



FONVCA AGENDA

THURSDAY March 27th 2008

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: K'Nud Hille, Norgate C.A.

Tel: 604-980-8762 email: kshille@yahoo.com

Regrets: Herman Mah, Del Kristalovich

1. Order/content of Agenda

Add under 6.2 -Security for District recreation facilities – Hugh Murray.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Feb 21st

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2008/minutes-feb2008.pdf>

3. Old Business

3.1 Round 2 with CAO David Stuart and Finance

- Dave Sewell's budget presentation & Feedback
- Latest Financial Plan Schedule see

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=553>

- 2008-2012 Draft Financial Plan

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/2008DraftFinancialPlan.pdf

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 3 regular emails:

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

4.3 Save Our Shores Web Site

Maureen Bragg has a nice web site at

<http://www.nv-saveourshores.ca/>

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Ambulance resources:

Integration with fire halls seems a no brainer.

Efficient/effective ambulance services should be **right** for all Canadians – see for example

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Ambulance_Service

See also the Canadian Association of Emergency Physician -

<http://www.caep.ca/template.asp?id=55BC014E2506421F8A14D4FA4A8CE027>

5.2 Capilano – Seymour Water Tunnels

Latest news...silence!!!

5.3 Local or RCMP Policing?

<http://www.canada.com/northshorenews/news/story.html?id=f318d8b4-d470-470e-b465-dd02148ddc37>

<http://www.canada.com/northshorenews/news/letters/story.html?id=c790311a-9b52-4ad4-b968-18905f416312>

The point being – do not ignore consulting with the communities!!!

6. Any Other Business

6.1 No legal Issues this time...

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

Thursday April 17th 2008

Attachments

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

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS-Cat Regulation Bylaw;

District-wide OCP; Review of Zoning Bylaw; Securing of vehicle load bylaw;

Snow removal for single family homes bylaw.

Correspondence/Subject Ordered by Date
18 February 2008 → 23 March 2008

LINK	SUBJECT
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/18feb-to/Monica_Craver_22mar2008.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/18feb-to/Monica_Craver_22mar2008b.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/18feb-to/Wendy_Qureshi_6mar2008.pdf	OCP's

For details/history see

<http://www.fonvca.org/letters/index-letters-total-mar2008.html>



THURSDAY February 21st 2008

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

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Chair: Lyle Craver – Mount Fromme R. A.

Tel: 604-980-2040, email: lcraver@shaw.ca

Attendees:

Cathy Adams	Lions Gate NA
Eric Anderson	Blueridge CA
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook CA
Lyle Craver (chair)	Mt Fromme RA
Val Moller	Lions Gate NA
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano CRA
Brian Platts	Edgemont CA

Regrets: Corrie Kost, Dennis Bevington, Maureen Bragg

Meeting Convened 7:00 pm

Notetaker: None – notes kindly supplied by Lyle

1. Order/content of Agenda

The meeting was convened by the chair at 7 pm. It was decided to go directly to Mr. Stuart's presentation after adoption of the Agenda.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Jan 17th 2008

Minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Old Business

3.1 Presentation & Q/A by CAO David Stuart

Mr. Stuart noted that he had had 150 meetings in his first 20 days as Chief Administrative Officer.

Policing: Concerns were expressed about policing and use of DNV owned facilities particularly in light of the shooting at the Delbrook Recreation Centre February 10th. Questions were posed concerning the shared funding of the North Vancouver RCMP between City and District. It was noted

that the detachment has an ongoing staffing problem, which is typical of most police forces in Canada.

District Official Community Plan: Staff plans to spend as much time as possible laying the groundwork for a new District OCP in 2008 with a view to fully engaging the community as early as possible in 2009. This is to include full input from the Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) and a new District business plan currently under development.

First Nations: Mr. Stuart feels our relations are definitely getting better. He noted he had dealt extensively with the Squamish First Nation while in West Vancouver and discussed some Squamish plans re traffic issues which are currently in negotiations with DNV and DWV and are likely to continue through 2008 into 2009. He noted that the Squamish Community Plan is available on their website (www.squamish.net). He believes provincial legislation would be required to finalize the plans under negotiation likely in 2009. Other possible partnerships were discussed.

Port Lands: This is a priority both with respect to the PEC site and the area near the 2nd Narrows Bridge. This is expected to involve Federal and Provincial governments, Translink and the Port Authority with the main goal to separate car and truck traffic. A proposal to create a liaison committee with the Port Authority is to go to Council March 3rd.

Transportation: Discussions are taking place with Translink and the Federal Government concerning Capilano Road & Marine Drive and the Lions Gate Bridge bridgehead.

Parks: This is being discussed as an important part of the DNV business plan with the feeling that the Parks department is chronically underfunded. There was a consensus around the table that the tendency of CNV to underfund parks and recreation facilities has increased pressure on District facilities.

After many thanks from members Mr. Stuart left the meeting about 8:15 pm. Mr. Stuart expressed interest in another meeting with FONVCA and Brian undertook to coordinate for such a meeting.

3.2 Correspondence on closed Translink Mtgs

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/FONVCA-letter-response.pdf>

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Regular letters/emails (5) received.

The only correspondence discussed was an e-mail from the Mayor concerning Translink (see 3.2 above). "Hard"

copies of all emails were attached to agenda package. Upon review, none of the meeting attendees felt any of the e-mails needed further discussion.

4.2 Non_Posted letters – 0 this period

5. New Business

Council and other District Issues

5.1 Elected Police Boards?

<http://www.canada.com/northshorenews/news/story.html?id=acb1242a-9ce6-4ffa-8e55-92e19d4f4cd9&k=44962>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/police-boards.pdf>

It was noted that West Vancouver has worked with the Squamish First Nation on policing. It was suggested this might eventually be the core of a North Shore police force.

5.2 ICBC Stats on Vehicle Numbers

Corrie supplied the following links/data as promised at the last FONVCA meeting.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/vehicles.pdf>

Source:

<http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/growth/keyfacts/vehicles.htm>

It was noted that the increase in number of DNV/CNV vehicles was much larger than population growth.

5.3 Seylynn Public Hearing Jan 22nd

Details of the public hearing on Seylynn public hearing can be found at

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_PH/ph080122.htm

Council adopted the necessary OCP amendments Feb 4th.

5.4 CSB Public Hearing Closure of Jan 29th

Recent court rulings have indicated that council MUST allow public to comment on new information presented before the closure of any public hearing...

– thus before the Mayor/Chair asks for 3rd (and last) time if any member of the public wishes to speak all outstanding council questions must have been replied to – especially if new information results. This now seems to be the (correct) practice at public hearings.

5.5 Tools of the Trade

A useful document to refer to when reviewing the OCP is

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/tools.pdf> or
http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lgd/policy_research/library/municipal_act_tools_of_trade.pdf

These documents should be of assistance as the DNV moves to the long awaited review of the OCP.

5.6 Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

Corrie supplied some references on climate change – including his own review of the issue in the bolded second reference...

<http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/science/faq/>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/climate-change.pdf>

<http://tourismintelligence.ca/2007/11/16/compensating-your-emissions-by-planting-trees-know-the-pros-and-cons-and-the-dos-and-don%E2%80%99ts/>

5.7 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

The regulations pertaining to removal of snow and ice from DNV sidewalks can be found at

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/bylaws/7125.pdf>

It was particularly noted that they do NOT apply to single family homes.

5.8 Bylaw 7658 OCP Amendments

References were supplied to the Public Hearing on this important amendment – Streamside Protection Development Permit Areas which took place on Feb 19/2008.

Note: Items 5.2 to 5.8 were briefly reviewed for information but no action was felt necessary at this time by those present. There was a consensus by those present that these might best be dealt with as a separate agenda item “Information FYI” whenever a full discussion was not felt necessary.

5.9 DNV 2008-2012 Draft Financial Plan Schedule

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/finance/989608.html>

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=553>

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 1st at 5 pm in the DNV Committee Room (open to public – but without an input opportunity)

Note: 7pm on March 4/2008 is only real opportunity for public input.

Summary of past Financial Plan meetings

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2008/financial-plan-meetings.pdf>

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Corrie noted that the Feb 11th Workshop appeared to be setting key directions without any prior public input.

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Workshops/cw080211.htm

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/00801.pdf

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/00802.pdf

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

6.2.1 “Green Waste” It was noted that new rules for waste management had come into effect January 1st with concerns expressed about “just how far do you have to go to ‘go green’?” It was noted that District parks maintenance was being done by the Engineering Department.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting:

Thursday March 20th 2008 to be chaired by Norgate Community Association. K’nud Hille
Tel: 604-980-8762 email kshille@yahoo.com

–Meeting Adjourned ~ 9:20 pm

2008-2012 FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Date	Location	
5:00 p.m.	Monday, February 11	Committee Room	Workshop #3 cont'd. – Review of DNV Commercial Enterprises (note: this will follow immediately after Metro Vancouver Regional Growth item scheduled for 5:00 p.m.)
7:00 p.m.	Monday, February 18	Council Chamber	Regular Council Meeting - Presentation of Draft 2008-2012 Financial Plan
7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 4	Council Chamber	Public Input Meeting on 2008-2012 Draft Financial Plan
5:00 p.m.	Wednesday, March 5	Committee Room	Special Financial Plan Meeting for Budget Deliberations
5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 11	Committee Room	Special Financial Plan Meeting for Budget Deliberations (if required)
7:00 p.m.	Monday, March 17	Council Chamber	Regular Council Meeting – First 3 Readings of Financial Plan B/L
5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 18	Committee Room	Special Financial Plan Meeting for Tax Distribution Decision
7:00 p.m.	Monday, April 7	Council Chamber	Regular Council Meeting - Adoption of Financial Plan B/L
7:00 p.m.	Monday, April 21	Council Chamber	Regular Council Meeting – Introduction of Tax Rates B/L
7:00 p.m.	Monday, May 5	Council Chamber	Regular Council Meeting - Adoption of Tax Rates B/L

Updated as of January 29, 2008 – please note that this schedule is subject to change.

Municipalities launch police review

Four-month preliminary process will go to councils for review

James Weldon

North Shore News

Sunday, March 09, 2008

THE North Shore's three municipalities have launched a policing review that could be a first step toward amalgamation of their police forces.

West Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver announced Feb. 22 that they had hired consulting firm Perivale and Taylor to look at a whole range of issues relating to law enforcement here.

Operations, management, finances, and a host of other areas will be examined closely. But also on the table are potential "service delivery models" which could include a single, unified force that would combine both the North Vancouver RCMP and the West Vancouver Police Department.

"They could look at (changes) up to and including (amalgamation)," said City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto. "It doesn't mean we're going to do it."

"West Vancouver likes their police force; our community likes the RCMP," said District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton. "But the world's changing."

Amalgamation is just one possibility among many, said the mayors.

The four-month review will be overseen by a steering committee made up of municipal chief administrative officers and West Vancouver's chief constable, as well as representatives from the North Vancouver RCMP and the North Shore's First Nations.

Once the three councils have had a chance to look at the report, they will make a decision as to what steps to take in phase 2.

Whether one of those steps will be amalgamation depends on the consultant's findings.

"There are pros and cons," said Mussatto. "It's very complex."

Should the review come out strongly in favour of unification, it would still be far from a sure bet. At the very least, the councils would have to conduct extensive consultation with the community, said West Vancouver Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones.

"People would need overwhelming evidence that they would be safer," she said.

"It's a question that requires a lot of community input," said Walton. "It needs to have the support of all three."

All the mayors expressed deep hesitation about any major change.

"We pay for our police service at a higher per-capita rate . . . and we feel we get a better service for that," said Goldsmith-Jones. "I'm not remotely interested in having the RCMP patrol West Vancouver."

"Part of me says: 'It ain't broke,'" said Walton. "But the other part of me says: 'If we're providing a policing service as a local government we should look at everything.'"

"My general feeling is that we're getting a pretty darn good service," said Mussatto. "I don't hear a great cry out there for amalgamating the forces."

A more probable outcome would be increased integration in certain areas, they said. Would it be possible to consolidate the North Shore's jail cells into a single facility, for example? Could there be better intelligence-sharing across the boundary?

"We're hoping we can find some efficiencies," said Mussatto.

The report was not commissioned specifically to look at amalgamation, said the mayors. Rather, North Vancouver initiated it because it faces a decision in the near future as to whether to renew its contract with the RCMP, which expires in 2012. The review seemed like a good way to evaluate their choices, they said. West Vancouver signed on to get some insight into possible improvements to their own department.

"This came up before all that regionalization stuff," said Mussatto. "The RCMP on the ground are working very well. But are we using our dollar the best way possible?"

Phase 1 of the review should be done by July.

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Consult public as part of municipal police review

North Shore News

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to read in the March 9 issue of the North Shore News that the North Shore municipalities have engaged a consultant to undertake a review of policing in our three municipalities . It's nice to see the municipalities doing some forward planning so we won't be "jammed" to make a decision at the last moment. Congratulations!

However, I must take issue (respectfully, of course) with the statement attributed to Mayor Richard Walton that, ". . . our community likes the RCMP."

At least for me, that is not true. I have no issue with the RCMP for federal, and perhaps for provincial policing, but I have always thought they have no place in municipal policing.

A municipal police force should be answerable to the local municipality, and only to the municipality -- not to a remote authority with little or no understanding of our priorities.

Our (municipal) police officers should have an intimate and ongoing knowledge and relationship with our community. And we, especially our young people, should have a good and ongoing relationship with our police officers. That's not possible with a paramilitary federally managed force like the RCMP.

But, of course, that's my personal opinion. Others in the community may feel very differently. And that leads to my main point: public consultation about policing should take place as part of the consultant's study. It should not come only after the consultant's study has been completed, as seems to be suggested in the article.

I suspect that many in each of our communities are not as satisfied with the policing they have as some of the mayors seem to think. We, the people, are the users of police services; and any good consultant will want to deal with the expectations of the users before drawing conclusions or making recommendations for possible change.

Bill Tracey,

Seymour Crime Prevention Society chairman

North Vancouver

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Zap! Garbage Into Power? Well, It's Worth a Try

A preferred solution to our landfill crisis -- a plasma gasification plant -- seems too good to refuse

Harvey Enchin

Vancouver Sun

Saturday, February 16, 2008

METRO VANCOUVER - Zero-waste zealotry, first nations obstructionism, provincial interference and bureaucratic ineptitude have combined to create a gargantuan garbage crisis in Metro Vancouver. Simply put, we have no place to dump our debris.

After the Liberal government scuttled plans to ship solid waste to a new landfill at the Ashcroft Ranch in 2005 out of fear of aboriginal backlash, a desperate hunt ensued for a site to replace the landfill at Cache Creek, which is expected to overflow as early as next year.

Last month, the Metro Vancouver waste committee recommended abandoning the search altogether and building a central incinerator instead, tossing a decade (and about \$10 million) of planning into the trash heap. The idea of burning garbage has the greens seeing red. They fume about climate change, CO₂, NO_x, SO_x, heavy metals and particulate pollution. Bad, bad humans.

As luck would have it, there may be a solution to the dilemma that will effectively dispose of waste with minimal impact on the environment. Plasco Energy Group has pitched a proposal to build a plant using its proprietary version of plasma gasification to convert Metro Vancouver's municipal waste into energy, mainly electricity. At first, it sounds about as convincing as cold fusion, the idea that atomic particles can collide and create energy at room temperature, but Plasco has an operating plant to prove the power of plasma.

The way it works: Solid waste is fed into a brick-lined chamber where an arc between two electrodes, essentially a bolt of man-made lightning, creates a high-temperature ionized gas, which is what plasma is. The intense heat of the plasma breaks the waste down to its elemental molecules, which are reconstituted and refined into synthetic gas, a mix of hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The syngas is then used to run an internal combustion engine that generates electricity, of which 20 per cent is used to run the plant and the balance is sold into the distribution network.

A byproduct of the process is 150 kilograms per tonne of a glass-like slag that can be used in road aggregate or as a building material. Every tonne of waste also produces five kilograms of sulphur, which can be sold, and 1.3 kilograms of heavy metals and particulate, depending on how much hazardous waste, such as batteries, has been carelessly thrown into household garbage.

This explanation hardly does justice to 30 years of research and development in plasma technology as it applies to solid waste management and energy recovery. There are websites and blogs that delve into the subject, including biowaste.

blogspot.com, biomassmagazine.com and greengeek.ca.

In any case, Plasco claims that 99.8 per cent of waste throughput is converted to clean fuel and valuable byproducts in a tightly contained system that releases no contaminants into the environment. All this might be dismissed as a too-good-to-be-true fantasy if it weren't backed by one of Canada's best-known business leaders. The president and chief executive officer of Plasco is Rod Bryden, a founder of SHL Systemhouse, a computer integration company; founder of Paperboard Industries, which produced packaging from recycled paper; a co-founder and former CEO of World Heart Corp., a developer of

medical devices to combat heart failure; and, of course, former CEO of Terrace Corp., principal owner of the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club. He is also chairman of SC Stormont Inc., which assists small to mid-size Canadian businesses; and serves as a director on the boards of several companies.

Bryden is a busy guy.

What makes his story more credible is that Plasco is not a publicly traded company, so this is not a stock promotion of the sort Vancouver is famous for. It's worth mentioning that the federal and Ontario governments have put in some seed money so we've all got a stake in this project.

Bryden doesn't need Metro Vancouver. If our town doesn't bite at his proposal, there are plenty of municipalities around the world facing the pressures of mounting garbage that will.

But the offer seems too good to refuse. Plasco will build and operate the plant. It will guarantee its environmental performance, fix tipping fees for 20 years, share revenue from power sales above a negotiated threshold and will remove the plant and return the land to its original state if it fails to meet the standards agreed upon.

The commitment required from the municipality is a 2.4 hectares (six acres) for the site and a minimum of 400 tonnes of waste per day. The province is expected to support the permitting process, provide access to the grid and pay green (a euphemism for premium) power prices.

The tipping fee for the plant would range from \$65 a tonne, the current rate at Cache Creek, to \$89 a tonne and would account for about a third of total revenue, most of the rest coming from power sales.

Still, questions remain. The available data on the viability of a commercial operation comes from a single demonstration plant in Ottawa, which received its first loads of municipal solid waste in January -- and just 40 tonnes a day. That's a thin reed to support Metro Vancouver's 1.5-million-tonne-a-year garbage disposal plan.

More ominous are reports that plasma gasification plants in Germany, Australia and Japan, using a different technology than Plasco's patented process, failed to meet expectations.

Eco-freaks fear not that the plant won't work, but that it will work too well. Because it is capable of consuming any and all waste, plasma gasification may prove a disincentive to waste diversion (recycling and composting, for example), thereby throwing a wrench into their schemes of social engineering. If the public knew that municipal composting programs cost more to run than the value they produce; or that a significant portion of the contents of the blue box eventually ends up in landfills, they might be less inclined to sort and separate their garbage.

A tonne of solid waste can be converted into 1,400 kwh of electricity, which, at nine cents a kwh, represents \$126 worth of energy per tonne of garbage. Wouldn't it make more sense to pop all the garbage into the plasma gasifier to generate pricey electric power rather than wasting time categorizing it and deriving low or no value?

The bottom line appears to be this: Metro Vancouver needs a solution fast. Plasco is offering a risk-free deal to give plasma gasification a try. It has even thrown in the sweetener of a plant -- designed by Douglas Cardinal, the award-winning architect responsible for the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Que. -- that could be up and running in 18 months.

Other submissions to last year's request for proposals will take longer to bring on stream and none can claim the minimal environmental impact of Plasco's plasma plant.

A few of our civic officials are off to Ottawa soon to kick the tires at Plasco's facility. When they return, they should be ready to give plasma a test drive.

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Secret deals are detrimental

February 14, 2008

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing some of the previous protests of Summerland voters against our council's Head and Ears in the Sand policy regarding development proposals.

Summerland council routinely receives major construction proposals from developers and then follows the law by running these proposals past staff, the SCEDT and through some of its advisory committees.

Once that's accomplished, things become a little more murky, as far as the ordinary citizen can tell. After one or more so-called "public input meetings" organized by the developer or council, the discussion on the proposal regularly goes underground. The four ingenious reasons for this secrecy are: 1) councils have always dealt with development proposals behind closed doors, 2) the proposal is too complicated to explain to the general public, 3) it would take too long to make the public understand what this is all about and 4) the law allows us to work in secret.

Regarding points 1, 2 and 3, these points would be quite valid if someone had shown that councils are always smarter than the public that elects them. There is no proof of that.

As to point 4, to my legally untrained mind, it seems that the law favours closed sessions only when openness would be detrimental to the interests of the municipality. In the two cases before council, the Summerland Hills golf course and the Wharton Street development, the opposite applies. It's the secrecy about these deals that's detrimental to the interests of the municipality because, as Pat Carney has quipped, "secrecy breeds suspicion, and suspicion breeds fear." In our cases, the fear is that council will make deals with the developers without having acknowledged or taken into consideration the widespread opposition to these development in their present form.

If there had been an open dialogue, we would have had a chance to explain why so many Summerlanders are against the Wharton Street development and why they have not staged any loud protests.

The need for the sale of public land to the developer and the excessive heights are only two of the reasons.

My personal fear is that we may see a repeat of the messy Summerland Hills approval process during the next debate on the Wharton Street issue: a certain pro-development councillor will get up again and claim that "we are now committed to the developers" and can not demand any longer that they change their plans.

Our CEO, meanwhile, will assure us again that we'll have many more chances for (useless) "public input," knowing full well what has or has not happened in response to our previous input.

Look up, council, show some accountability and let's have an open public debate on all public issues, including your commitment to the next OCP and, after that, to Wharton Street.

Juergen Hansen

Summerland

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