

# FONCVA

## Minutes December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001

### Attendees:

Bill Tracey (CHAIR)	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Diana Bellhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Bruce Ward(minutes)	Sunset Gardens N.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
John Miller	Lower Cap. R.A
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Albinson	Edgemont C.A (observer)

Bill Tracey had kindly agreed to substitute as chair for Dave Sadler, as he and a number of other regular attendees were departing for the holiday season.

### 1. Order/contents of agenda.

Additional items

6.1 no item

6.3 Budget review process Corrie Kost

6.4 Joint Rec.Commission Bylaw -Corrie Kost

6.5 Sustainable communities -Bruce Ward

### 2. Adoption of November 15, 2001 minutes

Moved by Maureen Bragg, seconded by Diana Bellhouse and carried.

## Old Business

**3.1 Construction Noise Bylaw.** Brian Platts' long awaited report, based on a complaint about construction noise during the week-end, which compared hours when construction noise was allowed in NVD, NVC, West Van, Burnaby, and Vancouver was distributed. The major difference is NVD is least restrictive and permits Sunday work; others do not. **Moved** Dan Ellis, seconded by Corrie Kost that the District amend the Construction Noise Bylaw to restrict noise by developers or contractors, in accordance with the other 2 municipalities' bylaws, but subject to council's discretion on a case-by-case basis. Carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Brian to attach table to covering letter.

**3.2 Big boxes.** A roadblock is that the Local Government Act does not permit public input after the close of public hearing (until adoption, cancellation, or abandonment of the bylaw). This makes it awkward to speak to council about the proposed expansion of the Save-on-Foods on Marine Dr. A public information meeting was held on the expansion proposal on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> in which the major problem is the deficiency of 33 parking stalls. However, this expansion proposal, is presumably independent of the proposed Big Box bylaw.

**3.3 Community charter.** Corrie reported that the proposed new municipal act has been circulated province wide to selected groups, with a proposed implementation date starting next summer. Potential problems are: the impracticality of the recall proposals; the difficulty of meeting the requirements to trigger citizen initiated bylaws; reductions in the requirements to hold public hearings and/or referendums; the threat to the uses of dedicated parks and district roads; and possible financial offloading by the province. Corrie will monitor and report back.

**3.4 Options for Capilano Reservoir.** Update on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> GVRD public meeting. I NTU desired standard may be temporarily back to 5 NTU. Ozonation apparently still off the agenda, despite clear public support. Filtration and chlorination as primary disinfectant is the current plan. Single filtration plant on Seymour, with deep underground tunnels from Capilano seems most flexible and virtually no more expensive than having a separate filtration plant at either of the two proposed Capilano sites. The minimized environmental impact favour option 3 (single filtration plant at Seymour) – target date 2007.

**3.5 Council performance questionnaire.** No action yet, needs a lot of work – especially the wording. The proposal mimics West Van's. FONCVA will try for input to get consensus on honesty, utility, and objectivity. The draft will be released to FONVCA members only – and will be released to public when consensus is reached.

## Correspondence Issues.

**4.1** Corrie listed 175 e-mails send by FONCVA Members to council and others since Sept 17th, with some council replies. These are on the FONCVA website. Corrie will highlight the most recent ones next time.

**4.2** Thanks was sent to Stephen and the GVRD for maps/other material on the Grouse Grind.

### 4.3 Business arising from correspondence.

- FONCVA is to ask the clerk for adopted minutes from all committees.
- NVC's OCP calls for 3% growth, considered too high.
- GVWD Water rates to stay steady until improvements are in rather than pre-charging.
- Legality of recent in-camera council meeting questioned.
- Grouse Mtn fenced animals discussed.
- Parking complaints at the top of Mtn Highway or Lynn Valley Rd. may require more residents-only parking, with cooperation from cycling groups.
- Parking complaint re Marine Dr. Indigo Books discussed.
- Apparent misleading advertising by district (vague/untimely attribution) re. Delbrook parking lot/playground application.

## New Business

### 5.1 Anti-Slapp Legislation.

#### SLAPP: STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

This recently withdrawn legislation again leaves individuals open to frivolous lawsuits when, say, protesting a development project. The UBCM (who had unanimously supported the Anti-Slapp legislation) has recently called for its re-instatement. As well, it was urged by 4 Van Island councils who were addressed by the Sierra Club. The BC Fed. of Labour and the BC Civil Liberties Assn. also support re-introduction. Individuals can still obtain personal insurance against SLAPP suites at a cost of about \$130/yr (some homeowner policies may cover this without this additional cost). Coverage for directors of non-profit group is more costly. The act would have protected gov't officials, district committee members, members of the public, and radical (but law-abiding) protesters alike, without limiting the court access rights of legitimate lawsuits.

**Moved** by Corrie Kost, seconded John Miller, that we request Council to support re-introduction of anti-Slapp legislation, as has been done by Victoria, Saanich, Esquimalt, and Metchosin. Carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Letter to council requesting above support.

**5.2 Closed meetings of council.** The closed Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting appeared not to have been carried out under the proper rules. A public notice must be issued, with a list of the items to be discussed and the section of the act which justifies it being discussed in a closed meeting. The clerk is the arbitrator. Corrie is investigating various options.

### 5.3 DNV Drinking water quality.

The Medical Health Officer will now require yearly and possibly quarterly reports on district water quality. The maps published by the CNV, indicating the two testing stations which are not meeting the 0.2mg/l of chlorine protection levels, was all but unreadable. Similar publications will shortly be posted by the District – but, indications from district staff engineer Robert Huffman are that they will be more transparent to the public. There is also a daily web posting ([http://www.qvrd.bc.ca/services/water/index\\_wt.html](http://www.qvrd.bc.ca/services/water/index_wt.html)) of the turbidity of the water sources of Seymour, Coquitlam, and Capilano (when back in operation next spring).

**5.4 Heritage workshop.** Corrie reported on his attendance at the Wed. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Heritage Workshop.

- Designated homes may have some tax and/or grant concessions.
- Participation is voluntary.
- Can temporarily hold back demolition permit.
- Onerous requirements for maintenance and improvements?
- Excellent information database exist.
- Most heritage homes are owner occupied.
- Pushing to establish heritage foundation.
- Vancouver is building a \$2m endowment.
- Queensdale significant but little action due to lack of incentives.
- Owner manual needed for guidelines.
- Corporate sponsors, Squamish/Burrard bands partnerships.
- Draft strategic plan in next weeks.
- Seed money multiplier: 3-5+ - tourism ties
- Needs about \$120k/year from council
- Buildings AND Topography need protection.

## Other business

**6.1** no item

### 6.2 Treaty process and proposed referendum ballot.

The 16 questions as proposed by the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs report (<http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/CMT/37thParl/aaf/reports/Report2001.htm>) were distributed. Some members felt that the questions were not specific enough, being statements rather than questions. There is no specific information or choice on the assets to be used (money, licences, land etc). Of the 16 principals requiring a yes/no vote, most should have been included in the whereas section as preconditions, as they are basically pre-existing citizens rights or existing gov't policy. Only the proposed local gov't status, tax exemptions and benefits distribution are issues and even these may be beyond the average voters interest.

**6.3 Budget review process** is delayed by 2 months.

This item is to be discussed by FONCVA in January. No budget information available. Members to take their own action.

**6.4 Sustainable? Housing.** Bruce Ward summarized an article on the proposed Surrey/UBC East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept plan that has sustainability features. 250 hectares, 13000 people, less pavement, 5-6 minute walk to everything, many types of housing, friendly street face, cars at rear, interconnected but narrow, shaded streets, 100% of drainage to be retained by natural ground infiltration and seasonal ponds in parks. See B.C. Naturalist, Winter 2002.

## 7.0 Chair and Date of next meeting.

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**7pm. Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
District Hall,**