

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/LGSWWTPResourceDocs/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/LGSWWTP_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:

Distributed with full package and posted on web-site
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.