

FONVCA

Minutes of November 18th 2004

Attendees:

Cathy Adams (CHAIR)	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Allan Orr	Seymour C.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Jim Cuthbert	Seymour C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Elizabeth James	Guest

Notetaker: Jenny Knee

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION of October 21st MINUTES

Minutes were adopted with following minor corrections:

- Diana Belhouse was notetaker
- Vall should be Val

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 November 4 presentation to City Community Associations – 11 people present - Corrie gave a handout of his presentation.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2004/nov4-presentation.pdf>

The hour long presentation was well received and they intend to hold further meetings. Corrie suggested a public venue rather than a private place for such future meetings. Brian said two current issues for them are traffic and development. Currently, compared to DNV, there is very little procedure in place for them to engage in a meaningful dialogue with City council. For example, the public input period takes place late in evening.

3.2 Referenda to un-dedicate dedicated parkland: Council adopts policy to undedicated dedicated parkland only by way of referenda – see agenda item #7 of Council's meeting of Oct 18/2004 and staff report
http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/468662.pdf Although the policy is non-binding it would require an additional public process to un-dedicate dedicated parkland.

3.3 Request to council for report on UBCM – some positive feedback from members of council was received on this FONVCA request of
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2004/ubcm.pdf>

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from a record 90 regular emails –

general discussion ensued. Display in Lynn Valley Mall for Alpine Trail users - district staff will be in attendance.

4.2 Non-posted e-mails

There was one request not to post on the web site from a mentioned third party – despite that there was some useful information provided by Councillor Crist.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Election Results/Implications - Corrie gave a poll-by-poll summary handout. Brian suggested that municipal election should require voting take place your residential area so auditing the system could take place.

Corrie – moved a motion to urge council, through the UBCM, to table a request to Provincial government that appropriate identification be requested in voting in municipal elections.

John raised question of legality re: Community Charter - Brian will investigate. Previous motion conditional on whether ID was required. **ACTION ITEM**

Allan will check with Agnes on current auditing process - the advance polls should have been earlier than they were.

5.2 Financial Workshops - John & Corrie attended - Corrie gave a handout on topics discussed,
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2004/nov9-report.pdf>
topics that came up included:

- charging for parking at district parks - general discussion followed.
- Land sales - district still using money for maintenance and capital renewal.
- Gaming - Bingo halls all get slot machines eventually - Hugh commented that all owned by the same companies.
- Recreation is still the major budget expense.

The reasonableness of the Fire/Police costs were discussed. There will be no cutting of senior management. District handouts of almost \$2,000,000 cost \$400,000 to administer.

5.3 Deregulate secondary suites in CNV – CNV proposals seem to be complete abandonment of concept of single family residents. Concerns expressed that district would follow the same path. **District currently has 1700 registered** - and paying utility fees.

5.4 Street & Traffic Bylaw - very comprehensive bylaw with changes with the following concerns:

- Sidewalk clear space beside customer service areas of 1.5m too narrow - should be minimum 2m.
- Municipal engineer granted too much power (regulate encroachments)
- Not being able to return to same block or parking lot for 60 minutes once time expires.
- Attempts to regulate "jaywalking"
- Fines & possible jail sentences seem harsh

5.5 GVRD sustainability report – Corrie referred to <http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/sustainability/SustainabilityReport03.htm> as well as gave handout charting GVRD capital expenditures from 2004 – 2013 - showing large increases in water costs from 2004 - 2007

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 "Legal Issues to think about"

None presented this time.

6.2 Boarding at 'doggy daycare' : public hearing adjourned until January 2005

6.3 Issue of North Shore News refusing to print rebuttals in paper during the election was discussed. Needs follow-up. **ACTION**

6.4 First Nation's voting rights – it appears that they are eligible to vote in municipal elections.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting December 16th, 2004.

Chairperson, John Miller Lower Capilano C.R.A.

The regular business of FONVCA having been completed at 9:00 pm now allowed for main item of the meeting:

Presentation by organizing committee of North Shore Transit Authority (NSTA)

A presentation was given to FONVCA based on material posted and distributes:

See <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2004/nsta.pdf> and

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2004/nsta-background.pdf>

Allan Nixon opened the presentation on behalf of the North Shore Transportation Authority - stating its aims & goals.

Members of TPAC had a brainstorming session and came up with a mandate for a steering committee for NSTA. The recommendation is that it be a citizen driven organization independent of TPAC/District.

Larry Pierce - solicit public opinion

- Fresh ways of looking at transportation problems e.g. Capilano College (car pooling etc)
- Moms driving kids to school - certainty of pollution.
- Reps invited from W. Vancouver and City to first meeting to include the whole of the North Shore.

Questions / Answers / Comments

- TPAC usurping council authority to form a steering committee?
- Council endorsed the NSTA through TPAC - for 'steering committee' read 'working group'
- A NS transportation 'authority' would have no real clout with the GVTA other than as one of many lobby groups.
- It was suggested that a true NS Transportation Authority – separate from the GVTV and Translink – is the only way for NS residents to get a fair deal to solve our own transportation problems.
- Committee has no boundaries - it can speak to W. Van/City/District/Province/Federal
- Pat Jacobsen has said a North Shore subsidiary of TRANSLINK is being considered so this could be a positive result.
- First meeting Feb 8 2005
- Immediate goal - NS arm of TRANSLINK to gain TRANSLINK dollars for the N. Shore.
- Voting rights should be proportional to funds given
- Citizens groups have more power than businesses
- Community Charter gives power to communities to organize their own services i.e. transportation.
- W. Vancouver Community Associations contacted Ambleside/Dundarave/British Properties.

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Meeting adjourned 10:05 p.m.