FONVCA

Minutes of November 20th 2003

Attendees:

Eric Andersen Maureen Bragg Dan Ellis Cathy Adams Brian Platts David Knee John Fair Corrie Kost Hugh Murray **Tom Hodson** Val Moller Diana Belhouse (Chair) Blueridge C.A. Save Lynn Canyon Park Lynn Valley C.A. Lions Gate N.A. Edgemont C.A. Norgate Park C.A. Lynnmour & Inter-River C.A. Edgemont C.A. Capilano Community R.A. **Panorama Drive R.A.** Lions Gate N.A. Delbrook C.A.

J. Knee (notetaker)

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

6.2 SPACE Program – John Fair
6.3 Block Party Insurance – Brian
6.4 District Policy on Tree Removal Contract - Hugh

2. ADOPTION OF Oct 16TH MINUTES

No amendments. Adopted unan.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Letter of thanks for district staff sign presentation was sent to Council.

3.1 Council to discuss Sign Bylaw Tuesday November 25th District wants each area Deep Cove, Lynn Valley etc. to meet to discuss how the new Bylaw would work (or not) in each area. Some concerns were expressed on potential non-conforming signs being put in place after the main sign Bylaw is approved but before local character sign areas are approved.

Motion - to request Council to defer adoption of sign Bylaw until such time as each sign character areas **specific** regulations are incorporated into the draft. Brian/Hugh carried unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails:

Issue that legalizing suites in residential zones should generate DCC's for infrastructure costs was discussed.

4.2 Non-Posted letters. None this period. However, Brian & Corrie had made a decision to put a letter on the website only on the condition that the persons name must be provided (ie. anonymous emails will not be posted). The members concurred with this decision and it will be part of normal policy.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Debris Flow Studies:

Some discussion toke place on this issue as a result of the special Oct 27^{th} council policy decision

(http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agend as_Minutes/cm031027.htm to consult associations and

other stakeholders by sending them summary report and holding a meeting on this issue. At issue is who will pay for the approx \$27million cost to fully mitigate the potential risk to some 300 homes. Options range from sharing the costs by all taxpayers via a utility fee, to the full costs being born by the stakeholders (eg. those who exacerbate the risks).

5.2 (a) Residential vs. Industrial/Commercial Taxes: Corrie distributed and discussed his report on the 1991-2002 Res/Ind taxes <u>http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/13oct-</u> to/Corrie Kost 8nov2003.pdf

5.2 (b) Duties of CAO Ten Points of Priority Criteria (which were appended to Oct 18th minutes) -discussion followed on Manager's CAO responsibility and exposure to liability for any eventualities resulting from mismanagement or dishonesty in the organization.

5.3 Liquor Sales – Council was to institute a number of zoning bylaw amendments to which FONVCA was to input by Nov 19th 2003. There were no problems foreseen with the proposed changes.

5.4 GVRD's meeting on Lower Mainland Water Supply

after a discussion of the issues a letter is to be sent to GVRD cc. Council expressing concern on **inappropriateness of charging for attendance at GVRD public meetings** (held in public place by a public employee) on important infrastructure issues (in this case the future of Lower Mainland's water supply on Nov 12th held at the Learning Lodge, LSCR). Moved by Brian/Cathy and carried unanimously.

5.5 Community Charter – Duty Implications

Corrie presented a 6 page summary of duties of both councillors and mayor and consequences of failure to perform such under the new Community Charter as well as prescriptive elements of its Council-Citizen relations. They can be found at <u>http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2003/</u>

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 (a) Bill 75 (the Significant Projects Streamlining Act) http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/37th4th/1st_read/gov75-1.htm allows province to override municipal concerns – contrary to spirit of upcoming Community Charter - handout by Corrie. FONVCA to urge Council to support UBCM position stated in letter November 7/03 (distributed)

6.1 (b) Regional Growth Strategies mechanism discussed – Community Minister George Abbott's article (Vancouver Sun B5 – Nov 6/2003) distributed.

6.1 (c) Tables of Concordance – relating sections of LGA to Community Charter and visa-versa can be found at http://www.mcaws.gov.bc.ca/charter/concordance/instructions.htm

6.2 SPACE (Safe Pedestrian And Cycling

Environment) program - John Fair spoke on establishing a safe bicycle/pedestrian routes across the North Shore without using main roads. He would appreciate any support from all Associations. Those interested in volunteering for the North Shore SPACE program can contact him via phone/email: 604-986-9920 jfair@shaw.ca **6.3 Block Party Insurance** – council rescinded the \$50 minimum charge to hold Block Parties – permits may still be required for road closure but there will be no charges for community events.

6.4 Tree Removal Contract - Hugh reported several large trees cut down behind Save ON Foods and debris not removed - what is District policy for such contractors?

6.5 Budget Meetings - Corrie requested help in covering these afternoon/early evening meetings. Volunteers to assist. Murdo Fraser, now taken over by Recreation Dept. has increased the fees by 15%. District postponed any future borrowing until 2005

A brief discussion took place on Taxi safety situation on North Shore.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Eric Andersen, Blueridge Community Association, Tel: 604-929-6849 7:00 p.m. Thursday December 18th 2003 at District Hall

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

The December 18th meeting will take place contingent on prior response on attendance.