

FONVCA MINUTES

THURSDAY January 15th 2009

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Knud Hille – Norgate Park Community Association
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Members Present:

Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Hts. C.A.
Eric Andersen (Notes)	Blueridge C.A.
Knud Hille (Chair)	Norgate Park C.A.
Del Kristalovich	Seymour C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.

Dave Stuart Guest – DNV C.A.O.

Regrets:

1. Order/content of Agenda

As printed in latest agenda

2. Adoption of Minutes of Dec 18th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2009/minutes-dec2008.pdf>

The minutes were approved (Dan/Eric) with the addition that the mediation (point 5.5) has in the meantime been completed.

3. Old Business

Presentation on DNV Financial Plan and Update on OCP Review and the role of the Community Planning Working Group with Q/A by DNV CAO David Stuart

OCP: The Community Planning Working Group was established as an advisory group. The ~ 21 members had diverse interest in the community and basically everyone, who applied to be on the Group, was accepted.

The task of the above Group is identifying issues in the OCP process as well as establishing a process for the OCP and the ensuing community engagement.

The intention is for a 'white paper' to be developed by a sub-committee, which will be reviewed by the public in ~ March and Council ~ April.

The time length is still TBA, but 18 months is the target (which may not be likely). The Group works independently from staff. A steering committee including Mayor Walton and Councillor Nixon has also been established.

An important part of the process is to determine what should be in the OCP.

A status report was to be given to Council at the end of January.

FONVCA requested that the minutes from the Community Planning Group be posted on the DNV's website.

21 parties applied to be on the committee (and all were approved). This was duly advertised, but evidently missed by most, if not all FONVCA members.

Looking at the North Shore as a whole, one might say that the City of North Vancouver is the core.

Most of the federal government's support will go to transportation projects.

Budget: The discussion included:

- The budget process usually starts as early as July.
- It was felt that there was no clear business plan regarding what the DNV needs.
- On Feb 02 a public meeting was to be held regarding both the budget and the business plan.
- The budget for 2009 will not show any decreases in service levels.
- There will be new Internet tracking tools, incl. various benchmarks.
- Service inventories have been requested by the CAO from all departments.
- The target is for the business plan and the budget to be better integrated
- Some of the budget issues include: the salaries have already been negotiated (i.e. cannot change), the infrastructure is a problem, all core services will remain
- The slow growth experienced by the DNV is not expected to change.
- A 3-year plan will be established to 'shape our future', but over all the issues remain the same over the years.
- The budget will contain lower increases than in past years, but the exact number cannot be communicated to the public till Council has been informed.

The RCMP review was briefly discussed.

Snow removal was a passionate issue for some and it was ascertained that:

- call centers will be established in the future (to improve communication with residents)
- emphasis will be placed on improving school access routes
- more trucks will be equipped to handle snow-removal gear
- a complete review of snow clearing issues will be done by staff and presented to Council shortly.

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 6 regular emails:

Contents of the letters were outlined. No action.

It was confirmed that no consent agenda items can involve a bylaw.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Snow and Ice

For DNV details and policies on this issue see:

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=288>

Experiences & lessons → possible recommendations

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2009/snow-tips.pdf>

Suggestions for reducing impact from snow events (some from the 9th Jan Vancouver Sun was included in this month's FONVCA package.

5.2 Community Profile from Census Canada

Copies were provided of DNV community profile from the 2006 Census.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2009/community-profile-census-canada.pdf>

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues –

Various legal cases were outlined. Likewise, references of where to find the most recent versions of the Local Government Act and the Community Charter were provided.

The province made an “Electrifying offer” to buy the 138 homes impacted by the Tsawwassen transmission lines despite Supreme Court of Canada win by government.
<http://www.vancouversun.com/Technology/electrifying+offer+from+provincial+government/1158131/story.html>
<http://www.vancouversun.com/Health/Powerlines+linked+leukemia+report/1169765/story.html>

The most recent (Dec 31/2008) of the **Local Government Act** (939 pages!) can be found at
http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20L%20--/Local%20Government%20Act%20%20RSBC%201996%20%20c.%20323/00_Act/96323_00.htm

The most recent version (Dec 31/2008) of the **Community Charter** can be found at:
http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20C%20--/Community%20Charter%20%20SBC%202003%20%20c.%2026/00_Act/03026_00.htm

BC's **Carbon Tax Act** is at
http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20C%20--/Carbon%20Tax%20Act%20%20SBC%202008%20%20c.%2040/00_08040_01.xml

Council MUST provide reasons why they adopted a bylaw – else it could be held null-and-void. See
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2009/reasons.txt>

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

Cathy Adams informed group that Larco had, yet again, made a proposal to Council and the community. This new proposal was twice as big as the one, which had been turned down in 2004. It is including 8-10 storey-buildings and various townhouses, adding up to 360 units.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

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7pm Thursday, February 19th, 2009

The meeting was adjourned ~ 9:00 pm.