

FONVCA

Minutes May 26th 2011

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Attendees

Dan Ellis (Chair) Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost EUCCA
Cathy Adams Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen Blueridge C.A.
Brian Platts (notes w. Corrie) EUCCA
Katherine Fagerlund Deep Cove C.A.
Jai Jadhav Capilano Gateway Assoc.

Regrets: Val Moller; John Hunter; K'nud Hille

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

3.0 FONVCA link to blog sites

6.2 added items:

- m) Drinking Water Managements Plan
- n) DNV Population census history
- p) Emails re: defn of Coach House
- q) Public Hearing used to block communications

Note: Items marked with * are mainly for information and usually involved little or no discussion by the members present.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/minutes-apr2011.pdf>

Minutes approved as circulated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.0 Link to CGA Blog web site

Cathy moved that "Consistent with the existing FONVCA policy on the posting of correspondence, that FONVCA elects to not link to the Capilano Gateway Association blogsite, on the FONVCA website". All present spoke to this issue multiple times. A motion to table this motion until discussion of item 6.1(a) was carried.

After discussion of 6.1 (a), consideration of the tabled motion of item 3.0 resumed. After further discussion, including discussion of a replacement motion, the tabled motion was defeated.

A follow-up motion, "To remove links to all the DNV recognized associations (which have a web site)" was then discussed. It was felt that a pre-existing FONVCA

web site link pointing to the DNV collection of recognized associations and those with web sites, was sufficient to meet the needs of FONVCA members. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.1(a) Code of Conduct for FONVCA Meetings

Submitted by Diana Belhouse:

A representative of a community association must discharge their duties to their association, the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations, members of the public, and to fellow representatives of other community associations with integrity.

Integrity is defined as soundness of moral principle, especially in relation to truth and fair dealing, uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.

A representative must act honestly and in good faith with the best interests of the F.O.N.V.C.A. and refrain from impugning the character of any representative.

All members of the F.O.N.V.C.A. are expected to demonstrate the highest standard of behavior towards other members. A representative may be suspended or expelled for conduct toward another representative which breaches this standard.

After discussion the members agreed that such a motion be forwarded ASAP to all FONVCA member organizations for their endorsement.

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution-continued

We will continue to monitor this situation. Corrie to provide at a future FONVCA meeting results of a refresh request to council and/or give history of past requests if available.

Due to prior commitment Diana Belhouse left at this time (~ 9pm)

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 12 regular e-mails

No discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

4.3 Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

A period of roughly 30 minutes for association members to exchange information of common concerns.

- A) <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/Handicap%20curb%20drop%20on%20Curling%20to%20Belle%20Isle%20Place%20pathway.pdf> - by Doug Curran –attached to full package
- B) http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/Doug_Curran_10may2011.pdf - Use of CGA blog site – by Doug Curran – attached to full package

The items A) & B) were outlined but not discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.0 Comments by Eric Andersen

Eric referred to May 9th input to council by Doug Curran http://204.239.10.178/ramgen/council/2011/05/09/public_input.smil in which he allegedly impugns the reputation of all community associations. After three attempts by Eric, Doug refused to release the correspondence to council that he had sent to council prior to May 9th as per his own presentation to council that night.

Jai acknowledged this to be an error in judgment – Doug should first have brought any concerns to FONVCA. Eric stated that “When people have a substantial public voice, that voice should be used carefully and with consideration of others”

5.1 Review of Public Hearing on OCP

5.2 Age Friendly Cap/Marine Plan

Letter from Lions View Seniors – Doug Curran http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2011/18apr-to/Doug_Curran_2may2011.pdf
No discussion of this item.

5.3 New Low Road Project in NV

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2009OTP0058-000553-Attachment1.htm

Corrie, who had attended a meeting on this issue, pointed out that although beneficial to the greater community, including DNV, there were concerns from immediate CNV residents – mostly increased noise from the proposed re-aligned road.

5.4 No Municipal Electoral Reform

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/news/4680701/story.html>
<http://www.citycaucus.com/2009/11/bramham-continues-series-on-municipal-electoral-reform>
<http://www.citycaucus.com/2009/10/american-donors-to-civic-campaigns-get-double-whammy>
<http://www.citycaucus.com/2009/08/eric-mang-on-municipal-finance-reform>

http://www.timescolonist.com/story_print.html?id=4658410&sponsor=
Requirement of citizens to enforce municipal campaign expenditures, as well as some 30 changes recommended by the Local Government Elections Task Force remain unchanged till at least 2014 municipal elections.

5.5 Questions for 2011 Municipal Election

Start to gather input for the “Top 10 Questions” see http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2011/18apr-to/John_Hunter_12may2011.pdf
Note: 2011 Civic Election is Saturday Nov 19/2011 with Advance Voting on Monday Nov 14th

All FONVCA members are urged to submit their potential list of questions that FONVCA will submit to all candidates to fonvca@fonvca.org.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

a) Code of Conduct for FONVCA Meetings

Diana Belhouse to table a proposal. This was discussed in relation to agenda item 3.0

b) Regulation of Wood-Burning Fireplaces

Reference to a 2006 Environment Canada Model Municipal Bylaw: http://www.ec.gc.ca/air/975A1778-B583-4E2A-9369-81800C3AC8C2/Model_By-Law.pdf (only pages 1-6 of this 50 page report was attached to the full package). **The sample bylaw illustrated on page 41-47 of the report should assist municipalities interested in proposing such a bylaw.**

c) Freedom to criticize local governments

Case involve Union Bay Improvement District
http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=4730268&sponsor=

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/Tiny%20town%20runs%20up%20huge%20bill%20suing%20a%20taxpayer.pdf>

“When a government is criticized, its recourse is in the public domain, not the courts”. “In a 2009 case, the B.C. Supreme court ruled that the City of Powell River had no legal right to sue citizens for defamation – or even threaten citizens with lawsuits – for saying disparaging things about their own government” – Dixon vs. Powell River
<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/09/04/2009BCSC0406.htm>

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

*a) Municipal Recycling Statistics

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=4702694&sponsor=
DNV waste diversion was 53%, the best muni was Port Moody at 61%, Metro average was 49%

*b) Urban Agriculture/Gardens

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/DiscussionPaper_UA%20in%20City%20of%20North%20Vancouver.pdf 12 pages attached.
<http://www.ruaf.org/>
<http://www.cnv.org/c/data/3/659/Discussion%20Paper%20-%20A%20Healthy%20Planet.pdf> (pages 1-8 only attached)

*c) Water Governance

http://www.watergovernance.ca/factsheets/pdf/FS_Water_Use.pdf
Note that residential use is a small % of overall water use in Canada.

*d) Low Trust in RCMP

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/news/4674128/story.html>
Article speaks for itself.

*e) CAA Policy Statement on Transportation

http://www.caa.ca/documents/CAA_Statement_Policy_2008-09_E_Final.pdf (first 22 pages only)
Useful survey/results of CAA members in 2008-2009 report.

*f) The hunt for more Casinos

http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/tricitynews/news/120320224.html
The “addiction”, so far rejected by DNV, continues.

***g) Closing North Shore's Waste Loop**

<http://www.bclocalnews.com/news/120393869.html>

Integrated Resource Recovery (IRR) being explored for NS.

***h) Developers push new zoning's envelope (Marine Dr.)**

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=4631837&sponsor=

The C9 zoning, adopted in 2007, has seen some significant unexpected variances.

***i) BC Boosts NV Hydrogen**

<http://www.nsnews.com/technology/boosts-hydrogen/4815656/story.html?id=4815656>

The \$870k grant will fund a small (1200Kg/day) hydrogen liquefaction plant in Maplewood.

***j) Ban Skateboards from roads**

<http://www.nsnews.com/sports/skateboards+from+roads/4763986/story.html>

Corrie noted that he has encountered skateboarders on Queens Rd coming home at night from Council meetings.

***k) Battle lines drawn in fight to preserve industrial lands**

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/smart-shift/fp/4795095/story.html>

*l) Other Misc. articles of interest – see collection at

www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/

***m) Drinking Water Management Plan**

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/planning/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/planning/Documents/DraftDrinkingWaterManagementPlan.pdf>

To be brought back in future for further consideration.

*n) History of DNV Population according to Census Canada

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/dnv-population-projections-b.pdf>

Attached graph, showing Canada Census figures of DNV population from 1951 to 2006 does not appear to support (assuming a consistent “undercount”) the projected population growth (20,000) for DNV by ~ 2030. The 2011 Canada Census, currently underway, may shine more light to this issue.

***p) Emails re: Definition of a Coach House**

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2011/RE_%20DNV%20definition%20of%20a%20Coach%20House.pdf

The distributed pair of emails from DNV staff may assist in defining what a “coach house” is, or will be.

***q) Public Hearings used to block further communications**

<http://metrovanwatch.wordpress.com/learning-centre/legal-opinion-use-of-public-hearing-to-block-communication/>

The article illustrates that there is no law which explicitly forbids councilors from communicating with the public about the matter of a closed public hearing before it is adopted. It may, however, be prudent, not to undertake such communications.

Corrie noted that the District of North Vancouver had just completed (closed) a public hearing on their Official Community Plan on May 17/2011. During the public hearing the Mayor & Council never once informed the public that we may perhaps not speak to the already closed hearings on Regional Growth Strategy. So it seems that when public

hearings collide there are no such (or at least different) constraints.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 16th 2011

Chair: Eric Andersen Blueridge C.A.

Note: Council last meets on Monday July 11th and after a summer break resumes Monday August 29

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:30PM.