

# FONVCA

## Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting, Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Chair:** Val Moller – Association of Woodcroft Councils **Email:**vmoller@telus.net

### Attendees:

Barbara McKinley	Norwood Queens Comm. Assoc.
Eric Andersen (notetaker)	Blueridge Comm. Assoc.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook Community Assoc.& S.O.S.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano Comm. Assoc.
Val Moller (Chair Pro-tem)	Assoc. of Woodcroft Councils
Babs Perowne	Assoc. of Woodcroft Councils
Cathy Adams	Resident of Lions Gate
Arlene King	Norgate Comm. Assoc.
Mathew Bond	DNV Councillor
Doug Curran	

## 1. Order/content of Agenda

a) Call to Order at 7 pm

b) Chair Pro-Tem Suggests: as is

## 2. Adoption of Minutes of Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2014/minutes-oct2014.pdf>

Minutes were adopted as circulated with the exception that the last sentence under 3 d/ should read:  
*“Larco Public Hearing took two nights. Mixed responses. Proposed to be a 9 year 11 months Phasing Agreement with the community centre in the 3rd out of 4 phases.”*

## 3. Roundtable on ‘Current Affairs’

### a) EUCCA – Corrie Kost

- Capilano Road will now be mostly closed from Edgemont to MontRoyal as of September 1, 2015, due to the installation of water main #9 which will serve to mainly carry water to Vancouver. Meetings will be held in February to deal with the traffic situation. Tendering for the project will take place in April. This replacement of the water pipes will minimally add an extra 4 minutes per trip for the impacted residents during construction. This works out to roughly \$260 per travelling person over the course of the project.
- A successful Municipal All-Candidates meeting was held on November 12 at the Highlands Church.

### b) Delbrook – Diana Belhouse

- The all candidates meeting was successful, but unfortunately overbooked because the meeting at the library could only hold a limited amount of people.

**c) Blueridge C.A. – Eric Andersen**

- A very well attended all candidates meeting was held on November 10 at the Seymour United Church jointly with the Seymour Community Association. Never in the last many years have so many residents attended an all candidates meeting in the Seymour area.
- A most interesting presentation about the Blair Rifle Range was made by a local resident at the regular BCA meeting in November.
- A new initiative was taken by hosting a wine tasting which was attended by the maximum number of residents allowed, 20. This gave the opportunity to meet with new residents in the community.
- The local bus, #214, is causing a lot of grief to the Blueridge commuters and this will be addressed by the BCA. Transportation will be on the agenda for the March 2015 meeting.

**d) Norgate C.A. – Arlene King**

- The process to join the Lions Gate Secondary Waste Waste Plant Public Advisory Committee has now been closed. Norgate gets four spots, whereas every other interest group only gets two spots each.

**e) Woodcroft – Val Moller**

- Held a successful, well attended, municipal all-candidates meeting on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. It was an informal meet & greet type of meeting where each candidate was given 3 minutes to introduce themselves. Afterwards the candidates mingled with the attendees.

**f) Lions Gate – Cathy Adams**

- In the name of transparency Cathy has requested an FOI about the sale of a property on Belle Isle Place. The assessed price was \$829,000 for this property, yet it was sold for \$975,000 to the DNV with the date of completion of the sale of this property on August 1. The item was noted in Council's agenda, but this was prior to the Public Hearing in September. A concern was that the sale was not part of the Public Hearing package.

## **4. Old business**

**a) Update on the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund**

Cathy reported that FONVCA had applied for printing costs as well as the domain name renewal which added up to \$234.95. The expected payment from the DNV has not been received yet. Corrie gets the printing done at cost at UBC.

The question came up about the present DNV budget for the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund which has been reduced over the years, since it was rarely fully used. Cathy has kindly agreed to look into this as well.

## **5. Correspondence issues**

a) 0 regular emails.

**b) Non-Posted Emails:** It was agreed not to post the six non-posted letters

## 6. New Business

### A&B) Proposal by BCA's co-chair Graham Gilley

The proposal for a dedicated workshop on the future role of FONVCA and a revision to FONVCA's e-mail list, were both postponed in view of Graham's absence at the November meeting.

### C/ Privacy/New Council.

It appeared from a Sep 1/2014 article on page A6 of the Vancouver Sun that police volunteers are being subjected to a lot more background scrutiny than any of the candidates who are running for municipal council. Among other intrusions, these volunteers - unlike politicians – also have to undergo polygraph tests and a background investigation.

### D/ New Coach Houses Bylaw

This item was only commented on by a handful of people at the Public Hearing. The bylaw was changed, allegedly without properly notifying the public (eg. changes to home occupations and boarders), but, nevertheless, has since been adopted at the last regular Council meeting of the old Council.

### E/ The important council issues...

Reference was made to an editorial in the North Shore News urging the voters not to focus only on campaign contributions, but to look at the important issues facing our community, such as zoning, transportation, parks, taxes, public safety etc.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2014/I%27II%20show%20you%20mine.pdf>

The issue of extra protection of the status of public parks – particularly the view of staff in Burnaby (fortunately aligned with that of the DNV), was also discussed.

[http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2014/RE\\_%20Extra%20Park%20Protection%20on%20the%20Ballot.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2014/RE_%20Extra%20Park%20Protection%20on%20the%20Ballot.pdf)

## 7. Any Other Business

### A/ Slow responses to FOI Requests

It would appear that it is a lot more cumbersome to obtain responses to FOI requests that it used to be. <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/special-reports/1696>

### B/ Municipal Best Practices

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform published an excellent Municipal 'Best Practices' guide dealing with the prevention of fraud, bribery and corruption.

<http://icclr.law.ubc.ca/sites/icclr.law.ubc.ca/files/publications/pdfs/Municipal%20Best%20Practices%20-%20Preventing%20Fraud,%20Bribery%20and%20Corruption%20FINAL.pdf>

### C/ A Citizen's Guide to Municipal Participation

Published in 2005, and it was suggested and recommended to share this document with community association members. [www.okotoks.ca/data/1/rec\\_docs/168\\_CitizensGuide.pdf](http://www.okotoks.ca/data/1/rec_docs/168_CitizensGuide.pdf)

## **D/ Election results:**

It was a positive, all things considered, that the percentage of voters increased in the DNV in spite of no Mayoralty race. In terms of elected candidates, these can allegedly not be forced to recuse themselves and can thus vote on a matter in spite of and in case of campaign donations.

A 'Guide to Organizing an All-Candidates Meeting' prepared by an association in Scarborough was mentioned as a good way of hosting all candidates meetings.

<http://www.scarboroughcan.ca/sites/default/files/users/Guide%20to%20Organizing%20an%20All%20Candidates%20Meeting%20or%20Debate.pdf>

## **8. For Your Information Items:**

Details of these items are listed in the agenda – with some items (marked with an \*) having the linked material included in the full agenda package. The following two items were lightly touched upon during the meeting and are summarized below.

**b/ ii/ Phased development agreements and 'Entrenchments'.** These are robbing future Councils of their power by allowing 10 year agreements. This means that these agreements cannot be undone by future Councils, even if felt necessary. For a review of principles refer to

[http://scholarship.law.duke.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1587&context=faculty\\_scholarship](http://scholarship.law.duke.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1587&context=faculty_scholarship)

### **b/ iii/ Penticton SLAPP suit continues**

It was shown in Penticton that if a resident speaks according to his/her convictions, then Council will have to accept input on those views – and the individual cannot subsequently be subjected to a SLAPP suit by the local government.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2014/news-clips/Penticton%20SLAPP%20suite%20continues.pdf>

The items listed in this section were not discussed. See agenda for details.

## **9. Chair and Date of next FONVCA meeting:**

Next Regular Meeting: It was agreed not to meet in December, so the next meeting:

7pm Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 – Chair Pro-tem – Diana Belhouse, location, DNV Hall

Meeting declared Closed: ~ 9:00pm