



Wednesday Jan 16th 2013

Place: Oak Rm Delbrook Rec. Centre – 600 W. Queens Rd. (This month only!)

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Val Moller – Woodcroft & Lions Gate C.A.

Tel: 604-926-8063 Email: vmoller@telus.net

Notetaker: Sharlene Hertz (Delbrook C.A.)

Regrets:

1. Order/content of Agenda(*short)

Chair Pro-Tem Suggests:

2. Adoption of Minutes of Nov 21st

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2013/minutes-nov2012.pdf>

Emails pertaining to draft minutes will be distributed at meeting.

Business arising from Minutes.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

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

A. Update by EUCCA – Corrie Kost

B. (i) CGA: Doug Curran – How to connect with people...

http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/city-life/110571/connect-with-people-new-city?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Sustainable+Cities+Collective+%2Ball+posts%29

(ii) CGA: Doug Curran – use of FONVCA Website

4. Old Business

4.1 Update from “Process” Committee of FONVCA

5. Correspondence Issues

5.1 Business arising from 20 regular emails:

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5.2 Non-Posted letters – 1 this period

Distributed with full package but not currently posted on web-site.

6. New Business

Council and other District Issues.

a) Invite Councillor(s) to attend FONVCA meetings

b) Report on OCPIIC – Dan & Corrie

c) DCC (Development Cost Charges) Bylaw Review

[ftp://ftp.dnv.org/Engineering/Outgoing/Draft_DCC_Bylaw_Bylaw_Review_and_Update_Background_Report_\(January_2013\).PDF](ftp://ftp.dnv.org/Engineering/Outgoing/Draft_DCC_Bylaw_Bylaw_Review_and_Update_Background_Report_(January_2013).PDF)
Overview of Jan 15/2013 public information mtg.

d) DNV publishes Upcoming Meetings in NSNews
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2013/DNV-Upcoming-Meetings-Ad.pdf>

7. Any Other Business

a) Comments on FONVCA Web Site

- Errors/Omissions? - Additions/Changes?

b) Meeting Climate Change Challenge

In depth domestic and international case studies can be found at <http://www.mc-3.ca/>

c) FORTIS Gas Presentation proposal for Feb 20/2012

e) Request to remove from FONVCA website

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

8. For Your Information Items

8.1 Non-Legal Issues

a) News-Clips of the month December 2012

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/dec2012/news-clips/>

b) News-Clips of the month January 2013

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2013/news-clips/>

c) City of Vancouver – Summary Report: Pedestrian

<http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/pedestrian-safety-study-2012-summary.pdf>

8.2 Legal Issues

a) Ontario Court overturn’s shark fin ban

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/ontario-court-overturns-torontos-shark-fin-ban/article5881455/>

b) Toronto Mayor Ford found guilty of voting on a matter in which he had a pecuniary interest.

<http://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2012/2012onsc5615/2012onsc5615.pdf>

c) Forfeit of Public Property Rights

<http://issuu.com/pmcommunity/docs/nsnfri20121207> page A7

d) Limits of an OCP (from Trevor Lautens NSNews article)

<http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/inspiring+just+awful+that+humanity/7775049/story.html>

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/12/01/2012BCSC0121.htm>

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/11/04/2011BCCA0484.htm>

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/11/03/2011BCCA0340.htm>

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/11/04/2011BCSC0491cor1.htm>

See also section Consistency Revisited: Sevin v. Prince George (City) of

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/issue/?issue=82#1713> by Stewart MacDannold Stuart

9. Chair & Date of next meeting: Feb 20th

FONVCA Received Correspondence/Subject

19 November 2012 → 13 January 2013

LINK	SUBJECT
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Capilano_Gateway_Assoc.pdf	"The Ten Steps to Walkable Cities" a useful resource blog post
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Doug_Curran_19nov2012.pdf	Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Doug_Curran_19nov2012b.pdf	Followup / Re: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Doug_Curran_26nov2012.pdf	Poets may conjure up towers in the air, but CGA grounded in communities realities
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/John_Sharpe_6dec2012.pdf	Conflict on Dec. 12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Mike_Little_6dec2012.pdf	Conflict on Dec. 12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Mike_Little_7dec2012.pdf	Conflict on Dec. 12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Monica_Craver_20nov2012.pdf	Falling for the mountain biker ruse...
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Monica_Craver_6dec2012.pdf	Conflict on Dec. 12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Monica_Craver_6dec2012c.pdf	Whistler's mayor acting against SLRD in legal action
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Monica_Craver_8dec2012.pdf	Cypress Mountain Bike Park becoming a reality again..
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/19nov-to/Wendy_Qureshi_6dec2012.pdf	Conflict on Dec. 12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Doug_Curran_10jan2013.pdf	"North Shore neighbourhood honours site where body found"
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Doug_Curran_10jan2013b.pdf	Cracking the illusion / A packed hall doesn't always mean unity
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Doug_Curran_11jan2013.pdf	How to Connect with People in Your City
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Doug_Curran_26dec2012.pdf	In an imperfect world, why bother with reason over self-righteousness?
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/John_Hunter_3jan2013.pdf	Councils Lose Sight of Real Issues Dec_12
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Monica_Craver_27dec2012.pdf	"Give trees (and frogs) a break"
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Monica_Craver_29dec2012.pdf	"Mountain bikers...mess up aquifers."
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/17dec-to/Wendy_Qureshi_19dec2012.pdf	DNV won't cost-share 50-m pool

Past Chair Pro/Tem of FONVCA (Jan 2010-present)

Notetaker

Year	Val Moller	Woodcroft & LGCA	Notetaker
Nov 2012	Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.	Sharlene Hertz
Oct 2012	Peter Thompson	Edgemont & Upper C.A.	Cathy Adams
Sep 2012	John Hunter	Seymour C.A.	Charlene Hertz
Jun 2012	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights C.A.	Kim Belcher
May 2012	Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & SOS	Diana Belhouse
Apr 2012	Val Moller	Lions gate C.A.	John Miller
Mar 2012	Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.	Dan Ellis
Feb 2012	Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.	John Hunter
Jan 2012	Brian Platts	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.	John Miller
Nov 2011	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights	Cathy Adams
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Sep 2011	John Hunter	Seymour C.A.	Paul Tubb
Jul 2011	Cathy Adams	Lions Gate C.A.	Dan Ellis
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May 2011	Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.	Cathy Adams
Apr 2011	Brian Platts	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.	Brian Platts/Corrie Kost
Mar 2011	Val Moller	Lions Gate C.A.	Diana Belhouse
Feb 2011	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights ← Special focus on 2011-2015 Financial Plan	Eric Andersen
Jan 2011	Diana Belhouse	S.O.S.	Brenda Barrick
Dec 2010	John Hunter	Seymour C.A. ← Meeting with DNV Staff on Draft#1 OCP	None
Nov 2010	Cathy Adams	Lions Gate C.A.	John Hunter
Oct 2010	Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.	Paul Tubb
Sep 2010	K'nud Hille	Norgate Park C.A.	Eric Andersen
Jun 2010	Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.	Cathy Adams
May 2010	Val Moller	Lions Gate C.A.	Cathy Adams
Apr 2010	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights	Dan Ellis
Mar 2010	Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.	Diana Belhouse
Feb 2010	Special		
Jan 2010	Dianna Belhouse	S.O.S	K'nud Hille

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting November 21st 2012

At DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

Attendees:

Eric Andersen (Chair pro-tem)	Blueridge C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
John Hunter	Seymour C.A. (left approx.. 9:05pm)
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A. & Woodcroft (left approx.. 8:40pm)
Cathy Adams (Notes)	Lions Gate N.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & Save Our Shores

Regrets: John Miller, Lower Capilano Community Res.Assn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Order/content of Agenda

Outstanding item-mountain biking/D. Belhouse. Will discuss under item 6 g)

2. Adoption of Minutes of Oct 17th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/minutes-oct2012.pdf>

Item 3- Action Item from October meeting – Roundtable on Current Affairs.

FoNVCA invite Executive Director and a DNV Council Member from the Recreation Commission to provide an overview of structure and relationship to other organizations. In addition, requested the following documents be provided in advance of the meeting: 1) Financials 2) Minutes of RecCom meetings for the past year 3) Joint Venture Agreement with the City of North Vancouver

Tabled to next meeting as Dan Ellis not in attendance.

Further in Item 3 – *Hunter reported that he participated in the Council Workshop of Oct 9th dealing with the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan – discussion on this meeting followed: survey was self-selection; affects small group of people (130); no members of the bicycle community participated; DNV/CNV has spent \$14M; goal is to reduce car trips; cycling has significant health benefits. Healthier lifestyle – benefits whole community* **ADD to Minutes- in the workshop no members of the bicycle community participated. 100% of the survey participants were bikers. This fact was not highlighted in staff presentation.**

Moved by John Hunter – the minutes of Oct 17/2012 be adopted as amended. 2nd by Diana Belhouse. Carried.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

A. Update by Community Associations

EUCCA: (Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.) Refer to <http://www.fonvca.org/Edgemont/Oct24-2012/> for details

Delbrook C.A. wrote letter to M&C re: Closed Meetings of Council. Will discuss further under item 6 h).

EUCCA: Proposal for project with 125 seniors units – not in the existing Local Area Plan or new OCP. The density is much higher than has been proposed in the past/this location not previously identified for this type of density. Location is in area bounded by Ridgewood/Ayr/Woodbine/Highlands – currently

several single family lots, which have been assembled/purchased. The Preliminary Application is in. 50% green space-but noted it is all on the interior of the project (is this what should be considered "green space"? It's not a public space, and would not be seen from outside. Consideration should be given to moving part of this public space to face towards the village?)

Pemberton Heights: – apparently they didn't get notification of a subdivision in their area.

Blueridge – Recent newsletter – 8 pages. Lots of input/people involved in it. They have a new website www.blueridgeca.org

B. Update on Lions Gate Secondary Treatment Sewage Plant

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/lionsgate/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/LGSWWTP-Nov14-2012.pdf>

http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/constructionprojects/wastewater/LionsGateDocs/LGPACMeetingSummaryJune26_2012.pdf

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/constructionprojects/wastewater/Documents/LionsGateSecondaryWastewaterTreatmentPlantfactsheet.pdf>

http://www.metrovancouver.org/LionsGate/Resource/LGWWTPResourceDocs/Utilities-November_14_2012-Agenda.pdf (p 149-154)

In the last reference – particularly note section 2.3 on "Funding" on page 150.

Peter Thompson and John Hunter, as well as Dave Knee/Norgate, are on the Lions Gate Public Advisory Committee^(1,2), a committee of Metro Vancouver. In addition to the above three, Corrie also attended the Nov 14th meeting and reported together with John Hunter that the panel are asking hard questions, expecting answers, and Metro Vancouver is listening and responding to their questions and concerns. The meetings are open to the public / and some have attended. A current issue is why the cost is being amortized over just 15 years, versus 30 years – the latter felt to be a more reasonable approach. The yearly cost to property owners would be easier to manage, with a 30 year amortization. The Federal and Provincial governments have set the treatment standards to be achieved with the new plant, but so far have given no indication that they will contribute funds – and if not, the property owners of the North Shore will likely be paying for the full cost of the plant. A private/public partnership may also be the best solution, in the end. On the issue of odour – the committee has been told there will not be any odour associated with the new plant.

The Committee continues – there will be lots of consultation through 2013 and 2014. Regular FONVCA attendees John and Corrie will continue to keep us updated.

(1) http://www.metrovancouver.org/LionsGate/Engagement/LGPAC/LGWWTP_MemberBios.pdf

(2) <http://www.metrovancouver.org/LionsGate/Engagement/Pages/LGPAC.aspx>

4. Old Business

4.1 Update from "Process" Committee of FONVCA

This committee of FONVCA has not met recently, due to difficulty in finding a date suited to everyone. Maybe December? Minimal standards for CA.s – Portland may be a good model to look at.

4 Questions for the committee –

- 1) Should there be a set of rules for conducting the business of a community association? Yes or No?
- 2) If so, should they be enforced, and if so, by whom?
- 3) What would the consequences be if the minimum standards are not met?
- 4) Voting rules of FONVCA/could non-compliers still vote at FONVCA meetings?

ACTION – Ask the committee to address these questions. Corrie to pass this request on.

4.2 Overview of Advisory Design Panel- follow-up

TOR: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4347&c=88>

ROLE: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1028>

Recently the ADP found a proposal to be suitable. They don't seem to consider the location of the proposed development, only as a stand alone project. Also-no council member is on the panel now. The interpretation has become that it's "optional to have a council member" on the panel. It's felt that projects should be sensitive to the local ambience and design guidelines established for an area. Diana spoke of a development in Delbrook that did not fit in – it was felt the Design Panel didn't consider what the local residents had to say about it. Sometimes there seems to be proper community involvement, but often not. **Perhaps develop a system whereby a local community association is notified of upcoming ADP meetings dealing with a proposal in their area?** Attending the meetings as an observer can be quite informative.

5. Correspondence Issues

5.1 Business arising from 18 regular emails:

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No discussion.

5.2 Non-Posted letters – 2 this period

Distributed with full package but not currently posted on web-site.
Agreement of attendees not to post the letters in question.

6. New Business

Council and other District Issues

a) Invite Councillor(s) to attend FONVCA meetings?

Yes, we should do this. There has not been a shirtsleeve with council for a long time. One suggested topic – situation with community associations. Another issue – problem of community association meeting spaces/and costs. CA's can access Healthy Neighbourhood Funds for meeting space costs. Timing – late February/early March?

ACTION: Cathy to approach council with suggestion to hold a shirtsleeve session.

b) Review of Development Cost Charges

These charges have not been changed since the 90's. Do they need to be adjusted?

ACTION: Corrie to ask on behalf of FONVCA – what is the status of DCC's, and when will there be a review?

c) Report on OCPIC – Dan & Corrie

OCP Implementation Committee-Dan Ellis is Chair. Corrie is also on it. This committee met recently. (Note:little about this committee is on the DNV website.) The question has arisen on whether the broader area needs to be considered for developments – example given is new traffic lights on Lower Capilano Rd. – should the decision involve Upper Capilano, since they will be impacted?

d) Need for DNV Council to pass anti-SLAPP bylaw/policy

The Province says legislation is not needed for protection of individuals. Some B.C. councils have passed their own legislation-citizens not subject to SLAPP's- this sets a community standard for an area. Issue: passing bylaws/policies without jurisdiction/what opportunity to uphold it?

e) Sample of Comprehensive Noise Guidelines

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/con029033.pdf>

Seylynn developments may have difficulty meeting the guidelines. Issue of liveability.

f) Government Transparency - FOI

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Transparency+beholder/7507668/story.html>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/Transparency.pdf>

This item for information purposes – no discussion

g) October 9th Bike Master Plan Council Workshop – John Hunter

It was Oct 9th – agenda incorrectly stated Sep 9th.

John Hunter reported on this workshop. \$14 million has been spent in DNV on bike improvements in the past 6 years or so. Questions about the report's bias? The survey was by self-selection, and respondents were bikers only, which could have been highlighted.

Council asked staff to look at low-cost methods to improve safety, such as better road markings. Staff to come back to council with costing on priority items.

h) Closed meetings of DNV council

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/Closed%20Meeting%20Request.pdf>

Response: <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/walton-26oct2012.pdf>

There have been 40 closed meetings of council so far, in 2012. Diana Belhouse/Delbrook Community Assn. sent letter to Mayor & Council on the issue, and received a reply from Mayor Walton. One question was on releasing the minutes of these meetings – it was ascertained that minutes must be released within at least 15 years.

7. Any Other Business

A Council Remuneration Committee is being formed. This was last looked at some time ago, and in meantime it was left was for regular increases with reference to Cost of Living Allowance indexes. Some questions on why this is being addressed again, at this point in time.

The rest of these items were tabled.

- a) Comments on FONVCA Web Site
 - Errors/Omissions? - Additions/Changes?
- b) Proposal to remove time/day limits to 30k School Zones
- c) Need for Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods (BC) / Federation of North Shore Community Associations?

8. For Your Information Items

8.1 Non-Legal Issues

a) Story of Municipal Government in Canada

<http://politicalscience.uwo.ca/mlg/Papers/Global%20Dialogue.pdf>

b) Electric Vehicles – details matter!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_vehicle

c) Access to new 2012 BC Building Code

- costs \$320 for a printed copy
- available for viewing at public libraries
- NOT available for viewing on the web

d) West Van Consultation on “Webpage Refresh”

<http://www.westvancouver.ca/Level3.aspx?id=40898>

e) West Van Community Engagement Cmt

http://www.westvancouver.ca/uploadedFiles/Your_Government/Agendas_and_Minutes/2012/October/12ot15-10.PDF

f1) Federal View of Infrastructure Funding

<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/ref/presentations/fcm2012/fcm-eng.html>

f2) News-Clips of the month November 2012

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2012/news-clips/>

g) Nice Listing of DNV Bylaws

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Bylaws/DNVBylawIndex.pdf>

8.2 Legal Issues

a) BC Supreme Court Decision on DNV Wilderness Lot

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/12/16/2012BCSC1626.htm>

b) WV waterfront home encroaching public land

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/targets+home+public+land/7495919/story.html>

c) BC Expropriation Compensation Board – Example

<http://www.ecb.gov.bc.ca/decision/3093114.htm>

9. Chair & Date of next meeting: Dec 19th

Next Meeting:

December meeting cancelled.

January 16th, 2013 is scheduled next meeting.

Chair: ask Val if she will Chair the next meeting.

Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

Subject: Fwd: Re: "The Ten Steps to Walkable Cities" a useful resource blog post
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 09/12/2012 11:33 AM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: "The Ten Steps to Walkable Cities" a useful resource blog post
Date: Sun, 9 Dec 2012 10:58:04 -0800
From: Capilano Gateway Association <capgatewayassoc@gmail.com>
Reply-To: capgatewayassoc@gmail.com
To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

On Sun, Dec 9, 2012 at 10:54 AM, Capilano Gateway Association <capgatewayassoc@gmail.com> <<mailto:capgatewayassoc@gmail.com>>> wrote:

To: Fullerton Avenue Streetscape Improvement Committee / FASIC

The Sustainable Cities Collective brings together a wide range of thinkers, planners, designers and architects involved in creating better and more sustainable urban spaces.

Ken Benfield's recent post, "The Ten Steps to Walkable Cities" <<http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/kaidbenfield/96836/ten-steps-walkability>> outlines key considerations as well as some great images of highly desirable remodeled urban spaces. While the post's title is aimed primarily at walkability, the misdirected effects and other assumptions about car use are effectively outlined.

The point in the post are useful references for FASIC members to keep in mind as we move forward with the emerging streetscape improvements for Fullerton Avenue. They will become even more necessary as talking points as we begin to roll the developed plans out to the community in the new year.

Consider sharing these ideas with your neighbours. Get the conversations going!

cheers, CGA Executive

Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 19/11/2012 2:06 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Fwd: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012
Date:Mon, 19 Nov 2012 12:54:20 -0800
From:Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To:FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: November 19, 2012 12:46:51 PM PST
To: editor@nsnews.com
Cc: "Debbie (LMP) Caldwell" <dcaldwell@nsnews.com>
Subject: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012

Dear Editor,

In his letter of Nov. 18, Mr. Forrest makes a pitch for focusing on community objectives, including maintaining and revitalizing services to meeting changing and growing community needs on an inclusive basis, etc. He raises the legitimate question as to how these goals can be achieved and recognizes the need for sustainable funding sources.

In fact the OCP was developed to answer all of the challenges clearly laid out in Mr. Forrest's letter: the need to develop more affordable housing for young people and families, develop inclusive communities that serve seniors and residents' wide range of abilities. The OCP extrapolates from these growing trends and infrastructure requirements (ours in nearing collapse) to put in place viable measures that would ensure that the majority of the elements enjoyed by DNV residents do not run full speed into the fiscal and demographic brick wall just behind those mountains views.

Many are not aware that suburban municipalities all across North America are grappling with the same problems faced in the DNV: aging populations that need services, lack opportunities for young families (local jobs and affordable housing) and an end-of-life infrastructure of piping, sewers, roads and bridges all required to support the low density population that is already at a tax level that challenges their ability to remain here.

What Mr. Forrest, and others who reject any form of density need to realize, is that the full cost of their wishes will soon be upon them. At that time they will have to decide who else is there to share the load of maintaining the lifestyle they have grown accustomed to. We have all watched in disbelief as the American population has walked resolutely towards their fiscal cliff with no plan on how to prevent disaster.

The voices in DNV calling for no change, no density while calling for expanded services and pipes that unflinchingly deliver clean water and take away their sewage had better get their wallets ready. In his letter Mr. Forrest states, "There must be other options...". There is. It looks much like the OCP and the OCP looks like the best plans currently being implemented in dozens of municipalities who glimpse the brick wall behind the spectacular mountains.

sincerely,

Doug Curran

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Followup / Re: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 19/11/2012 4:36 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Fwd: Followup / Re: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2012 16:04:32 -0800
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: November 19, 2012 3:56:57 PM PST
To: editor@nsnews.com
Subject: Followup / Re: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012

Hi Mark,

A few moments ago an email was forwarded to me for MetroVan's upcoming "[Regional Financial Symposium](#)".

The preamble to the event reads exactly in line with points I wrote in my response to Keith Forrester's Nov. 18 letter:

"By most accounts, the Metro Vancouver region is in an enviable position – renowned for its livability, natural beauty and pursuit of a sustainable future. Yet, the pressure to compete in a global economy and maintain the quality of life residents have grown to expect demands ever-increasing levels of service and amenity provision and significant capital and infrastructure investment.all of which comes at a cost. While local governments continually strive to improve efficiencies, adhere to a growing number of regulations, and ensure accountability, they face significant financial challenges as they try to navigate how best to deliver a growing suite of services to residents and manage expectations. In an era of constrained revenues and growing concern regarding regional affordability, have we reached a tipping point? What alternatives and trade-offs are we willing to consider? How can we ensure the cumulative costs of delivering the services and infrastructure citizens expect does not unintentionally undermine the affordability of the region?"

Hopefully DNV Council will be able to see the need to retain the vision and leadership that provides for DNV viability based in the greater public good.

best regards, Doug

PS: I am making plans to attend this Metro Vancouver event, Nov. 28

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On 19-Nov-12, at 12:57 PM, Alan Nixon wrote:

Great response Douglas!
Alan Nixon 604 644 7756

From: Douglas Curran [<mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 12:51 PM
To: DNV Council
Subject: Fwd: Driving into the brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012"

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: November 19, 2012 12:46:51 PM PST
To: editor@nsnews.com
Cc: "Debbie (LMP) Caldwell" <dcaldwell@nsnews.com>
Subject: Driving into brick wall just behind the mountains / RE:"We chose not to live near Metrotown - Letters Nov. 18, 2012"

Dear Editor,

In his letter of Nov. 18, Mr. Forrest makes a pitch for focusing on community objectives, including maintaining and revitalizing services to meeting changing and growing community needs on an inclusive basis, etc. He raises the legitimate question as to how these goals can be achieved and recognizes the need for sustainable funding sources.

In fact the OCP was developed to answer all of the challenges clearly laid out in Mr. Forrest's letter: the need to develop more affordable housing for young people and families, develop inclusive communities that serve seniors and residents' wide range of abilities. The OCP extrapolates from these growing trends and infrastructure requirements (ours in nearing collapse) to put in place viable measures that would ensure that the majority of the elements enjoyed by DNV residents do not run full speed into the fiscal and demographic brick wall just behind those mountains views.

Many are not aware that suburban municipalities all across North America are grappling with the same problems faced in the DNV: an aging populations that need services, lack opportunities for young families (local jobs and affordable housing) and an end-of-life infrastructure of piping, sewers, roads and bridges all required to support the low density population that is already at a tax level that challenges their ability to remain here.

What Mr. Forrest, and others who reject any form of density need to realize, is that the full cost of their wishes will soon be upon them. At that time they will have to decide who else is there to share the load of maintaining the lifestyle they have grown accustomed to. We have all watched in disbelief as the American population has walked resolutely towards their fiscal cliff with no plan on how to prevent disaster.

The voices in DNV calling for no change, no density while calling for expanded services and pipes that unfailingly deliver clean water and take away their sewage had better get their wallets ready. In his letter Mr. Forrest states, "There must be other options...". There is. It looks much like the OCP and the OCP looks like the best plans currently being implemented in dozens of municipalities who glimpse the brick wall behind the spectacular mountains.

sincerely,

Doug Curran

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Poets may conjure up towers in the air, but CGA grounded in communities realities / RE: Trevor Carolan column of Nov.25
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 26/11/2012 1:33 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

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Subject: Fwd: Poets may conjure up towers in the air, but CGA grounded in communities realities / RE: Trevor Carolan column of Nov.25
Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2012 12:08:06 -0800
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To: Dan Ellis <ellis7880@shaw.ca>, Eric Miura <lvca@telus.net>
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Dear Editor,

With his "druid radar" Trevor Carolan (Nov. 25, From Mumbai murk) looks at Mumbai, with its centuries-long traditions, culture and 18 million inhabitants and manages to glimpse North Vancouver looming in the distance. Despite his refined sensibility, Carolan manages to momentarily tear himself away from mystical caves to offer a dire warning to those innocents who lack his Byronesque hard stare across the River Styx, or in Carolan's vision, the abyss seen as anything other than his own small automobile-serviced bit of North Vancouver.

"Isn't there even a newish development-friendly "Gateway" community association encouraging it all on?" Carolan asks. No, what there is a community-oriented group of residents who grew tired of living in a centre of urban blight. They got tired of listening to unchallenged positions that offered no viable or realistic chances for creating a safe, walkable community. They sought housing opportunities and mobility for those either too young or old to drive.

These same residents began to look at a future that would provide social connections, a community centre and public meeting places. Housing for seniors unable or not requiring a 2,500 sq. foot home, and disabled adults whose 75 year old care-giving parents despair of where their children will live, these realities also became part of the concerns for this community association and its members. Carolan needs to consider some of these all-too-real human components of North Shore living if he wants to actually "think outside the box".

How do we begin to accomplish our goals for a better, workable and inclusive community, given that we have limited sources of money and an aversion to higher taxes? Doubtless, Carolan would be comfortable to conjure

up "Xanadu", but that disappeared once Coleridge was forced to awaken from his drug-fuelled reverie . The hard work will have to be done by residents willing to engage realistically in trade-offs with developers and planners. It takes hard work, negotiation and a perspective beyond one's own, firmly rooted in concern for the greater public good.

Given Carolan's fondness for sages, anecdote and unbalanced comparisons, I would like offer a quotation from an impressive former employer, an Iraqi Jew raised by Palestinians: "When I come to talk to you don't put a pig between us.". Through his misperceived vision of Mumbai on the North Shore, Carolan seeks to put the pig between us.

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From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 06/12/2012 5:31 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

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Subject: Re: Conflict on Dec. 12
Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2012 17:02:25 -0800
From: John S. <goforaspin@gmail.com>
To: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
CC: Wendy Qureshi <wendyqureshi@shaw.ca>, dnvcouncil@dnv.org, fonvca@fonvca.org,
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To: <dnvcouncil@dnv.org <<mailto:dnvcouncil@dnv.org>>>
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Date: 06/12/2012 7:26 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

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Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2012 18:38:19 -0800

From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: DNVMayor and Council <council@dnv.org>

CC: <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Mayor and Council: Keep allowing the NSMBA to build more trails and structures all over Fromme and Seymour. You never know where it may lead to, someday? It just takes one mountain biker who does not stand by the mountain biking "community's" so-called "code of honour", if or when he/she should become badly injured on a trail or structure "sanctioned" by the District... Does DNV really wish to risk that?

<http://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/whistlers-mayor-acting-against-slrld-in-legal-action/Content?oid=2443028>

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Whistler's mayor acting against SLRD in legal action

by Alison Taylor <<http://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/ArticleArchives?author=2124231>>

December 06, 2012 <<http://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/IssueArchives?issue=2442955>>

Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden's private work as a personal injury lawyer and her public work as Whistler's top elected official are set to collide.

According to documents filed in BC Supreme Court Wilhelm-Morden is representing a client who is suing not only the Squamish-Lilloet Regional District but also the province of B.C. and the Pemberton Valley Trails Association (PVTVA) after a mountain bike accident in 2010.

At Tuesday's council meeting (Dec.4) Wilhelm-Morden announced that she had appointed Councillor Jack Crompton as the Whistler rep at the SLRD board, a spot usually filled by the mayor.

Asked after the meeting about the decision she said: "Right now I also have a conflict of interest because one of the lawyers in our firm is acting on a piece of litigation and the SLRD is a named defendant," she said. "I don't have a conflict right now but the Law Society is amending the code of ethics starting January 1, 2013, which could conceivably cause me to have a conflict."

On Wednesday morning (Dec.5) Wilhelm-Morden added that she has long thought of stepping away from the SLRD board, even bringing it up at meetings months ago with other corridor mayors.

"I just go back to the fact that Whistler mayors never used to sit on the board of the SLRD...," said Wilhelm-Morden.

"I do need to prioritize my time and I am quite confident that Jack will be able to achieve the goals of communications and cooperation just as much as I can.

"The lawsuit really is incidental (to my stepping back). By far and away the primary reason is just re-focusing my priorities."

Wilhelm-Morden is representing Whistler carpenter Christopher Sanchez who was injured in a mountain biking accident on a trail called Richochet in Pemberton.

The notice of civil claim was filed in the Supreme Court of B.C. in June and details parts of the case against the SLRD, the province and the PVTA.

On June 22, 2010 Sanchez "sustained serious injuries when he fell from his bicycle after an unmarked teeter-totter structure located on the Richochet Trail collapsed," according to the claim. At the time he was taking part in the bi-weekly cycling event organized by the PVTA.

The suit claims the SLRD was an occupier of the land that includes the Richochet Trail and the province is the owner of the land.

It goes on to list Sanchez's injuries including a fracture of the C1 vertebra in the neck and a fracture of the T8-9 vertebral segment in the mid-back, among a host of other injuries "that will be shown at the trial of this proceeding."

He is seeking non-pecuniary loss, loss of past and future income, loss of earning capacity, future care, costs of past and future health care service, among other things. It is not clear how much that totals.

Under the legal basis for the suit, it states: "The accident was caused by the negligence of the defendants and the plaintiff pleads the provisions of the Act and the common law."

At the council meeting Wilhelm-Morden thanked Crompton and his alternate Councillor Andrée Janyk for stepping up. She also commented on the benefits of having more Whistler councillors see the workings of the regional district and understanding Whistler's role in it.

"Regional districts are complicated organizations from an organizational perspective and also from a dynamics between municipalities and electoral areas," she said. "So it's good to expose other people to it."

The SLRD was served with the suit last month and has not yet filed its statement of defence. The claims in the suit have not been proven in court.

/-With files from Clare Ogilvie/

It could happen here. Never say "never"... We have no balance, only uncontained mountain bike sprawl. Nobody could manage that properly. Why encourage more of it? The "Whistler case" is interesting, in retrospect,

considering the Mayoral twist to it...

Take care...

--Monica Craver--

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*"Beneath the rule of men entirely great,
The pen is mightier than the sword."*
~Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1839)

Subject: Fwd: Cypress Mountain Bike Park becoming a reality again...

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 08/12/2012 11:21 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Cypress Mountain Bike Park becoming a reality again...

Date: Sat, 8 Dec 2012 21:59:16 -0800

From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: DNVMayor and Council <council@dnv.org>, Mayor&Council (DWV)

<MayorandCouncil@westvancouver.ca>

CC: <fonvca@fonvca.org>, "West Van Matters Carolanne R." <EditorWVM@westvan.org>

Dear Mayors and Councils:

With this new Cypress Bike Park proposal (following) on the table again -- why keep allowing so much uncontained mountain biking and their consumptive trail building inside our public forests? Like I have stated over and over /and over/ again, and also in the Vancouver Sun newspaper a few years ago (October 2007):

*http://www.canada.com/story_print.html?id=a1e53028-0128-4619-b361-c430ee25d15a&sponsor=***

Excerpts-

...I have been advocating for the containment of mountain biking inside ski resorts for several years. That is where it works (that is where the revenue is), and it will greatly help protect our fragile alpine temperate rainforests on the North Shore.

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/I am glad to hear that mountain biking is moving into many ski resorts around the world.../

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...It's time for the mountain bikers to face reality and sit down for some practical dialogue about the future of their sport, and negotiate with these three ski resorts. Sadly, the "hard-core" mountain biking minority continue to strongly push for their "right" to free-ride, unabated, on the North Shore.

/If ski resort-based mountain bike parks work, _let's encourage our municipal, provincial and federal authorities to guide mountain biking in that direction._/

Meanwhile, the good news...moving toward common sense solutions.

http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Cycling-BC-Facility-News-and-Updates.html?soid=1101253070788&aid=3U_3ua1ksrU

Cypress Mountain Bike Park

Over the past four years, Cycling BC has been in dialogue with the owner/operators of Cypress Mountain Ski Resort in an effort to have the mountain re-open the bike park that previously operated during the summer months.

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*A variety of logistical barriers existed in the years leading up to the 2010 Olympics that made it impossible for the mountain to consider a summer bike park. After the 2010 Olympics, Cycling BC renewed our efforts and submitted a proposal over the past summer that would see Cycling BC lease access to the mountain and at least one chair lift over the summer months in 2013. *

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The dialogue with Cypress Mountain is ongoing and we will continue to explore all possible options to have the bike park re-open. For their part, the owners of the mountain have been open to discussion and honest in their assessment of the profitability of a bike park venture on Cypress.

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With that in mind, Cycling BC is forming a stakeholder group in an effort to bring together all the parties that would like to be involved with this effort to re-open the bike park.

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*Any member, club or stakeholder wishing to be involved in our new Cypress Mountain Task Force is asked to contact either **Keith** or **Tara **at the Cycling BC office.*

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*Keith Ryan CEO - *keith@cyclimgbc.net <<mailto:keith@cyclimgbc.net>>

*Tara Mowat Membership Services & Community Development *tara@cyclimgbc.net
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/If you won't allow downhill skiers/snowboarders to cut their own runs down the public forest, why are you allowing so many trails to be cut by downhill/free ride mountain bikers?/ Like skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking belongs inside a recreational resort like Cypress, Grouse, and/or Seymour. It is time to face the reality of this very consumptive sport ripping and shredding our public forest trails...It is not sustainable, especially with mountain bikers' constant four seasons a year riding. Period!

Both DNV and West Vancouver need to dialogue with this new venture on Cypress. And I strongly suggest DWV put aside their plans to follow DNV's wayward footsteps with sanctioning mountain biking on public forest land. If you go ahead with the NSMBA's demands, you are only fooling yourselves. The Bike Park proposal's time has come, and hopefully not too late to protect the ecological integrity of our public forests. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

North Vancouver, BC V7K 2R3

(Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!)

Subject: Fwd: An intelligent reason to close bike trails seasonally
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 14/12/2012 10:23 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: An intelligent reason to close bike trails seasonally
Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2012 14:39:48 -0800
From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
To: DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>
CC: <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Mayor and Council: A smart article from another jurisdiction in North America states the obvious reasons for **encouraging seasonal mountain biking...Closed during the winter months, etc. (November to April, maybe?)**. This is an idea I have advocated for years, to no avail. It has proven to be successful.

Other public landowners practice it because it makes a lot of "sustainable" sense for the trails. Let the mountain bikers go skiing and snowboarding this time of year, instead -- or <gasp> road biking.... If you can't enforce this, then you aren't able to "enforce" anything mountain bikers are doing in the forest. Please admit it! Otherwise, do something to prevent more damage to the trails, and prevent new ones from being built (commonly called reroutes, realignments and bypasses because they are beyond repair from so much indiscriminate riding on them)

<http://www.irontribune.com/2012/12/12/news-in-brief-121212/>

With the constant freezing and thawing that occurs during this time of year, the trails can be susceptible to damage (trail erosion, rutting, braiding, etc.) from repeated trail use.

****The investment to trail maintenance made earlier in the year could be lost if trails were open for use during the winter period. Additionally, trail maintenance costs could significantly increase because they may have to be maintained more often.****

The amount of trail damage done during the wet, freeze/thaw, winter and early spring seasons creates a large burden on our forest resources. Surely, if mountain bikers can understand why CBC trail (Seymour) is closed for the wet winter months, they could understand why the rest of the trails should be "protected"? Otherwise, the money and time spent on trail building is just washed downstream...That is most wasteful. Also, it would curtail a lot of night riding going on in the forest, especially during the Springtime season when amphibians migrate back to the pond to breed. These bright lights on trail are most invasive and disturbing, not only to amphibians, but to many nocturnal creatures in the forest.

Those LED headlamps bikers wear are getting brighter every year, with one bike shop now selling **1000 lumen headlamps** (approx. 75 to 100 watts). Multiply this by up to a dozen group riders -- the forest lights up like daylight (these bright bobbing lights also light up my living room window like daylight, also!)

The fact that many of these bright headlamps are not considered "road worthy" because they can create havoc with drivers on the road, should be self-explanatory to the LED headlamps' effect in the forests (and my living room window). Think about it! The forests also need a break from this very consumptive sport. Do it for the "balance". Thank you.

--Monica Craver--



Subject: Fwd: Falling for the mountain biker ruse...
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 20/11/2012 11:53 AM
To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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Subject: Falling for the mountain biker ruse...

Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2012 10:39:57 -0800

From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: Mike Vandeman <mjvande@pacbell.net>, Elise Roberts <eliseroberts@shaw.ca>, Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Where have we heard this before? Landowner tries to appease illegal off-trail mountain biking with proposal to create more new mountain biker routes... <sigh> When will they ever learn that opening the door to the mountain bikers only leads to more scofflaw behaviour and inflicts more damage, not less, on the forests? (This one in Britain)

<http://www.getbracknell.co.uk/news/s>

[/2124321_new_cycle_routes_for_swinley_forest_after_damage_caused_by_mountain_bikers](http://www.getbracknell.co.uk/news/s/2124321_new_cycle_routes_for_swinley_forest_after_damage_caused_by_mountain_bikers)



"Oju boro ko ni a fi ngba omo l'owo ekuro."

("It is not with gentle persuasion that one wrests the kernel from the nut.")

~Yorùbá proverb

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Date: Thu, 6 Dec 2012 13:16:37 -0800
From: Wendy Qureshi <wendyqureshi@shaw.ca>
To: dnvcouncil@dnv.org
CC: fonvca@fonvca.org, alexschwarz@telus.net, Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>, John Sharpe <goforaspin@gmail.com>

Dear Council,

I find it a conflict that the special meeting of council regarding, among other important issues, is a presentation regarding the Lynn Valley "proposed" densification.

People in Lynn Valley are interested in finding out what is happening here. The Lynn Valley Community Association Open House is also scheduled for Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM.

I think the DNV Hall meeting should be rescheduled to occur in the New Year for obvious reasons.

Wendy Qureshi

Subject: Fwd: Fwd: January 10 - North Shore Outlook / "North Shore neighbourhood honours site where body found"

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 10/01/2013 4:37 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: January 10 - North Shore Outlook / "North Shore neighbourhood honours site where body found"

Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2013 15:23:09 -0800

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

Date: January 10, 2013 3:15:16 PM PST (CA)

Subject: January 10 - North Shore Outlook / "North Shore neighbourhood honours site where body found"

Todd Coyne's front page story in today's North Shore Outlook mirrors the feelings in the community. The additional police investigation background coupled with the heartfelt comments from Eugene Harry built a good article.

Link to article: <http://www.northshoreoutlook.com/news/186197821.html>

many thanks, Doug

Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Cracking the illusion / A packed hall doesn't always mean unity

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 10/01/2013 11:11 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Fwd: Cracking the illusion / A packed hall doesn't always mean unity

Date:Thu, 10 Jan 2013 22:26:57 -0800

From:Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

To:FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

Date: January 10, 2013 10:15:02 PM PST (CA)

To: DNV Council

Cc: Brian Bydwell <Brian_Bydwell@dnv.org>, susan_haid@dnv.org

Subject: Cracking the illusion / A packed hall doesn't always mean unity

Dear Mayor and Council,

Any politician would be forgiven a degree of trepidation on entering Council Chambers on Monday evening.

The line of edgy residents handing out "Stop highrises" petition leaflets, and the rumbled conversations clearly indicated that dissatisfaction was being hammered into hard steel.

Regrettably, many of those attending had been driven to attend the meeting under a dubious pretense. An internet message circulated a few days previously led a number of those at Monday's meeting to believe that a "mad rush to fast track" the Bosa application would be put before Council on Monday evening.

It would be a mistake to believe that the entire audience on Monday evening were opposed to development or even the highrise proposal for Lynn Valley. The evidence for this could be heard by the clapping that followed my own remarks at the Public Input, though I can honestly say I did not know any applauding and it was not my best presentation, so it couldn't have been based on performance.

Among the audience was a young married lawyer, in her early 30s, currently living in Lynn Valley. Despite the incomes of herself and her professional husband, they are unable to afford a single family home there. She expressed dismay not only at the cost of housing there, but the fact that so many of her friends of similar age had left to live elsewhere in metro Vancouver. Hers was a poster-perfect description of the increasing problems arising across the DNV and the rationale behind the OCP policies. She had come to the meeting simply to arrive at a better understanding of what was going on, not in opposition to anything.

It would also be an error to assume that many of those signing online petitions represent informed consideration of the issues behind OCP policies, or even being actual people living or resident in the DNV. I myself have

repeatedly signed onto one of the petitions under fictitious email names and addresses, just to prove that it could be done quickly and casually. I was surprised at how easy it was to be so many people with a cause. Given my admittedly-fraudulent sign-ins Council should discount at least three signees from any list offered from the stophirises.com petition numbers.

From the comments presented at public Input it was obvious that many had failed to make themselves familiar with the issues behind the OCP.

My hope would be that the revived engagement process - starkly and vigorously - addresses the very real consequences of failing to grapple with the economic bind before us if we fail to work within a framework of logic and reason. Are we to choose emotional reactions as the only reliable guide to our future?

Below is a working description of NIMBYism psychology that may prove useful for the Lynn Valley community engagement strategy.

sincerely, Doug Curran

The psychology of NIMBY

“NIMBYitis is the inflammation of the entitlement gland,” chuckles Boston College psychology professor Joe Tecce.

“If someone lives on a street for a long time, there is the feeling, conscious or not, that ‘I own this street,’ or at least, ‘I am the mayor of this street.’”

New people bring change and unpredictability into a neighbourhood, which causes stress.

“The greater the insecurity of the person, the more they’re projecting their ego beyond their skin,” Tecce says. “In effect, people are resistant to change because they’re not confident in handling change.”

Good NIMBYism vs. Bad NIMBYism, According to Spacing publisher Matt Blackett

Good NIMBY

- Fact-based research and documentation to support your cause
- Empirical evidence and precedence
- An eye for the bigger picture
- Widespread support
- Proactive approach

“What I would hope is that we had a more sophisticated knowledge of how we build cities; that cities are organic and they grow . . . It’s when they’re static that negative things start to happen.”

Bad NIMBY

- Misinformation
- Complete self-interest

- Anti-change attitudes
- Personal attacks on public officials
- Always reactive

“In some cases, NIMBYism has nothing to do with the neighbourhood, it only has to do with property values. ...
But even bad NIMBYism is better than apathy

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Subject: Fwd: Agenda item / How to Connect with People in Your City | Sustainable Cities Collective

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 11/01/2013 12:19 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Agenda item / How to Connect with People in Your City | Sustainable Cities Collective

Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2013 10:41:21 -0800

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Hi Corrie,

The blog post below relates directly to Vancouver and references many of the goals behind the OCP. As Dr. Brian O'Connor, VCH's Chief medical Office illustrates during his many public appearances, the lack of connection - and the built form that encourages connection - I would appreciate this item being added to the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

"Vancouver has become a city of leisure, where people retreat to their private pleasures. Where are our public spaces? Where are our public forums? I think this is at the root of our unfriendliness, if we are unfriendly. We are a constellation of privacies without any physical or conceptual or cultural public space."

http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/city-life/110571/connect-with-people-new-city?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Sustainable+Cities+Collective+%28all+posts%29

thanks, Doug

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: In an imperfect world, why bother with reason over self-righteousness? / Trevor Carolan in the NS News, Dec. 24
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 26/12/2012 10:24 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: In an imperfect world, why bother with reason over self-righteousness? / Trevor Carolan in the NS News, Dec. 24
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2012 21:52:14 -0800
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Begin forwarded message:

*From: *Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca <mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca>>
*Date: *December 26, 2012 5:43:24 PM PST (CA)
*To: *editor@nsnews.com <mailto:editor@nsnews.com>
*Subject: **In an imperfect world, why bother with reason over self-righteousness? / Trevor Carolan in the NS News, Dec. 24*

To the Editor,

In an imperfect world, why bother with reason over self-righteousness?

Trevor Carolan's editorial (Dec. 24) again equates the understandable but context-bereft desire of some North Vancouver residents to be indemnified against the consequences of their own desires with virtue, and in doing so happily confers on them a pacifier in the form of a chocolate Santa.

In his description of the tail wagging the dog, Carolan misplaces the metaphor, placing the desires and views of car-traveling commuters from Deep Cove ahead of the overwhelming numbers of Seylynn residents who divested themselves of decaying single-family homes in a stagnant corner of the District.

Why is it that the offended view sensibilities of wealthy Deep Cove commuters should be thought more worthy than the well-voiced living needs of the young people heard at the Seylynn public hearings, or that of long term area residents who heartily embraced the opportunities for their community that redevelopment represents for those who actually live there? Whose tail is wagging whose dog?

Carolan's concerns for view aesthetics as echoed in pious cries for an unchanging North Shore, should be balanced against a few realities:

- (a) the single-family residences do not now pay their own cost of servicing through their property taxes,
- (b) the opposition to viable housing options other than single-family homes amounts to a form of economic apartheid against anyone who can't afford a \$1 million home,
- (c) the traffic volumes cited by those against development are made up mostly of those like themselves, determined to drive, at all times, and ensure that viable transit is never achievable.

Coupled with the above, the costs of replacing the DNV's eroded and decaying infrastructure will increasingly fall on those like themselves, demanding top-drawer services but at a bottom price. They call to mind the confident but naïve man who strides into the Porsche dealership, demanding, "I only have \$10,000 but I want the red one!"

On so many fronts; cost, services, sustainability, many DNV residents have become mindless of the true cost and consequences of their choices, immersed in the desire for a lifestyle they would like to become accustomed to. They have been, in effect, living off a credit card and as the time comes to pay it off they will begin to look around to see who else might be available to help with the bill.

This will be difficult to find in a suburban environment increasingly filled only with seniors balefully asking each other if they can't spare a bit more change.

sincerely, Doug Curran

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Subject: Emailing: Councils Lose Sight of Real Issues Dec_12

From: "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>

Date: 03/01/2013 7:46 PM

To: "FONVCA" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

CC: "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

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CANADIAN POLITICS

Birds, bowling, bottles and bags: Are Canada's city councils losing sight of the real issues?



[Kathryn Blaze Carlson](#) | Dec 15, 2012 2:39 PM ET | Last Updated: Dec 15, 2012 3:36 PM ET

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Katie Mahoney has a “situation.” Someone in her community has a penchant for wildlife and, specifically, for feeding wildlife. This person’s bird-feed and nut offerings have attracted copious pigeons, squirrels and chipmunks to the neighbourhood, prompting residents to complain about bird droppings contaminating play equipment and creatures literally gnawing on their homes.

“When the food runs out — I shouldn’t be laughing, it’s not funny — [the animals] start damaging people’s homes,” she said. “Critters are getting underneath the siding and into the insulation, causing external damage. If you like having critters and animals and birds in your yard, that’s great. But it can start to impinge on other people’s property.”

That, and other stories like it, is why Ms. Mahoney and her fellow Mississauga, Ont., city councillors devoted time this summer to passing a bylaw restricting the number of bird feeders on private residential property to three. But three, it turns out, might not be the right number, so council is now revisiting the bird-feeder bylaw. “What if you have a big lawn?” Ms. Mahoney asked. And perhaps the bylaw should be more specific, geographically speaking. “How far from a lot line?” Ms. Mahoney said.

The council has also asked the city to do a “feasibility study” on banning minors from buying supplies that could be used for graffiti, while the matter of banning minors from tanning beds was settled in September (it passed).

Related

- [Terrence Corcoran: City politicians focus on utopian visions while citizens just want passable roads](#)
- [‘Irritated’ Vancouver city council resolves that its had enough of NHL lockout](#)
- [Toronto plastic bag ban on hold indefinitely until lawsuits settled](#)
- [Posted Toronto Political Panel: Was the shark-fin ban a principled stance or a pointless overreach?](#)
- [No \(legal\) backyard chickens for Toronto anytime soon as city committee defers study](#)

City councils and municipal staff across the country are today deliberating or have already settled these kinds of civic minutiae — from geese feces in New Brunswick’s Town of Nackawic, to a matter Brampton, Ont., city council labeled “hanging laundry outdoors without the use of clotheslines,” to a Calgary motion for a “plain language policy” aimed at stemming the use of jargon and abbreviations in city communications, to a city-run “bowling service” in Vancouver (“But what is the supply/demand for bowling? We need to answer that,” one city councillor asked at a recent meeting).

“Councils have gotten involved in things they were never intended to be doing and they’ve lost focus of their core roles,” said Peter McCaffrey, a policy analyst at the Saskatchewan-based Frontier Centre for Public Policy. “As soon as you have [governments] trying to get into minor, localized issues, you inherently get into a nanny-state situation. It’s not the role of the city to say where people can put a bird feeder. That should be up to the property owner or the community to sort out.”

What city councils have had in their sights:

Chickens: Communities across the country have all somehow considered allowing backyard chickens. Fredericton, for example, launched public consultations in the spring asking for input on a proposed move to allow people to keep a maximum of three egg-laying hens in their residential backyard for personal consumption.

Bird feeders: Last summer, Mississauga, Ont., passed a bylaw limiting the number of bird-feeders on private residential property to three. But people have complained that they want more, or that their neighbour's feeder is too close to the shared lot line, so council is revisiting the bylaw.

Shark-fin soup: After banning shark-fin soup for ecological reasons, Toronto's city council saw its ban overturned in November by the province's superior court, citing lack of jurisdiction. Other municipalities have passed similar bans, but Toronto's was the first to see a court challenge.

Geese: Nackawic, N.B., got federal approval for a goose cull in June, 2011, after the birds' feces overran the town's waterfront. As recently as this past October, the council discussed geese — a councillor expressed concern over a media story that contained misinformation about the "geese issue" and called on the town to do a better job of commenting to the press.

Bottled water: City councils in Nanaimo, B.C., and Halifax voted to stop providing bottled water at city hall. One Halifax councillor wanted to extend the ban to include other bottled beverages, such as juice and pop, but the deputy mayor refused to amend the motion.

Plastic bags: Toronto has been discussing plastic bags in some way or another for several years — first a fee, then a ban, then a ban-reversal. It is unclear whether the city even has the jurisdiction to ban plastic bags and it would have faced a legal challenge from the Ontario Convenience Stores Association had it not been reversed. Councillors have also spent time debating and voting on matters they have no power to actually address, whether it be banning shark-fin soup, opposing the Iraq War, or ending the NHL lockout — just this week, a Vancouver city councillor put forward a motion to write a letter to the NHL and the players' association urging them to end the standoff (it passed).

Certainly, quirky motions do not necessarily dominate a council's agenda — although they can and have. And certainly city councillors are in a unique position to take on hyper-local challenges. But at a time when infrastructure is crumbling, transit commutes are hindering economic productivity and city labour costs are soaring, should Canada's city halls ponder issues that bear little, if any, impact on the city's long-term or even immediate success?

"City halls are paying attention to the things they can fix and are trying to put off serious debate about things they're either uncertain about or find too complicated," said Christopher Wilson, a senior research fellow with the University of Ottawa's Centre on Governance. "It's almost like procrastination — deal with the little things and then one of these days maybe we'll get around to tackling that really big problem."

Halifax is today wrestling with a soaring pension-fund deficit, when three years ago it banned bottled water at City Hall and even considered expanding the ban to include other bottled beverages, such as juice and pop. Vancouver

has one of the country's top three longest commute times, according to a Statistics Canada survey, and yet councillors are busying themselves with talk of a bowling service. The Town of Nackowic is in the midst of trying to understand just how bad its infrastructure situation is, but as recently as October it was still discussing geese — more than a year after it gained federal approval for a cull.

Toronto city council spent untold hours over the course of more than three years discussing plastic bags — first a fee, then a ban and then a ban-reversal — only to learn it likely has no jurisdiction over the issue anyhow. All the while, the city's Gardiner Expressway — a key artery that links downtown Toronto with its western suburbs — is shedding chunks of concrete onto traffic lanes below and city engineers said this week the roadway has just six years to live. Council is finally set to debate the future of the Gardiner at a January budget meeting, when it considers spending \$505-million over the next decade on major repairs.

"We have crumbling infrastructure and governments that cry poverty because they can't set their priorities," said Derek Fildebrandt, the Alberta director for the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation, arguing that, for example, the funding of a new NHL arena has wrongly dominated Edmonton city council's attention. "These side issues — either ones that over-reach or under-reach — are distracting them."

This is not, of course, entirely new. In 2003, Vancouver's city council voted to formally oppose any Canadian involvement in the Iraq War (unless, according to the motion, the military action is authorized by a legally valid resolution of the UN Security Council, jibes with Canadian laws and follows fulsome parliamentary debate). And former Toronto city councillor Kyle Rae said he remembers someone putting forward a motion to boycott Burger King because a particular bank owned shares in the fast-food chain and the bank somehow supported Mike Harris' provincial government, which oversaw Toronto's controversial amalgamation.

"Some councillors don't have the judgment to say, 'That's superfluous,'" Mr. Rae said. "Sometimes council has a very bad habit of spending very little thoughtful time on the complex and instead spend an awful lot of time on the simple."

And with the advent of email, Ms. Mahoney said, councillors are more susceptible than ever to "wacky" resident-driven requests. As more and more voters unleash their personal concerns, she said councillors have to work harder at prioritizing issues or even step in to mediate and resolve things themselves.

'You see politicians taking on things beyond their mandate because they want to feel important or because it will benefit them politically'

She has, for example, tackled complaints about children playing ball-hockey on residential streets by reminding parents to supervise their children and make sure other people's property is respected.

Nackowic town councillor Brian Toole said city councils have to face issues bubbling up from their community more than any other level of government, and councillors have a duty to address the issues that concern the voters who elected them in the first place.

“Council is like a family — it has to deal with everything,” he explained, offering Fredericton’s consideration of raising barnyard hens in low-density residential areas as an example.

The New Brunswick city has run two pilot projects over the past year and says it has not received any complaints, and in May it launched public consultations to discuss whether people should be allowed to keep a maximum of three egg-laying hens in their back yard for personal consumption. For people living in Fredericton, this is important, Mr. Toole said — some want to raise chickens, others do not want birds as neighbours.

In fact, the following municipalities have debated, deferred, allowed, or opposed motions regarding backyard hens:

- Calgary
- Toronto
- Winnipeg
- Vancouver
- Duncan, B.C.
- Hamilton
- Kingston, Ont.
- Fredericton

Ms. Mahoney said voters pay taxes and deserve to have their seemingly outlandish concerns acknowledged and in some cases addressed at the city level. But Mr. Fildebrandt, of the taxpayers federation, argued that cities have no business spending time and resources on anything but the essentials.

“Cities across the country are not sticking to their knitting,” he said. “You see politicians taking on things beyond their mandate because they want to feel important or because it will benefit them politically and, in other cases, taking on petty, silly issues because apparently they think they have nothing better to do.”

National Post

Subject: Fwd: "Give trees (and frogs) a break" (in 2013 and beyond)
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 27/12/2012 1:25 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Post preamble and link to newspaper article.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: "Give trees (and frogs) a break" (in 2013 and beyond)
Date: Thu, 27 Dec 2012 13:02:08 -0800
From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
To: DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>
CC: <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Mayor and Council: **"Give trees (and frogs) a break"** from so much indiscriminate and ongoing mountain biking activities, and their consummate trail building "habits". Logging isn't the only threat to our wetlands, uplands, trees, frogs, etc., you understand? We have already lost too much catering to mountain biking "wants" vs. forest "needs". It is all so very unbalanced. It is a sad state.

"As for me, I've seen the magic of old forests and I want my grandchildren to see it - and yours as well." Is that too much to ask for? Will 2013 be any different? Looking back the last ten years, I believe I already know the answer. **"Give trees (and frogs) a break"**, eh? Do it for your children and grandchildren, at least. They will respect you for it when they grow up. And that, alone, will be a meaningful reward for doing the right and proper thing. In fact, it will be the only thing that really counts in life. That fact, I already know. Take care.

--Monica Craver--

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/technology/Give+trees+frogs+break/7744138/story.html>

Give trees (and frogs) a break

Subject: Fwd: "Mountain bikers...mess up aquifers."
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 29/12/2012 1:43 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Post preamble and link to newspaper article.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: "Mountain bikers...mess up aquifers."
Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2012 12:33:38 -0800
From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
To: DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>
CC: <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Mayor and Council: A truthful comment, much ignored...

"Mountain bikers and horses compact the ground and damage smaller species and mess up aquifers."
~ **A visit to: Saltspring Island's gary oak meadow.**

Does mountain biking bring in billions of dollars to the economy? I didn't think so. Wetlands, on the other hand, do! Wetlands, like Mountain View Park wetland and upland area (for example). And especially, its large aquifer in the upland slope! Wow! Did you know that all that riding and trail building in Mountain View's wetland area has, most likely, damaged that large aquifer in the upland slopes?

How did DNV's environmental assessments ever miss that biggie?? (Or did the mountain bikers just whine too much?)

Today's Vancouver Sun newspaper had a very good article as to why we must protect our wetlands and uplands (*following*). DNV is doing neither. In fact, DNV is not even trying to protect its natural capital!

The perceived "millions of dollars" mountain biking brings in to the economy (while at the same time damaging the natural environment -- negative revenue) cannot even closely match the billions of dollars the wetlands bring to our environment and economy in natural capital! Man-made solutions to try to repair/restore such natural workhorses in our environment can barely mimic what nature does for free! What is DNV doing about it? They are allowing more bike trails and riding activities to occur, in order to appease the whiny, wily bikers who continue to scoff at the rules and common civility!

DNV likes to talk the "green" climate-change protection talk, but ignores one of the biggest climate change regulators around-- AQUIFERS; WETLANDS -- and in plain sight, nonetheless! *It can only be called willfull blindness.*

What about taking a closer look at what is wrong with this kind of "planning" -
(For the public record, again, folks....<sigh> Will DNV ever do the right thing?)

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Wetlands+have+value+beyond+their+natural+beauty/7756623/story.html>

Wetlands have value beyond their natural beauty

Subject: Fwd: DNV won't cost-share 50-m pool

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 19/12/2012 11:54 AM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: DNV won't cost-share 50-m pool

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2012 10:58:32 -0800

From: Wendy Qureshi <wendyqureshi@shaw.ca>

To: North Shore News <editor@nsnews.com>

CC: fonvca@fonvca.org

Dear Editor,

I write in response to your front-page story, Dec. 14, DNV won't cost-share 50-m pool.

Congratulations to DNV Council for being prudent on this issue. The District has subsidized the City for decades regarding the North Vancouver Recreation Commission. Why continue?

Although Couns. Alan Nixon opposed the motion, I agree with his talk: from your article: "Funding a 25-m pool at the William Griffin Recreation Centre while the city funds a 25-m pool at Harry Jerome two kilometres away is foolish, according to Alan Nixon... He called for collaboration between the municipalities beyond the North Vancouver Recreation Commission, which he called restrictive. "I think the recreation commission as it exists today under the joint agreement should be blown up and a whole new model should emerge," Nixon said."

I couldn't possibly agree more. The North Van Rec Commission has no vision other than paying its bills and surviving. Why have these facilities been allowed to deteriorate? Delbrook will be sold to cover William Griffin and that means DNV land assets will be lost. When you own a house and there are repairs necessary, you make the repairs. I would!

And, most certainly DNV assets should not be sold for short-term financial gain in an attempt to appease the taxpayers.

Wendy Qureshi
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TABLE 26
Comparison of Typical DCC Rates (\$) in Various
Lower Mainland Municipalities for Apartment Residential Land Use
Based on an average floor area = 74.3 square metres (800 square feet)

Municipality	Roads	Sanitary Sewers	Water Works	Drainage	Parks	Total DCC's Recoverable (per unit)
Township of Langley (July 2008 - Residential 4)	\$ 6,611	\$ 453	\$ 1,056	\$ 645	\$ 5,512	\$ 14,277
City of Surrey (Mar 2012) RM-45 & RM-70 Zones	\$ 5,976	\$ 1,144	\$ 872	\$ 672	\$ 4,504	\$ 13,168
City of Richmond (July 2007)	\$ 2,391	\$ 1,203	\$ 399	\$ 1,084	\$ 4,782	\$ 9,859
District of West Vancouver (March 1994-Area 5 Apart. Infill)	\$ 412	Nil	\$ 509	\$ 1,037	\$ 7,239	\$ 9,197
District of Maple Ridge (October 2011 - Apartment)	\$ 4,936	\$ 76	\$ 857	\$ 186	\$ 3,002	\$ 9,057
District of North Vancouver (Proposed 2013 DCC's)	\$ 2,252	\$ 1,514	\$ 1,476	\$ 956	\$ 1,325	\$ 7,523
City of Coquitlam March 2008 - Apartment)	\$ 1,937	\$ 222	\$ 759	\$ 969	\$ 2,754	\$ 6,641
District of Pitt Meadows (February 2010 - Apartment)	\$ 2,960	\$ 228	\$ 305	\$ 258	\$ 2,751	\$ 6,502
Corporation of Delta (June 2000 - Apartment)	\$ 3,268	\$ 351	\$ 302	\$ 266	\$ 1,821	\$ 6,008
District of North Vancouver (September 1998)	\$ 1,165	\$ 38	\$ 444	\$ 59	\$ 4,090	\$ 5,796
City of New Westminister-Queensborough (January 2012)	\$ 1,323	\$ 470	\$ 48	\$ 24	\$ 3,483	\$ 5,348
City of Port Coquitlam (Area 1) (November 2009)	\$ 2,506	\$ 89	\$ 142	\$ 324	\$ 1,788	\$ 4,849
City of North Vancouver (April 1997)	\$ 62	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,662
City of Burnaby Edmonds Town Center South (February 1999)	\$ 392	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 2,840	\$ 3,232

Note: The rates given above do not include the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District Sewerage
The rates implemented in 1996 by GVS&DD for APARTMENT residential use per dwelling unit are as fo

North Shore Sewerage Area	\$ 807	per dwelling unit
Vancouver Sewerage Area	\$ 590	per dwelling unit
Lulu Island Sewerage Area	\$ 673	per dwelling unit
Fraser Sewerage Area (Langley, Surrey, etc	\$ 1,082	per dwelling unit



Upcoming Meetings

Following is a list of North Vancouver District Council meetings for the upcoming month. Please note that this list is subject to change and new agenda items/meetings may be added during the month.

Council Meetings: Monday, January 21, 7:00p.m.

Council Workshops: Monday, January 14

- Water Stewardship

Monday, January 28

- Parks Infrastructure, Metro Vancouver Affordable Housing Initiatives

Public Hearings: Tuesday, January 22

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Subject: Fwd: changes? Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund and CA Policy under review

From: Cathy Adams <cathyadams@shaw.ca>

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2011 23:39:57 -0800

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

resending this - sent on Jan. 5th / 2011 to FONVCA@fonvca.org, only (Not to Corrie Kost, but you should have seen it???)

Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2011 11:15:10 -0800

To: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

From: Cathy Adams <cathyadams@shaw.ca>

Subject: changes? Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund and CA Policy under review

Forwarded to FONVCA

This is an email exchange I have had with the District in regards to the Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund.

I received an answer on the question of budget amount for this fund, and on how well used it is. In fact, what was originally \$10,000 is now \$5,000 - and it seems that the amount is spent each year.

The District also indicates that they intend to update the guidelines for this fund later this year.

Also of interest - I had an indication from the Clerk's office late last year that they intend to update the community association policy. From a Dec. 10th email from Natasha Letchford:

"The entire Community Association Policy is under review, we are in the preliminary stages of that review and have yet to determine the scope."

Natasha Letchford
Deputy Municipal Clerk
The District of North Vancouver

Cathy Adams

Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2011 10:03:37 -0800

From: Sarah DalSanto <DalSantoS@dnv.org>

Subject: RE: Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund

To: "cathyadams@shaw.ca" <cathyadams@shaw.ca>

Cc: Penny Chester <ChesterP@dnv.org>

Hi Cathy

The Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Guidelines (that reference the \$10,000) was developed in 1997 and is currently outdated.

In recent years the budget for this fund has actually been \$5,000 and is largely spent every year.

We will update the Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Guidelines this year – once work on draft OCP eases to a slower pace. J

The \$5,000 budget for this fund, however, is likely to remain substantially as is.

Regards

Sarah

From: Cathy Adams [<mailto:cathyadams@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday January 04, 2011 1:22 PM

To: Penny Chester; Sarah DalSanto

Subject: Re: Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund

Hello Penny and Sarah

On behalf of FONVCA, thank you for the DNV cheque to assist in the cost of our website, etc. We appreciate the support, which we understand was paid out of the Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund.

At a FONVCA meeting, we were wondering about how well this fund is being used by community associations in the District. How much of the \$10,000 budget is being applied for each year, and is the amount adequate? As FONVCA members, we have only anecdotal information.

I would be interested to have some information on this, and would report back to FONVCA. Could either of you give me a call, or

send an email with some specifics? No rush - at your convenience. This may be a hectic week, with everyone at the hall back to work after the Christmas break.

Thanks very much,
Cathy Adams
for FONVCA

(604) 987-8695

At 08:54 AM 11/18/2010, Cathy Adams wrote:

Thank you, Penny.
I will get back to you on this next week.
Cathy Adams

At 04:07 PM 11/16/2010, you wrote:

Hi Cathy,

Further to your request below, after discussion with Sarah Dal Santo, we are pleased to consider FoNVCA's application for reimbursement from the Healthy Neighbourhood fund. In order to process your application, we would require you to fill out the attached application form and return it directly to me along with documentation supporting your expenditures. Upon receipt, I will process a request for reimbursement.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any further questions.

Penny Chester
Sustainable Community Development
604 990-2421

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From: Cathy Adams [mailto:cathyadams@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday November 12, 2010 11:25 PM
To: Penny Chester; 'Cathy Adams'
Cc: Sarah DalSanto
Subject: Re: Request re: Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund

thank you - I appreciate you letting me know, and look forward to speaking to Sarah next week.
Cathy Adams
(604) 987-8695

At 04:39 PM 11/12/2010, Penny Chester wrote:

Hello Cathy,

We have received your request to apply for funding from the Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund on behalf of FoNVCA. We need to review the status of our 2010 budget in order to respond to your request. Sarah Dal Santo, Section Manager of Policy Planning, manages this account and is not in the office today. However, she will get back to you early next week.

Thank you,

Penny Chester
Sustainable Community Development
604 990-2421

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YOU AND THE LAW

DON'T FOOLISHLY FORFEIT PROPERTY RIGHTS

"Would you mind if we cleared the back part of your yard for a driveway to our garage?" asks your neighbour. You don't mind. It's just full of blackberry bushes, and you don't use it. Besides, you want to be a good neighbour. In a few years, you'd like to build a storage shed there. But you can worry about that later when the time comes, right?

Wrong.

If you don't write down your understanding, you run the risk of unwittingly giving your neighbour rights to your property.

Consider the case of Mr. and Mrs. E. and their neighbours. Between them, they owned 10 residential lots in a subdivision on an island off Vancouver. Each lot had a parking pull-out and a footpath or set of stairs from the road. But driveway access was impractical because their lots rose steeply from the road.

Their homes actually sat closer to a lane owned by the developer of the subdivision. For a number of years, the developer permitted Mr. and Mrs. E. and their neighbours to use the lane to access their homes. Over time, many of the homeowners built driveways from the lane to their homes or reconfigured their front doors to face the lane, and one house had a new garage accessible only from the lane.

However, the president of the development company later started denying access to the lane by placing boulders on it. The problem was that the way the lane was configured effectively prevented the developer from

subdividing approximately five acres of its property. The developer refused to look after the area's upkeep or allow the affected homeowners to maintain the lane.

Mr. and Mrs. E. and the other affected property owners took the developer to court. They argued that they had an "easement" or legal right to use the lane forever.

The B.C. Supreme Court said that the homeowners had a "licence" instead – an equitable right to use the lane, which could be withdrawn on reasonable notice. The court gave the developer six months to come up with a new reconfiguration of the lane that would affect the least amount of its developable land. If acceptable, the homeowners would then pay for the costs of building the new lane and its upkeep.

Normally, a licence is permission given to someone else to make use of your property that you can take back. But the court commented that if the person making use of your property relies on your permission to their detriment (e.g., by spending money, say, to build a tool shed that sits partly on your property), then you, the owner, shouldn't be allowed to change your mind later. The permission you gave could become a property right that is irrevocable and similar to an easement.

So, if you decide to allow your neighbour to build a driveway through your property, make sure you can withdraw your permission later.

You don't want to unknowingly give away your property rights. You should consult your lawyer before entering into any agreement of this kind or if you need help resolving a
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