

FONVCA

Minutes January 20, 2010

Place: DNV Hall, 355 West Queens

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees

Eric G Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Brenda Barrick (notes)	Inter-River C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. and SOS
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove. R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Hts C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A..

Regrets: Lyle Craver, Cathy Adams, John Hunter

The meeting was called to order ~ 7:05pm

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Notetakers list (out of phase with chair list) is to be constructed – **ACTION** for Corrie

* items are for information only – ie. little or no discussion.

Added agenda items:

6.2b Monday's Council Agenda

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Nov. 18th, 2010

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2011/minutes-nov2010.pdf>

The minutes were adopted as written – Val moved/Eric seconded.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

DNV Agenda items can mostly be found (with some searching) in NSN. Concern still expressed over adequacy in DNV notifying public about council agenda items – especially those who are not web enabled. Regular council meetings agenda items should be placed in corresponding District Dialogue.

Action: Corrie and Cathy will send the letter previously drafted re this to DNV.

3.2 Update on OCP Process

- Deadline for feedback on draft#1 of OCP is Jan 28th
- FAQ to be put on DNV web page
- Glossary of terms coming for OCP draft #2
- Missing elements to be provided in draft #2
- Financial implication of plan before council Jan 24th
- Targets for parks, tree canopy, rental housing, where employment will come from, status of LAPs still in write-up stage
- Feb to be spent assimilating material for draft#2
- Public to have 2 weeks in March to digest draft#2
- Public hearing around beginning of April

- 3rd read of OCP bylaw by end of April/begin of May
- Next roundtable meets Feb 15th
- OCP to accommodate 20,000 additional people by 2030 – it does not promote/invite that number by 2030.
- Anticipate 80-90% of growth in “Town centres”
- Growth pay its own way? [council workshop Jan 24th]
- Developers invited to build multi-family units
- OCP makes some fundamental changes to NS character
- Concerns of maintaining adequate park space – especially in light of CNV developments.
- Current DCC parkland charges (up to \$12,914/SF home, and \$55/sq-m for multi-family units) – see <http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/finance/dcc-bylaw.htm> .
- Public plaza spaces not considered as a substitute for park space.
- Workshop on Lower Cap/Marine drive OCP held in Woodcroft Tower was well attended (standing-room only crowd ~130). Many concerned about road capacity to handle increased traffic.
- **Lengthy discussion about status of Local Area Plans (LAP). Desire to preserve the existing bylaws within OCP until reviewed. Proposed OCP should not override LAPs. CA's should each express their views on this to council.**

3.3 Tree Bylaw

Coming back to council 1st quarter 2011.

<http://www.nsnews.com/columnists/3877419/story.html> gives overview of views on this matter.

<http://www.thetrecouncil.org.nz/index.php/page/links/> gives some valuable links on the subject

<https://fp.auburn.edu/sfws/YaoqiZhang/UrbanForestryProject/Tree%20Ordinances%20as%20public%20policy%20and%20participation%20tools%20.pdf> reviews ordinances in the US and point out that public support essential, allows for great opportunity to engage public, allows for compromise, flexibility, and compassion.

<http://haltonhelps.org/Tree%20Protection%20Measures%20in%20other%20Municipalities.htm> ← many links

3.4 Healthy Neighbourhood Funds FONVCA

This DNV fund allocated up to 13cents/capita per year to cover expenses of a representing community association.

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/cpolicy/c1047902.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2011/Healthy%20Neighbourhoods%20Fund%20and%20CA%20Policy%20under%20review.pdf>

Corrie had emailed those (8) associations (that had contributed \$20 each) that the DNV had covered the shortfall of \$271.51 for 2010. The FONVCA web site is thus now paid for to Nov/2013. Only yearly incidental photocopying charges need be covered till then.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 15 regular e-mail

No action required.

4.2 Non-Posted Letters

There were also 2 non-posted letters. No action required.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

*5.1 BC renames Ministry

Ministry of Community and Rural Development

→ Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/cscd/> - FYI - no discussion

*5.2 On Integrated Resource Recovery

http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/library/Webinar/Slides/IRR_Presentation.pdf
a whole-system approach to managing all our wastes from a "Value" perspective. – FYI - no discussion

5.3 DNV Lease Returns – John Hunter

In John's absence this item was deferred to the next regular FONVCA meeting.

*5.4 Metro Vancouver Transit Market Share

www.th.gov.bc.ca/transit_plan/Provincial_Transit_Plan_LR.pdf
12% in 2008 & 12% in 2010

Projected 17% for 2020 & 22% in 2030

<http://www.publicpurpose.com/ut-19802008jtw.pdf>

"Because the number of older people is expected to increase significantly over the next ten years, the proportion of auto trips is expected to increase based on today's travel behavior"

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/gateway/reports/pdr-supp/Trip_Diary_Summary-TransLink.pdf – FYI - no discussion

*5.5 GHG of High Rise vs. Single Family Homes

<http://cedb.asce.org/cgi/WWWdisplay.cgi?0601129>

It was pointed out that although the average apartment unit produced a lot fewer green house gases than a single family home, when measured on GHG per square foot of living space the GHG generated by single family homes were comparable to those generated by multifamily units. – no further discussion

5.6 Beginning of the end of Community Policing

http://www.bclocalnews.com/greater_vancouver/northshoreoutlook/community/113374254.html

In the future this community based program is to be run out of the DNV hall and no longer in the communities.

*5.7 Urban Water Use in Canada

http://poliswaterproject.org/sites/default/files/report1_full.pdf

It was pointed out that it seems that, despite the economy of scale, the larger the city, the more one pays/unit of water. It was alleged to be due to high infrastructure maintenance and renewal costs.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/Publications/0B6E24B6-0421-4170-9FCF-9A7BC4522C54%5C2008MunicipalWaterPricingReportMunicipalWaterPricing2004Statistics.pdf> – no further discussion.

5.8 Garbage & Recycling

GVRD Fees rise to one of highest in North America

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/Higher+dumping+fees+aim+ed+reducing+garbage+landfills/4035345/story.html>

A good overview is at

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/municipal/msw99.htm#links>

It appears that both the per capita generation of waste and % of recycling may have peaked in the US.

5.8b Tax Cuts – "The stuff that dreams are made of"

http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/advocacy/british_columbia/58-budgets_public_finance/2311-municipal_spending_unsustainable.html

Six copies of the above report – made available free of charge by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business were distributed to FONVCA members on a first come basis.

During the discussion it was clear that community involvement and support is needed to keep further tax

increase (beyond inflation) at bay. This is especially evident from the increasingly high cost of policing and fire – despite our community having lowering crime and fire rates. Some members felt that escalating municipal taxes would unnecessarily force many seniors out of their homes and the community.

5.9 Green Building Strategy – Better allows Bigger

After a sparsely attended public hearing on Dec 14/2010 http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_PH/phm101214.htm Council gave unanimous 3rd reading to bylaws on Monday Jan 10/2011 that would allow an increase for single family homes to the maximum floor space of **up to 8%** above what had been adopted in previous years for many neighbourhoods (as well as the district wide zoning) in the DNV.

5.9b DNV 2011 Draft Financial Plan

In keeping with past tradition FONVCA members unanimously endorsed that the **next regular FONVCA meeting** (normally held Feb 17) **will now be held Thursday Feb 24** in order to hold a special FONVCA meeting with DNV staff **to deal with Q/A about the 2011 Draft Financial Plan** (which is to have been presented to Council about 10 days earlier).

ACTION: DNV staff to be contacted to confirm our availability at 7pm Feb 24th.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

a) *Smoking – CNV allows smoking on patios

<http://www.nsnews.com/health/health/3877402/story.html>

It is hoped that more potential CNV customers would now instead avail themselves in using DNV restaurant patios – as these, along with those in West Vancouver, are smoke free!

b) *Tracking all vehicles → Tracking all people → All people tracking

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/news/3997801/story.html>

Free wheeling use of government license plate scanning/tracking, not to ticket traffic violation, but to track the whereabouts of citizens, was felt to be a concern and a violation of privacy.

c) Fine Print Matters – Especially for an OCP

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/news/4000035/story.html>

The above article illustrates the need for clear language in drafting an OCP and all associated bylaws.

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) *Civility Matters

<http://www.neh.gov/news/humanities/2005-01/civility.html>

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/news/3997849/story.html>

Shows the importance of manners by both governments and its citizens.

b) Council to hold workshop on affordability of OCP network of centres 6pm Jan 24/2011. It is open for the public to attend.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair: Paul Tubb

Date: Thursday February 24, 2010

Subject: 2011 Draft Financial Plan