

FONVCA MINUTES

Thursday, February 19th, 2009

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Paul Tubb, Pemberton Heights C.A.

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Members Present:

Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Paul Tubb (Chair)	Pemberton Hts. C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Lyle Craver	Mt. Fromme R.A.

Guests: Fiona Walsh and Joan Peters - observers from Grand Blvd Ratepayers R.A.

John Gilmour and Grant Botto, Lynn Valley C.A. giving a presentation on Olympic celebration plans and the North Vancouver segment of the Torch Relay

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Order/content of Agenda

Item 5.2 was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

5.2 Olympic Celebration Site and the Torch Relay in North Vancouver

John Gilmour gave an extensive presentation regarding celebrations to take place throughout the 17day period of the Olympics, at the Lynn Valley Library plaza. Planning is underway for events that would utilize a covered stage and a giant screen at this outdoor venue. It is envisioned as a gathering place for the community during the Olympics. Specific artists and events are not booked, but a business plan has been prepared by the committee and has just gone to Mayor and Council. There are many steps to go through and there are many opportunities to participate and volunteer, including various committees that will be formed to take on specific aspects and tasks. A significant amount of fundraising needs to be done for this series of events.

Grant Botto is the volunteer chairperson for the Olympic Torch Relay in North Vancouver. The relay goes through our municipality on February 10th, and it's anticipated that it will be a high profile event, since the start of the Olympics will be just a couple of days later. Grant outlined some of the planning for the relay, and distributed detailed packages of information on the relay. There is lots of information about the Torch Relay available on several websites as well. Plans are underway for a big celebratory event at the Lynn Valley Library midday, with the torch's arrival being the highlight. The will be signage along the route, and

opportunities to participate in the relay itself, or as a volunteer along the route (which will be announced in June).

Correction: The torch celebration will be held in the parking lot of Lynn Valley Centre mall. Stage running parallel to Lynn Valley Road. The Celebration Site (for 17 days) will be held at the plaza by the library.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Jan 15th

Change on item 6.2. The proposal by Larco for the former winter club site in Lions Gate is for buildings up to 12 stories, and over 400 units total. Moved by Dan Ellis, Seconded by Diana Belhouse, and carried, to approve the minutes as amended.

3. Old Business

February 11th budget meeting for community associations and District staff. At this meeting, Rick Danyluk gave a presentation, and Dave Stuart and Councillor Mike Little were also in attendance. The meeting was fairly well attended and was thought to be very informative and productive. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session. Rick promised to give us a copy of his presentation - Corrie will follow up, and distribute it once he has it. It was agreed that FONVCA would send a thank you to Rick Danyluk, Dave Stuart and Nicole Deveaux, and copied to Mayor and Council.

-ACTION ITEM

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 3 regular emails:

a) Concerns were expressed about the use of DNV residential streets and trails for a commercial bike race in June. This would be the first day of a multi day race. There was a question about what the financial benefit would be to the District. This will be posted in correspondence to District staff, and reported back to FONVCA.

b) Questions about closed meetings of council, and whether they are being publicized in accordance with the Community Charter. A letter has been sent by Corrie on this issue to District staff, and we will see whatever response comes back. In the meantime, anyone who becomes aware of in camera meetings not held in accordance with the rules for such meetings, should document that information.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Council Open and Closed Meetings

Mostly dealt with under 4.1 (b) above – see http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2009/Corrie_Kost_14feb2009.pdf Corrie reviewed the of Community Charter requirements http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20C%20--/Community%20Charter%20%20SBC%202003%20%20c.%2026/00_Act/03026_04.xml#part4_division3 and how they were recently changed in Ottawa to allow for closed meetings that did not “materially advance” towards any council decisions. There an

Ombudsman examined any question of propriety (as opposed to court action in BC)
http://www.ottawa.ca/city_hall/mayor_council/accountability/meetings_en.html

5.2 Olympic celebration site and torch relay in North Vancouver:

Dealt with at beginning of meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues –

- a) **Freedom of information.** This website: http://fipa.bc.ca/government_records/ was brought to our attention. The Freedom of Information and Privacy Association's website has lots of information and advice on how to request government records and other issues related to freedom of information, etc.
- b) **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for B.C.** www.oipcbc.org is another valuable site for this area of interest
- c) **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** for related legislation: [http://www.oipcbc.ca/legislation/FIPPA/Freedom_of_Information_and_Protection_of_Privacy_Act\(May2008\).htm](http://www.oipcbc.ca/legislation/FIPPA/Freedom_of_Information_and_Protection_of_Privacy_Act(May2008).htm)
- d) **Landmark court rulings for open electronic records** <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2009/Landmarkcourt-ruling-159814478830.pdf>
- e) http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Freedomofinformationact **US President Barack Obama** has made a declaration to his department heads in support of the Freedom of Information Act

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

- a) **Local solutions for B.C. municipalities** – Eric Andersen gave a brief report on a meeting he attended earlier in February, which was organized by CUPE on the topic of public services in B.C. and how to boost local economies
- b) **Building Character and leadership** – a website on the issues of ethics, integrity and morality <http://wwwFOUNDATIONSmag.com/links.html>
- c) **George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior** - <http://wwwFOUNDATIONSmag.com/civility.html> an interesting paper written when he was 16 years old
- d) **Atmospheric CO2 – a paper for Scientists.** Corrie gave a talk to a seniors' computer group in West Vancouver on Community Computing (@home

projects) in which he also discussed how human activities are altering Earth's atmospheric composition. <http://www.fonvca.org/community-computing/feb2009n.pdf> is a link to Corrie's paper and notes written for the presentation.

e) Environmental Victory - a defeat for Science

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2009/a-defeat-for-science.pdf>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2009/Perspectives-31oct2008.pdf> is information about the devastating effects the ban on pesticides will have on Africa

f) Comments on 2009 Draft Financial Plan

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2009/Comments-by-kost-on-2009-draft-financial-plan.pdf>
A few members of FONVCA have been attending the Budget meetings and have given input to Council. Eric Andersen gave an alarming perspective on how high property taxes will go over the next couple of decades, if the current trend of yearly increases continues!

g) Smithers – this links to Smithers' new 150page OCP

<http://www.town.smithers.bc.ca/pdfs/ds/alison%20changes/OCP%20Draft.pdf>

A 10 page OCP document, described as a worthy goal for North Vancouver District by one or more of our politicians, is probably not achievable, nor desirable. The community engagement stage for our new OCP is coming soon.

h) Lyle Craver let those attending know that the following evening Lynnmour Elementary would hold its annual "trivia night". It's an entertaining fundraiser for the school.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.