

FONVCA

Minutes of July 15th 2004

Attendees:

Eric Andersen (Chair)	Blueridge C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Miller	Lower Capilano R.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.A.
Cathy Adams (Notes)	Lions Gate N.A..

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m. Late start due to locked doors upon arrival at District Hall.

*The clerk's office had FONVCA as meeting each month, except July and August. This has now been changed to meeting each month; prior to summer months, after it has been determined whether FONVCA will meet, or not, someone should phone the clerk's office and confirm the room booking situation for summer.

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

- 3.7a Arts Council/Graffiti
- 6.2 Citizens League Defence Fund
- 6.3 Registered Community Associations
- 6.4 Public Information Meetings
- 6.5 Highways Maintenance

2. ADOPTION OF JUNE 17th MINUTES

Moved/seconded by Brian Platts/Hugh Murray
Carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Northlands:

Several people attended the sentencing of Christie Hammond, including Brian Platts, Cathy Adams, Val Moller. Some neighbours of Ms. Hammond, have been concerned as to whether the conditions of house arrest are being followed. Follow up to be done.

3.2 Citizen's Assembly Meetings:

Letter requesting an additional Public Hearing on the North Shore was sent. NV Assembly member, Gene Kwan phoned Brian Platts saying that an additional Public Hearing would likely be held downtown in June. The Assembly will review all submissions over the summer and will make a recommendation in the fall.

3.3 Recycling Tender. Brian has not yet had a reply to his request for contract details, via FOI. Several people have concerns with new contractor, including late (sometimes days late) pickups, problems with large turning radius or the trucks, one man operations. Brian will email Gavin Joyce with concerns. - **ACTION**

3.4 Capilano Suspension Bridge Liability Issue;

Brian is still trying to contact DNV with further concerns. Council released in-camera decision to not go ahead with

Lynn Valley Greenheart project, which has been under discussion for several years. This was a council decision, and not a result of a public process.

3.5 Edgemont Liquor Store

Community public meeting held on July 6th, with many speakers. DNV will submit a package on the meeting and submissions to the province, then the applicant is given an opportunity to respond. Someone from the community is pursuing the narrow definition the "public interest" has been given. Will it make a difference? Remains to be seen at this point.

3.6 Sale of Parkland

District is proposing sale of greenspace to an owner who has encroachments, to regularize their property. The PNEAC is opposed, and last month FONVCA sent a letter of opposition. Nonetheless council decided to go to Public Hearing on this. Don Bell and Lisa Muri were absent, with Alan Nixon in conflict, so only 4 voted on this important precedent setting issue.

3.7 Graffiti

Letter by FONVCA was sent to council. This issue is to be discussed by council on July 19th, with a motion put forward by Alan Nixon. City of North Van has a bylaw – one which is needed here as well.

3.7a Arts Council - has put out a challenge to the "graffiti community". They will provide an opportunity for displays of graffiti as artwork.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails –

46 new letters received to July 11th

Issues discussed at this meeting:

- a. RAV Dead - dead - dead - alive!!!
- b. Seniors housing at 100 blk W. Queens - there had been some discussion about breaking the block up into 6 pieces, but after a special council meeting held June 29th on this issue council did not proceed with that. There is a 5 year renewable clause to have a total of 37 of the 97 units are to be subsidized by the Province. Density (units/acre, not bulk) bonusing amounted to over 100%. All units will be rentals, cannot be stratified. The project is 18 feet higher than would be permitted for Single Family zoning. The public hearings on this were closed July 13th.

4.2 Non-posted e-mails – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 New Fire Bylaw

Single Family homes will be required to have **smoke detectors**. Corrie sent a letter challenging the District's authority on this, and was sent a reference to the section' of the Community Charter which permits it.

Watering restrictions along greenbelts are to be relaxed, under authority of the Fire Chief, for safety of homes, and also the protection of the forest from a fire originating on private property.

Note that with regards to water restrictions, the **Coquitlam reservoir has lots of capacity**, but Hydro would need to be paid for the rights. Only a piece of paper separates the region from having sufficient supplies of water so that we would no longer require water restrictions.

5.2 Streamside Setback Regulations

These are to be changed by the Province. DNV used to be a leader in this area, but it seems no longer. Interpretations are lenient; now only the "impact" of a development must be taken into account. Fishbearing streams were to be protected, but now it is unknown whether there will be a public process to protect them. See the "facts sheet /concerns page at" <http://www.bcssp.ca/letters/factsheet.pdf>

5.3 Annual Report - Reporting Requirements

The District was notified a year ago of new provincial requirements. **Several requirements under the Community Charter were not met.** It was decided to send a letter to council asking council to adhere to the requirements of the Community Charter, in particular Sections 98 and 99. **ACTION**

5.4 Chaos Theory of Transportation - Part 2

In part 1 we had the idea of having "no rules" - and that it doesn't make a difference. In part 2 Eric Andersen shared his observations from China. There are lots of accidents there – showing rules are needed.

5.5 By-Election

By-Election will likely be November 6th. Maureen McKeon-Holmes made a motion, which was not seconded, suggesting a mechanism whereby Don Bell would not resign right away, and a by-election would be avoided. Many residents spoke against the motion. There was discussion about who has declared, or may be considering, running. Brian will get information from Agnes Hilsen on deadlines for declaration of candidacy, when referendum questions must be decided on by council, etc. - **ACTION**

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 "Legal Issues to think about"

Council cannot base decisions on information not available at the time of a public hearing. Regarding a rezoning for a grocery store, Corrie asked about the difference in tax rates for the store, versus rezoning to (2) single family. Staff didn't have info at hand, but looked up information during the public hearing. Turned out that 2 residences would pay more in taxes than the store. An example of the process being properly applied.

6.2 Citizens Legal Defence Fund

Liz James sent a letter asking FONVCA to consider the need for such a fund. Corrie will invite Liz to next FONVCA meeting to explain her initiative, and answer questions. **ACTION**

6.3 Registered Community Associations

Brian sent in FONVCA's January's minutes to the Clerk's office, as it is considered our AGM. All CA's wanting to remain in good standing as an officially registered association are reminded to submit the minutes of their Annual General Meetings to the DNV Clerk's office.

6.4 Public Information Meetings

To be chaired by Community Associations? They are sponsored by the developer. Brian recently chaired one for which staff did not wish to attend, due to prior abuse by a resident. It was done in council chambers so staff could later review a tape.

6.5 Highways Maintenance

The Rotary Club is paying to have the north bridgehead maintained, with having the lawn mowed, etc. Highways is hoping to have community groups come forward to maintain different areas, but concerns include safety, liability, etc. Non-maintenance leads to concerns about fire hazard, untidy appearance, and bike and pedestrian routes not being maintained to a safe standard.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair will be Allan Orr –
August 19th room booking has been confirmed!

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.