

FONVCA

Minutes May 21st 2009

Attendees

Diana Belhouse (Chair)	Save Our Shores
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric G. Andersen (Notes)	Blueridge C.A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
Councillor Mike Little attended a portion of this meeting.

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Added items:

6.3 When is RS3 not RS3?

2. ADOPTION OF APRIL MINUTES

Dan moved and Val seconded adoption of April 16th minutes with a few corrections in the spelling of some participants' names.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A letter <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2009/Re-2008-Municipal-Election-financial-disclosure-by-candidates.pdf> was sent by FONVCA to thank Mr. Gordon for posting the financial disclosure by candidates on the DNV's website.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 6 regular e-mails

Nothing to report on this item.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.1 Housing Forum

The Housing Forum was announced - it would take place the week after this FONVCA meeting.
7-9pm May 27 & 9:30am-4pm May 28 – Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre
<http://housingthenorthshore.ca/>

5.2 Ipsos-Reid Community Values Survey

IR conducted a survey, conducted for DNV in April/Early May to identify core community values, key issues, and explore future vision for next 25yrs. This info is a lead-up to the upcoming OCP

discussions. The questions asked by Ipsos-Reid are not known at this point (other than the participants).
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1002&a=4413>

5.3 West Vancouver Community Focus

The District of West Vancouver has posted an excellent overview of their community survey responses on their website.

<http://www.westvancouver.ca/Level3.aspx?id=13450>

5.4 Public Risk of Greenhouse Gases

<http://www.pollutiononline.com/nl/777553/733151>

<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/aggi/>

was attached and it was recommended to read this article by the Environmental Protection Agency in the USA.

5.5 OCP Rountable - Volunteers

After a healthy discussion it was decided that Dan Ellis would apply to be on the District's OCP committee as a member at large, whereas Corrie Kost (albeit missing the first meeting due to a trip out of town) would apply to be FONVCA's representative. This is the committee that will take measures to engage the public in the OCP process.

Terms of Reference and Public Engagement Charter can be found at <http://dnv.org/article.asp?c=1073>

Since the existing OCP is the broad **vision** for the future of DNV (page 1-1 and 2-1 of the Nov 1991 Plan and also of the 1996 Draft OCP).

it was agreed that there definitely seems to have been a vision in the past 1991 OCP and 1996 OCP draft, so it is incorrect to infer that there is a lack of vision in the current OCP.

5.6 Snow: Parking Restrictions for Dec-Feb

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/1190359.pdf

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2009/snow-feedback.pdf>

The issue of snow removal was discussed after a recent workshop held by Council.

It was agreed that the snow this winter was totally uncharacteristic for Vancouver and is not expected to be repeated every year.

This past winter problems, especially of plowing streets were exacerbated by cars being left (often abandoned) on streets preventing proper snow plowing. Would more enforcement be helpful?
Topics considered included:

Should vehicles be registered in order to allow any overnight parking on public street? If so, what should be the accompanying fee?

Will more **sidewalk** clearing equipment become available in the future? Currently sidewalk are covered by snow plowed from the street driving lanes.

Would midnight-6am parking restrictions work with alternative days (even house numbers for even days, odd number houses for odd days of month)?

5.7 Strategic Planning by NV RCMP

The request for presentation to FONVCA on June 18th was approved (max ~ 30 minutes). Contact: Media Relations Officer (Marlene) 604-983-7433
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2009/Strategic%20Plan%20for%20the%20North%20Vancouver%20RCMP.pdf>

5.8 Khazzoom-Brookes Postulate

The economists, Khazzoom and Brookes, claim that increased efficiency tends to lead to increased consumption. Although it may sound absurd it would appear to be a truism and reference was given to the article about this postulate on Wikipedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khazzoom-Brookes_postulate

For example: "increased energy efficiency paradoxically tends to lead to increased energy consumption." Thus, in this regard, the road to hell may well be paved with good intentions!

5.9 Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping Our Future

Eric gave a brief report after this meeting he attended on May 13th.

A number of motherhood statements were made at the meeting by Metro Vancouver and the extremely limited audience was asked to vote on whether control should remain with local councils or whether more control should be granted to Metro Vancouver. An amazingly optimistic prediction of increase in public ridership was also made by Metro Vancouver (going from 11 to 30% by 2040 – which seems inconsistent with stagnation at 11-12% over past 10 years).

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Three legal issues were briefly discussed:

a) Requirement to allow overnight camping in local parks for the homeless if availability of local shelters are inadequate.

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2009/winter/winter2009-2.html>

b) Local Government have a duty to consult First Nations. More details can be found at

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2009/winter/winter2009-3.html>

c) Municipalities have a duty to reduce Natural Hazards

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2008/fall/fall2008-1.html>

Basically, if municipalities know of hazards within their jurisdiction these should be mitigated to reasonable standards.

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) FONVCA.COM added to FONVCA.ORG?

An offer to expand the usual website fonvca.org to include fonvca.com was rejected by the members – it provided minimal benefit for the extra \$20 annual cost. We will keep the original website only.

b)When is RS3 not RS3?

A discussion was held on RS3 zoning after that this issue had been brought up at a Public Hearing for a development on Dollarton Highway waterfront earlier in the month. The discussion centered on the fact that the application involved the subdivision of three large lots into 6 bare land strata lots and one fee simple lot.

Corrie expressed concerns at the public hearing that the proposed bare land strata subdivision approach may have a larger impact in other areas of the District and he queried the sizing of the various lots and noted that they are lower than the minimum required amounts allowed (although the average met the minimum required lot size). It also seems to circumvent the disallowance of "pan-handle" lots. At the time of the Public Hearing he had urged council to consider the implications for the rest of the community and seek clarity on bare land strata subdivisions before proceeding. Nevertheless, the Public Hearing had closed with Council expressing limited interest in the points he brought up.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:00pm Thursday June 18th 2008

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.