

# FONVCA

## Minutes June 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6  
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

### Attendees

Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost	EUCCA
Del Kristalovich	Seymour C.A.
Cathy Adams(notetaker)	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen(Chair)	Blueridge C.A.
Brian Platts	EUCCA
John Miller	Lower Cap. Community R.A.

**Regrets:** Val Moller; John Hunter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Del advised the meeting that she and her husband are leaving the North Shore. She was thanked for her many years of service to her local neighbourhood and the wider community.

### 1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: under Any Other Issues  
6.2a Open Stage  
6.2b Footnotes-Local Area Plans  
6.2c Sewage Plant

**Note:** Items marked with \* are mainly for information and usually involved little or no discussion by the members present.

### 2. ADOPTION OF MAY 2011 MINUTES

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2011/minutes-may2011.pdf>

An email was received re: adoption of (April) minutes – this person was confused by a statement that they took as meaning that minutes for the May meeting were approved at the beginning of the May meeting (a meeting which was just getting underway!) In fact, the link given in the draft May minutes takes one to the April minutes, so the objection was unfounded. Another person sent an email objecting that the April minutes were deemed “approved as circulated” versus being approved at a meeting. This person, not in attendance at the May meeting when the April minutes were approved, nor this (June’s) meeting, was incorrect in stating the minutes were not approved at a meeting- they were approved as circulated, in a proper process at the May meeting. This person wrote with other concerns, but due to him not being in attendance, it’s difficult to deal with any remaining issues and concerns he may or may not still have, after having received

responses from several members of FONVCA via email. In summary – minutes of a FONVCA meeting are approved only at a subsequent FONVCA meeting.

Re: Item #5.0 This was in reference to May 9<sup>th</sup> public input to council by Doug Curran, about which there is concern by at least some FONVCA members that he impugned the reputation and integrity of all community associations. Eric had asked Doug repeatedly for a copy of the letter to council that Doug referred to on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Doug was not forthcoming in providing the letter to Eric. Jai Jadhav had sent an email expressing concern about the minuted details of Item 5.0, stating, in part, that he did not accept the minutes due to what he felt were improperly included remarks by himself. He wanted Item 5.0 deleted (no alternate example to consider given). Unfortunately, neither person – Jai Jadhav or Doug Curran - with objections to the May minutes, were in attendance to deal with their issues. It was felt there was an appropriate amount of information provided, that the minutes reflected the decisions and context of those decisions, and the draft May minutes were not changed.

Moved by Dan Ellis to adopt the May/2011 minutes as circulated. Seconded by Del Kristalovich. Carried unanimously.

**Note:** re item 5.3 Low Road project in North Van City. This project has been cancelled-City Council voted it down.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

Nothing new. This is being monitored for future action.

#### 3.2 Review/comments on District OCP

<http://www.nsnews.com/approves+unanimously/4895675/story.html>  
The above link referred to an article in the North Shore News about DNV Council’s deliberation-a summary of what councillors had to say about the OCP, and the process.

#### 3.3 Review of Proposed Code of Conduct

There have been some official, formal responses from associations and some from individuals as well. This Code of Conduct is to be in reference to FONVCA meetings, only. There was a great deal of discussion around issues such as:

- Would a Code of Conduct be applicable to within FONVCA meetings only?
- How to disagree with one another with respect
- That a Code of Conduct does not legislate disagreement – that is expected within any group,

but just behaviour of members/how you do that with courtesy and respect.

- There was reference to the Code of Conduct that the Federation of Calgary Communities has established.
- There was discussion and some rewriting of the Code of Conduct for FONVCA sent out previously.

The new version (draft b, shown below) will be (re)circulated to FONVCA members and therefore approval was tabled.

## Code of Conduct for FONVCA Representatives

### Draft 2

*A representative of a community association must discharge their duties to their association with integrity.*

*Integrity is defined as soundness of moral principle, especially in relation to truth and fair dealing, uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.*

*A representative must act in good faith and refrain from impugning the character or reputation of any FONVCA representative or FONVCA member association.*

*All members of the F.O.N.V.C.A. are expected to demonstrate the highest standard of behaviour towards other members. In accordance with Disciplinary Procedures outlined in Chapter XX of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, a representative may be suspended or expelled for conduct which breaches this standard.*

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

### 4.1 Business arising from 7 regular e-mails

No discussion.

### 4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

### 4.3 Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

Edgemont – after a lengthy consultation process new banners are coming for the red poles in for Edgemont village.

Lions Gate-A letter from Doug Curran published by the North Shore News dealing with Local Area Plans, had incorrectly stated that the Lower Capilano OCP process was “years-long (1996-2006)”. In actual fact, the Lower Cap OCP was adopted in 1996. The paragraph relating to the Lower

Cap OCP had been edited out by the newspaper, so this error was not published.

Deep Cove-issue of a marijuana distribution storefront wanting to open ; also-some young –grade 7-students had been caught doing graffiti. They have been doing some cleanup, etc.

Lynn Valley-John Gilmore stepped down as President. New President is Eric Miura. Lynn Valley gala dinner/dance was a great success. Lynn Valley Day– thousands came out for it, even though the weather wasn't wonderful. Some restructuring of the board is taking place.

Delbrook-They have asked for years for more parkspace, and as stated in their LAP as something they need. They never got it – any input from others? There was a comment about unused school property uses (Balmoral will be closed).

Save Our Shores-Walk this year was rainy, so attendance down. But enjoyed by those who come out – there are many yearly participants. RE: street ends-future beach access signs will be coming soon. There is concern about how thoroughly the relevant beachfront owners are being informed that they have encroached onto public lands.

Blueridge-Blueridge Days. Parade, etc. and they had tv news media coverage. Had an all-candidates meeting jointly sponsored with Seymour Assoc.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### Council and other District Issues

#### \*5.1 Ethics of Government Sponsored Gambling

[http://salempress.com/Store/samples/ethics\\_revised/ethics\\_revised\\_lotteries.htm](http://salempress.com/Store/samples/ethics_revised/ethics_revised_lotteries.htm)  
<http://www.arragopwing.com/lotteryposition.html>

The above items are short and felt to be worth reading.

\*5.2 Resilient Communities- Preparing for the Climate Challenges Jun 14-15 at SFU WOSK Centre for Dialogue Details of the conference, speakers, reports, etc. available on their website.

[http://www.pics.uvic.ca/resilient\\_communities.php](http://www.pics.uvic.ca/resilient_communities.php)

For more background material see:

[http://www.pics.uvic.ca/rc\\_background.php](http://www.pics.uvic.ca/rc_background.php)

**References:**

[http://www.resilientcommunitiescanada.com/timely\\_topics/](http://www.resilientcommunitiescanada.com/timely_topics/)

<http://www.bcsea.org/get-involved/learn-about-us/members/organizations/resilient-communities-canada>

[http://www.southfraser.com/timely\\_topics/community\\_resilience.php](http://www.southfraser.com/timely_topics/community_resilience.php)

#### 5.3 ECO-Municipality Network

[http://www.naturalstepusa.org/storage/NAEMN\\_TNScasestudy.pdf](http://www.naturalstepusa.org/storage/NAEMN_TNScasestudy.pdf)  
Network to improve sustainability in North American Communities.

**12 Indicators:** <http://sekom.sekom.nu/files/indicators.pdf>

A useful item.

## 5.4 Community/Civic Engagement Strategies

An excellent report on this topic from Halifax:

<https://www.halifax.ca/CRCA/CommunityEngagement/documents/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf>

A Task Force of City of North Vancouver – chaired by Don Bell – on how to improve civic involvement of residents.

<http://www.cityofnorthvancouver.bc.ca/c//data/1/433/Civic%20Engagement%20Task%20Force%20Final%20Report.pdf>

<http://www.richardgilbert.ca/Files/SFU%20course%20files/Symonds,%20Engaging%20citizens.pdf>

<http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/papers-2005/Symonds.pdf>

## 5.5 Tree Preservation Bylaw

These public meetings sometimes conflicted with Canucks games. Combined with the fact that there was almost no advertising, until the day of the meeting, attendance by the public was very light. Some concern were expressed about performance of junior DNV staff at these meetings.

Auckland NZ removes most private impacts by Jan 1/2012 by requiring them to be individually "scheduled".

[http://www.thetreecouncil.org.nz/cms\\_data/files/file/tree%20protection%20rpt%20final.pdf](http://www.thetreecouncil.org.nz/cms_data/files/file/tree%20protection%20rpt%20final.pdf)

Definitely some lessons to be learned from what is happening in New Zealand.

## \*5.6 No One Gives a S\*\*t by John Scheel

*"With Special Thanks to  
The Oakville Town Council for not  
Listening and for its Experiments in  
Waste & Inefficiency"*

See <http://www.johnscheel.com/Freebook.pdf>

## 5.7 DNV 2010 Annual Report

<http://dnv.org/annualreport2010/>

**Not** well done this year. Regressed back to web version only, which was experimented with for the 2006 Annual Report and roundly denounced. Lack of a pdf file for the 2010 annual report was felt to be a serious oversight. Usefulness of format extremely limited for those without web access. Navigation on the web through the document was seriously flawed in many areas.

Questioned why last year's format wasn't used as a template, since it was well done and had pertinent information, etc. The alleged savings to use a web based version amounted to pennies per resident.

## \* 5.8 Integrated Resource Recovery Study

Recovering energy from solid and liquid waste. This is done lots in Europe, but is not being talked about much in the public yet. There will be a report coming out on this issue. In meantime one can read the details from the following web link:

<http://www.fidelisresourcegroup.com/North.Shore.IRR.Study.Tech.Appx.FINAL29Mar2011web.pdf> - a 304 page study on garbage

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Legal Issues

#### \* a) Judge tosses out 'exaggerated suit'

[http://www.vancouver.sun.com/story\\_print.html?id=4856004&sponsor=](http://www.vancouver.sun.com/story_print.html?id=4856004&sponsor=)  
– Langley group exercised 'right of free speech'  
For BC Supreme Court details of this SLAPP suit see  
<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/11/06/2011BCSC0674.htm>

#### \*b) Insuring OCP input is formal part of record

Although people should be able to just send input to Mayor and Council, it's been found that this is not consistently making it into the public record on an issue. Send correspondence also to the clerk's dept [clerk@dnv.org](mailto:clerk@dnv.org) to ensure inclusion (if that is ones' intention).

#### \* c) West Vancouver View Wars End in Court

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/West+Vancouver+view+wars+court/4924559/story.html>  
<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/11/06/2011BCSC0686.htm>  
West Van view wars – involving illegal cutting of trees -  
- finally dealt with by the court. In the meantime, both parties had sold their properties!

#### \* d) Municipal Governance Articles

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2011/municipal-governance.pdf>  
The above is a summary of informative Municipal Governance Articles relating to courses given by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia.. <http://www.cle.bc.ca/>  
All the above elements are freely available from the web and access many interesting articles relating to municipal governance.

#### \*e) Use of Public Hearing to Block Communications

<http://metrovanwatch.wordpress.com/learning-centre/legal-opinionuse-of-public-hearing-to-block-communication/>  
Council **can** listen to people on an issue, after the close of a public hearing, under some circumstances. (see Corrie's blog post on the above website). Note that this item is a repeat of last month's more detailed item 6.2(q).

### 6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) **Open Stage** –NS News Editorial on the OCP process, with criticism about some aspects of the process, the move away from Local Area Plans' importance, etc. See

[http://www.nsnews.com/story\\_print.html?id=4837126&sponsor=](http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=4837126&sponsor=)

b) Local Plan should remain historical footnotes

[http://www.nsnews.com/story\\_print.html?id=4895679&sponsor=](http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=4895679&sponsor=)

The above article was critical of both local area planning and "irreconcilable inconsistencies" they create. This is in contrast to the views expressed by our Mayor.

c) Provincial approval of sewage plant move  
[http://www.nsnews.com/story\\_print.html?id=4911956&sponsor=](http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=4911956&sponsor=)  
Corrie felt that the economics expressed in the article may be in error (i.e. excessive). The full agenda package illustrated his math.

## **7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Will decide via email whether to hold it, according to need/interest.

August meeting – likely not. Social get together instead?

Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

Chair: Cathy Adams – Lions Gate C.A.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:20PM.