



## FONVCA AGENDA THURSDAY Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Chair:** Diana Belhouse – Delbrook CA.

Telephone/email: 604-987-1656

Regrets: Maureen Bragg

### 1. Order/content of Agenda

### 2. Adoption of Minutes of Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

### 3. Old Business

#### 3.1 2007-2011 Draft Financial Plan:

- responses to community input

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/replies-to-associations.pdf>

- responses to corrie's input:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/library-questions-replies.pdf> and

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/staff-replies-to-corrie.pdf>

Workshops: None posted since Nov 6/2006

Jan22: -Sustainability of using surplus for 1 time items

-Policing cost up, staffing down, crime down

-presentation/style improves but news doesn't

Jan 25 Budget Mtg

Jan 29 – Review by Mayor of “Natural Steps”

- “Maintenance cost have gone through the roof since stopped using pesticides”

Jan 30 – Public has first (and only?) say on plan

Feb 1 – 5pm budget meeting –policy ninght on April on traffic calming.

#### 3.2 Request for UBCM-2006 Summary

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/ubcm-letter.pdf>  
response was:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/ubcm-letter-response.pdf>

#### 3.3 Council/FONVCA Shirtsleeve Mtg.

May 30<sup>th</sup> is tentatively proposed. Needs confirmation.

Cathy Adams

- initial cut at topics?

#### 3.4 COSTCO – update

### 4. Correspondence Issues

#### 4.1 Business arising from 8 regular emails:

#### 4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

#### 4.3 Disaster relief -letter as per Jan 18<sup>th</sup> meeting -

[http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/Brian\\_Platts\\_11feb2007.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2007/Brian_Platts_11feb2007.pdf)

### 5. New Business

#### 5.1 “Input Period” Procedural Change–

proposal to allow any FONVCA member 2 minutes to speak at the FONVCA meetings on items felt to be of interest. – David Knee

### Council and other District issues.

#### 5.2 Port's taxes – Corrie Kost

#### 5.3 Provincial Government Impact

- erosion of municipal tax base (see 5.2)

#### 5.4 Purchase of 2430 Chapman Way - as

promised by the district in their press release of August 2005 – Bill Maurer

#### 5.5 Municipal Election Signs – 21 day limit

### 6. Any Other Business

#### 6.1 Legal Issues

- email etiquette – distribution of article.

- Taxes in New Orleans – article distributed

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

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2007**

#### Attachments

-List of Email to FONVCA - **ONLY NEW ENTRIES**

-request/response RE: UBCM

#### OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS

-Cat Regulation Bylaw

-Review of Zoning Bylaw

-Securing of vehicle load bylaw

-District-wide OCP

-Snow removal for single family homes bylaw

**Correspondence/Subject Ordered by Date**  
**15 January 2006 → 11 February 2007**

LINK	SUBJECT
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Agnes_Hilsen_24jan2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Agnes_Hilsen_24jan2007.pdf</a>	Council Procedures – Procedures -Public Input
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Bill_Maurer_22jan2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Bill_Maurer_22jan2007.pdf</a>	Council Procedures – Procedures -Public Input
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<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Brian_Platts_28jan2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Brian_Platts_28jan2007.pdf</a>	UBCM Resolutions
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Agnes_Hilsen_2feb2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Agnes_Hilsen_2feb2007.pdf</a>	UBCM Resolutions
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Monica_Craver_7feb2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Monica_Craver_7feb2007.pdf</a>	Mountain Biking – Economic Study
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Wendy_Qureshi_15jan2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Wendy_Qureshi_15jan2007.pdf</a>	Affordable Housing – Whiteley Court
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Wendy_Qureshi_26jan2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/15jan-to/Wendy_Qureshi_26jan2007.pdf</a>	Transportation – Trucks blocking Traffic

For details/history see

<http://www.fonvca.org/letters/index-letters-total-feb2007.html>

# FONVCA

## Minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007

Place: DNV Hall 355 West Queens Road

### Attendees:

Brian Platts(Chair Pro-Tem)	Edgemont C.A.
Lyle Craver	Upper Lynn Valley R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Our Shores
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
David Knee	Norgate C.A.
Fred Gooch	Blueridge C.A.

Regrets: Lisa Thon, Diana Belhouse

Notetaker: Jenny Knee

Meeting started: 7:10pm

## 1. ORDER/CONTENTS OF AGENDA

6.2 End of Traffic Lights?

## 2. ADOPTION of Oct 19<sup>th</sup> MINUTES

Minutes (Corrie added details of select UBCM items) were approved as circulated.

## 3. Old Business

### 3.1 Review of FONVCA mandate/process:

Continued debate of Nov 16/2006:Website: How to control letters that use the site for a platform? - discussion followed:

Maureen felt it demeans the intent of the site. Corrie wants to remain flexible for the sake of the valid letters. Brian - letters are vetted for content - particularly at election time - suggestion to delay posting (until after municipal election), DNV removes link to DNV after nomination date.

## 4. Correspondence Issues

**4.1 Business arising from 14 regular emails.** Variety of topics – none discussed in detail.

### 4.2 Non-Posted Letters

The 2 non-posted (by author's request) letters of current period were distributed.

**4.3 New host for FONVCA website** - old one went out of business - new one costs \$100 per anum providing us with more space so each CA can have its own site within the FONVCA site. Cost will be \$10 from each CA - funds to Corrie please. Paid to date: LCRA - NPCA - SOS - MFRA - ECA – Brian to e-mail CA's not in attendance tonight.

### 4.4 2007-2011 Financial Plan Presentation

To FONVCA by DNV staff at 7:00 pm. Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> - presented to council on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Brian to request copies - Cathy will pick them up.

Lyle reported - plan looks pretty shaky, Dow and Fibreco are appealing their assessment/taxes (impact could be \$1.25m - 1.5m) also CNR is looking for a reduction of \$1.5 million. Plus due to 'environmental events' ie the slide & wind & snow damage - already spent the budget and done nothing for the parks yet - they are trying to keep the increase down to 3.5% don't be surprised if it comes in at 3.75 % or higher.

## 5. New Business

**5.1 Status of North Shore TAC** - Cathy reported it had been disbanded - it will be replaced by the Mayors Task Force on Transportation. Information TBA.

### Council & Other District Issues

**5.2 Plan to Walk** –Corrie distributed a copy of "Why People Don't Walk and What City Planners Can Do About It" (see agenda for reference). Much relevance to Marine Dr. etc.

### 5.3 Windstorms & DNV Parks Tree Damage

Dan reported via Maureen - suggest all CA's to write to DNV urging compilation of a 30 year plan for District Parks like Vancouver has for Stanley Park.

Lyle - as this is an extra-ordinary event suggest showing the true cost of clean-up and not just burying it in parks or engineering.

Maureen - no-one seems to be doing anything.

Cathy - can we apply for financial aid like Vancouver?

Corrie - Concerned re: soil retention on hills, forest fires next summer, impact on water sheds.

John - the Bowser Trail suffered damage - Howie Barbour tree

Val - would the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> be appropriate to bring up request for disaster fund/future plan of action? Parks Advisory Committee Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

**Action Item - Brian to write a letter to Mayor & Council - cc James Ridge requesting application be made by DNV to Provincial/Federal Government for financial assistance for natural disaster relief.** Carried unanimously.

#### **5.4 Seylynn Open House (10 Jan 2007)**

Item tabled to a future FONVCA meeting.

#### **5.5 Marine Drive Improvement Strategy -**

Cathy reported it could be a fairly long 1<sup>st</sup> reading at Council. Reported difficulty booking meeting room at DNV HALL. Corrie suggested all bookings be available on website - Cathy to follow up.

As a business owner in the second block of Pemberton Lyle questioned the boundaries of the plan and notification process.

**5.6 Aggressive Dogs** - Change in terminology from "Dangerous" dogs which identify specific breeds and not individual animals. Some members expressed concern about accountability of professional dog walkers and bylaw enforcement.

**5.7 Costco in DNV** - Corrie reported it was the most comprehensive proposal he had ever seen. Concern expressed by others over delay in process.

**5.8 Chlorine Plant Expansion** - Corrie reported risk contours inconsistencies. Standards not like 10 years ago – now much tighter in all areas. Rail cars in transport not taken into account – news headlines of late involve such. Volume of shipping proposed to go up. Corrie suggests getting rid of chlorine plant in future – we should be urging Port Authority not to renew lease.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **6.1 Legal Issues:**

Corrie outlines various recent local and national municipal legal issues. See agenda references.

**Sidewalk Maintenance requirements:** 1" seems to be the threshold – but local government needs to be informed.

### **Denying Business Licence/Renewal is tricky:**

Case in Burnaby illustrates need that "poor management" is not reason enough.

### **Right to Criticize Local Government:**

Inappropriate public comments may defame a local council member – but one cannot defame the local council (government). That is, a government cannot sue in defamation. "No government may bring an action in defamation".

### **Making Municipal Governments More**

**Accountable:** An Oct/2003 report (see agenda link) by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario points the way – through an appropriate Open Meeting Law.

**Municipal Matters** – discussed at <http://schenklaw.ca/> touched on aspects that infrastructure fees cannot be used as a cash cow – only to recover actual expenses. The ongoing saga of getting rid of a billboard continues in Vancouver.

### **Next meeting – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Chair:** Diana Belhouse – Delbrook C.A. Tel: 604-987-1656

Adjourned meeting at 9:30 pm

## 2007 – 2011 Financial Plan Community Associations Input

### Questions

1. What percentage of the 2007 budget is salaries and benefits?

*The 2007 budget includes \$38.1M in salaries and benefits which equates to 40.8% of total operating fund expenditures. For Core Operations, salaries and benefits represent 71.7% of total expenditures.*

2. I'm concerned about the infrastructure funding gap, what are the District's plans for addressing this gap?

*Refer to page 108-113 of the Financial Plan Workbook and CFO workshop #1 October 18<sup>th</sup> 2006. This topic will be brought back for further workshops in 2007.*

*Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Workshop:*

*<http://dnv.org/upload/documents//finance/2006%20CFO%20Workshop%201.pdf>*

3. How has this budget addressed 2006 storm clean-up costs?

*The 2007 budget includes an ongoing amount of \$150k for climate related incidents. We are still assessing the impacts from the 2006/07 winter storms. The District has established reserves to address unplanned events. If necessary, staff will bring forward a report to Council to make use of reserve funds in 2007.*

4. What is the Year over Year increase in expenditures?

*The net increase in Expenditures from 2006 budget to 2007 budget is 5.9%.*

5. What is the Year over Year change in reserves?

*Reserves are adjusted each year based on perceived risk and planned use for the coming year. As a result, balances fluctuate from year to year. The one constant is the general operating reserve which currently requires a minimum balance equal to 5% of prior year's tax levy for planning purposes.*

6. What is the change in RCMP staffing from 40+ to 81 FTE's in 2007?

*The previous presentation focused on the administrative support employees. In light of the cost pressure anticipated in connection with climbing to a full complement of 91 members, we decided that tracking the number of officers was more relevant.*

7. When does the RCMP contract run out?

*2012 or early termination upon 25 months notice.*

**2007 – 2011 Financial Plan  
Community Associations Input**

8. Why has the Library staffing levels increased?

*Staffing levels increased to reflect Sunday openings and the new Lynn Valley Library. The new Lynn Valley Library is twice the size of the existing Library.*

9. What is the true cost of the library (inc. HF repayment)?

*The total cost of the Lynn Valley Library and Town Centre is \$39.3M. Please refer to previous year's presentations.*

*Last presentation to Council Mar 20, 2006 Regular Council:  
[http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council\\_Reports/638190.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/638190.pdf)*

10. What is the change in Library cost per capita in 2007?

*The change in Library cost per capita in 2007 is \$2.11 (\$45.67 in 2006 to \$47.78 in 2007 assuming 87,518 residents).*

11. What is the expenditure on consultants? – Is there an FTE equivalent?

*Preliminary 2006 consultant expenditures are \$553k. Using a Section Manager equivalent – this equates to approximately 5 FTE's including benefits. Consultants are primarily used for Information Technology technical support and Engineering support for specialized areas.*

12. What role is the Recreation Commission going to play in the 2010 Olympics?

*Please refer to Council statements in previous public meetings.*

13. Have you ever considered taking in taxes twice per year – cash management advantages for District and Residents.

*Our policy is to try to encourage our residents to pre-pay on a monthly basis.*

14. What is the status of prior year goals?

*We report out on the status of prior year goals in the annual report which is typically published in May-June of each year.*

15. When must a change in project scope go to referendum?

*The legislated requirements for electoral assent are established in the Community Charter. The two prominent occurrences requiring electoral assent are liability agreements in excess of five (5) years and borrowings outside of the assent free zone.*

16. Comparability of information from year to year is difficult. Can you provide an appendix next year to make this easier for the reader?

*We always try to improve our product. We can discuss future changes at the next Community Associations meeting scheduled for June 2007.*

**Subject:** Answers to Library questions from the Financial Plan

**From:** "Gerry Collver" <CollverG@nvdpl.ca>

**Date:** Tue, 6 Feb 2007 11:29:00 -0800

**To:** <kost@triumf.ca>

**CC:** "Nicole Deveaux" <Nicole\_Deveaux@dnv.org>

Corrie:

Here are the answers to your questions regarding the Library funding:

Page 69: Was item 6, introduction of wireless internet access for libraries, not done last year?

The wireless internet access was funded mostly from a provincial grant for 2006-2007. We ran into a roadblock late last year where we needed to coordinate our installation of a library firewall with the District. That is nearing completion and we expect to start incrementally adding wireless access to each branch this year.

Page 70: Where is "Head Office" for North Vancouver Public Library?

How are "Donations" both "revenue" and an "expense"?

The Referendum of 1996 promised that New Lynn Valley library would not require additional staffing. Please clarify how much is required to support added Sunday hours and how much is because of new Library.

"Head Office" or "Headquarters" is located in the Lynn Valley Main Library. It comprises the administrative offices, Technical Services - collections acquisition and processing of new library materials, Home Library delivery service, Interlibrary loan and Computer Systems.

New staff - Three full time equivalent for Lynn Valley and one additional one because of reorganization.

To prepare for the opening of the new Lynn Valley Library, organizational changes were required. These changes add 4 net new FTE's at a cost of \$90k. Other salary changes result from the annualization of 2006 compensation adjustments.

The funding will also support 9 additional Sunday openings per year at all three branches starting in September 2007 (3 Sundays in 2007, full 9 in 2008).

Gerry Collver  
Director of Library Services  
North Vancouver District Public Library  
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Tel: 604-990-5800

# Comments about the 2007-2011 Draft Financial Plan

Corrie Kost – 30 January 2007

## Summary:

Would like to see more “future visions” flushed out. For example, putting in place an electronic public (wireless) highway as was done in Fredericton N.S. Status of surpluses (and comparison to those of last 10 years) is needed to give a sense of direction. The degree of credibility of the “public participation” in the budget process is illustrated by the fact that input attributed to both council and public participation in the 2006 Draft Financial Plan resulted in changes amounting to less than 1 pages out of 100 to the final plan.

Our approach is to present historical information in the Annual or Popular reports or as needed during CFO workshops. The Financial Plan includes 5 years of future oriented information, anything beyond that would be highly speculative.

## Specifics:

Page 9 shows a substantial change on staffing levels from previous year – mainly due to showing RCMP municipal staff share (45.3) in 2006 and now showing RCMP – Contract of 83. Makes bottom line staffing comparison difficult.

The previous presentation focused on the administrative support employees. In light of the cost pressure anticipated in connection with climbing to a full complement of 91 members, we decided that tracking the number of officers was more relevant.

Page 10: Cannot endorse use of Heritage Funds (HF) for Investment Capital projects as, unlike original land values whose sale generated HF, they depreciate with time. Council urged to reconsider General Financial Principle #2.

The use of the income from the Heritage Fund for investment capital is consistent with the Capital Management Plan approved by Council.

Page 11: Development Cost Charges collected are not being used to sufficiently mitigate negative impact of growth in Lynn Valley.- despite #5 the fund continues to grow.

The 2007 Budget has made maximum use of DCC funds under the current bylaw. Once the new Bylaw is introduced (planned for 2007), additional applications of DCC funds might be possible.

Page 16: The members of the Expenditure pie chart are again inconsistent with those shown in prior year. See page 13 of 2006 Plan.

We have aligned the pie chart presentation with the organizational chart on page 7.

Page 17: “Taxation Revenue” for years 2007-2010 are even higher than shown on page 14 of 2006 Plan. It seems that every year the planned future taxes were underestimated. This puts credibility of plan at risk.

We constantly revised our 5 year-plan based on the latest information available to us. We would not expect future oriented numbers reported in any given year to stay constant over time.

Page 18: Note that Total (Operations) Expenditure increased **5.9%** from 2006 to 2007.

Total operations include debt, investment of 1% in sustainment capital, climate related incidents, strategic initiatives and other items which are not directly related to municipal operations. The increase in the cost of operations represents 2.2% on the tax levy on a net basis.

Page 25: Try and compare this page to page 19 of 2006 Draft plan. Labelling, amounts, and projections are inconsistent.

**We always try to improve our product. We believe that the current presentation is more informative.**

Page 50: A service goal for Parks and Environment should include the need to open/develop another waterfront access point ( in this case Lowry Lane as per item 23 of page 104)

**Point noted**

Page 69: Was item 6, introduction of wireless internet access for libraries, not done last year?

**We will ask the Director of Library Services to respond directly to this question.**

Page 70: Where is “Head Office” for North Vancouver Public Library? How are “Donations” both “revenue” and an “expense”? The Referendum of 1996 promised that New Lynn Valley library would not require additional staffing. Please clarify how much is required to support added Sunday hours and how much is because of new Library.

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Page 73: What is the state of our community Olympic Plan – was #9 on page 58 of 2006 Financial Plan. Please also refer to NV Emergency Management Office service goals for 2007 on Page 81 (7)

**Please refer to Council statements in previous public meetings.**

Page 86: Laud the entry of Community Agency service goal #5 “Promote meaningful citizen involvement in municipal processes”. Now how do we do that?

**This is a matter of opinion.**

Page 94: “Continue the development of Integrated Storm Water Management Plans for watersheds” – which was (3) on page 76 in 2006 Plan is missing here.

**Please see page 113 of the Financial Plan.**

Page 95: Last year “The water rate stabilization model predicts that an annual rate increase of **\$15** / single family home is required...” This year it is to go up **\$18** each year.

Last year: The sewer and drainage rate stabilization model predicts an annual rate increase of **\$13** per single family household is required...”. This year the number is **\$19** each year. Will this yearly increase keep increasing? What is the basis of model?

**Please refer to Utility Manager report tabled on December 4, 2006**

Page 102-104: Based on principles of Sustainability<sup>(1)</sup>, the use of Heritage Funds on items #7,8,9,10,11,12 ,16,20,23 should not be endorsed.

**Funding of investment capital from the Heritage Fund income is an acceptable use.**

Page 103: The use of Heritage Funds on item 20, to do building seismic upgrades, is inconsistent with sustainability practices<sup>(1)</sup>.

**The Funding source for the Capilano Library upgrade will be debated by Council on February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Page 112: The graph and tables need clarification, as certain assumptions were used to obtain the conclusions. For example, at an annual tax levy increase of 1% and an initial Funding of \$4m we would

attain the required \$77million by year 20xx, even if the facilities decay by say \$yy million every year. Simply put, an annual increase of even 1% will eventually result (by the wonders of compound interest) in whatever revenue is desirable!

This table is constructed in such way that it takes into account the fact that there are capital commitment shortfalls every year which needs to be funded and added to the gap. Depreciation is not the only draw on the capital balance.

The state of ALL reserve funds (including heritage) should be clearly tabulated in one place. A chart, giving the balance of each fund for each of the last 10 years or so, would go a long way to clarifying their situation.

This information is disclosed in our audited financial statements in our annual report (and some in the popular report).

It should be noted that both the council and public participation process resulted in only about 1 page of changes to the previous (2006-2010) Draft Financial Plan. It thus **appears** that democratic processes have little influence on the actual budgetary process – at least as viewed by certain members of the public. It is suggested that meaningful public participation (with input!) start in the Oct/Nov time frame – not when the plan is 99% baked.

The public provides input into the finances of the District on an ongoing basis not just a budget time. The Citizens Finance and Budget Advisory Committee is such a mechanism, as well as presentations we make to community associations and correspondence we exchange with members of the public at tax time and throughout the year. Council also hears the public all year round.

(1) **Sustainability** – defined as actions which do not rob future generation of their choices. The sale of District owned land to fund projects which neither pay back those funds or do not have sustained value (as does land) is thus contrary to the concept of “Sustainability”.

**Subject:** 2006 UBCM Resolutions

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**Date:** Sun, 28 Jan 2007 21:47:09 -0800

**To:** "Richard Walton, Mayor" <mayorwalton@dnv.org>, Alan Nixon <anixon@dnv.org>, Doug Mackay-Dunn <dmackay-dunn@dnv.org>, Janice Harris <jharris@dnv.org>, Lisa Muri <lmuri@dnv.org>, Mike Little <mlittle@dnv.org>, Robin Hicks <rthicks@dnv.org>

**CC:** James Ridge <James\_Ridge@dnv.org>, NVD Council <dnvcouncil@dnv.org>, FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Mayor & Council:

At a recent meeting of the *Federation of NV Community Associations*, a discussion ensued over the 2006 UBCM resolutions and their importance to our municipality. As a result of this discussion it was unanimously resolved that FONVCA request from Council a summary of those resolutions that were primarily relevant to the District of North Vancouver, and that this summary be made easily available to the public on-line.

Sincerely,

Brian Platts

*Federation of NV Community Associations*

Ph. 604-988-5594

**Subject:** [Fwd: Re: 2006 UBCM Resolutions]  
**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** Fri, 02 Feb 2007 16:35:52 -0800  
**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject:** RE: 2006 UBCM Resolutions  
**From:** Agnes Hilsen <Agnes\_Hilsen@dnv.org>  
**Date:** Fri, 02 Feb 2007 16:33:35 -0800  
**To:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>, "Richard Walton, Mayor" <mayorwalton@dnv.org>, Alan Nixon <Alan\_Nixon@dnv.org>, Doug MacKay-Dunn <Doug\_MacKay-Dunn@dnv.org>, Janice Harris <Janice\_Harris@dnv.org>, Lisa Muri <lisa\_muri@dnv.org>, Mike Little <Mike\_Little@dnv.org>, Robin Hicks <Robin\_Hicks@dnv.org>  
**CC:** James Ridge <James\_Ridge@dnv.org>, DNVCouncil <DNVCOUNCIL@dnv.org>, FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Shana Burrows <Shana\_Burrows@dnv.org>

Dear Brian:

I've discussed FONVCA's request for a summary of those resolutions that are primarily relevant to the District of North Vancouver with Mayor Walton and Mr. Ridge.

There are over 200 resolutions that are submitted to UBCM each year for consideration at the Annual Convention. The resolutions and the minutes of the Convention are available online at the UBCM website at [www.civicnet.bc.ca](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca). Some years ago, it was the practice for relevant staff from each Division to review the UBCM Resolutions Book prior to each Convention and provide comments to Council on those resolutions that were seen as having particular relevance to the District. That practice was dropped as it involved considerable staff resources and was not seen as having great value. Many of the resolutions are of a general nature that would be relevant to all local governments across the Province.

We will be providing a direct link from our website to the UBCM website and if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

*Agnes Hilsen  
Municipal Clerk,  
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North Vancouver, B.C., V7N 4N5  
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**From:** Brian Platts [mailto:[bplatts@shaw.ca](mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 9:47 PM  
**To:** Richard Walton, Mayor; Alan Nixon; Doug MacKay-Dunn; Janice Harris; Lisa Muri; Mike Little; Robin Hicks  
**Cc:** James Ridge; DNVCouncil; FONVCA  
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**Subject:** Letter From FONVCA

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**Date:** Sun, 11 Feb 2007 16:54:49 -0800

**To:** "Richard Walton, Mayor" <mayorwalton@dnv.org>, Alan Nixon <anixon@dnv.org>, Doug Mackay-Dunn <dmackay-dunn@dnv.org>, Janice Harris <jharris@dnv.org>, Lisa Muri <lmuri@dnv.org>, Mike Little <mlittle@dnv.org>, Robin Hicks <rthicks@dnv.org>, NVD Council <dnvcouncil@dnv.org>

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Mayor & Council:

At the January meeting of the *Federation of NV Community Associations* (FONVCA) a discussion ensued over the damage done to District parks and forested lands from the storms of last fall and this winter. Concern was expressed that the cost of removing dangerous and fallen trees and follow-up replanting and remediation efforts will be considerable and necessary for both public safety and to mitigate forest fire hazards. In light of this concern, it was resolved and carried unanimously by FONVCA that the District assess these costs and then make an application, if it has not already done so, to the Provincial and Federal Governments for natural disaster relief funding.

Sincerely,

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# Maplewood Community Association

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## **VANCOUVER PORT AUTHORITY**

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### **Re: Proposed Canexus expansion**

The Maplewood Community Association held a meeting on Jan 23 2007; the residents of Maplewood passed two motions.

- **The residents of Maplewood oppose the production or transportation of any hazardous material in our neighbourhood**

The production and transporting of hazardous materials **does not belong in any residential area**. Under today's zoning laws the construction of a new chlorine plant would not be permitted or even considered for a site like this. To grant an expansion application guarantees **another 50 years of compromised safety, and undermines the plans for a revitalized Maplewood**.

The presence of this industry threatens the lives of thousands of unsuspecting residents in the greater Vancouver area who live downwind of the plant or on rail, truck, or barge transportation routes. We should do everything in our power to eliminate this threat.

- **The residents of Maplewood oppose an increase in the production of chlorine at the Canexus facility.**

The District of North Vancouver has a legal agreement with Canexus that limits on site chlorine storage and limits the amount of production at the facility. The application submitted to the Port Authority would result in a sizable increase in production and transportation. It is our hope that the District will not re-negotiate the agreed upon production and storage caps.

As the caretakers of our children's future it is our responsibility to do the right thing and that is to eliminate this continued threat to our safety and prosperity. **Please say NO to another 50 years of chlorine production in Maplewood.**

Tom Young, Co-Chair, Maplewood Community Association  
cc. Mayor and Council, District of North Vancouver  
cc. Doug Alan, DNV Community Planner  
cc. Don Bell M.P.  
cc. FONCVA