

FONVCA

Minutes November 18, 2010

Place: DNV Hall, 355 West Queens

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees

Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Brenda Barrick	Inter-River.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. and SOS
Cathy Adams (Chair)	Lions Gate N.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
John Hunter (notes)	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A..

Regrets: Dan Ellis, Lyle Craver, Paul Tubb

The meeting was called to order ~ 7:05pm

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Added agenda items:

- 6.2e regarding DNV advisory committees
- 6.2f regarding the future Metro Vancouver Public Hearing on Regional Growth Strategy, and
- 6.2g regarding tankers in Vancouver Harbour

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Oct. 21, 2010

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2010/minutes-sep2010.pdf>

The minutes were adopted. Concerns had been expressed in a previous meeting with too many links in minutes, causing longer and perhaps more confusing minutes. Corrie observed that links are in the minutes is so you do not have to go another document to find your target document. **It was decided to monitor the situation.**

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

Basic Agenda listing still missing from District Dialogue. **Action: Corrie and Cathy will send the letter previously drafted re this to DNV.**

3.2 Renewal of web site FONVCA.ORG

Renewal has been done for 3yrs (to Nov 2013) at cost of \$334.60. Members who have paid \$20 are:

Lynn Valley C.A.	Lions Gate N.A.
Save our Shores	Blueridge C.A.
Edgemont C.A.	Norgate Park C.A.
Seymour C.A.	Delbrook C.A. (correction)

Cathy approached the DNV clerk who seemed open to funding the FONVCA website from the

Healthy Neighbourhood Funds; however Cathy did not ask for it at this stage. The yearly fund limit has not been increased from \$10,000 since 1997; **Cathy will ask how much is being used each year with a view to asking that it be raised if justified.**

Cathy will ask for our website costs and printing cost for 2010 to be recovered from this fund. As for those C.A.s who have already paid, FONVCA will **Corrie will write a letter to each C.A. as to what has been done with their donations.**

3.3 Update on OCP Process

Discussion of the potential conflict between Local Area Plans (“LAPs”) and the OCP ensued, with concern expressed that there is the perception that there is a hidden agenda to dispense with LAPs by turning them into “policies” – thus stripping them of the requirement to hold public hearings upon subsequent conflicts. Staff may see LAPs as impairing growth or as an added administrative burden.

It was pointed out that all surveys of OCP wishes are “self-selection” type and may not exclusively involve people from DNV or even be representative of the typical DNV resident. A meeting schedule for further public OCP information receipt, and reviews, has been issued.

FONVCA will meet with Staff and Roundtable Members at their request Dec. 9, 7 PM, District Hall.

Concern was expressed at the shifting end point of the OCP process being too close to the next municipal election which could threaten to abort adoption of a new OCP, as apparently happened once before in DNV history.

Note that the regular FONVCA meeting of Dec 16th has been cancelled.

3.4 Tree Bylaw

There is considerable material in the package on this issue and some discussion of it took place. A public hearing will be held in the future and we should expect at least a 10 day notification period.

NS News Article by Councillor Roger Bassam

<http://www.nsnews.com/stories/3819609/story.html>

DNV looks at new tree bylaw - NSNEWS

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3746085

-Articles by International society of Arboriculture

[http://www.isa-](http://www.isa-arbor.com/education/onlineResources/treeOrdinanceGuidelines.aspx)

[arbor.com/education/onlineResources/treeOrdinanceGuidelines.aspx](http://www.isa-arbor.com/education/onlineResources/treeOrdinanceGuidelines.aspx) and detailed 181 page guidelines..

[http://www.isa-](http://www.isa-arbor.com/education/resources/educ_TreeOrdinanceGuidelines.pdf)

[arbor.com/education/resources/educ_TreeOrdinanceGuidelines.pdf](http://www.isa-arbor.com/education/resources/educ_TreeOrdinanceGuidelines.pdf)

- Proposed Tree Compensation Model (page 62 attached)
http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/101005CWAA.pdf
and déjà vu articles
http://theoakvillewatchdog.blogspot.com/2007_03_01_archive.html
http://theoakvillewatchdog.blogspot.com/2007_09_01_archive.html 30/

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 8 regular e-mail

No action required.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

Special Notifications:

Cathy Adams to send a note (card) of condolences to Mayor Richard Walton on the passing of his father. (He subsequently expressed his thanks to FONVCA for the gesture)

Cathy Adams to send an email expressing FONVCA's appreciation to Mayor & Council for presenting Corrie Kost an Award of Honour from DNV.

5.1 Property Taxes Keep Piling Up...

"Highway Robbery" from

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/news/3826077/story.html>

"Metro Residents face tax increase" from

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/stories/3751888/story.html>

"Stop raising property tax to pay for transit projects"

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=3662897

Translink 2011 Supplement Backgrounder & Details

http://beta.images.theglobeandmail.com/archive/00997/TransLink_funding_s_997764a.pdf
[http://www.translink.ca/en/site-info/document-library-result.aspx?id=\(1422CC18-0809-4583-8F9C-4A805AF0417C1&rel=\(2091EA29-0CD6-49CC-A55B-617D0DC2B663\)\)](http://www.translink.ca/en/site-info/document-library-result.aspx?id=(1422CC18-0809-4583-8F9C-4A805AF0417C1&rel=(2091EA29-0CD6-49CC-A55B-617D0DC2B663)))

Note: SeaBus upgraded to 15 minute frequency all day every day

5.2 EPA Report of Composting

http://beyondrecycling.org/pdf_files/FinalReport.pdf

The executive summary – particularly on tipping fees – is well worth a read.

There were short discussions on 5.1 and 5.2.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

a) Metro Vancouver to take Port to court if tax dispute not solved

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/news/3686902/story.html>

Has potential to resolve tax dispute with our port lands.

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) UN Report on economics and ecosystems and biodiversity

http://www.unep.ch/etb/publications/TEEB/TEEB_interim_report.pdf

Sun article "Underpricing "nature's bounty" costs trillions

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/news/3698238/story.html>

Similar study done for Greater Vancouver

<http://www.vancouversun.com/travel/stories/3737115/story.html>

See also the TEEB Interim/final Reports

<http://www.teebweb.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=u2fMSQoWJf0%3d&tabid=1021&language=en-US>

http://www.teebweb.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=bYhDohL_TuM%3d&tabid=924&mid=1813

b) Expect Municipalities to endorse Mounties.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/news/3686899/story.html>

c) Landfill for carbon sequestration)

<http://www.osti.gov/bridge/servlets/purl/795745-EMfXDz/native/>

d) To Bury or to Burn

<http://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/201010/letters.cfm>

A low-tech/proven sequestration technology.

Note: Plastics in landfill are ~ 100% sequestered

http://epa.gov/climatechange/wyacd/waste/downloads/ICF_Memo_Carbon_Sequestration_in_Landfills.pdf indicated

generally 75% carbon sequestration for landfill material.

There appears to be no clear winner to the Bury vs Burn debate. Details in the implementation are the determining factor.

e) FONVCA is no longer getting letters advising of advisory committee openings/appointments. Eric has asked DNV to inform C.A.s by e-mail but there has not been a reply to his letter yet.

f) Corrie advised of the upcoming Metro Vancouver Public hearings on RGS (Regional Growth Strategy), advertised in local papers. The Tues Nov 30th meeting hearing will be held at 6pm at Pinnacle on the Pier, 138 Victory Ship Way, City of North Vancouver

g) John advised that certain individuals and groups are spreading misleading information regarding tankers in Vancouver Harbour and BC waters.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair: John Hunter Seymour CA.

Date: Thursday January 20, 2010