

# FONVCA

## Minutes of May 18<sup>th</sup> 2006

### Attendees:

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Brian Platts(Chair Pro-Tem) | Edgemont C.A.         |
| Maureen Bragg               | Save Our Shores       |
| Diana Belhouse              | Delbrook C.A.         |
| Lisa Thon                   | Upper Lynn R.A.       |
| Hugh Murray                 | Lower Cap. C.R.A.     |
| Corrie Kost                 | Edgemont C.A.         |
| Dan Ellis(Notetaker)        | Lynn Valley C.A.      |
| Fred Gooch                  | BlueRidge C.A.        |
| Knud Hille                  | Norgate Park C.A.     |
| Cathy Adams                 | Lions Gate N.A. (9pm) |

Meeting started: 7:10pm

## 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: 6.2 Save Our Shores - annual walk – July 9<sup>th</sup>  
6.3 Vancouver Coastal Health Newsletter  
6.4 588 Elstree Pl.

## 2. ADOPTION of Apr 20<sup>th</sup> MINUTES

Approved as circulated (specific comments on the Shirtsleeve meeting with council were edited to meet the “off the record” protocol for such meetings)

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

### 3.1 Commercial Dog Walking in Parks

- yet to be adopted – allowing 6 “off-leash” for commercial dog walkers (private residents limited to 3 dogs).
- Parks not zoned for commercial use, but council/staff felt this is just a “regulation” of an activity. Bylaw 7534 (see Council Minutes of April 24/2006) has passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
- Be allowed only on parts of: 1. Baden Powell Trail, 2. Parts of BC Hydro right of way, 3. Parts of Lower Lynn Canyon Park, and 4. Parts of Inter-River Park. See Schedule A – page 23J of Council package of April 24/2006 for details.
- Concerns were expressed as to recourse for incidents involving dogs in these circumstances. Consensus opinion is that the **District has a legal obligation** if foreseeable problems are not properly regulated.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

### 4.1 Business arising from 12 regular emails

Strong concerns were expressed about the appearance and lack of upkeep of medians and gateway interchanges: Capilano Rd median and Lynn Valley interchange were particularly noted. Individual community associations are urged to pursue this with MLAs/Translink/DNV.

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

No discussion.

### 4.3 FONVCA Letters:

Letter to council re: shirtsleeves meeting:

[http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2006/Brian\\_Platts\\_14\\_may2006.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2006/Brian_Platts_14_may2006.pdf)

Letter to Rec. Commission re: invite to FONVCA meeting.

[http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2006/Brian\\_Platts\\_14\\_may2006b.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2006/Brian_Platts_14_may2006b.pdf)

Above were sent as per previous FONVCA meeting.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 \$5.5m taken from Heritage Fund

Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> council approved “2006 Heritage Fund Appropriation Bylaw No.1” – see page 22E of council package. \$4.8m going to LVLTC. No indication was given by council on if/when this would be repaid.

### 5.2 Residential Tax Increase: 4.75%

(The above was erroneously reported as 4.95%) Discussion took place of residential / commercial / industrial rates, assessments, impact of ownership change on tenancy (return on recent investment vs. long-past investment)

### 5.3 Municipal Reporting Requirements

As outlined in

[http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Local\\_Content/Manuals/4615.pdf](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Local_Content/Manuals/4615.pdf)

The 2006 reporting requirements are quite stringent and MUST meet the June 30 deadline (with public having adequate notice and involvement beforehand so that the document could be revised before going to Ministry. Corrie to contact James Ridge as to prospect for compliance this year. **ACTION ITEM**

purpose, strategy, and consideration of cost effective alternatives (eg WEB posting with email notification).

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## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Legal Issues

#### Municipal Campaign Expenses

The following references were distributed:

Vancouver:

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/election2005/profiles.htm>

<http://www.oipcbc.org/orders/2004/Order04-01.pdf> by David

Loukidelis, Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC

BC

<http://thetyee.ca/Views/2005/08/24/BuyMayor/>

<http://thetyee.ca/News/2005/11/17/CandidatesAgree/>

Ontario:

<http://www.blakes.com/pdf/ElectionFinance0903.pdf>

[http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts\\_1\\_8570\\_1.html](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_8570_1.html)

(note that contributions after elections are not allowed in Ontario)

Saskatoon:

[http://www.saskatoon.ca/org/clerks\\_office/elections/disclosure/index.asp](http://www.saskatoon.ca/org/clerks_office/elections/disclosure/index.asp)

Edmonton:

<http://www.edmonton.ca/bylaws/C10407.DOC>

It was noted that a waiver is required in DNV for all those wishing to read this “public” document. No copies are permitted to be made. Notetaking is permitted. Policies in rest of Canada are much more open – and some post the information on their government web site (Vancouver does – but blanks out names).

Discussion generally supported more open disclosure and lower limits on donations as per Federal rules. It appears that DNV could even post the complete (with names) information on their web site - as there is no legislation forbidding such. Corrie stated that Council members must be given a hard copy.

### 6.2 Save-Our-Shores Annual Walk July 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### 6.3 Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Magazine

All associations receive a hard copy of this magazine. It looks largely promotional in nature. Concerns were expressed about costs and benefits.

Given that this is a taxpayer funded magazine, Brian to correspond with VCHA Kathleen Butler as to costs,

### 6.4 588 Elstree Place

Last year, this property was the beneficiary of a piece of public parkland at what some felt was a low price - \$17,000 – others putting a value of \$50,000 on it. The adjacent parkland was subsequently put through a dedication process making it almost impossible that this could happen today. The property was recently put up for sale at \$1,390,000.

### 6.5 Street-End dedication on Waterfront

The 6 lot residential subdivision near shipyard was discussed. It will have waterfront access.

### 6.6 NVTAC – Cathy Adams reported on NS Bus

Depot – option on BCRail lands has expired so Translink is looking at other options.

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday of month:

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

Pro-tem Chair will be **Cathy Adams** – Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association Tel: 604-997-8695

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:30pm