



**FONVCA AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm  
**Chair:** Maureen Bragg – Lynn Valley CA & Save Lynn Canyon Park.  
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**1. Order/content of Agenda**

**Appreciation of Ernie Crist**  
 (Donations towards gift welcomed)

**2. Adoption of Minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**3. Old Business**

**3.1 Winner of election forecast is?**

**3.2 FONVCA.ORG Domain name renewal**  
 - contributions to cover expense...

**3.3 Long Island, NY: Breast Cancer & Pesticides – a 10 year study**  
 - report by Corrie Kost  
<http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v5/n12/pdf/nrc1755.pdf>  
<http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v5/n12/extref/nrc1755-s1.pdf>

**4. Correspondence Issues**

**4.1 Business arising from 45 regular emails:**

– top issue – 17 on Municipal Elections

**4.2 Non-Posted letters**

4 this period. Will be emailed to FONVCA members and circulated at meeting for discussion.

**5. New Business Council and other District issues.**

**5.1 Translink Meetings:**

- Validity of Dec 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting (see [http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2005/14nov-to/Corrie\\_Kost\\_11dec2005b.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2005/14nov-to/Corrie_Kost_11dec2005b.pdf) )
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> NS depot consultation meeting

**5.2 Report on CFO Workshop #2 of 30Nov**

- summary by Corrie Kost

**5.3 Purpose of Community Associations?**

- How do members view the role of their community association?

**5.4 Scope of development variances?**

See [http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council\\_Reports/545347.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/545347.pdf) - possible FONVCA endorsing limiting scope of DVPs  
[http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council\\_Agendas\\_Minutes/cm050627.htm](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/cm050627.htm)

**5.4 First impressions of New Council?**

**6. Any Other Business**

**6.1 - Legal issue to think about-**

**7. Chair & Date of next meeting.**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Attachments**

\*List of Email to FONVCA of last 33 months - **BUT ONLY FOR SUBJECTS WITH NEW ENTRIES**

**OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS**

- Cat Regulation Bylaw
- Review of Zoning Bylaw
- Securing of vehicle load bylaw
- District-wide OCP
- Street-ends opening to Waterfront
- Snow removal for single family homes bylaw

## Correspondence Ordered by Subject

\* means new emails during  
13 Nov 2005 →  
11 Dec 2005

Only subjects with new  
entries are listed - ordered ~  
by volume since 18 Nov/2002

## On Council Motions / Procedures / Freedom of Speech / Ombudsman

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# FONVCA

Minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup> 2005

## Attendees:

John Miller (Chair-Pro-Tem) \* Lower Capilano C.R.A.  
Diana Belhouse \* Delbrook C.A.  
Cathy Adams \* Lions Gate N.A.  
Brian Platts \* Edgemont C.A.  
Hugh Murray Lower Capilano C.R.A.  
David Knee \* Norgate Park C.A.  
Corrie Kost Edgemont C.A.  
Monica Craver Upper Lynn R.A.  
Maureen Bragg \* Save Lynn Canyon Park  
Eric Andersen \* Blueridge C.A.  
Patrick Higgs \* Lynn Valley C.A.

\* Members that paid \$10 towards \$120 cost of renewing fonvca.org domain name for 5 years

Meeting started 7:10pm

## 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add - 6.2 Affordable Housing  
6.3 All Candidates Meeting  
6.4 50meters rule for bylaw complaints

## 2. ADOPTION of Oct 20th MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Brian/Dave – carried unanimously to approve minutes as circulated.

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

### 3.1 12 unposted emails of previous month:

The unposted emails were circulated to members present. Brian reviewed the reasons for their nonposting:

- writers request
- inappropriate language
- impugning character

Dave Knee requested that non-posted e-mails be sent with the e-mailed agenda to facilitate reading and digesting before the meeting. It was decided to email them to all fonvca members.

### 3.2 Questions for Municipal election

- Corrie updated that all responses to the FONVCA and Lions Gate questions are posted on the website. Difficulty producing a hard copy for posting at All

Candidates meetings - due to length of some replies. We should consider limiting the replies for next time.

**3.3 Crippen Park Issue** - Brian updated - no response to our second letter from the Minister.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

### 4.1 Business arising from 61 regular emails – Top issues were:

- Bus depot (15) and
- Municipal Elections (13)

Dave Knee reported that there should be a meeting in early Dec. with TRANSLINK on relocating the bus depot to Norgate. There will be a public hearing on this in early January 2006.

### 4.2 Non-posted letters –4 this period.

No discussion of these. See item 4.1 above.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Industrial Waterfront ads.** - one community association contacted them with regard to who they represented.

**5.2 Forecasting election results** - Brian requested all forecasts before 8:00 pm. on Saturday Nov 19.

**5.3 Evelyn Drive court case** - Corrie reviewed the rationale behind the court's decision to uphold W. Van's rejection of the proposed development.

**5.4 FONVCA org domain name renewal** - see attendees list. FONVCA.ORG domain name registration extended to Nov 2010.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Legal Issues:

Two references were thought worth a read...

- Charter Cities in Canada – powers are pretty toothless
- Donald Lidstone April/2004 paper on assessment of various Municipal Acts in Canada

**6.2 Affordable Housing** - Eric Andersen reported on the Windridge development which council approved on the basis of "affordable housing" (~\$300k/unit) in opposition to surrounding residents and lack of consideration for Senior Housing. The units now are on the market for approx. \$100,000 above the price

suggested at time of 4/3 council approval. "affordable housing" is a myth and we should replace it with "subsidised housing which serves a social need" Corrie proposed chastising and/or correcting council next time they use the term "affordable housing" unless it is subsidised or a co-op program. Seniors housing falls into the same category. "means test" suggested as an option.

### **6.3 All Candidates meetings:**

Brian, Cathy and Eric reported on the meetings they were involved in.

**6.4 50m. Rule** - Hugh reported that when requesting information on by-law infractions to make a valid by-law complaint he was told that if he did not live within 50m. of the infraction he would have to get a signed complaint from someone resident within 50m, of the infraction. He was informed by mail that this rule applies to all residential by-law complaints which effectively removes the anonymity for residents to report violations through their Community Association.

We need to confirm if and when this 50m. rule was approved by council for ALL by-law complaints. No action at this time due to elections. To be raised again in December meeting.

General discussion followed on the candidates for election.

Discussion on Ernie's farewell from council.

## **7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday**

– **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

Pro-tem Chair will be **Maureen Bragg** – Lynn Valley C.A. Tel: 604-985-7272 email: m.bragg@shaw.ca

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm

**Subject: Peace Arch News Article - Need Accountable Translink...**

**Date:** Sun, 11 Dec 2005 17:40:20 -0800

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**CC:** Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>

**Direct accountability a must for TransLink**

By Frank  
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And Frankly...  
Dec 09 2005

It was a spectacle to behold - six people who won't sit on next year's TransLink board passing a host of tax increases that we'll all pay next year. Four of those six, including chair Doug McCallum, are former mayors defeated at the polls last month. Their successors have already been sworn in, but they still sit on the TransLink board. The board met Wednesday in Langley, hosted by that city's former mayor Marlene Grinnell. It decided not to reduce the mill rate for property taxation, despite a windfall last year based on high assessments. That means TransLink property taxes will go up \$19, and quite likely more. It also decided to extend AirCare to 2011. AirCare, which conducts mandatory emission tests on most cars and light trucks, has been challenged as ineffective and a cash cow by critics. Though tweaked, AirCare won't change that much. Despite pleas from a number of citizens who came as delegations, the board did not address mounting concerns about overruns on the RAV project, now known as the Canada line. The entire procedure was a sham. It was far from democratic, and is an affront to taxpayers. This is not to say TransLink itself isn't working. A regional approach to transit, road and bridge improvements is far better than the old provincial agency. Overall, TransLink is doing a pretty good job. Increased fares cover more than half the cost of operating the transit system - a figure that is far higher than many U.S. transit systems. Community shuttle buses, far less costly to operate, continue to be used in greater numbers. Senior staff at TransLink, led by CEO Pat Jacobsen, are operating in a transparent fashion and it is relatively easy to find out how our tax dollars are spent. The one exception is the RAV line, being built by a public-private partnership and guarding information jealously. However, TransLink's governance structure is broken. While TransLink is supposed to have 15 directors, the three from the province have declined to sit, so in effect it is a 12-person board. The 12 are appointed from Greater Vancouver Regional District board. As the new GVRD board hadn't met by Wednesday, the existing TransLink board was empowered to deal with matters such as the 2006 budget, Golden Ears Bridge and other key issues. It was clear from the number of delegations and issues before the meeting that TransLink has to be a separate body. To roll all the matters directors deal with into a GVRD meeting would not work. It is also good that municipal representatives are part of decision-making. Transportation is a local and regional issue best dealt with by people who know the scene. However, the indirect selection process (with GVRD directors, themselves appointed by their councils, choosing TransLink directors) shows its weakness when six people who have no responsibility to anyone are making decisions about property taxes in 2006. TransLink directors need to be elected directly by taxpayers. The regional structure of the board is important, and it would probably be best if it were maintained more or less as is, with an ability to adjust as populations shift. With a direct election, Surrey and White Rock voters could select TransLink reps - who could also run for council or devote all their energies to TransLink. In order for direct elections to take place, an amendment to provincial legislation is needed. The provincial act should be amended anyway to eliminate the provincial directors, so MLAs must also consider changing the act to allow for direct elections - and proper accountability to taxpayers.

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