

# FONVCA

## Minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup> 2005

### Attendees:

David Knee Norgate Park CA (**Chair – Pro Tem**)  
John Miller Lower Capilano C.R.A.  
Diana Belhouse Delbrook CA  
Val Moller Lions Gate NA  
Brian Platts Edgemont CA  
Corrie Kost Edgemont CA  
Eric Andersen Blueridge CA  
Maureen Bragg Save Lynn Canyaon Park  
Hugh Murray Lower Capilano Community RA  
Herman Mah Pemberton Heights CA  
Allan Orr Seymour C.A.

Jenny Knee – Notetaker

Guest Speaker:

Betty Griffin N. S. Chapter Council of Canadians

Meeting Started at 7:10pm

### 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

- Move 5.4 (Betty Griffen on sale of Lions Gate Hospital Lands) as first issue.
- Add 6.2 Miscellaneous Council items

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

The minutes move/seconded by Brian/Val were approved.

#### 5.4

Betty gave out a presentation package and spoke re: the sale of the Lions Gate lands and is looking for support for a public forum on health issues for the North Shore. There is an agenda item re: location of a hospice at Council Meeting Monday 21 - Corrie will speak to that issue and suggested that Betty and other organizations speak at the public input (7-7:30pm) of the council meeting.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 Shirtsleeves meeting:** Brian reported for Cathy - 26 April - clerk's office has been asked to get a topic from council and our topic will be discussed at March FONVCA meeting.

**3.2 2005 - 2009 DNV Financial Plan** - Corrie reported Council has cancelled installing 'pay parking' in parks. To compensate for the projected income - this will increase taxes from 3.5% to 3.66% (about \$2/household) and take

\$100k from council reserves which will then have a balance of \$375,000.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

**4.1 Business arising from 97 regular emails** – 72 being on the Mountain Biking issue. Brian commented that the FONVCA website is 'out there' in the Mountain Bike world.

#### 4.2 Non-posted letters

There were 6 – with all authors agreeing with them not being posted.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Sharing attendance at Budget meetings** - Corrie and others thought these meetings were too early (5pm) for public participation and a motion was proposed -

Motion - To suggest to council that any future financial/special meetings start at 7:00pm during the week or on Saturday - Eric/John. Passed unanimously. Brian will write a letter.

There was also a request that the load of attending budget meeting be shared among FONVCA members. Dave will attend financial meeting Tuesday 22 at 5:00 pm.

#### 5.2 Lonsdale Citizen Association – see

<http://www.tlca.ca> -Corrie reported that this association and others had acquired a 10 minute public input period at beginning of City of North Vancouver Council Meetings, maximum 5 - 2 minute presentations, this for a 6 week trial period. They are also looking for help on how to organize All Candidates Meetings. Brian is to post his notes on the FONVCA web site – **ACTION**.

**5.3 Report on CCA - CNV meeting** - Corrie gave a report...

**5.4 See presentation above**

**5.5 Pay Parking - see 3.2**

**5.6 Encroachments on Highway and Municipal property** - Corrie reported Council passed motion for 2.5% on bare land uses and an additional 2 1/2% if there were buildings on it.

The bottom line is we hope the district makes more money than under the previous conditions. This remains to be determined. It was felt many members of council do not understand the fine print on the agreement – such as – the assessments being based on District average – not the assessment of the actual property.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**6.1 Legal Issues:** Corrie referred to references in the agenda – especially noting limitations on district powers to curb development in hazardous areas.

**6.2 Miscellaneous Council items** - Council still seems to violate/misunderstand the 40 foot height restrictions for flat roofed buildings by allowing higher flat roofed structures – reasoning that they are still lower than the permitted 46 foot pitched roofs.

Council members are no longer allowed to ask questions of the public at **public hearings**. Their questions must be put in writing – for submission until after almost all public input completed. Corrie observed this as cumbersome and not very satisfactory. Public input is curtailed to an initial 5 minutes per speaker but they have unlimited time at subsequent additional input. Ironically the first public input was by the developer – lasting some 45 minutes.

Definition of a **'town house'** needs to be clarified as the legal definition is not in line with common definition expected by community.

**DCC charges** are not keeping pace with increased property values. In particular, the price of providing more parkland as a result of densification is outpacing DCC income.

**Marine Drive Improvement** Committee meeting Tuesday 22nd Feb to finalize the presentation to council 28th Feb. before then going to a public meeting.

**Community Policing** issue - since Lynn Valley office has been relocated to an obscure location usage has fallen off. The space proposed for the Seymour/Parkgate CPC to accommodate community police, seems larger than required, 1000 - 1500 sq. ft. was felt as more than adequate in the current model.

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Next Meeting February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

**Chairperson, Herman Han – Pemberton Heights**

**C.A.**  
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Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.