

# FONVCA

## Minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005

### Attendees:

Allan Orr           **Chair – Pro Tem**, Seymour CA  
Dan Ellis           Lynn Valley CA  
Diana Belhouse   Delbrook CA  
Val Moller         Lions Gate NA  
Corrie Kost        Edgemont CA  
Eric Andersen     Blueridge CA  
Cathy Adams      Lions Gate NA  
Hugh Murray      Lower Cap. CRA  
David Knee        Norgate Park CA

Jenny Knee        Notetaker

Meeting started 7:12pm

### 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add - 6.2 Summer Meeting schedule – Cathy  
6.3 DNV Annual Report Requirements – Corrie  
6.4 Local Improvement Initiative update - Dave

### 2. ADOPTION of April 21<sup>st</sup> MINUTES

Moved/seconded Hugh/Eric and carried that the minutes be approved as circulated.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Shirtsleeves meeting:

Of the three tabled topics - Risk Management – Waterfront Access – Infrastructure only first 2 discussed. Meeting was felt to be reasonably productive and friendly - with Mayor & ALL councillors attended.

As a follow up to Waterfront Access discussions: FONVCA unanimously approved the following **motion**: "That FONVCA send a letter requesting that unused funds allocated by council for the previous three years, plus the current year, be used to open up the street ends identified at the shirt-sleeves meeting of April 26 2005, using the oldest of the three year funding to avoid loss of these funds." It was also recommended that letter include thanks to Mayor and council. CC to Nicole Deveaux.

On the subject of Risk Management Mayor Janice Harris reported that in some circumstances purchasing homes may be was more cost effective than funding debris flow management.

#### 3.2 Alpine Recreational Strategic Plan

Council workshop to be held June 21 2005 - major issue involving many stakeholders :

Bikers               Bear advocates  
Dog walkers       Hikers  
Parks               Natural History advocates  
General public

More than two hours will probably be required for this workshop.

**Motion** - request Council reconsider a later start time of 7:00 p.m. (as opposed to published 5pm) to allow all stake holders to attend -Eric/Diana carried.

**Note: motion not sent as meeting time was subsequently changed to 7pm and the workshop is to have no public input.**

**3.3 Dog Bylaw** - Corrie reported on the new animal boarding bylaw – This bylaw had been largely staff generated and no-one spoke in favor of it at the public hearing – Councillor Jim Cuthbert has asked for guidance from FONVCA on bringing subject back for further discussion. Many felt it needed reconsideration- Corrie will follow up with Councillor Cuthbert.

#### 3.4 Council Meetings at 5pm.

It was reported that Council has rejected request by FONVCA to have meetings start at 7pm instead of the more difficult to attend 5pm starting times. See also item 3.2 above.

**3.5 Update on Taxes** - Corrie reported on the wider implications of Western Stevedore Taxation issue.

**3.6 Letter to Remuneration Task Force** – letter sent to Bill Yager was distributed.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

**4.1 Business arising from 80 regular emails** – 33 on the Mountain Biking issue.

#### 4.2 Non-posted letters

Of the 5 non-posted letters (hardcopies distributed) only one was recommended for subsequent posting on FONVCA web site.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Formation of North Shore Water Committee** - t Corrie presented Liz James' request for sub committee to discuss issues such as (lack off) storage capacity,

water metering, cost-ineffective conservation measures, and safety issues. FONVCA felt the GVRD did a good job handling the current filtration and dam upgrades (especially in area of communications) but currently had no appetite for another committee to be formed. Allan Orr will take care of this issue by communicating with Liz James.

**5.2 Conflict of interest** – recent concern about real or perceived conflicts of interest by members of council were discussed.

The WCEL legal opinion on conflict of interest for sale of parkland to deal with a private encroachment was discussed. It was pointed out that council cannot force a councillor to be in conflict to remove himself/herself from debate (they can apply to courts). The choice is up the councillor.

Concerns on COI with respect to council passing retroactive legislation, to approve council remuneration for those acting as Mayor when the Mayor had not yet officially resigned, were discussed.

**5.3 Lynn Valley Ceremony** – Following the Lynn Valley Days Parade there will be a - ground breaking at the site for the new Lynn Valley Library & Town Center at 11 am Saturday May 28 2005.

**5.4 Alarm Permit Fees:** Corrie updated members on the recently proposed home alarm permit fees and regulations. **Despite** alarmed homes have a factor 4 **lower break-in rate** (thus reducing policing costs) council passed first 3 readings on what was felt to be an unfair and intrusive bylaw imposing a **yearly \$20 fee** on all alarmed homes – requiring companies to **divulge private information** such as alarm type and address/names of all keyholders. In addition this was felt to be a **tax grab** as the \$89,000 shortfall (due to false alarms – whose rates were only about half those of Vancouver) would not create a **surplus of over \$300,000!**

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**6.1 Legal Issues:** Corrie referred to some reference (see agenda about the recent District of North Saanich case) and regulations regarding supreme court application to disqualify a councillor from holding office due to a conflict of interest.

**6.2 FONVCA Summer Meeting Schedule** - to be discussed at June 16<sup>th</sup> FONVCA meeting.

**6.3 DNV Annual Report Requirements** -Corrie sent letter to council reminding them that they did not meet the Charter requirements last year for public access to the report prior to meeting – in hope that this would not be repeated this year.

**6.4 Local Improvement Initiative (LIP)** - Dave reported actual cost to residents of road upgrading still unavailable but increase will be in the 50% range higher than 2004 even though residents percentage of cost went only from 25 - 30%. In addition these costs will jump from 30% to 50% of actual costs by 2009. So – those wanting their roads improved need to get their application in asap since costs will escalate by 100% in next few years!

Dan Ellis was thanked by the members for chairing the April 26<sup>th</sup> Shirtsleeve session with council.

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday**

– **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

Pro-tem Chair will be Eric Andersen, Blueridge Community Association. Tel: 604-929-6849 email <mailto:andersen@sagafc.com>