



FONVCA AGENDA THURSDAY February 19th 2004

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Chair: Val Moller – Lions Gate
 Neighbourhood Assoc. Tel: 604-926-8063

1. Order/content of Agenda

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 15th

3. Old Business

3.1 Shirtsleeve meeting – Wed March 3rd /2004
 Cathy to supply update on details. Councillor Crist request -
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Ernie_Crist_14feb2004.pdf

3.2 Review of email postings – should “offensive” postings be censured? See
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Corrie_Kost_24jan2004.pdf and other letters this period

3.3 Northlands – Revised Tendering Policy
http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/383042.pdf

3.4 Translink – FONVCA letter
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Brian_Platts_26jan2004.pdf
 and response http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/David_Weber_30jan2004.pdf

3.5 GVRD – Marvin Hunt response
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Marvin_Hunt_20jan2004.pdf -
 GVRD rescinds charging for public meetings.

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from regular emails -
 attached lists ~52 new letters submitted –
 Jan 12/2004 – Feb 15/2004 contained in a complete list of
 last 28 months but only for those subjects with recent entries.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – None this period

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 District Technology Usage Policy

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/387650.pdf 90% ok but that other 10%!

- monitor users (public mail?) of system
- access not a right for members of council
- emails must not offend others

language is less offensive than misleading and incorrect information

5.2 Yard Trimmings Collection Program

- the obfuscations continue (Jan 19th council mtg)
- % collected by kraft bags (Nixon) unknown
- 83% approval refuted by Holmes

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/381860.pdf

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Brian_Platts_19jan2004.pdf

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Corrie_Kost_18jan2004.pdf

5.3 Undedicating Parks

- referendum NOT required
- <http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/approval.pdf>
- Notwithstanding Council policy/bylaw required

5.4 Strategic and Business Plan 2004

- James Ridge (District CAO) presentation
- http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/389151.pdf
- 70% recycling by 2010
- low taxes not part of “quality of life” (appropriate taxation?)
- missing democracy / public involvement components
- “Signature” theme needed
- **Community input (Council Workshop) March 12/2004**
- **Community consultation April 5-16/2004 for 2020 Vision**

5.5 2004-2008 Financial Plan Adopted

- Why the rush? (May 15/2004 deadline) –adopted Feb 9/2004
- No detailed plan as in prior years – only workbook
- 4.9% increase, 16% more “property taxes” collected by 2008
- http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/388546.pdf
- \$8,220,000 “physical asset disposition proceeds”

6. Any Other Business

6.1 - Legal issues to think about-

Quote by Chilliwack Mayor Clint Hames – on how many feel about P3’s “You bring a solution to a problem the public didn’t know it had, and the solution becomes the problem” – aptly paraphrasing the old adage that most of our problems are due to our solutions.

7. Chairperson & Date of next meeting.

March 18/2004

Attachments

*List of Email to FONVCA of last 28 months - **BUT ONLY FOR SUBJECTS WITH NEW ENTRIES**

OUTSTANDING FUTURE FONVCA ITEMS

- Council: Cat Regulation Bylaw
- Council: Snow removal for single family homes bylaw
- Council: Securing of vehicle load bylaw
- Council: Review of Zoning Bylaw
- Council: Taxicab regulations bylaw
- Council: District-wide OCP
- Council: Street-ends opening to Waterfront
- GVRD: Fees for public meetings

Correspondence Ordered by Subject

* means since new emails
11 January 2004 →
15 February 2004
Only subjects with new
entries are listed - ordered ~
by volume since 17 Sep/2001

On Council Motions / Procedures / Freedom of Speech / Ombudsman

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
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John_Hunter_14jan2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_4feb2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20feb2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28feb2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_8mar2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20apr2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_25apr2003.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_15may2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24may2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6jun2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_9jun2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_17jun2003.pdf
Alan_Nixon_9jul2003.pdf
Alan_Nixon_10jul2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_10jul2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17jun2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17jun2003b.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_11jul2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_11jul2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_12jul2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_18jul2003c.pdf
Corrie_Kost_7sep2003.pdf
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Don_Bell_30dec2003.pdf
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* Ernie_Crist_22jan2004c.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_23jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_23jan2004b.pdf
* James_Ridge_23jan2004.pdf
* Corrie_Kost_24jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_26jan2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_26jan2004c.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_27jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_27jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_12feb2004.pdf
* Agnes_Hilsen_12feb2004.pdf

TRANSLINK / Transportation / RAV / Fuel Taxes / GVRD

Dave_Sadler_4oct2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_21nov2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_21nov2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28nov2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_28nov2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_29nov2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_30nov2001b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_18feb2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_18feb2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_22feb2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28jun2002b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_12aug2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_12aug2002b.pdf
Dave_Sadler_11sep2002.pdf
Dan_Ellis_9jan2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_3feb2003.pdf
Maureen_Bragg_4feb2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_14feb2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_26feb2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_30apr2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24may2003.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_2sep2003c.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15sep2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15sep2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_15sep2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_26oct2003.pdf
John_Harvey_26oct2003f.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6nov2003.pdf
Corrie_Kost_23nov2003.pdf
Corrie_Kost_7dec2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_1dec2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_4dec2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_5dec2003b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_12dec2003.pdf
Brian_Platts_14dec2003b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15dec2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15dec2003c.pdf
Barbara_Sharp_17dec2003.pdf
Brian_Platts_17dec2003.pdf
Barbara_Sharp_18dec2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_19dec2003.pdf
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Elizabeth_James_2jan2004.pdf
Ernie_Crist_10jan2004c.pdf
* Brian_Platts_26jan2004.pdf
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* Ernie_Crist_18jan2004.pdf
* Marvin_Hunt_20jan2004.pdf
* David_Weber_30jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_11feb2004.pdf

Yard Trimming Collection Program / Recycling /Solid Waste

Corrie_Kost_6jan2002.pdf
Corrie_Kost_13jan2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_15jan2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_16jan2002.pdf
Corrie_Kost_24jan2002.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_11jan2004b.pdf
* Brian_Platts_19jan2004.pdf
* Corrie_Kost_18jan2004.pdf

Health Care / LGH

Don_Bell_22mar2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_3apr2002c.pdf
Elizabeth_James_3apr2002.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_29oct2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_29oct2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24dec2003b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_19jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_24jan2004a.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_2feb2004b.pdf

Misleading/Unclear or Missing Advertising/Improper Notification/ Communications Policies by District

Ernie_Crist_30nov2001d.pdf
Dave_Sadler_1dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_1dec2001c.pdf
Corrie_Kost_8dec2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_17mar2002b.pdf
Dave_Sadler_26mar2002b.pdf
Dave_Sadler_6apr2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_18apr2002b.pdf
Agnes_Hilsen_26apr2002.pdf
* Cathy_Adams_12jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_2feb2004.pdf

Community Charter

Ernie_Crist_21nov2001b.pdf
Bill_Tracey_27may2002.pdf
Allan_Orr_16jun2002.pdf
Brian_Platts_21jun2002.pdf
Don_Bell_12aug2002.pdf
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* Elizabeth_James_30jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_10feb2004.pdf
* Agnes_Hilsen_10feb2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_13feb2004b.pdf

District Taxes /BC Assessment Authority / Home Owners Grant

Ernie_Crist_14jul2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_27jul2002.pdf
Corrie_Kost_23aug2002.pdf
Elizabeth_James_23aug2002.pdf
John_Hunter_23aug2002.pdf
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Corrie_Kost_10jan2004.pdf
Ernie_Crist_11jan2004c.pdf
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* Ernie_Crist_30jan2004.pdf

Mountain biking/Parking issue

Ernie_Crist_5jun2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6jun2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24jun2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_26jun2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_27jun2003.pdf
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John_Harvey_26oct2003e.pdf
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Wayne_Lloyd_7nov2003.pdf
Monica_Craver_17nov2003.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_7jan2004.pdf
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* Monica_Craver_24jan2004.pdf
* Monica_Craver_26jan2004.pdf

New Lynn Valley Library / 1996 Referendum

Dave_Sadler_1aug2002.pdf
Dave_Sadler_30jul2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_25jul2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_29jul2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_5sep2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_3nov2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_15dec2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_1jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_5feb2004.pdf

Council Ethics / Conflict of Interest

Ernie_Crist_22oct2003d.pdf
Ernie_Crist_17nov2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_9dec2003d.pdf
Brian_Platts_16dec2003.pdf
Eric_Andersen_16dec2003.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_10jan2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_23jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_26jan2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_9feb2004.pdf

Violence / Gratuitous Violence on TV

Ernie_Crist_9dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_11feb2002b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_2aug2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_9dec2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_9dec2003b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_10dec2003.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_2feb2004c.pdf

**FONVCA Communications /
Process**

Corrie_Kost_20nov2002.pdf
Peter_Vivian_15feb2003.pdf
Corrie_Kost_15feb2003b.pdf
Brian_Platts_10mar2003b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_14feb2004.pdf

**Forest Fires /Park Trails /Bike
Trails & Lanes**

John_Fair_25apr2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_4aug2003b.pdf
Elizabeth_James_8aug2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_22aug2003.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_13feb2004.pdf

**Park Protection / Park &
Tilford Gardens**

* Ernie_Crist_27jan2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_30jan2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_13feb2004c.pdf

Environmental Protection

* Ernie_Crist_3feb2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_8jan2004.pdf

FONVCA

Minutes of January 15th 2004

Attendees:

Brian Platts (Chair)	Edgemont C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Allan Orr	Seymour C.A.
Tome Hodson	Panorama Drive Ratepayers

J. Knee (notetaker)

Guests

James Ridge	DNV CAO
Elizabeth James	CAGE
John Harvey	resident

Meeting started 7:15pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

- 6.2 Yard Trimmings – Corrie – dealt with in item 5.4.
- 6.3 District Advertising - Cathy

Brian introduced James Ridge, Chief Administrative Officer of the District of North Vancouver. James Ridge then gave a brief outline of his past work experience. This was followed by a more detailed outline of his vision for the District. Areas discussed were:

- arts co-ordination
- BC ambulance service
- internal auditing reporting relationships
- legal services
- policing
- building assessments
- council procedures
- contract renewals

A concern was also expressed on the adequacy of FONVCA's current policy on the screening of posted letters [to be placed on next month's FONVCA agenda]

James Ridge (with encouragement) stayed for duration of meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF Jan 15TH MINUTES

At suggestion of Dan the wording "usual purchasing system" in item 3.1 was changed to "a typical purchase order system". Adoption of minutes with above change was moved by Allan, seconded by Dan and carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Canopy Walk Approval Process

Corrie distributed the hand-out as noted in previous meeting.

3.2 Northlands

Sentencing on the theft of district funds is to take place March 12th at 1:30pm. Cathy to provide any updates.

3.3 Letter(s) sent by FONVCA

Invitation to James Ridge to this meeting.

3.4 Sign Bylaw.

Doug Allan's response letter

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2004/sign-bylaw-da-email.pdf> was circulated. This was in relation to ensuring harmonization of sign character areas with proposed sign bylaw. Cathy also contacted Doug about her specific concerns with Marine Drive sign character area and Doug informed her that he had done his report to council. This item requires follow-up when it goes to council as staff position does not align with that of FONVCA.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails:

Some 58 emails were posted Dec 15/2003 to Jan 11/2004. Corrie briefly reviewed them. Most issues are included in current agenda.

4.2 Non-Posted letters. None this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Property Tax Assessment:

Corrie reviewed the existing thresholds on losing the home owners and supplementary grant – former lost by any assessments over \$572,000 and the latter also lost by assessments over \$599,500. Whistler's threshold was set to \$2,000,000. A figure of \$800,000 would be in line with assessment increases since 1996 (no change since then) to again cover about 95% of homeowners. He also noted that **Property Transfer Taxes** – 1% of first \$200,000 and 2% above that – with a First-Time buyers exemption of only \$275,000 and complete exemption phase-out at \$300,000 in lower mainland means an upfront payment by buyers of \$8,000 on a \$500,000 home. Lack of adjustments another windfall to province and download to taxpayers. Corrie also reviewed the attractiveness of **deferring property taxes** for those age 60+.

5.2 Ipsos-Reid Translink Survey

Corrie distributed his response to this translink survey <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2004/ipsos-reid-response.pdf> it's deficiencies. Allan reported that the Seymour Community Association has passed a motion re: TRANSLINK funding on Jan 14th. Brian to write a letter to council endorsing support for items 2, 3, and 4 of the SCA motion (**attached**). Corrie stated that the parking levy is for anything 'non residential', with concern expressed as to what this then applies to.

5.3 Recreation Vehicle /Boat Bylaw 7387

Corrie reviewed, what he termed a flawed bylaw, and the fear that next year the situation could even worsen – given what was expressed by some members of council debating this issue.

5.4 North Shore Recycling Program

Corrie commented that, in consideration of the limited mandate, the Smythe Ratcliffe report http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/00253.pdf was a good report. The program's overall cost effectiveness (taking into account time and materials

downloading to the taxpayer and environmental impacts) was never reviewed.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues to think about.

The issue of free passes / family subsidies to councillors sitting on boards/commissions was debated. Section 100-106 of Community Charter – distributed – was relevant to this issue. <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2004/CC-COI.pdf>

Concern was also expressed about potential conflicts of interest of member of council's ties with real estate dealings.

6.2 – See item 5.4

6.3 District Advertising in Outlook and North Shore News

James reported that staff is studying the situation and future contracts will be given where it results in the best readership.

6.4 Shirtsleeve Session with Council.

This is scheduled to take place 7pm. Wednesday March 3/2004 at the hall.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Val Moller, Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assoc. Tel: 604-926-8063 7:00 p.m. Thursday February 19th 2004 at District Hall

Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.

SCA Motion:

On January 14, 2004 the SCA met and passed the following motion:

The Association is unalterably opposed to Translink's funding options as outlined in the 3-10 year transportation plan for the following reasons:

1. The Board of Translink is not elected by residents at large and has no political or moral authority to fund its 3 year plan by accessing the property tax
2. The tax does not discriminate between users and non-users of the transportation system. There is strong support for a user-pay method of funding the transportation system.
3. Residents, such as those living on the North Shore, will be taxed unfairly for the minimal services received, because of historically high property assessments.
4. Together with groups in opposition to the RAV project across the GVRD, the Association is opposed to the disproportionately higher cost of using Skytrain technology and tunnelling under Cambie Street, versus, the more cost-effective system of at-grade light rapid transit.

This motion was passed unanimously at the SCA meeting. Participants at the meeting included representation from every part of the boundaries of the Association: Windsor Park, Roche Point, Dollarton, Parkgate, Indian River, and Deep Cove.

Allan Orr, Chair, SCA.

Subject: Federation of NV Community Associations - Motion on Translink Funding

Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 19:03:38 -0800

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Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations

For Immediate Release

At the January 16th meeting of the *Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations* (FONVCA) consideration was given to the proposed RAV line and Translink's funding options as outlined in 3-10 year transportation plan.

FONVCA's position is outlined in the following motion that was approved unanimously

1. That a Translink property tax does not differentiate between users and non-users of the transportation system. There is strong support for a user-pay method of funding the transportation system.
2. Residents living on the North Shore will be taxed unfairly for the minimal services received, because of historically high property assessments.
3. Together with groups in opposition to the RAV project across the GVRD, the *Federation of NV Community Associations* is opposed to the disproportionately higher cost of using Skytrain technology and tunneling under Cambie Street, versus the more cost-effective system of at-grade light rapid transit.

The *Federation of NV Community Associations* is an umbrella organization representing 18 residents' associations across the District of North Vancouver. Regular FONVCA meetings are held at the NV District Hall on the third Thursday of every month for the purpose of sharing information and discussing issues of common concern. FONVCA's comprehensive web site can be found at www.fonvca.org

We trust that the input provided in this communication will be given due consideration.

Sincerely,

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February 9th 2004

Your Worship & Members of Council,

I was shocked beyond belief to have staff say that a legal opinion had been rendered that to undedicate a dedicated park **requires** a referendum. After all the many months of effort by myself and the community to inform council and the provincial government that the Community Charter allows for the undedication of a dedicated park without requiring a referendum I am just dumbfounded.

So let me ONCE AGAIN state the obvious arguments:

Section 30 (attachment 1) of the Community Charter says:

(3) A bylaw that removes a reservation or dedication referred to in subsection (2) may only be adopted with the approval of the electors.

NOTE subsection (3) says “APPROVAL”

Now what is the definition in the charter for “APPROVAL”?

For that we need to go to section 84-86 (attachment 2):

The relevant part defines “approval” as:

(a) assent of the electors in accordance with section 85, **OR**

(b) approval of the electors by alternative approval process in accordance with section 86.

If you read section 85 you will conclude that **“assent” means “referendum”**

If you read section 86 you will conclude that **“approval” means “counter-petition”**

Thus a Council by simple majority vote could undedicated a dedicated park by following an “approval” process which uses the “approval of the electors by alternative approval process” – namely a counter-petition. They are not obliged to obtain “assent”.

Had section 30(3) said “assent” instead of “approval” then and only then are we assured of a referendum. With “approval” we can only be assured of a “counter-petition” opportunity.

I rest my case.

Yours truly,

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Tel: 604-988-6615

ATTACHMENT 1

Reservation and dedication of municipal property

30 (1) A council may, by bylaw, reserve or dedicate for a particular municipal or other public purpose real property owned by the municipality.

(2) As a restriction, a bylaw under subsection (1) that reserves or dedicates property

(a) as a park or public square, or

(b) for purposes related to heritage or heritage conservation, may only be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of all the members of council.

(3) A bylaw that removes a reservation or dedication referred to in subsection (2) may only be adopted with the approval of the electors.

(4) A bylaw that removes a reservation or dedication under subsection (1), other than one referred to in subsection (2), may only be adopted after the council

(a) gives notice of its intention in accordance with section 94 [public notice], and

(b) provides an opportunity for persons who consider that they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to council.

(5) Bylaws adopted or works undertaken by a council that directly affect property reserved or dedicated under this section must be consistent with the purpose for which the property is reserved or dedicated.

(6) A reservation or dedication under this section does not commit or authorize a council to proceed with implementation of the purpose for which the property is reserved or dedicated.

ATTACHMENT 2

Approval of the electors

84 If approval of the electors is required by or under this Act or the Local Government Act in relation to a proposed bylaw, agreement or other matter, that approval may be obtained either by

(a) assent of the electors in accordance with section 85, or

(b) approval of the electors by alternative approval process in accordance with section 86.

Assent of the electors

85 (1) If assent of the electors is required or authorized by or under this Act or the Local Government Act in relation to a proposed bylaw, agreement or other matter, that assent is obtained only if a majority of the votes counted as valid are in favour of the bylaw or question.

(2) Part 4 [Other Voting] of the Local Government Act applies to obtaining the assent of the electors.

Alternative approval process

86 (1) Approval of the electors by alternative approval process under this section is obtained if

(a) notice of the approval process is published in accordance with subsection (2),

(b) through elector response forms established under subsection (3), electors are provided with an opportunity to indicate that council may not proceed with the bylaw, agreement or other matter unless it is approved by assent of the electors, and

(c) at the end of the time for receiving elector responses, as established under subsection (3), the number of elector responses received is less than 10% of the number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies.

(2) Notice of an alternative approval process must be published in accordance with section 94 [public notice] and must include the following:

(a) a general description of the proposed bylaw, agreement or other matter to which the approval process relates;

(b) a description of the area to which the approval process applies;

(c) the deadline for elector responses in relation to the approval process;

(d) a statement that the council may proceed with the matter unless, by the deadline, at least 10% of the electors of the area indicate that the council must obtain the assent of the electors before proceeding;

(e) a statement that

(i) elector responses must be given in the form established by the council,

(ii) elector response forms are available at the municipal hall, and

(iii) the only persons entitled to sign the forms are the electors of the area to which the approval process applies;

(f) the number of elector responses required to prevent the council from proceeding without the assent of the electors, determined in accordance with subsection (3);

(g) other information required by regulation to be included.

(3) For each alternative approval process, the council must

(a) establish the deadline for receiving elector responses, which must be at least 30 days after the second publication of the notice under subsection

(2),

(b) establish elector response forms, which

(i) may be designed to allow for only a single elector response on each form or for multiple elector responses, and

(ii) must be available to the public at the municipal hall from the time of first publication until the deadline, and

(c) make a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies.

(4) The council must make available to the public, on request, a report respecting the basis on which the determination under subsection (3) (c) was made.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the electors of the area to which an alternative approval process applies are the persons who would meet the qualifications referred to in section 161 (1) (a) [who may vote at other voting] of the Local Government Act if assent of the electors were sought in respect of the matter.

(6) Elector responses may be made on an elector response form obtained under subsection (3) or on an accurate copy of the form.

(7) For an elector's response to be considered for the purposes of this section, the elector must

(a) sign an elector response form that includes

(i) the person's full name and residential address, and

(ii) if applicable, the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector, and

(b) submit the elector response form to the corporate officer before the deadline established for the alternative approval process.

(8) After the deadline for an alternative approval process has passed, the corporate officer must determine and certify, on the basis of the elector response forms received before that deadline, whether elector approval in accordance with this section has been obtained.

(9) A determination under subsection (8) is final and conclusive.

(10) A person must not sign more than one elector response form in relation to the same alternative approval process, and a person who is not an elector for the area of the approval process must not sign an elector response form.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

BYLAW 7448

A bylaw to approve the 2004 Financial Plan for the five years ending December 31, 2008 pursuant to section 165 of the *Community Charter* (SBC 2004, Chap. 26).

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver enacts the following:

Title

1. This bylaw may be cited as " **2004 - 2008 FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVAL BYLAW**".

Approval of Financial Plan

2. The 2004 Financial Plan, as set out in the attached Schedule A, for the five years ending December 31, 2008, is approved.

Authority to Expend

3. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to approve expenditures specified in the Financial Plan.

READ a FIRST TIME by the Council on the xxx day of xxx, 2004

READ a SECOND TIME by the Council on the xxx day of xxx, 2004

READ a THIRD TIME and PASSED by the Council on the xxx day of xxx, 2004

ADOPTED by the Council on the xxx day of xxxx, 2004

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Certified a true copy

Municipal Clerk

**THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
2004 - 2008 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PLAN**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUES					
Property Taxes	59,160,135	63,729,310	66,331,478	67,208,232	69,223,103
Fees and Service Charges	42,960,561	44,397,600	45,988,806	48,796,772	49,136,828
Transfers from Other Governments	9,204,635	803,340	803,340	803,340	803,340
Investment Income	2,378,702	2,345,274	2,313,612	2,376,733	2,435,879
Developer Contributions	352,634	174,450	210,150	210,150	210,150
Physical Asset Disposition Proceeds	8,220,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Revenue	1,227,373	1,115,957	1,063,354	1,019,350	1,022,658
	<u>123,504,040</u>	<u>112,585,932</u>	<u>116,730,740</u>	<u>120,434,577</u>	<u>122,851,958</u>
TRANSFERS FROM					
Accumulated surplus - Water	325,000			370,000	30,000
Accumulated surplus - Sewer	310,692		47,514	21,079	
Accumulated surplus - Operating	2,935,500				
Accumulated surplus - Capital	500,000				
Accumulated surplus - Library	81,000				
Heritage Fund	1,100,400		563,170		
Equipment Replacement Reserves	1,247,500	1,994,500	1,112,806	1,035,000	999,000
Public Art Reserve	87,750				
	<u>6,587,842</u>	<u>1,994,500</u>	<u>1,723,490</u>	<u>1,426,079</u>	<u>1,029,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>130,091,882</u>	<u>114,580,432</u>	<u>118,454,230</u>	<u>121,860,656</u>	<u>123,880,958</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	13,329,351	12,067,941	13,012,410	14,604,584	16,173,443
Protective Services	29,160,622	29,495,587	29,729,048	29,967,179	30,210,071
Solid Waste Management/Recycling	4,722,820	4,817,750	4,914,578	5,013,344	5,114,086
Health, Social Services and Housing	1,632,841	1,617,841	1,617,841	1,617,841	1,617,841
Development Services	2,073,964	2,078,222	2,092,765	2,107,599	2,122,731
Transportation and Transit	4,282,612	4,298,757	4,315,223	4,332,047	4,349,154
Parks/Recreation/Culture	24,388,599	24,719,064	25,565,059	26,004,621	26,456,033
Water Services	7,878,230	8,648,027	9,504,422	10,880,012	11,303,368
Sewer Services	7,795,157	7,845,575	8,177,802	8,366,053	8,416,350
Other Services	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Expenditures	20,876,049	12,600,176	12,435,880	12,226,727	11,074,008
	<u>116,155,245</u>	<u>108,203,940</u>	<u>111,380,028</u>	<u>115,135,006</u>	<u>116,852,084</u>
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal	935,095	995,580	1,146,094	966,505	966,505
Interest	1,243,853	1,429,284	2,180,950	2,267,617	2,267,617
	<u>2,178,948</u>	<u>2,424,864</u>	<u>3,327,044</u>	<u>3,234,122</u>	<u>3,234,122</u>
TRANSFERS TO					
Accumulated surplus - Water		410,000	275,000		
Accumulated surplus - Sewer		2,453			240,508
Accumulated surplus - Operating	12,200	12,444	12,693	12,947	13,207
Equipment Replacement Reserves	1,280,000	1,265,000	1,250,000	1,260,000	1,260,000
Local Improvement Reserve	145,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	160,000
Heritage Fund Reserve	10,320,489	2,111,731	2,054,465	2,058,581	2,121,037
	<u>11,757,689</u>	<u>3,951,628</u>	<u>3,747,158</u>	<u>3,491,528</u>	<u>3,794,752</u>
TOTAL	<u>130,091,882</u>	<u>114,580,432</u>	<u>118,454,230</u>	<u>121,860,656</u>	<u>123,880,958</u>