



THURSDAY August 15 th /2002

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Dan Ellis - Lynn Valley Comm. Assoc. -

Tel: 604-985-7880

1) Order/content of Agenda

2) Adoption of Minutes of July 18/2002

3) Old Business

3.1 Questions for Candidates for Nov/2002 Municipal Election -
submissions to remain anonymous.

3.2 Formats for All-Candidates meetings - a discussion of pro/cons for various formats

4) Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from extensive email -
attached list ~30 new letters submitted -
[July 14/2002-August 11/2002](#) contained in a complete list of last 8 months about only those subjects with recent entries.

4.2 Non-Posted letters. - None

New Business

5) Council and other District issues.

5.1 Secondary Suites - Statutory declaration to allow suite without extra fee if not in use as such. Penalty

\$10,000, prison term for violating statutory declaration. At \$260/yr/suite and income of \$260,000 - 1in24 have suite? Council referred issue back to staff.

5.2 Bylaw 7325 - Nuisance Abatement Bylaw

- more to this than meets the eye (eg. outdoor light prohibition, which now outlaws safety motion sensor lighting, is probably illegal as it's far to broad, yet left a big loophole!).

6) Any Other Business

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

On the use of video cameras ---

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
- Benjamin Franklin, Historical Review of Pennsylvania, 1759.

6.2 Internet - a blessing or a curse? Workshop held at Capilano Library on July 24 - report by Corrie Kost

7) Chairperson & Date of next meeting. **September 19/2002**

Attachments

- ◆ List of Email to FONVCA of last 8 months - **BUT ONLY FOR SUBJECTS WITH NEW ENTRIES**

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 are the
 - Big Box Bylaw
 - Joint Use Agreement
 - Sign Bylaw
 - Cat Regulation Bylaw
 - Snow removal for single family homes bylaw
 - Securing of vehicle load bylaw
 - Review of Zoning Bylaw
 - Taxicab regulations bylaw

Correspondence

BY SUBJECT

* means since Jul14 - Aug11/2002
Only subjects with new entries are listed - ordered ~ by volume since 17 Sep/2001

District In-Camera Meetings

Dave_Sadler_9dec2001c.pdf
Corrie_Kost_9dec2001b.pdf
Agnes_Hilsen_10dec2001a.pdf
Agnes_Hilsen_10dec2001.pdf
Agnes_Hilsen_11dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17dec2001a.pdf
Elizabeth_James_17dec2001.pdf
Bill_Denault_18dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_18dec2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_18dec2001.pdf
Brian_Platts_18dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_7feb2002c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_7feb2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_11feb2002a.pdf
Ernie_Crist_13mar2002d.pdf
Elizabeth_James_14mar2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_19mar2002.pdf
Agnes_Hilsen_22mar2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_24mar2002b.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_22jul2002.pdf

Lynn Valley Plan / Bicycle Lanes / Roads

Ernie_Crist_21sep2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_27sep2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_21oct2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_5nov2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_12nov2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_13nov2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_21jan2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_22jan2002.pdf
John_Fair_22jan2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_22jan2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_5feb2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_11mar2002a.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20mar2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_21mar2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_7apr2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_1jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_23may2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_19jun2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_12jul2002.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_17jul2002.pdf
* Gord_Howie_17jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_16jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_29jul2002b.pdf

Water Mains Replacement /Street Maintenance / Infrastructure /Garbage

Ernie_Crist_15apr2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_16apr2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_27apr2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_10jun2002d.pdf
Ernie_Crist_19jun2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_13jul2002.pdf
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* Dave_Sadler_13jul2002b.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_15jul2002.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_15jul2002b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_15jul2002.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_17jul2002b.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_20jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_23jul2002b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_2aug2002.pdf

Herbicides & Pesticides

Ernie_Crist_23mar2002c.pdf
John_Hunter_15apr2002.pdf
John_Hunter_15apr2002b.pdf
Angela_Trudeau_15apr2002.pdf
Angela_Trudeau_15apr2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_16apr2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_16apr2002c.pdf
Elizabeth_James_17apr2002.pdf
Bill_Tracey_28apr2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28apr2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_29jul2002.pdf

On Council Motions / Procedures

Ernie_crist_18oct2001.pdf
Pat_Munroe_17mar2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20mar2002e.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28may2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6jun2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_8jun2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_18jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17jun2002b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_22jul2002b.pdf

Foul/Noxious Odours in Maplewood

Dave_Sadler_1oct2001.pdf
Hunter-Sadler-2oct2001.pdf
Dan_Ellis_11oct2001.pdf
Brian_Platts_12oct2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_12oct2001.pdf
Don_Bell_12oct2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_14oct2001e.pdf
Dave_Sadler_12jul2002.pdf
* John_Hunter_12jul2002.pdf
* John_Hunter_12jul2002b.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_12jul2002.pdf
* Eric_Andersen_12jul2002.pdf

Seymour Local Area Plan

Ernie_Crist_15jun2002.pdf
Eric_Andersen_17jun2002.pdf
Corrie_Kost_18jun2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_18jun2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_18jun2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_22jun2002.pdf
John_Hunter_1jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_2aug2002b.pdf
* Bill_Maurer_2aug2002.pdf

Dog / Cat Licences/Issues

John_Hunter_10dec2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_10dec2001.pdf
Corrie_Kost_6jan2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_7jul2002b.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_20jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_20jul2002.pdf

Dollarton Re-alignment / Area Transportation Problems

Dave_Sadler_20mar2002c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_12apr2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_8jul2002.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_2aug2002.pdf

New Lynn Valley Library / 1996 Referendum

* Dave_Sadler_1aug2002.pdf
* Dave_Sadler_30jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_25jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_29jul2002b.pdf

Hogan's Pools Restoration Project

* Bill_Maurer_1aug2002.pdf

Smart Growth

* Eric_Andersen_19jul2002.pdf

BC Assessment Authority

* Ernie_Crist_14jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_27jul2002.pdf

North Shore News Criticized

* Ernie_Crist_21jul2002.pdf

Contracting of Shipbuilding

* Ernie_Crist_22jul2002.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_26jul2002.pdf

Funding of School Playgrounds

* Ernie_Crist_24jul2002.pdf

FONVCA

Minutes July 18, 2002

Attendees:

Maureen Bragg (chair)	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C. A.
Tom Hodson	Panorama Drive R.A..
Cathy Adams	Lion's Gate N. A.
Val Moller	Lion's Gate N. A.
Eric Andersen (notes)	Blueridge C. A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano R. A..
John Miller	Lower Capilano R. A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C. A.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights C. A.

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Additions:

- 3.4 Raising awareness of upcoming election
- 3.5 Lower Capilano Community Center tender

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2002

Moved by John Miller and seconded by Tom Hodson - the minutes were carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Budget Review Process - a meeting was held on June 27 in which the focus was trying to get a format established and how to improve the budget process. The intent was not to focus on individual budget issues, but strictly on the budget format. What constitutes a legitimate lease is it to be resolved by a full Council by October 2002. Members of Council attending the meeting on June 27 were Don Bell, Doug Mackay-Dunn, Bill Denault and Heather Dunsford (till 7.15 only). Speakers from the public were: Corrie Kost, David Dunbar (a CGA), Hugh Creighton (of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee), and Allan Orr.

3.2 FONVCA's letters requesting a Community Charter Symposium were sent out to the various North Shore municipalities, but no responses have been received thus far.

3.3 FONVCA's letter was sent to Council regarding the Seymour Local Plan.

It was noted that no such discussion was held by any previous Council other than for the Maplewood Local Plan.

3.4 The role of FONVCA at the upcoming election was discussed. The importance of raising

the awareness was stressed. FONVCA's role has been and continues to be - the sharing of information among its members.

It was suggested that FONVCA would need money to raise its awareness and that each association would be requested to respond. The possibility of a free ad in the 'District Dialogue' is another venue for raising FONVCA's profile – for example:

Become a player

Wanting to play a larger role in your community, but unsure of how you can contribute? You may want to start by contacting the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (FONVCA). Formed in 1993, FONVCA is an umbrella organization that represents community associations throughout the District. It encourages residents to become involved in their local community association and provides a forum so that member associations can discuss common concerns. By sharing information and experiences, FONVCA gives strength to each community association, and gives others a benchmark to follow.

Consider FONVCA your one-stop source for information on your local community association!

To find out more about the Federation, or about the community association in your area, call Brian Platts at 604-985-5104, e-mail fonvca@fonvca.org, or visit the web site at www.fonvca.org.

The Panorama Ratepayers' Association wanted to know what the money for FONVCA would be spent on. Examples given included an upgrade of our website, and ads encouraging enrolment in local community associations.

It was agreed that increased public involvement would be a good thing, but it was felt by some that there is a danger, should FONVCA be perceived as being political. In the past FONVCA has asked and posted questions put to the candidates (who have always responded). A discussion circled around how political FONVCA is/has become. A suggestion was also made for a published article about FONVCA instead of just newspaper ads. All agreed that we want to maintain our usefulness. Regarding the FONVCA questions it was decided to start with the 20 questions from the 1999 elections. The (proposed 10) questions are to be prepared for our next (August) FONVCA meeting. Any proposed questions should go to Corrie Kost before the next meeting (**but be presented without the senders' names**).

The question regarding the FONVCA questions should be sent to the executive, and if time allowed, the members of the various community associations in order to get feed-back.

The deadline for the publication of the responses to the FONVCA questions is the first all-candidates meeting.

It was announced that the Blueridge Community Association and the Seymour Community Association will jointly host an all-candidates meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 7 PM, i.e. 10 days prior to the municipal election.

3.5 Lower Capilano Community Center

It was questioned how staff are dealing with contracts. It was pointed out that some staff had allegedly thrown all notes out about this Community Center, and the point was also raised about how staff can be reporting on itself. Procedures ought to be well set up for the selection of contracts for community projects - including short-lists.

The discussion ended on a down note regarding whether the Lower Capilano Community Center will ever be built.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from extensive email sent to FONVCA

- As usual much correspondence has been received to our web site. Among the issues discussed was the debate about the voting on the 'Berlin Wall' at the GVWD level.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Encroachment Bylaw 7272-After having spent two years and solicited lots of public input before preparing the new bylaw on encroachments it was decided by Council that this was a 'hardship' for the parties affected and, consequently, there would be no changes to the existing bylaw.

5.2 PRO & other "PARK" designations bylaw discussion - All urban parks will now go into one of the four categories. Due to some discrepancy with some parks (and its use) the public hearing was adjourned till September 19.

Generally it was felt that the parks proposal looks good, but no proper advertising, clearly distinguishing between the various designations, had been done prior to the public hearing in July.

An interesting comparison was made by Corrie Kost (attached below) showing the LGA regulations for (un)dedication of parks versus the proposed draft Community Charter. This led to a

discussion on the future vulnerability of parkland under this new Charter.

A unanimously adopted **motion** was made that a letter be sent to Minister Ted Nebbeling - with copy to Council - stating that **park undedication should be made as stringent under the Community Charter as it presently is covered under the LGA and that the 5% of registered voter requirement for counter-petitions be retained.**

5.3 Greater Vancouver Sustainable Region Initiative. During a recent presentation to Council Johnny Carline, the CEO of the GVRD, stressed the importance of community input for the above initiative.

The intended GVRD process sees the community associations possibly bypass Council and provide their input straight to the GVRD (especially if council does not solicit such input).

Consideration was given to arranging a townhall meeting about the above GVSR Initiative for all interested residents with Johnny Carline - possibly in connection with the upcoming Seymour and Maplewood Local Plans.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a meeting/rally will be held on 07/27 regarding the skateboard in the North Vancouver City.
- a case about billboards Ontario was summarized www.ontariocourts.on.ca/decisions/2002/june/vannC36773.pdf

7. CHAIR & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Chair: Dan Ellis, Lynn Valley
Community Association
Tel: 604-985-7880**

DATE/PLACE:

**7:00PM Thursday August 15th 2002
District Hall**

**Comparison of Park Protection / Counter Petition process
provided by the current (Local Government Act) legislation
and the proposed Draft Community Charter
(prepared by Corrie Kost)**

	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT	DRAFT COMMUNITY CHARTER
PARK DEDICATION	Majority of Council + Referendum (#303)	2/3 of Council – no referendum required (ie. none allowed, opinions allowed)
PARK UNDEDICATION	Majority of Council + Referendum (implied by #303)	Majority of Council + (Referendum(#30-3) OR Counter-Petition Process #71-73)
COUNTER- PETITION %	5%	10%
COUNTER- PETITION PERIOD	30 DAYS (#172)	30 DAYS
PARK RESERVATION	Majority of Council	Same as for Dedication
PARK UN- RESERVATION	2/3 of Council + Counter-Petition Process #302	Same as for Undedication

Note: The above “interpretation” is the opinion of the author who feels it is in line with what a reasonably knowledgeable person would conclude about the current and proposed acts. The suggested improvements to the Community Charter which would redress the weakening of park protection are:

- a) Require that Park undedications have support of 2/3 of Council and MUST go through a referendum process – not just approval by the electorate - which allows for a counter-petition process.
- b) That the current counter-petition threshold of 5% be maintained. The 5% is supported by the UBCM.

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V8W 9N

August 11, 2002

Dear Hon. Ted Nebbeling:

RE: Draft Community Charter

At the July 18th 2002 meeting of the *Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations*, a discussion took place regarding the Park Dedication/Undedication aspects under the current Local Government Act and the proposed Community Charter. A motion was subsequently moved and unanimously carried:

"that park undedication should be made as stringent under the Community Charter as it presently is covered under the Local Government Act and that the current 5% of eligible voters requirement for counter-petitions be retained"

As attachment #1 you will find a table which summarizes the comparative situation as presented at the FONVCA meeting. In support of retaining the 5% level for counter-petitions we ask that you refer to the UBCM's own study on this issue found at <http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/LGPOLICY/MAR/SYMP2000/assent.html>

The conclusion of the UBCM study was that *"Overall, the survey indicated that local governments are making good use of the counter petition mechanisms and getting appropriate results"*. In our view, although there may be some rationale for a 10% requirement for small municipalities, this requirement is viewed as excessive for larger municipalities.

We look forward to your debate of these important community issues and a positive response in line with our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Maureen Bragg
(Chair, FONVCA)

emailed to
<mailto:CAWS.CharterFeedback@gems1.gov.bc.ca>
cc: Mayor & Council, District of North Vancouver

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Subject: Request For Seminar On New Community Charter

Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2002 15:34:13 -0700

From: Brian Platts <brian_platts@telus.net>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

The following August 6th 2002 letter from Agnes Hilsen (by fax) to FONVCA has been re-typed by Brian Platts for distribution by e-mail.

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter dated July 8 regarding the above-noted subject. Copies of your letter were forwarded to the members of Council for their consideration.

As you may be aware, B.C. municipalities and organizations such as the Local Government Management Association, the Government Finance Officers of B.C. and Building Officials Association of B.C. are currently reviewing the Community Charter and its potential impact on local governments. The charter will also be a key topic of discussion at the upcoming UBCM Convention September 24 to 27.

I understand that both the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver have referred your request to the Honourable Ted Nebbeling, Minister of State for Community Charter and 2010 Olympic Bid. Mayor Bell has advised me that he has personally contacted Minister Nebbeling's office to explore the possibility of a meeting such as you propose for the North Shore. He will be contacting you directly once he has further information in this regard.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Nebbeling for his consideration.

Your Truly
Agnes Hilsen

cc Ted Nebbeling
CNV Mayor & Council
DWV Mayor & Council

Possible Questions for Municipal Council/Mayor Candidates

1. How do you view the role that should be played by community associations with respect to local neighbourhood and district-wide issues.
2. What is your view of growth and/or development in the District.
3. Are you satisfied with the current public input process for council decisions?
4. Should major capital projects which increase taxes or incur a long term debt go to referendum?
5. What is your view of public transportation and how is it related to possible densification?
6. What are your primary goals/visions for the District?
7. What are your criteria for the use of our “Heritage Fund”?
8. Do you see the public play a larger or smaller role in council the decision making process?
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10. What areas of municipal activity would you cut to minimize tax increases?
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12. **In what ways do you consider the District will be affected by the up-coming Community Charter legislation**