FONVCA Minutes June 20th 2002

Attendees

Hugh Murray(CHAIR) Lower Capilano R A

Cathy Adams Lions Gate N.A.

Maureen Bragg Save Lynn Canyon Park

Corrie Kost Edgemont C.A. Brian Platts Edgemont C.A.

Al Price Pemberton Heights C.A.
Tom Hodson Panorama Drive R A

Alf Cockle Blueridge C A

John Miller Lower Capilano R A

Diane Bellhouse Delbrook C A
David Knee Norgate C A
Allan Orr Seymour C.A.

Jenny Knee (note-taker)

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

5.4 Be discussed first

6.2 Wharf Bylaw

6.3 Land Disposal Bylaw

6.4 Drinking Water

6.5 Lower Capilano Community Facility

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 16th were approved as circulated.

5.4 Local Area Plans – Discussion ensued over the recent process being followed for the Seymour Local Plan. Concern was expressed that the Draft Plan was being dealt with quite differently compared to other Plans like Lynn Valley and Upper Capilano. Of particular concern was the unprecedented concept of a public input questionnaire being scrutinized and redrafted by council.

Moved by Brian, **Seconded** by Dave and **Carried** unanimously:

"That FONVCA express to Council its concern over the process followed over handling the questionnaire prior to the Open House for the Draft Seymour Plan."

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Budget Review Process – The public meeting set for June 27th will only allow discussion of process and format of the budget, and not allow any specific item to be discussed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

- **4.1** Recent e-mails on FONVCA web site are shown in blue.
- **4.2** Letter not posted was discussed. Labeled confidential re: client / solicitor privilege.

4.3 Role of FONVCA in upcoming elections – Discussion ensued over possible options for FONVCA in the upcoming November elections. Several suggestions/comments were put forward:

- sharing information is our primary mandate
- promoting FONVCA and the website through advertising closer to the elections – encouraging citizens to get involved in their community associations and become better informed of local issues.
- e-mail all FONVCA members asking about support for advertising – will require financing through voluntary contribution – suggest \$20 -\$50 per association.
- look into free advertising in District Dialogue "community corner"
- questions to all candidates published on the FONVCA website. Answers from candidates give a sense of who has a grasp of the knowledge of workings of council. Suggested questions to come from FONVCA members and should be mostly non-political in nature.
- invite press to our meetings to report on FONVCA.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Charter - Allan reported on a seminar he attended at the University of Victoria on Friday June 14th on the topic of the Community Charter. Although informative, Allan felt it was too short to cover all topics in detail. Impact of Charter will likely vary from municipality to municipality, depending on how quickly various councils implement new powers.

Action: Brian will attempt to obtain copies of the Charter for FONVCA members.

It was suggested that DNV, W. Vancouver and NV City be requested to work together on putting on a similar information forum.

Moved by AI, **Seconded** by Tom and **Carried** unanimously:

"That FONVCA write to all three North Shore Councils requesting an information seminar be held for local citizens to learn about the new Community Charter."

Brian & Corrie will draft a letter to each council and c.c. North Shore News and Outlook.

- **5.2 Positive Recognition of FONVCA's role** Corrie noted comments of APC minutes of April 17th on how "the emergence of FONVCA as an umbrella organization for local community associations has reduced the need for separate APC input".
- **5.3 Private Encroachment on Public Property** Item deferred by Council to next full meeting.
- **5.4 Local Area Plans** Discussed previously.
- **5.5 Review of Council Committees** Councillors Denault (who originated review of Council Committees) & Dunsford did not show up to the public meeting arranged to hear from the committee members.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **6.1 Legal Side** Some references to Bill 54 were noted and potential revenue loss to District.
- **6.2 Wharf Bylaw** Discussion on new charges public meeting with Council to take place June 25th
- **6.3 Land Disposal** To non profit corporations issue is really about leasing of the land not its sale. Corrie explained possible criteria for determining which non-profit organizations should be subsidized and which should not.
- **6.4 Drinking Water** Corrie explained how the new provincial report/discussions on drinking water would be tantamount to double taxation full cost recovery would allow Federal funds to go to Provincial general revenue.
- **6.5 Lower Capilano Community Facility** Guidance sought for issues on dealing with committee and staff with reference to choice of tenders.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair:

Maureen Bragg – Save Lynn Canyon Park Tel: 604-985-7272

Date/Place: 7:00PM Thursday July 18th 2002 District Hall