

FONVCA

Minutes of March 16th 2006

Attendees:

Eric Andersen(Chair Pro-Tem) Blueridge C.A.
Maureen Bragg Save Lynn Canyon Park
David Knee Norgate Park C.A.
John Miller Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Brian Platts Edgemont C.A.
Diana Belhouse Delbrook C.A.
Val Moller Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost Edgemont C.A.
Dan Ellis Lynn Valley C.A.
Monica Craver Upper Lynn Valley R.A.

Jenny Knee Notetaker

Meeting started: 7:05pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: 6.2 TRANSLINK response to FONVCA letter
6.3 Waterfront Street-ends – Diana
6.4 FONVCA Mandate and item 5.3 of Feb16

2. ADOPTION of Jan 19th MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes of Feb 16/2006 (with correction that Jan 19/2005 be corrected to Jan 19/2006) moved by John, seconded by Val – carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Shirtsleeve Session with Council

Again discussed topics for confirmed date of Wed April 19th/2006.

CHAIR: Cathy has suggested FONVCA should appoint a chair; Brian volunteered to chair the meeting if Mayor Walton declined.

Choice of Topics - Cathy had a suggestion from Councillor Lisa Muri that a topic of interest to council would be re:

- staff time/resources used by public and community associations.
- District procedures on role/representation of associations

This could be part of topic 1 of 3 suggested topics:

- 1. Role/representation of Associations.**
- 2. Budget process.**
- 3. Makeup & Funding of Recreation Commission.**

Brian to communicate topics and chair selection to Cathy who would communicate this to Council.

3.2 Update on Secondary Suites in RM Zones in Grousewoods.

Corrie had expressed concern that:

- Other uses such as B&B were missing from proposal
- Waiving public hearing would be contrary to Community Charter as the proposed bylaw seemed inconsistent with the local area plan.
- That such waiving did not have prior agenda notification and
- Such procedures would set a bad precedence as the changes were not minor.

http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/LocalGovernmentAct/data/qs/doc150_1092.html

Staff response: Include B&B use but still not allow public hearing despite rezoning of RM uses of Grousewoods.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 6 regular emails

The listing of emails attached to Agenda was revised as shown in March 16th Agenda. One (http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2006/13feb-to/Brian_Platts_4mar2006.pdf) was the letter to council by Brian Platts, as per 5.4 of FONVCA minutes of Feb 16 requesting Council give prior notice when an agenda item intends to waive a public hearing. No response to this request as yet.

4.2 Non-posted letters: 0 this period.

No discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 TRANSLINK to undergo review.

The proposed review of Translink's makeup was discussed. Val urged the retention of municipal representation – not necessarily via the Mayor, but at least via a member of council, as they could be held somewhat accountable via elections and would be aware of local issues.

5.2 Management of Alpine Recreational Strategic Plan:

Monica reported that nothing seems to have changed - trail building seems to have been started with staff approval before the trails have been assessed (and in contradiction with the process as prescribed by the

Alpine Plan) . April 9 2006 is the proposed start of the trail rebuilding program. Monica questioned whether this program should continue on to Seymour if there is no monitoring or accountability. Corrie suggested watching for funding for associated projects in the upcoming budget process. Bylaw enforcement seemed to be lacking (although acknowledged to be problematic).

5.3 Development Cost Charges:

Corrie - reported Surrey had increased its charges ~ 50% and felt review of DNV DCC were long overdue. He will personally bring this to the attention of council.

5.4 Bigger is Worsier:

Corrie distributed handout (see references of Agenda) which illustrated how amalgamation in Montreal (as in Toronto) did not result in savings to the taxpayers.

5.5 Core Values for Public Participation

The 8 core values recently discussed by the International Association for Public Participation led to the 7 following:

1. The public should have a say in decisions about actions that *could* affect their lives
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation *promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing* and communicating the needs *and interests* of all participants, *including decision makers*.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected *by or interested in a decision*.
5. Public participation seeks *input from* participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

Corrie commented how most, but not all, of these core values are promoted by the DNV municipal council.

5.6 Budget Meetings (11) – 1 public input

Some felt it was inappropriate not to have copies of the budget available at the March 20th council meeting. It was questioned whether this breached the requirements of the Community Charter. It was felt that a 5 minutes restriction was inadequate for public input - suggested a time of up to 30 minutes/participant was required to adequately comment on the budget.

Corrie noted that the Community Charter was breached last year when one week period prior to budget tabling by June 30th was not observed. As well, he noted that the reporting requirements are far more stringent this year.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Nice Handbook for Municipal Councillors

- hard copies were distributed to interested members (see agenda link for source)

6.2 Translink response to FONVCA letter:

Brian's letter re: unelected municipal representatives voting on financial issues from Pat Jacobsen clarified the legal position but failed to address the ethical/moral issue. Discussion followed re: necessity of a follow up at this point - Motion Val/Diane that we *request Mayor Walton as our Translink representative to address this ethical/moral issue through appropriate changes to TRANSLINK's terms of reference*.

Unanimous (with one abstention). **ACTION ITEM**

6.3 Waterfront Street ends - Diana requested an update and Maureen replied that Kevin Bell was monitoring the situation with James Ridge and the illegal work has stopped. Maureen will keep FONVCA informed .

6.4 FONVCA Mandate

A discussion took place of the appropriateness of Agenda item 5.3 of Feb 16/2006. No action was taken.

6.5 Update on filing with Ombudsman:

With reference to conflict/flawed process issues at public hearing with Translink bus depot in Norgate. Dave reported that Cathy had not been able to contact the office but that file was still active but no longer urgent in light of recent council decision.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday of month:

April 20th, 2006.

Pro-tem Chair will be **Diana Belhouse** – Delbrook Community Assoc. Tel: 604-987-1656

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm

NOTE: All FONVCA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND APRIL 19th SHIRTSLEEVE MEETING WITH COUNCIL