

FONVCA

Minutes of December 15th 2005

Attendees:

Maureen Bragg(Chair Pro-Tem)
Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Miller Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Diana Belhouse Delbrook C.A.
Cathy Adams Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray Lower Capilano C.R.A.
David Knee Norgate Park C.A.
Val Moller Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost Edgemont C.A.
Monica Craver Upper Lynn R.A.
Lyle Craver Upper Lynn R.A.
Cathy Adams Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen Blueridge C.A.
Patrick Higgs Lynn Valley C.A.

Jenny Knee Notetaker

Guests: Ernie & Joyce Crist

Meeting started 7:10pm with a social gathering and the presentation of an inscribed clock and a plant by Brian to Ernie and Joyce in recognition of 25 plus years of service to the residents in the District of N. Vancouver.

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: 6.2 Panorama Street ends
6.3 Parking & loading bylaw changes
6.4 Blockwatch party fees
6.5 50 m. Rule for bylaw infractions
6.6 Traffic lights at Capilano/Marine Dr.

2. ADOPTION of Nov 17th MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes of November 17th approved:
Move/seconded by John/Dave, passed unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Winner of Election Forecast?

It was a tie between Corrie and Hugh with both having forecast all seven (Mayor and 6 councillors) correctly. On average the group score was 75%.

3.2 FONVCA.org domain name renewal to Nov/2010

Corrie issued receipts to members who had paid and asked for any others to donate \$10 (good for 5 years).

3.3 Long Island study on Breast Cancer & Pesticides.

– Corrie reported that a 10 year study report published in Nature failed to find any link between high rate of breast cancer and use of pesticides or other chemicals. A link was however found with “affluence” – possibly resulting from increased age for those women’s first birth.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 45 regular emails – Top issue was: municipal election with 17 emails

4.2 Non-posted letters –4 this period.
No discussion of these.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Translink Meetings

- validity of Dec. 7th board meeting in question - There was a lengthy discussion on the legality of the board to make decisions when only 9 of the 12 members were present and only 5 of those were duly elected municipal officials. At the very least the ethics/morality of such a meeting was highly questionable.

Motion - Val/Dave - FONVCA would like to know the ethical/moral validity of decisions made at the Dec. 7th Translink board meeting which were made by citizens no longer elected, involving expenditures of \$3.2 billion dollars.

Dec 13th N. Shore Bus Depot consultation meeting -
Corrie reported the meeting (sponsored at the hall by Translink) was informal – allowing no centralized Q & A period. Translink staff indicated there would be no negative impact to the service on the N. shore if the old Rail Station location were rejected. Public Hearing on rezoning required to accommodate the use of transit depot is to be held by DNV on Jan 17th 2006.

There will be a meeting of the NSTAC on Jan 26th 2006.

5.2 Report of CFO Workshop #2 of Nov 30th

Corrie provided a verbal summary of this meeting:

Council members indicated minimal support for any sort of assessment averaging to smooth out year-to-year increases since those with the largest increases would marginally benefit - with the added costs coming from those whose properties did not appreciate as much. Potential legal (challenge) costs, newer accounting software, and need for a review panel were all felt to be deterrents to such a scheme. Council to vote on this aspects at their next regular meeting.

5.3 Purpose of Community Associations?

Item deferred to the next FONVCA meeting of January 19th 2006.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues:

None discussed.

6.2 Panorama Street ends

Maureen reported that a home owner had knocked down wall on District property and moved sewer line to facilitate building of a swimming pool without a permit. Bylaws issued a STOP WORK ORDER which was subsequently ignored – allegedly on a second visit workers told the Bylaws officer; they had instructions from the home owner to ignore the order. Maureen will monitor the ongoing situation.

Motion – Moved/seconded Corrie/Eric:

Brian to write a letter to council requesting District take appropriate action to protect public interests and that the home owner be required to restore both, his own and District property to pre-illegal construction conditions. Carried unanimously.

6.3 Parking & Loading Bylaw

Cathy reported the bylaw changes have been circulated to Council for approval at a later council meeting.

6.4 Block Party Fees.

Eric reported that fees will still be charged. This item needs more work by community.

6.5 50m. Rule on Bylaw enforcement.

See 6.4 of Nov/2005 minutes. Dave raised the issue with planning staff today who were unaware of this

issue and are investigating and will communicate with him on their findings. Dave will update at next meeting.

6.6 Traffic lights at Capilano/Marine Drive

Corrie reported that the situation with rush hour delays for east bound Marine Dr traffic making left turn into Capilano (largely coming from Lions Gate Bridge 5:00-6:30pm) have become intolerable, somewhat due to a sensor malfunction. Dave imparted the 'good news' that in his meeting today with Donna Howes that new technology will be installed at these lights in the near future.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday of month:

January 19th, 2006.

Pro-tem Chair will be **David Knee** – Norgate Park C.A.
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Meeting adjourned 9:45pm