



**FONVCA AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Chair:** Cathy Adams – Lion Gate N.A.

Telephone: 604-987-8695

Email: cathyadams@shaw.ca

Regrets: Eric Andersen

**1. Order/content of Agenda**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2007/minutes-feb2007.pdf>

**3. Old Business**

**3.1 Reply to FONVCA letter re: Windstorm Relief**

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2007/windstorm-reply.pdf>

**3.2 Council/FONVCA Shirtsleeve Mtg.**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> confirmed.** - Cathy Adams

See <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2007/shirtsleeve.pdf>

- topics?

**4. Correspondence Issues**

**4.1 Business arising from 2 regular emails:**

**4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period**

**4.3 Letter: Dangerous Chemicals/Transport**

Corrie to distribute material.

**5. New Business**

**Council and other District issues.**

**5.1 Public Hearing Process:** Was closure of Marine Dr. Improvement Strategy Public hearing legal?

– Corrie Kost

& comments by Cathy Adams and Paul Tubb

**5.2 Waterfront Park at Lowry Lane** – update by Maureen Bragg

**5.3 Translink – problems with proposed structure** - Corrie Kost

[http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Corrie\\_Kost\\_9mar2007.pdf](http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Corrie_Kost_9mar2007.pdf)

**5.4 Comparing Municipal Taxes:** Are the difficulties real or a smokescreen? – Corrie

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2007/comparing-taxes.pdf>

**5.5 Erosion of Democracy**

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2007/erosion.pdf>

By Corrie Kost

**6. Any Other Business**

**6.1 Legal Issues**

- email etiquette – distribution of article.
- Taxes in New Orleans – article to be distributed
- Risk assessment – criteria – see
- [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/proposed\\_risk\\_assessment\\_bulletin\\_010906.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/proposed_risk_assessment_bulletin_010906.pdf)

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

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 2007**

Attachments

-List of Email to FONVCA - **ONLY NEW ENTRIES**

-request/response RE: UBCM

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS

-Cat Regulation Bylaw

-Review of Zoning Bylaw

-Securing of vehicle load bylaw

-District-wide OCP

-Snow removal for single family homes bylaw

**Correspondence/Subject Ordered by Date**  
**12 February 2007 → 11 March 2007**

LINK	SUBJECT
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Cathy_Adams_19feb2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Cathy_Adams_19feb2007.pdf</a>	Council Motions / Open Houses
<a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Corrie_Kost_9mar2007.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/12feb-to/Corrie_Kost_9mar2007.pdf</a>	Translink

For details/history see

<http://www.fonvca.org/letters/index-letters-total-mar2007.html>

# FONVCA

## Minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

Place: DNV Hall 355 West Queens Road

### Attendees:

Diana Belhouse(Chair Pro-Tem)	Delbrook C.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Lyle Craver	Mnt. Fromme R.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Our Shores
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
David Knee	Norgate C.A.
Del Kristalovich	Seymour C.A.
Bill Maurer	Seymour Valley C.A.
Lisa Thon	Fromme N.A.
Eroc Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.

Regrets: Maureen Bragg – Save Our Shores  
Val Moller – Lions Gate N.A.

Notetaker: Jenny Knee

Meeting started: 7:10pm

## 1. ORDER/CONTENTS OF AGENDA

Diana suggested moving 5.4 Purchase of 2430 Chapman Way up as there were representatives to speak to the issue. Agreed.  
6.2 Warning Notification of interest to residents

## 2. ADOPTION of Jan 18<sup>th</sup> MINUTES

Minutes were approved as circulated.

### 5.4 Purchase of 2430 Chapman Way - Bill

Maurer gave handouts and an overview of the situation. Looking for endorsement from FONVCA for the District to do what they said they would do in their letter of September 17th.

Questions & discussion followed: the consensus was that FONVCA was not comfortable endorsing this issue; our mandate is to principles and not individual cases.

Corrie suggested that a letter could be sent endorsing the principle stated in the letter of September 17th sent by DNV, and Del suggested a resolution could be reached by each association going to their members and writing individually - which was decided would be the best approach to take.

## 3. Old Business

**3.1 2007/2011 Draft Financial Plan** - Corrie suggested that the DCC's are not being used appropriately - most should go to Park expenses. He also expressed concern that none of the w/shop material has been posted on the web.

Dan commented that the true cost of disasters are being buried – need for more details of costs and where the money is coming from - Federal, Provincial, Municipal etc.

Corrie commented that it was reported by district staff that maintenance costs had skyrocketed since banning the use of pesticides.

Dave suggested that any questions we have on the financial plan be sent to the finance dept. before the next meeting.

Cathy asked about the date for the next meeting with finance dept. Lyle & Corrie will set it up.

Brian suggested that Corrie talk to Agnes with regard to posting the w/shop material on the website.

### 3.2. Request for UBCM 2006 summary -

Brian wrote the letter on Jan 28th & Agnes responded in letter of Feb 2nd that no summary would be provided but DNV would provide a link to UBCM website.

### 3.3 Council/FONVCA Shirtsleeve meeting

-not possible for May 30th - Cathy will work on another date.

Possible Issues: Funding for Rec. commission - what is the contract between the City & District?

Suggested that we review previous years topics not covered and bring issues to table for next FONVCA meetings.

Dan – chronic under funding of Parks  
-long range strategy for disasters  
-how to deal with forest's maturation  
-restructuring funding  
-democracy and advisory committees

Corrie - Sustainability  
- Natural Steps  
- Accessible/affordable housing  
- Future of our OCP's

Mayor Walton will report to council at Monday public meeting on his trip to Sweden on Sustainability.

**3.4 COSTCO** - coming up at Monday meeting - Cathy to ask the clerks office to include the link to the staff report. It is on the web main page - top right hand corner but not in the place of council package.

## 4. Correspondence Issues

**4.1 Business arising from 8 regular emails.** Variety of topics – none discussed in detail.

### 4.2 Non-Posted Letters

The 0 non-posted letters this period.

**4.3 Disaster Relief** - Brian wrote a letter (Jan 18<sup>th</sup>) to council suggesting DNV apply for Disaster

## Council & Other District Issues

### 5.1 “Input period” Procedural Change -

Dave requested a limited period to be included at each FONVCA meeting for any association to exchange information on issues that they are dealing with which other associations may have also experienced. **Decision to put it in future FONVCA agendas under Any Other Business as item 6.1**

**5.2 Port’s Taxes** - Corrie - it will create a shortfall for the DNV which will have to come out of property taxes - how much do their services really cost?

**5.3 Provincial Government Impact** - Motion **Corrie/Cathy to write a letter to MLA** requesting support in this issue (erosion of municipal tax base) - see 5.2

**5.4. See above (following 2.)**

**5.5 Municipal election signs** – council to institute 21day limit (period before municipal election in which election signs could be posted on any public properties). - **Corrie suggested 36 days, as per Local Government Act** – corresponding to the minimum time from close of municipal candidacy filing to election day- was a more viable number. Note that number of days after election to take down signs - 8 days.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 Legal Issues:

Corrie tabled to next meeting the items:

- email etiquette
- Taxes in New Orleans

### 6.2 Warning Notification of interest to

**residents** - Lisa - experienced an emergency notification today with regard to an attempted abduction - is there a similar communication through FONVCA? The only method FONVCA has is through e-mail. BLOCKWATCH has phone/email fan-out facility.

**Next meeting – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Chair:** Cathy Adams – Lions Gate N.A. Tel: 604-987-8695 [cathyadams@shaw.ca](mailto:cathyadams@shaw.ca)

Adjourned meeting at 9:10 pm

**Subject:** [Fwd: Letter from FONVCA re Windstorms]  
**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** Tue, 20 Feb 2007 10:51:50 -0800  
**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject:** Letter from FONVCA re Windstorms  
**From:** Judy Short <Judy\_Short@dnv.org>  
**Date:** Tue, 20 Feb 2007 09:13:38 -0800  
**To:** bplatts@shaw.ca  
**CC:** Jozsef Dioszeghy <Jozsef\_Dioszeghy@dnv.org>, Susan Rogers <Susan\_Rogers@dnv.org>, Mark Brown <mark\_w\_brown@dnv.org>

Mr. Platts:

In response to your email to Mayor and Council please be advised that Susan Rogers, Section Manager, Parks Planning, and Mark Brown, District Arborist will be meeting with a representative of the Tree Canada Foundation Relief Program on March 6th. They will meet on site at Cates Park before the representative goes on to Stanley Park to assess the tree situation there.

Thank you for your email; we appreciate your ongoing support in the community.

Judy Short  
Administrative Assistant  
DNV Engineering Operations  
604-990-3885

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**Federation of North Vancouver Community  
Associations (FONVCA) Meeting with Council**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Committee Room**

**Attendees: Council/FONVCA  
(Open to the Public)**

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- 1. Welcome & Opening comments:**  
The format will be similar to previous shirtsleeves meetings (Attachment A).
- 2. Discussion:**
- 3. Adjournment (approximately 9:00 p.m.)**

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**Meeting Rules & Procedures:**

1. One speaker at a time, as and when acknowledged by the Chair.
2. Questions and responses limited to one and two minutes each respectively. Rebuttal(s) only with permission of the Chair.
3. All answers and questions are "Off the Record". No minutes will be kept, but notes may be taken for personal use, i.e. when discussing the issues with Community Associations.
4. Participation is limited to one member from each community association. Additional members may be present as observers.
5. Equal time will be given to each Council member and community group in an order as chosen by the Chair. Questions and responses are limited to one opportunity per person per subject. The chair reserves the right to limit or discontinue protracted or repetitive discussion on any subject.
6. Discussion will be about issues, not individuals. No negative remarks or inferences to be made about anyone not present.
7. Community Association members will limit their discussion to District-wide/Broad impact issues. Members of Council will refrain from expounding at length on their favourite theme(s).

## Procedures for FONVCA The Federation of North Vancouver Community Association

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**Note:** "The Federation" refers to the organization named in this document. "Council" refers to the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver. "Members" are North Vancouver Community Associations meeting the Membership Criteria described below. "Representatives" are those individuals sent to a Federations meeting by a Member Association.

**Boundaries:** The Federation considers its boundaries to be those of the District of North Vancouver. Any Association partly or fully inside these boundaries is eligible for membership. Those fully inside the City of North Vancouver are welcome to join as non-voting participants.

**Mandate:** The mandate of the Federation is to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. Furthermore, the Federation is a forum for the common concerns of member associations and its purpose is to strengthen these organizations through the sharing of information and experience. Full autonomy of each Community Association is to be maintained.

**Attendees:** Each Community Association may send up to two duly authorized representatives to each meeting. One vote per Association.

**Officers:** The Federation will register with Council the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the members and will update this information when changes occur. The Chair rotates among member organizations at each meeting. The Chair of the next meeting is chosen at each meeting and this person arranges the agenda with other representatives and provides for minutes, agendas, and copies of necessary materials. The Chair will provide a general mailing address for the Federation, although representatives with specific tasks assigned by the Federation may use their own mailing addresses. The Chair arranges meeting times and places (normally District Hall on the third Thursday of each month September-June, at 7:00PM). Council will inform the Federation Chair of any other group in the described geographic area which is making representation.

**Communications:** There will be regular communications of the activities of the Federation with the member Associations through reports to these associations by their representatives. All communications between the Federation and Council will be open. The September meeting will be considered the Annual General Meeting. The Federation will provide Council with the necessary information regarding the time and place where the AGM will be held. This would be an open meeting.

**Records:** Records of the Federation will be kept.

**Members Concerns:** The process by which member Associations may bring concerns to the Federation is to ask a Representative to move that the concern be an agenda item of a Federation meeting. The Federation is not bound to discuss any issue - whether arising out of the concerns of an individual, Association, municipal staff, or Council, unless a majority of Representatives wish it. Guests may be invited to make representations to a Federation meeting if that is approved by a majority of the Representatives attending a previous meeting, or if, subsequently, two-thirds of those attending the previous meeting agree.

**Membership Criteria:** Membership is based on meeting the criteria, as outlined below, according to majority assent by the Representatives.

### FONVCA Criteria for Official Recognition of a Community Association

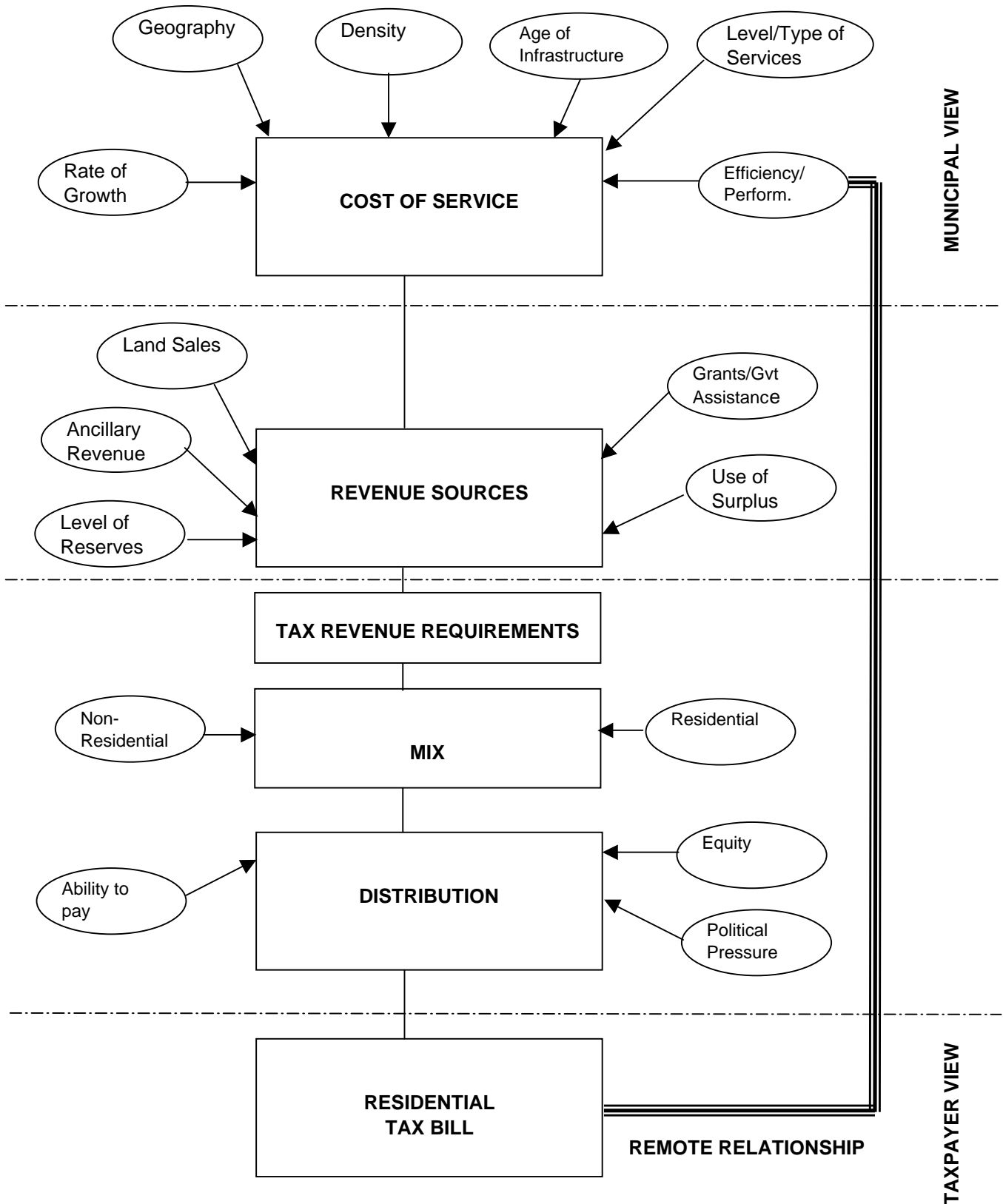
- A mandate which included improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood.
- Membership is open to all persons residing in a general geographic area described as follows.
- The Association\* will register with Council\*\* the names and phone numbers of all officers and directors and will update this information when changes occur. The Council will inform the Association of any other group in the described geographical area which is making representations.
- There will be a regular communication of the activities of the Community Association with the members.
- There must be a duly advertised and open AGM.
- Records of the Association are kept as follows...
- The process by which residents may bring concerns to the Association is as follows:

\* **Association** refers to the community Association named in the Procedures for FONVCA, the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations

\*\* **Council** refers to District of North Vancouver and/or City of North Vancouver Council as applicable.



# COMPARING BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES



Hardly anyone notices - least of all the press. Last Monday (March 5<sup>th</sup> 2007), the District of North Vancouver council took another step (well, more of a leap) towards cutting democracy out of local governance. An agenda item - up for discussion after a public hearing on the matter - was quietly - and without prior notice - placed on the "consent agenda". This rather recently adopted process allows for the rapid adoption of an agenda item without any council debate on the matter. The result in this case was that the community was robbed of any chance of hearing the reason(s) (a requirement of the Community Charter for all members of council) why each member of council voted for its passage. It was never intended to use this aspect for issues that went to a public hearing.

Then, towards the end of the meeting, an item was added to the agenda - not, as usual, for debate at the next meeting, but for debate at the current one. What's wrong with that you say? Well, the public is normally allowed input on any issue (unless it came out of a recently closed public hearing where the public has already had their say) before council. In this case such input was negated because the public was both unaware the issue was up for debate, nor was it even asked, of those few still present in the public gallery that late in the evening, if they were interested in speaking to the issue.

This is how, slowly, almost imperceptibly, people lose their democracy - a bit at a time. But does anyone care?

Corrie Kost