

# FONVCA

## Minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 West Queens Road

**Attendees:**

Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric G. Andersen (notetaker)	Blueridge C.A.
Dennis Bevington	Seymour C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save our Shores
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Don Ellis (Chair Pro-Tem)	Lynn Valley C.A.
Herman Mah	Pemberton Heights C.A.

**Regrets:** Val Moller Lions Gate N.A.

Meeting started: 7.05 PM

### 1. Order/Contents of agenda

### 2. Adoption of April 19<sup>th</sup> minutes

Minutes were approved as circulated (correction: Eric G. Andersen was not present at this meeting)

### 3. Old Business

#### 3.0 Shirtsleeves meeting with Council

The meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 05/29. The topic suggested by FONVCA is: public involvement/process protocol. No alternatives were suggested by Mayor and Council. The meeting will be co-chaired by Council and FONVCA

An added topic: OCP's, District and Local Area Plans (incl. Housing Initiatives etc).

#### 3.1 Translink parking tax

There will be no parking fee anymore, but the GVRD assessment is up by 43% for DNV taxpayers.

#### 3.3 Smart Rail Group & Canexus

It is unrealistic to have municipalities decide what hazardous material goes through their jurisdictions. This is governed by federal and provincial laws only.

The risk of hazardous good moving through municipalities was discussed, as was the Canexus safety.

The Port of Vancouver is to decide on 05/29 regarding the Canexus expansion.

### 4.0 Correspondence Issues

No discussion/comments

### 5.1 Powers of BC Transit Act

It was agreed that the DNV is being unfairly taxed by B.C. Transit. Corrie made a motion, which passed with consensus, to send a letter to Council to get fairer and more equitable treatment of DNV in respect of the B.C. Transit tax as per #18-3-E of the B.C. Transit Act.

**(ACTION)**

### 5.2 Recreational Needs Assessment Survey

Some, but not all community associations were invited to a meeting on May 8th.

Objections were made to certain statements made in the report.

Although it appears that there is higher interest in outdoor recreation than indoors, the emphasis in the report is strictly on the facilities. The report was criticized for not being realistic at all. A suggestion is made to sell land for private uses.

The report leaves a number of unanswered questions.

### 5.3 South Coast Transportation Authority

This item was included for informational purposes only.

### 5.4 Search for new CAO – CAs Involvement

Dennis Back is an interim solution after James Ridge's resignation.

The screening selection used when hiring James Ridge ought to be used again this time.

It was agreed that FONVCA should send a 'Thank you' letter to James Ridge. **(ACTION)**

### 5.5 Pedestrian Master Plan survey

An e-mail was sent by the DNV to only a few people about this item. It was not done through community associations. Regrettably public involvement seems to be lacking also in this case.

### 6. Any Other Business

#### 6.1 Legal Issues

##### 6.1.a - Executive Members of Community

**Associations** – A Community Association Chair should not be in a position of having a conflict of interest.

It is a fact that some associations are one-issue associations or were founded for one sole purpose.

### **6.1 b – ‘Gifts’ from developers to members of Council**

It was speculated as to what was the reason for a number of mayors’ trip to the PRC? A developer in China seemed to be showing off by inviting many mayors from B.C., which is very prestigious in China.

### **6.1 c – ‘Working Groups’ and closed meetings**

Committees should be open and not closed to the public. In West Vancouver committees have been renamed ‘Working Groups’ to apparently circumvent the open meeting requirement. The Community Charter requires that “open meetings” apply to the entire range of meetings held by local government bodies.

### **6.1 d – Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)**

Council requested staff at their April 16th meeting to give a report on TILMA regarding the possible implications. This was the reason for the late report.

## **6.2 Privacy**

Video cameras are being located into public places (e.g. on buses) and this is a concern to many.

## **6.3 Climate change**

London is leading the way in respect of climate change. The car-owners are being charged by the city for the use of the lanes by their cars.

## **7. Chair & Date of next meeting**

Next meeting: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

Next chair: Brian Platts, Edgemont Community Association