

FONVCA Minutes

May 17th, 2001
NV District Hall, Meeting Room 'B'

Present:

Brian Platts (Chair)	Edgemont Comm. Assoc.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate Neigh. Assoc.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge Comm. Assoc.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook Comm. Assoc.
Maureen Bragg (Notes)	Save Lynn Canyon Park Assoc.
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley Comm. Assoc.
David Knee	Norgate Comm. Assoc.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont Comm. Assoc.
Val Moller	Lions Gate Neigh. Assoc.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano Comm Assoc.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights Comm. Assoc.
Dave Sadler	Seymour Comm. Assoc.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Order & Content of Agenda:

The scheduled presentation by the Chair of the District's "Citizens' Finance & Budget Committee," Mr. Robin Hicks, (item #5 on the agenda) has been canceled. Mr. Hicks is agreeable to attending the June FONVCA meeting. However, it is understood that he will be speaking as an individual resident with expertise in municipal budgeting, and not on behalf of the committee.

2. Adoption of April 19/2001 Minutes:

The minutes were adopted as amended.

3. Old Business:

3.1 "Smart Growth" – 2 free tickets are available for all-day seminar on June 7th. An evening presentation is also scheduled for the night before on June 6th. No FONVCA volunteers at this time.

3.2 **Extracts from Hansard on Conflict of Interest** – Corrie read some extracts from a Hansard document <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2001/hansard.pdf> in which the District's solicitor, Mr. Lidstone, spoke about the implications and boundaries of conflict-of-interest legislation, which, it was noted, includes a 30 day time-limit to register a conflict-of-interest complaint. For minor complaints there is the District's own Quality Assurance Committee. It was Mr. Lidstone's opinion that the District ought to create the position of an ombudsman.

3.3 **Report on Meeting with Director of Corporate Services, Dennis Back** – This meeting (attended by Corrie, Brian, Margaret, and Val) was for the

purpose of discussing a new policy with respect to community associations' web links to the District's own web site. It was a very positive meeting. The draft policy (which will go to Council for approval) is permissive of links provided the organizations meet some basic criteria like being a registered community association. Some other requirements are that

- "external sites do not contain any material that expresses an opinion regarding candidates or referenda questions that are the subject of a local government election, between the first day of the nomination period until following the respective election".
- The District reserves the right to terminate any link at any time; subject to first attempting to contact the owner of the web site and resolve any concerns.

3.4 **Eldon Park Tree Management Plan** (see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2001/Eldon-Park-Tree-Management-Plan.pdf> – Sunset Gardens representative Bruce Ward, was not in attendance, however, Hugh Murray reported that the bank below Pemberton Heights is potentially unstable due to tree loss.

4. Correspondence Issues:

The huge amount of e-mail submitted to FONVCA is now grouped by topic/subject and current submissions (a listing is attached to these minutes). Corrie was applauded for his diligence and hard work in keeping the FONVCA web site up-to-date on a daily basis.

4.1 Using NVD Facilities for Electioneering

Purposes – It was alleged that Director of Recreation, Gary Young, revealed that both NV Councils instructed the rec commission to assist the Sports Council in lobbying (using NVD facilities such as playing fields) for the YES side of the referendum campaign during the '96 election. This would have been contrary to the Municipal Act.

4.2 Planning Department Process on Development

Variance Permits – Brian Platts reported on his e-mail correspondence with the Director of Planning Richard Zerr, regarding what Brian believes to be biased staff reports to Council. As a result of this correspondence, Mr. Zerr met privately with Brian and fellow Edgemont Community Association member, Peter Thompson.

5. New Business:

5.1 Citizens' Finance & Budget Committee

Canceled (see above)

5.2 **Council Staff Relations** – Dave Sadler reported that the RCMP was called to investigate an incident involving Councillor Ernie Crist and the Assistant Clerk Shanna Burrows. While not being privy to the details, there was a general agreement around the table that the incident – in which Councillor Crist was reported to have raised his voice during a disagreement with Ms. Burrows in her office – should have been settled in-house by the Human Resources Department. It was also agreed that while the behaviour of Councillor Crist is not to be condoned, calling the RCMP and subsequently a lawyer to investigate seemed unnecessary and contrary to written procedures.

5.3 **Overview of May 8th Briefing with Price-Waterhouse-Coopers** – Margaret Fraser attended this meeting and made a presentation (to FONVCA) on the main points presented to Council. It was noted that Richard Zerr will now be appointed to Director of both the Planning and Engineering departments. FONVCA members were reminded that a full presentation will be provided to the community associations on May 30th at the District Hall.

6. Other Business:

6.1 A discussion ensued over Councillor Harris using – once again – the word “seawall” instead of “trail” when referring to the Waterfront Plan. Letters, e-mails and faxes have been sent.

Maureen reported that Harris has repeatedly been asked to retract this falsehood yet she refuses.

6.2 GVRD Mega-City? -- Dave Sadler noted that on May 29th is a presentation/workshop to explore the pros and cons of amalgamating municipalities into one large metropolitan center like Toronto. The event will be held at the SFU Harbour Centre, Downtown beginning at 6:30 p.m.

6.3 Cathy Adams suggested that FONVCA continue to meet during the summer months. Cathy will book the meeting rooms, which can always be canceled if not enough people can attend.

6.4 Very brief discussion on proposal by United Properties to redevelop into multi-family the recreational Larco site in Lower Capilano. Some comments were made regarding whether or not the site would be appropriate for the long-awaited community centre. Limited traffic access is a problem.

6.5 Various handouts were distributed.

7.) Next month's (June 21st) Chair is John Miller

8.) Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Additional Correspondence & Reference Material

Agenda Item: Circulation of Incoming (Non-Personal) Correspondence addressed to the Mayors Office

Ernie_Crist_20apr2001b.pdf

Agnes_Hilsen_7may2001.pdf

Corrie_Kost_6may2001.pdf

Elizabeth_James_6may2001.pdf

Ernie_Crist_9may2001.pdf

Budget 2001: New \$15 million Lynn Valley Main Library

Angela_Trudeau_24apr2001.pdf

Bill_Tracey_23apr2001a.pdf

Bill_Tracey_23apr2001b.pdf

Dan_Ellis_23apr2001.pdf

Dave_Sadler_23apr2001.pdf

Denault-Crist-Sadler-Ellis-23apr2001.pdf

Elizabeth_James_23apr2001a.pdf

Elizabeth_James_23apr2001b.pdf

Ernie_Crist_24apr2001b.pdf

Ernie_Crist_25apr2001b.pdf (policy change)

Ernie_Crist_6may2001.pdf

Updates

Brian_Platts_27apr2001.pdf

Grouse Grind

Ernie_Crist_22apr2001.pdf

Ernie_Crist_23apr2001b.pdf

Dave_Sadler_24apr2001b.pdf

Dave_Sadler_24apr2001c.pdf

Bill_Morrell_25apr2001.pdf

Hilsen-Crist-Sadler-25apr2001.pdf

Karen_Milne_26apr2001.pdf

Staff Report To Council Re: DVP Permit 76.00 -- 408 Newdale Court

Brian_Platts_17apr2001.pdf

Hunter-Kost-Platts-Zerr-Platts-17apr2001.pdf

Authorized Occupations & Trespasses of District Owned Lands

Brian_Platts_22apr2001.pdf

Using NVD facilities for electioneering purposes

Brian_Platts_25apr2001.pdf

Apology requested from Councillor Harris

Dave_Sadler_19apr2001c.pdf 2nd request

Dave_Sadler_25apr2001d.pdf 3rd request

KPMG audit report on Parks and Engineering Division

Elizabeth_James_20apr2001.pdf

Dave_Sadler_24apr2001.pdf

Waste Removal Bylaw - 2 can limit

Dave_Sadler_22apr2001b.pdf
Kost-Hunter-Sadler-22apr2001.pdf
Corrie_Kost_29apr2001.pdf

Tax Rates for Industrial, Commercial, Residential Property Taxes

Dave_Sadler_22apr2001c.pdf
Elizabeth_James_23apr2001.pdf

Council consistently shows a lack of business sense

Corrie_Kost_8may2001.pdf

Lack of Return on District's Property Portfolio

Dave_Sadler_8may2001b.pdf

Northlands Golf Course

Dave_Sadler_19apr2001e.pdf
Dave_Sadler_1may2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6may2001.pdf

Complaint Regarding Lack of Public Process

Dave_Sadler_25apr2001a.pdf

Rules of Procedure of Council Meetings

Ernie_Crist_23apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_2may2001.pdf

Sloped Lots

Dave_Sadler_19apr2001d.pdf

Consultants Cost DNV \$1 million / Year

Dave_Sadler_15apr2001b
Crist-James-Andersen-Sadler-16apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_16apr2001b.pdf
James-Andersen-Sadler-16apr2001.pdf
James-Crist-17apr2001.pdf

Budget 2001: Budget Survey Dec. 2000

Crist-James-Hunter-etc-21apr2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_18apr2001.pdf
Hunter-Crist-19apr2001.pdf

Budget 2001: Shared Services Review

Dave_Sadler_19apr2001a.pdf
Dave_Sadler_20apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20apr2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_20apr2001b.pdf
Margaret_Fraser_20apr2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_24apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24apr2001a.pdf

2001-2005 Financial Plan Approval Bylaw

Dave_Sadler_22apr2001d.pdf

Strategic Plan

Margaret_Fraser_13may2001.pdf

Value Analysis Task Force

Dave_Sadler_19apr2001b.pdf

RCMP Police Cars - Budget Item

Dave_Sadler_16apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_16apr2001.pdf

West Van Youth Awards

Dave_Sadler_10may2001.pdf
Elizabeth_James_10may2001.pdf
Margaret_Fraser_10may2001.pdf

The Monster That Ate Up District Hall

Dave_Sadler_15apr2001c.pdf

Rules of Procedure of Council Meetings

Dave_Sadler_22apr2001.pdf

Direct Democracy

Dave_Sadler_12may2001.pdf

Gated Communities

Dave_Sadler_15apr2001.pdf

Using NVD facilities for electioneering purposes

Dave_Sadler-25apr2001e.pdf
Margaret_Fraser_25apr2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_25apr2001c.pdf

Parks Committee Review of the Maplewood Local Plan

Dave_Sadler_25apr2001f.pdf

Down zoning of Private Land for Park

Dave_Sadler_28apr2001.pdf

Request for clarification of District Policy

Dave_Sadler_5may2001.pdf

Fire and Security Alarm Systems Bylaw Amendment

Dave_Sadler_6may2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_9may2001.pdf
See also <http://alarmsbc.com/PGFAFEES.HTM>

Private Funds for Public Structures/Facilities

Dave_Sadler_6may2001b.pdf

Request For Information: Capilano Ridge Development

Dave_Sadler_6may2001c.pdf

District's 39% Fringe Benefit Package

Dave_Sadler_7may2001.pdf

RCMP Complaint regarding public mischief

Ernie_Crist_5may2001.pdf
Dave_Sadler_7may2001b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_7may2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_7may2001b.pdf
Dave_Sadler_8may2001.pdf

Provincial All Candidates Meeting

Eric_Andersen_4may2001.pdf

Banning Books

Ernie_Crist_15apr2001.txt

Summit of the Americas, Quebec City

Ernie_Crist_26apr2001a.pdf

Seymour Filtration Plant - Privatization Aspects

Ernie_Crist_1may2001.pdf

Fairness of Property Assessment

Ernie_Crist_1may2001b.pdf

Citizens' Finance and Budget Advisory Committee

Ernie_Crist_7may2001c.pdf

Agenda Addenda now on web

Hilsen-Sadler-25apr2001.pdf

39% Fringe Benefit Package for District Staff

Sadler-James-Sadler-7may2001.pdf