

FONVCA

Minutes of June 15th 2006

Attendees:

Val Moller (Chair Pro-Tem)	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Our Shores
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Lyle Craver	Upper Lynn Valley R.A.
Lisa Thon	Upper Lynn Valley R.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Cap. C.R.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Cathy Adams(late)	Lions Gate N.A. (9pm)

Meeting started: 7:10pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: 6.2 Capilano Curves – Hugh
6.3 Coquitlam Garbage Bylaw - Corrie
6.4 Notice of Alternate Approval Process Corrie
6.5 Brita commercial - Corrie

2. ADOPTION of May 18th MINUTES

Moved by Brian, seconded by Dan - Approved as circulated.

Item 5.1 – Rec. Commission Presentation

Item was moved to forward on agenda. Powerpoint presentation (copy requested and subsequently sent and posted as <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2006/NVRC.pdf>)

This is an evaluation of the current facilities and services made by the Rec Commission and a consulting company. The presentation was followed by a Q/A period. Sample of Q/A follows:

Corrie - quoting from the Districts Annual Report – noted that only 1/3 of the residents use the recreational facilities - this should be kept in mind when evaluating surveys. Answer - there was some consideration given but will make sure it is considered in the future.

Dan - what is the present value of the existing facilities? What is the replacement value? Answer - present value 75 million - replacement cost 90 million.

Due to the present rising costs of building (2010 Olympics) have they considered holding off on construction until after this period, maintaining current facilities? Answer - This has been and is still being considered.

Hugh - What surveys have been done with current users? Are needs being met? He noted the Aquacise class he had attended has been cancelled. Answer - programs are continued to be offered if the participation level is there.

Brian - Why are the replacement funds not there to replace the current facilities. Answer - This would be a political decision not Recreation Commission.

Eric - Has any consideration been made to splitting the District and City facilities. Answer - Yes but the Recreation Commission numbers don't show any benefit.

NVRC members were thanked and meeting continued regular business at 8:15pm

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 BC Rail Lands

Corrie - reported he had some concerns over the public hearing process - as the Mayor asked 3 times for any further public input and closed discussion before the public's questions were answered. Questions put by public should be replied to before closure of input by public. The accessory use was reduced. There was a concern of a loop-hole – that the uses list is not exhaustive so Transit use could be re-instated.

Dave - The clerk's office confirmed that if CD 55 was rejected then CD 54 would be in effect and there were still some concerns with the legality of this bylaw.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 3 regular emails

- 1 on bears
- 1 on bicycles
- 1 confidential – which was removed -relating to the restoration of the original rights to Capilano Suspension Bridge properties.

4.2 Non-posted letters: 0 this period.

No discussion.

4.3 FONVCA Correspondence

Letter sent to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority with reference to costs associated with their magazine. Brian to report on this at next FONVCA meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.2 Parking and Loading Requirements

There is to be a public hearing on this long standing item on Tuesday June 20th. FONVCA has already had a presentation on this from district staff.

5.3 Residential Tax Increase

Corrie reported on the inconsistencies of the numbers provided by the District with those reported by the SUN article <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2006/taxes-sun.pdf> and Newsletter distributed with taxes (<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2006/taxes.pdf>).

5.4 Risks

Corrie recommended reading article from Ottawa Citizen - <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2006/risks.pdf> Which recommended consumers exercise their own common sense with appropriate educational and informational materials being provided by regulators.

5.5 Latest FONVCA Membership List

The latest membership list <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2006/members.pdf> was distributed – correction of errors/omissions welcomed.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Council Meetings held outside of municipal boundaries: Due to a specific case of a meeting being held outside of municipal boundaries resulting in a bylaw being struck-down the province amended the legislation to allow such meetings – but with far more permissiveness that required to address the issue and thus, according to Corrie, such meetings are open to abuse.

Municipal Sign (Regulation) Bylaw upheld:

Commercial “expressions” were deemed by the courts to be lo on the freedom of expression scale and thus a

demonstrably justified restriction under Section 1 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

6.2 Cap Curves - Hugh reported on fax from Ralph Sultan re: Provincial Government report that has been completed but not yet released.

6.3 Coquitlam Garbage bylaw is being considered - restricting times that garbage may be put out 5 - 7 am.. Fine \$500 - \$10,000.

6.4 Notice of Alternate Approval process - Corrie - Notice on page 39 of June 9th/2006 issue of NSN – requiring 140,370 signatures on a petition to force a referendum on the GVRD borrowing \$40million for the “purpose of Lending to the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation”. The likelihood of ever forcing a referendum on any GVRD wide issue is close to zero.

6.5 Brita – Corrie reviewed the available material on the objectionable Brita adds relating toilet water to our drinking water – implying our tap water is not fit to drink.

6.6 Budget Workbook Explained: Dave asked if anyone was interested in having Nicole Deveaux explain the language and numbers in the Budget Workbook? He will contact the office.

Starts at 9:30AM at Cates Park – finishing at Panorama Park. 435 attended last year. Improvements in return shuttle arrangements are being pursued.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday of month:
July 20th, 2006.

Pro-tem Chair will be John Miller – Lower Capilano Residents Association – Tel: 604-985-8594

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:35pm