

FONVCA

Minutes of February 19th 2004

Attendees:

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| Val Moller (Chair) | Lions Gate N.A. |
| Brian Platts | Edgemont C.A. |
| Chris Boulton | Pemberton Heights C.A. |
| Maureen Bragg | Save Lynn Canyon Park |
| Cathy Adams | Lions Gate N.A. |
| Corrie Kost | Edgemont C.A. |
| David Knee | Norgate Park C.A. |
| Hugh Murray | Lower Capilano C.R.A. |
| Dan Ellis | Lynn Valley C.A. |
| Diana Belhouse | Delbrook C.A. |
| Eric Andersen | Blueridge C.A. |

Meeting started 7:11pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Amendments - Chris Boulton Pemberton Heights C.A. to be added to Jan 15th attendees and Eric Andersen was absent. Moved/seconded by Brian / Cathy – carried unan.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Shirtsleeves meeting with Council

As no topics had been presented to date, by the Mayor, it was decided that FONVCA would make a proposal for the topic(s) for the shirtsleeve session. There was a lengthy discussion on what topic should be discussed at the meeting. Councilor Crist was the only Council member to have suggested a topic (http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Ernie_Crist_14feb2004.pdf). However, it was the general consensus that sending a copy of FONVCA's mandate to all council members would probably answer most of his suggestions.

FONVCA suggested the following topic:

What overarching theme would best characterize the vision of DNV in 2020. Issues for consideration might include (but not be limited to)

- Environment
- Transportation
- Densification
- Taxes

James Ridge is to be invited to the meeting. The Chair will be Dan Ellis. Meeting at District Hall to start 7pm Wednesday March 3 2004.

3.2 Review e-mail postings

In response to a suggestion by James Ridge at the FONVCA meeting of January 15th it was decided to review our policy (once again) with reference to censoring "offensive" postings. It will be FONVCA's policy (which has been informally adhered to in the past) that emails received, which may be offensive to a named third party, will not be posted unless the email was also copied to that third party. This would allow the third party to request that the email be withdrawn from being posted if they felt it was offensive. Such requests would then be dealt with at the next FONVCA meeting.

3.3 Northlands

As a result of the recommendations made by the Northlands Review Committee, council is being asked to

endorse a revised Tendering Policy (http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Report_s/383042.pdf) Although it was felt that much of the policy was acceptable, there were some concerns expressed, the principal one being that the \$50,000 threshold was felt to be too high. Multiple bids were felt to be appropriate for amounts above about \$5,000.

The sentencing by the courts for the Northlands affair is to take place March 12th 1:30 p.m. Results will be reported at the March 17th FONVCA meeting.

3.4 Translink

Monday evening's Special Council Meeting of February 23rd will discuss Translink's funding. FONVCA had previously sent TRANSLINK a letter on this issue (http://www.fonvca.org/2004/12jan-to/Brian_Platts_26jan2004.pdf). There is to be a 60 minute period provided for public input.

3.5 G.V.R.D. – Charging fees.

Marvin Hunt responded to FONVCA'S letter of December 14th (http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/15dec-to/Brian_Platts_14dec2003b.pdf). Satisfaction was expressed by Mr. Hunt's response that "as a result of your communication, we have internally reviewed our approach and have decided to move towards a system of voluntary contributions from attendees rather than a fee. We certainly hope that you and your members will take advantage of next year's speakers program. Thanks again for providing your views"

4 CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails –

Corrie reviewed some of the 52 new e-mails. Many of the arising issues are dealt with at this meeting.

4.2 Non-posted e-mails – None this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 District Technology Usage Policy

Much of this topic was discussed in 3.2 when FONVCA reviewed its policy of e-mail postings. Some members felt that misleading and or incorrect information can be at least as "offensive" as inappropriate language.

5.2 Yard trimmings Collection Program

No discussion – material provided for information.

5.3 Un-dedicating Parks

The changes introduced by the current Community Charter now allows for the un-dedication of parks previously dedicated by referendum, without necessitating a referendum. The "approval" may, at council's discretion, be by assent (referendum) or a counter-petition notification. Brian to write a letter to Council requesting that: **Council approve a policy/bylaw that will require a referendum to un-dedicate a park which has been previously been dedicated by a referendum.**

5.4 Strategic Business Plan 2004

James Ridge (District CAO) presented to council his Strategic and Business Plan 2004 (http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/389151.pdf) "Signature" theme being sought. Community input (Council workshop) is scheduled for March 12th 2004. There were some questions on what the format will be.

Community consultations (format unknown) are also scheduled for April 5-16th 2004 for a 2020 vision.

5.5 2004 - 2008 Financial Plan Adopted

Unlike prior years the financial plan was only a “workbook” and so the public was presented with very little comparable information, leaving many questions still unanswered. The plan was adopted (in what appeared to some in haste) on Feb 9th 2004, well ahead of the deadline of May 14th 2004. Indications are that overall taxes will increase 4.9% with 2004-2008 projections indicating a further increase (including inflation) of 16%. Reserve funds also appear to be dwindling and \$8,220,000 was being taken from “physical asset disposition proceeds” – which was interpreted (by FONVCA) as Heritage Funds. See http://www.dnv.org/pload/documents/Council_Reports/388546.pdf

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues to think about-

Nothing serious (or was there?) this month.

6.2 Val – suggested that a reminder be sent to all of the Community Associations **to attend the shirtsleeve meeting 7.p.m. on Wednesday March 3rd 2004.**

7 CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Hugh Murray, of Lower Capilano Res. Association
Tel: 604-987-4240

7:00 p.m. Thursday Mar 18th 2004 at District Hall

Meeting adjourned 9.18 p.m.