

# FONVCA

## Minutes Wed. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2012

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6  
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

### Attendees

Brian Platts (Chair)	Edgemont/Upper Capilano C.A.
Cathy Adams (notes)	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assn.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley Community Assn
John Hunter	Seymour Community Assn.
Val Moller	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assn.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont/Upper Capilano C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Save Our Shores & Delbrook CA
Fred Gooch	Blueridge Community Assn
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley Community Assn

**Guests:** Mike Little, Councillor  
Sharlene Hertz, Delbrook Community Assn.

**Regrets:** John Miller, Eric Andersen, Paul Tubb

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

### 1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Item 5(e) was moved forward to accommodate an attendee who may need to leave early. Approved with this change.

### 2. ADOPTION of Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 MINUTES

Adopted unanimously, as circulated (with change that it was on 17<sup>th</sup> not the indicated 16<sup>th</sup>).

There was discussion on the topic of regular meeting dates for FONVCA. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday date we have had for many years no longer has a meeting room available at District Hall. We have been offered meeting room space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Other options were brought up, including using space at Delbrook Recreation Centre. Unknown whether the third Thursday would be available, and if there would be a fee.

It was decided that we would shift our monthly meetings to the third Wednesday of the month, and monitor attendance, feedback from members, etc. over the next few months.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

There was a letter published in the North Shore News <http://www.nsnews.com/technology/lines+communication+cloudy/6025408/story.html> on the subject of DNV Communication with the public, including the issue of Council Agendas no longer being advertised in the North Shore News – something FONVCA has been trying to get some progress on over the past months. Dave Stuart was contacted by John Hunter and Corrie Kost in the fall, and Corrie had prepared some information regarding costs to advertise in the newspaper. What is desired - a consistent system of proper agenda notifications in the District Dialogue space? That the North Shore News print a complete agenda, with enough information to alert and inform residents on what will be discussed at an upcoming council meeting? Also raised

was the possibility of an electronic subscription service, whereby a person would receive the agenda via email as provided by CNV. (Not to replace our concern that the newspaper does not consistently provide agendas.)

**ACTION: Corrie/John will follow up with Dave Stuart again.**

#### 5 (e) Waste to Energy (Item moved forward)

Lots of questions on where the District should go on this issue. Liquid and solid waste are both being discussed – they represent substantial energy potential. Upfront costs to take advantage of this potential are higher – what are the cost/benefits, and what are the political ramifications to go in this direction? Website

<http://www.seas.columbia.edu/earth/wtert/globalwte.html>

showing a number of energy from waste projects from around the world was reviewed. For us – will there be any unbiased and independent review?

**ACTION: Corrie/John to write a letter to Dave Stuart/copy to Council. Ask that they make recent reports on this issue available to the public.**

## 4. Correspondence Issues

### 4.1 Business arising from 11 regular emails:

On the Solid Waste Removal bylaw, (see letter by Brian Platts - [http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jan-to/Brian\\_Platts\\_21jan2012.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jan-to/Brian_Platts_21jan2012.pdf)) staff wanted a stricter set of regulations, which Council did not pass since they felt it was not needed at this time and that “education” was the best tool. Many homes only have carports – so what would be the cost for a homeowner to build such a “wildlife resistant enclosure”? – some examples shown, many quite costly.

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/ES/solid\\_waste/Bears\\_resistant\\_enclosures.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/ES/solid_waste/Bears_resistant_enclosures.pdf)

(What would be the specifications/how can an enclosure be “tested”?) This issue is on hold for the moment, pending more investigation and demonstrated need.

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

### 4.3 Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

A period of roughly 30 minutes for association members to exchange information of common concerns.

Diana Belhouse- reports that their association has reactivated recently – some issues that are getting residents’ attention – Delbrook/William Griffin Centres. Balmoral School-change of use and parking and other issues arising. Concerns surrounding transparency – only Braemar parents were invited to a meeting by the School Board on the topic of change of use of Balmoral-surrounding residents found only through other channels and very late!

a) **Doug Curran: 7 Trends for planning Post-Oil Cities**  
[http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/big-city/31982/seven-trends-planning-post-oil-cities?ref=node\\_other\\_posts\\_by](http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/big-city/31982/seven-trends-planning-post-oil-cities?ref=node_other_posts_by)  
[http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2011/14nov-to/Doug\\_Curran\\_1dec2011.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2011/14nov-to/Doug_Curran_1dec2011.pdf)

No discussion.

b) **Corrie Kost: Improving Voter Turn-Out**

We should show young people, in a non-partisan way, just how much local governments influence their daily lives.

Encourage the formation of non-partisan young democracy clubs. Get them to nominate a monthly or quarterly speaker, hold debates on issues of their choice, etc.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2012/The%20democracy%20gap%20%97%20how%20did%20not%20voting%20become%20preferred%20option.pdf>

**c) Eric Andersen:**

-Cool Neighbourhood.

-Traffic & Safety Meeting.

No discussion since Eric was unable to attend.

Tabled for February meeting.

**d) John Hunter**

“Living Wage”, as per attachment was lightly discussed

- Only mandated by New Westminster.

- Some pros and cons discussed.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### Council and other District issues.

a) Council Advisory Committees become Staff Advisory Committees.

A lot of concern over how many committees have been disbanded, or become a committee of staff. Staff committees are not required to be open to the public. The remaining committees of council are for the most part those that are mandated for a municipality to have. There is a definite cost/trade off with public accountability with this change by District council.

**Motion: “That FONVCA advise Council of our concern whereby many District committees have been changed from Committees of Council to committees of staff – in that it may bar or serve to inhibit public involvement and transparency. FONVCA therefore recommends that these committee meetings be open to the public. Council may wish to consider providing these committees the authority to go in-camera, under the same provisions of in-camera Council and Committees of Council meetings.”** Moved by John Hunter, Seconded by Lyle Craver. Carried unanimously.

**b) Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan (POSSP)**

70p released Dec 14/2011 (and its 87p Background Document) - requires feedback by January 27/2012.

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5244>

Some at meeting were unaware of this latest development – and it was felt that the process for this had been overshadowed by the OCP over the past couple of years

**c) BC Municipal Spending Watch 2011**

<http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/article/3422-bc-municipal-spending-watch-2011-it-s-getting-worse.html> for information only.

**d) CNV & DNV could ban parking charges at LGH?**

<http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Doctors+urge+free+hospital+parking+patients/5780681/story.html>  
<http://www.northshoreoutlook.com/news/134697273.html>

It remains to be seen what action the two municipalities will take on this.

**e) Waste to Energy** - moved to early in meeting.

**f) Housing Backgrounder** - by Robyn Newton

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2012/HOUSING%20BACKGROUNDERS%20final.pdf>

- made available for review by FONVCA members

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Legal Issues

**a) Earthquake Insurance – issue of deductible**

\$1m coverage with 5% deductible means you pay first \$50,000  
Eg. For \$100,000 damage the deductible is really 50%  
The policy should clearly state the deductible as \$\$\$ not %!

Many residents may be unaware of how the deductible is calculated on homeowner earthquake insurance!

**b) Liability of Dog Owners:** ~460,000 Canadians are bitten each year- mostly children. Dog bites form a large fraction of home insurance claims!

<http://www.park.ca/content/newsletter/10.10/fido-liability.php>

<http://www.waterstonelaw.com/practice-areas/personal-injury/dog-bites/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1686260/pdf/canvetj00356-0049.pdf>

Distributed for information...

### 6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

**a) News-Clips for current month**

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2012/news-clips/>

**b) Location based Community Consultation Platform**

<http://www.placespeak.com/>

- place to express your opinion on local issues/topics

**c) Bicycles and Sustainability**

<http://thisbigcity.net/category/bicycle/>

**d) Build your own Bear-Resistant Garbage Enclosures**

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/ES/solid\\_waste/Bears\\_resistant\\_enclosures.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/ES/solid_waste/Bears_resistant_enclosures.pdf)

**e) Climate Change 2011: Status report on US policy**

<http://bos.sagepub.com/content/68/1/39>

**f) BC Government Proposed Changes to Society Act –**

John Hunter – Anyone involved in a society should become informed on the proposed changes - public comments to be made by April 30/2012

[http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/cep/fcsp/society\\_act\\_discussion.htm](http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/cep/fcsp/society_act_discussion.htm)

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 ← WEDNESDAY !**

Chair: Dan Ellis – Lynn Valley C.A. Notetaker: ??

There was a discussion near the end of meeting about having a member of council attend (rotation or regular) FONVCA meetings to provide more timely feedback on issues than our council-shirtsleeve sessions. – Item tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:00 PM.