

# FONVCA

## MINUTES OF JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2001

### Present:

John Miller (Chair)	Lower Capilano Comm. Res. Assn.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Comm. Assn.
Bruce Ward	Sunset Gardens Comm. Assn.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assoc.
Brian Platts	Edgemont Comm. Assn.
Margaret Fraser (notes)	Lynn Valley Comm. Assn.
Val Moller	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assoc.
Pat Bean	Save Lynn Canyon Park Assoc.
Diana Belhouse	Delboork Comm. Assn.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights Comm. Assn.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano Comm. Res. Assn.
Dave Sadler	Seymour Comm. Assn.

### 1. Order and Content of Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda –

- under 3) FONVCA website
- under 6) Public Hearing process and Lower Capilano Community Centre

2. **Minutes of May 17/2001** were approved as circulated – moved by Brian Platts, seconded by Al Price – CARRIED

### 3. Old Business:

#### 3.1 District Web Site Links:

Council approved a new policy on the website, based on the meeting attended by staff and representatives from FONVCA. The new policy includes expanded election time restrictions – from the time registration for candidates opens, to the close of the election day. This is to ensure no promotion of candidates, and no use of public money for promotion of referendum items. Concern expressed that there is still no fee imposed for providing commercial links.

#### 3.2 FONVCA website:

Mail sent to [fonvca@fonvca.org](mailto:fonvca@fonvca.org) is posted on the site. Multi-listings are also posted. If there is anything sent which is questionable and/or the sender appears to be unaware the email will be posted, Corrie will give the sender the opportunity to withdraw the comment (via e-mail). “Chain” letters (those which have had several questions/comments/responses on the same subject) are posted by name order. Information from staff/Council on specific subjects e.g. tomorrow’s budget meeting, are also posted or “cut and paste”. Discussion on the amount of space FONVCA has left on its site – not a problem, as some of the very early postings will be removed soon. The District staff is accessing the FONVCA site.

### 4 Correspondence:

4.1 **Note:** anyone who wishes to have correspondence directly forwarded to them – not wait for it to be posted on the FONVCA site – should contact Brian Platts.

4.2 There are still communication issues between the District and the public e.g. the LARCO site issue.

NOTE: the public can have copies of any letters to Mayor and Council through the clerk’s department

### 5. New business:

5.1 **Sign by-law:** discussion on a sign, which had been reported to staff as being non-compliant with the by-law. This sign had been erected after the applicant was denied permission by 5-2 Council vote. Questions/discussion around procedure time-line for action when direction is ignored in this way. Two issues come from this – violation of by-laws and violation of Council ruling. The owners of the building have asked for an exemption/reconsideration, but they have not indicated that they have already erected the sign. Similarly with sandwich boards along Marine Drive and other locations – if stores were fined this could generate enough revenue to pay for the by-law officer? Presently, even if they are removed, they are replaced once the by-law officer has gone. The general sign by-law issue is going to Council.

**NOTE: there are no moving light signs allowed anywhere in the District.**

Suggestion – for those who have concerns about this issue, contact Councillor Mackay-Dunn on signage issues, plus write to Don Sigston, copy to Richard Zerr and Gord Howie.

#### 5.2 City and District view on Marine Drive plans:

the City has a plan in place (through using consultants). It is almost the same plan as the District’s, which started 2.5 years ago. Signage and zoning need to be settled. No indication from the District of when anything might happen. Lack of respect for volunteers and committee input on various issues (e.g. development). The community wanted streetscape – this not addressed. Discussion on siting of Hyundai garage, bus lanes etc. Suggestion – follow-up on Marine Drive implementation would now be of interest to North Shore News etc.

#### 5.3 Encroachment fee formula:

Land value x  $\frac{\text{building encroachment}}{\text{Zoning max area (building)}}$  x %

Say value of lot is \$500,000

Say building encroaches by 500 sq-ft

Say zoning allows (in area – not specific lot) 5,000sq-ft

Say we want 5% return. Then rent/year will be

$\$500,000 \times \frac{500 \text{ sq. ft}}{5,000} \times 5\% = \$2,500$

Discussion followed – various views on under what circumstances encroachments should be allowed at all, and how they would be charged for by the District?

**5.4 Artificial turf:** the District will borrow the \$1.5 million (not take it from the Heritage Fund or 1996 Referendum Fund). Ironically, no ATF supporters were at the meeting where Council finally made their decision to approve this.

**5.5 Robin Hicks** did not arrive at the meeting, so this item was omitted.

**5.6 Water:** there is a legal opinion stating that, under a private contract to operate the facility, the quality of the water could be at serious risk. There is also some doubt about whether the public really would have the ability to be involved in decision making regarding our water supply under a private contract. The meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> is now at Centennial Theatre – this change of location has not been well advertised so far.

An option for Capilano filtration project involves twin tunnels over to Seymour filtration plant, to pump Capilano water to the filtration plant at Seymour then pump the water back over to Capilano for distribution from there. Lots of information on this issue on the FONVCA website.

Another water related matter: Next Monday (June 25<sup>th</sup>) Council will deal with the issue of rainwater barrels. These barrels are not even remotely cost effective (500 yr pay-back!). Staff report recommends not pursuing the use of rainwater barrels, subsidized by the District.

**5.7 Transit strike:**

- reports show there has been no impact on pollution (indicating that the buses have a great deal of impact on pollution?)
- what can we do?
- pressure needs to be put on Translink and Coast Mountain
- District motion re-settlement and refund to us

Discussion on gas tax versus property taxes etc.

**6 Any Other Business:**

**6.1 Municipal Act and Local Government Act** both state that variances must go through Council. Since the change in DNV by-laws and neighbourhood zoning, there are relatively few variances coming to Council. Due to the relatively minor size of some of these variances, and low impact issues, it is taking less time.

**6.2 Public Hearing and input process:**

issue: at the 29<sup>th</sup> May Public Hearing there was a change in type of sign-up sheet, and confusion

at sign-up table. Mayor Bell went down wrong list – did not alternate between for and against. Only about 8 of the 40 signed-up got to speak, which was unfair and undemocratic. One reason was that some people read out a number letters from friends/neighbours who were not present. After four hours, this meeting was adjourned until June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Don Bell admitted he was in error – still concern over lack of due process and democracy. New rules will be introduced. There is a legal opinion that first speaking times can be limited.

**After discussion, it was moved by Corrie Kost and seconded by Pat Bean that FONVCA endorse the ruling that for first round speaking, the limit be ten minutes. Second or further speaking times can be as long as the speaker wishes, where appropriate. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The above can be communicated to Council if/when it is required to do so.

**6.3 Lower Capilano Community Centre** – there will be another workshop/open house on June 26<sup>th</sup> in the committee room. This is for field users and interested parties to have another look at the site.

**Date of next meeting – July 19<sup>th</sup> 2001 – Cathy Adams to Chair.**

Meeting adjourned at 10.15p.m.