

# FONVCA

## Minutes of Regular Meeting March 21, 2012

**Place: DNV Hall, 355 Queens Street West, North Vancouver**

**Time: 7:00pm**

### **Attendees**

Eric Andersen (Chair)	Blueridge C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
John Hunter (notes)	Seymour C.A.
Bill Tracey	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont and Upper Capilano C.A.
Elaine Grenon	Capilano Gateway C.A.
Doug Curran	Capilano Gateway C.A.
Ian Carmichael	Capilano Gateway C.A.
Carol Hartnett	Norwood Queen's C.A.
Rene Gourley	Delbrook C.A.
Troy Vassos	Delbrook C.A.
Keith Collyer	Delbrook C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. and Save Our Shores Society
Sharlene Hertz	Delbrook C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Ron Polly	Public

**Regrets:** John Miller – Lower Capilano Community R.A.

The meeting was called to order about 7:10 PM.

Note: Follow-up items in the text are **in bold**.

### **1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA**

There was some discussion of the agenda being too long. Item 6.2(c) was moved to 3.2 and item 4.3(a) was moved to follow 3.1.

Cathy read out the mandate of FONVCA and John suggested it be firmed up/clarified given the comments of Doug Curran in several e-mails.

Doug advised that it was not essential to have all his agenda items dealt with in this meeting.

### **2. ADOPTION OF Feb. 16, 2012 MINUTES**

The Minutes of Feb 16 2012 were adopted as circulated.

Corrie pointed out that no person had been tasked with follow-up on items 5.4 and 5.5 of the February 16, 2012 minutes.

**Cathy volunteered to follow-up 5.4** (Letter & Council response to FONVCA letter on Council Advisory Committees - <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2012/committees-letter-and-responses.pdf> ). There was only one response received (from Councillor Nixon) agreeing with

the FONVCA recommendation that these newly organized Committee meetings should be open to the public (with closure requirements as per regular committees of council).

**Dan volunteered to follow-up 5.5. (Waste to Energy Report)** No response to letter send to Dave Stuart <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2012/Dear%20Dave%20Stuart-c.pdf>

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Council Agenda Distribution: update

Council agendas can now be subscribed to (like the City of North Vancouver) and received from DNV by e-mail. This is a nice step forward, to the credit of FONVCA and DNV Staff and Councillor Little in particular.

#### 3.2 DNV Staff Redacting Documents (originally agenda item 4.3(a))

Doug read out his letter, previously posted on the FONVCA website, on redactions by DNV Staff of some OCP documents that Doug had FOI'd. John commented that as there were no copies of the documents in question made available to attendees in or prior to the meeting, it was impossible to determine the validity of his complaints. Dan commented that it was a procedural issue, and Bill commented that it was not an issue FONVCA can deal with – it's an issue for Staff and Council.

Eric made a motion to invite David Stuart to address FONVCA regarding the handling of public correspondence and FOIs. Carried 5 to 1. **Action:** Chair (Eric) to request David Stuart to discuss this issue at the next FONVCA meeting.

Cathy made a motion to remove from the FONVCA website Doug's November 11/11 e-mail regarding seeking legal advice, etc. Carried 5 to 2. **Action:** Corrie to remove letter from FONVCA web site.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

#### 4.1 Business arising from 20 regular e-mails

No discussion other than regarding some e-mails by Doug as related under 4.3 (e).

#### 4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

Agenda showing "clarification of policy on posting letters e-mailed to FONVCA" will be deferred to a future meeting.

#### 4.3 Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

**Dan Ellis** commented on a tent party and that Lynn Valley was undertaking a speaker's program on various subjects.

Details provided post this meeting:

- 2nd annual Lynn Valley Gala Dinner & Dance: Friday May 25th - under the big tent at Lynn Valley Park. Semi-formal; attendance will be capped at 500 (was 300 last year).
- 100th annual Lynn Valley Days: Saturday May 26th - parade, and family festival at Lynn Valley Park.
- "Sustainable Communities" Speaker Series: in Community Room (adjacent to LV Library).
  - Mar 28 - Bob Ransford: "How to Best Plan for our Future Housing Needs"
  - Apr 18 - Michael Goldberg: "Why Density in the Right Place is So Good for Your Neighbourhood"
  - Jun 19 - Larry Frank: (topic to be confirmed)

More info on all these events at <http://www.lvca.ca>

**Diane Belhouse** mentioned an upcoming Save Our Shores walk on Sunday June 3 – a low tide walk from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, from Cates Park to Strathcona.

**Corrie Kost** mentioned some details (see <http://www.fonvca.org/Edgemont/Mar14-2012/>) of the Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A. AGM held March 14.

**John Hunter** mentioned SCA requested road turn guide lines be added at the intersection of Mount Seymour Parkway and Dollarton Highway, and that SCA had expressed a general concern regarding the quality of line paint used in the District. DNV advises that the former will be done, but offered little encouragement on the latter.

**Bill Tracey** mentioned concerns on the transportation plan formulated by DNV staff, and concerns that special interest groups may be pushing an anti-car approach despite the acknowledged aging of the general DNV population. In reference to the Second Narrows approach issue, the Provincial Ministry are not moving on this issue. The proposal to turn parts of Capilano Road into single lanes was mentioned and not well thought of in this meeting. A discussion of the usefulness of bike lanes on the North shore, particularly for seniors, took place.

**Carol Hartnett** indicated that a new CA, Norwood-Queens, <http://norwoodqueens.wordpress.com/> has been set up.

Items 4.3 (b), 4.3(c), and 4.3 (d) were not discussed due to lack of time.

#### **4.3(e) Invite Doug Curran to formally present his concerns re FONVCA**

A number of e-mails have been issued by Doug expressing concerns about Community Associations and FONVCA, including one sent to DNV Council without a copy to FONVCA (a Council member sent it to FONVCA). Corrie expressed the opinion that this violates the FONVCA Code of Conduct. It was explained that DNV, not FONVCA, sets the rules for official recognition of a CA and, if it wishes, enforces them. See <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=566> It was pointed out by John that we have no staff, little funding, and no authority to enforce the DNV's or any other third-party rules to which CAs may be subject. FONVCA main role is to share information between CAs - it is neither a government body nor an enforcer of any third party rules to which CAs may be subject. Basically – if DNV recognizes a “Registered Community Association”, they are allowed to attend and vote at a FONVCA meeting.

Corrie then invited Doug to respond. In response to a question, Doug confirmed he is the official representative of the Capilano Gateway Community Association, and that the association is aware of the e-mails. Corrie reiterated his opinion that Doug's actions were violating the Code of Conduct (distributed Minutes of July/2011 when they were adopted <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2011/minutes-jul2011.pdf> – specifically:

*“A representative must act in good faith and refrain from impugning the character or reputation of any FONVCA representative or FONVCA member association.”*

Doug stated a number of principles for the operation of good government, to which John replied that FONVCA is not government and hence the principles are inapplicable. Three other individuals made that same point, and a discussion of FONVCA's role ensued.

John asked that Doug be specific in his complaints and some discussion ensued, but the names of CA's which had allegedly violated DNV's rules for CAs were not forthcoming.

Doug stated that he did not view his writing in an e-mail that he might seek legal advice was a threat of a lawsuit. Conversely, John opined, based on his corporate experience, this is how it would normally be interpreted.

A meeting member stated that complaining to DNV Council about FONVCA, without a copy to FONVCA, was in their opinion underhanded.

Corrie put Doug on notice regarding the Code of Conduct and the need to act in good faith and requested an apology from Doug, which was not provided.

Eric suggested that if Doug has issues with FONVCA, bring them to FONVCA meetings as opposed to circulating e-mails.

#### **4.3(f) Programs move from Lucas Cntr to Balmoral School**

There was considerable discussion on this issue with a presentation by Troy (Delbrook C.A.) and Carol (Norwood Queens C.A.). It was alleged that a rezoned (for residential) Lucas Centre would raise the property values from \$7m to \$100m. The residents living around Balmoral are particularly concerned about an Adult Education Program moving into their area.

FONVCA's assistance was requested to set up a working group and notify all CAs of this issue. It was explained that FONVCA is a vehicle for information sharing and would normally not have working groups due to FONVCA's volunteer nature and general role, and in any event given the very short time frame, it was unlikely FONVCA or individual CAs could assist on this issue. More details on subject issue is available at both <http://delbrook.org/> and <http://norwoodqueens.wordpress.com/>

#### **4.3(g) DNV Proposed Transportation Plan**

Comments are due to the DNV by March 29. For details see <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5020>

#### **4.3(h) FONVCA Agenda by Ballot – Dan Ellis**

Dan would like to see agenda items vetted by all CAs who have attended FONVCA meetings for the past six months. Items on the agenda "for interest only" would be in a separate appendix. Criteria might include whether the proposed item is relevant to FONVCA's mandate, and is actionable.

The concern (from past discussions) is there may be too many items on the agendas that are not particularly relevant to FONVCA.

There was some discussion but no decision was taken. **Dan and Corrie will talk off-line.**

Corrie quickly noted (for reference) the items of 6.1 and 6.2 and spoke to item 6.2(c)

#### **6.2(c) Lions Gate Sewage Plant – published costs error**

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/constructionprojects/wastewater/Pages/LionsGateWastewaterTreatmentPlant.aspx>  
<http://www.northshoreoutlook.com/news/140800793.html>

Corrie's conversation with Jim Rusnak (604-432-6272)

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5297>

As per above references, (and after a conversation with Jim Rusnak, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Metro Vancouver) it was confirmed that the Household Levies resulting from a new Lions Gate Sewage Plant would be about \$500/year (assuming 2/3 senior government cost sharing) – NOT the \$500/month figure published in the North Shore Outlook.

The meeting was closed at approx 10pm (after two extensions by vote).

Val Moller – Lions Gate C.A. to Chair the FONVCA meeting of April 18/2012