent should be about \$5 million. Net income would be reduced by any grants awarded. General discussion took place. A chart of previous years tax increased was distributed for information.

5.5 Budget process – general feeling that there was no real process. \$24 million has been requested from the Federal Infrastructure program.

5.6 Encroachments - the encroachments list will be posted on the FONVCA website.

5.7 TPAC – everyone please contact Allan Orr re- dangerous intersections, etc. as per web location.

5.8 Cates Park – Dave S. reported that there had been no public process during the 18 months of negotiations of a “Protocol Agreement” re use of the park. Were issues arising over increased use of the park addressed adequately? It appears to be a balanced document, but again the process seems to have been flawed.

6). Any other Business:

6.1 Code of Ethics – for information only – see website.

Date of next meeting – April 19th 2001 –
Diana Belhouse (Delbrook CA) to Chair.

Subject: Policy - External Links on the District's Web_v1.DOC

Date: Mon, 9 Apr 2001 14:34:40 -0700

From: Dennis Back <dback@dnv.org>


To: "kost@fonvca.org" <kost@fonvca.org>

CC: Jeanine Bratina <jeanine_bratina@district.north-van.bc.ca>

<<Policy - External Links on the District's Web_v1.DOC>>

Copy of "DRAFT" policy - this is a document for discussion.

The intention is that we want to invite FONVCA reps and others to an evening meeting to discuss draft policy. At that time, we will also give you a preview of the District's new website that is under development.

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District of North Vancouver External Links on the District's Web Site

POLICY

The District of North Vancouver recognizes that the District's web page (www.dnv.org) is an important communications tool. The District strives to be a leader in Municipal web sites and to take a proactive, interactive approach to communications with District taxpayers and the general public.

REASON FOR POLICY

To provide guidelines to staff regarding linking to external web sites through the District's web site.

PROCEDURE

The District will provide links to external sites provided that: 1) the content enhances the service provided by the District, 2) linkage is deemed appropriate by the owner department*, and 3) the link meets the following criteria:

- Any government (Municipal, Provincial or Federal) agency or service,
- Subject-focused web sites of regional interest (i.e. Lions Gate Bridge Project, Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, etc.)
- External sites whose information content enhances the service or information provided by the owner-department (i.e. Tourism links to registered North Shore tourist locations and services, Film Office links to BC Film Commission, etc.).
- Any registered, non-profit organization, if the information/service provided enhances the quality of life for District taxpayers (i.e. Meals on Wheels, NS Multicultural Society, etc.).
- Any District partner organizations (i.e. Library, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)
- Any registered Community Association or Council Committee.

THE DISTRICT

- is not responsible for the content, accuracy or maintenance of external web sites.
- will not provide links to sites that contain offensive material (i.e. racism, pornography, obscenities, etc.).
- will provide links to commercial sites only if deemed appropriate by the owner department as having relevant content information to users of the District site.
- will carry out periodic checks of external links. Any site found to contain inappropriate material or information that is not maintained (i.e. broken links or outdated material) will be removed.

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- It is the responsibility of the owner department to determine which links are appropriate for the District web site, based on the above criteria. Owner departments can consult with the Webmaster or Communications Officer for clarification.
- Responsibility for maintaining links will fall with the owner department.
- The District reserves the right to terminate any link at any time.

(*) ***“Owner department”*** is defined as the departmental portion of the web site that contains the relevant information and links (i.e. the owner department for tourism links is the Arts, Culture and Tourism Department).

Comments on the District Strategic Plan

by Corrie Kost

The following are comments resulting from my attending the council's STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP held Feb 1/2001 at the Holiday Inn. Supposedly Council discussed "*changing trends and what to expect in the future*". A 5-year vision for the District was supposedly outlined. The 6 primary strategic directions stated in the staff report were:

1. Enhanced council decision-making and relationships program
2. Special projects prioritization and implementation plan
3. Value for money public communication campaign
4. Enhanced performance improvement program
5. Innovative funding techniques program
6. Accelerated bylaw and process review

In the handout document (# 212738) it was stated that for the "Immediate & Long-term process to finalize draft strategic plan" the goals were:

- o Draft results from session guide current budget/financial plan exercise
- o Schedule and announce a subsequent process of public input/consultation to obtain feedback on draft Strategic Plan
- o Modify/refine draft Strategic Plan
- o Final approval of Strategic Plan by council

I cannot find, during the subsequent 2 months, any evidence that the draft results of the workshop in any way, shape, or form guided the current budget/financial plan.

Certainly there has been a distinct lack of creativity and cooperation between staff and council. Nor has there been any sign of innovation, either in service or funding.

Now for my comments on the plan...

Complaints were voiced about processes being too time-consuming - It should be noted that true democracy is a lengthy, confrontational, and arduous process – hence lengthy processes are usually a healthy sign of democracy at work.

Support was expressed for local and regional goals – but no concepts, guidelines, or conflict resolution procedures were outlined.

There was a failure to see the difference between growth and change.

There was a strong desire to preserve the environment – but not the realization that this can only be accomplished through sustainable development, which eventually translates into little or no population growth.

A strong commitment to improving the quality of life – but it fails to recognize the value of idleness, stability, and that the goal is to live, not just develop. It also failed to recognize that development equates to more bureaucracy

There was a desire for more council and staff harmony – but until their respective roles are clearly understood this will not happen.

Many "blocks" to attaining council's visions were outlined – but the real ones such as fear of change and the unknown, lack of information, and the lack of a public dialogue that is not only honest and open, but appears as such, are the real "blocks".

The Plan overstresses building, developing, rezoning - it should emphasize improvements in governance and more use of referendums for key policy decisions.

The Plan should provide for ways to reduce some services, and increase others. It must anticipate demographic trends and that an aging population is likely to be more resistant to change. Increased participation by our youth should be an essential element.

The Plan should recognize that improvements in leadership, governance, and communications are far easier than social engineering.

The Plan should lead to greater empowerment of Municipalities with increased participation in the decision making process by the residents.

The Plan should contain a mechanism to monitor its effectiveness. This is a key element to ensure that the visions are realized. Every department should constantly refer to the plan to ensure compliance.

Finally – there can be no effective Plan unless there has been extensive dialogue with district residents. Much more consultation will be needed in order for the Plan to succeed.

Yours truly,

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