

# FONVCA

## Minutes January 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

### Attendees

K'nud Hille(Notes)	Norgate Park C.A.
Diana Belhouse(Chair)	Save Our Shores
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.

**Guest Speaker:** David Stuart, CAO of the DNV  
The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Regrets: Paul Tubb, Del Kristalovich

### 1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm  
Added 2minute issues (a-e) as distributed in updated agenda.

### 2. Adoption of Minutes of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2010/minutes-nov2009.pdf>  
Adopted as circulated.

### 5.1 Moved and carried to start with: Conversation with DNV CAO David Stuart:

#### Policing for the North Shore:

- Similar to review that was done in Richmond
- There are 8 ways to go -the 3 Councils have looked at it – some issues were local – some were structural issues
- Province appears to be renewing RCMP contract – municipalities free to not
- Report of Consultant's review is done; no decisions to date but expected by end of 2010 with a 2 year opting-out clause; RCMP contract of 20 years from 2012;
- Need to understand what the new contract will look like
  - 90/10% funding for DNV
  - RCMP to be paid according to top 3 pay scale for all municipalities in Canada
  - \$700K increase proposed in coming year

- policing is about 15% of DNV budget while for Surrey it is more than double that!
- DNV & CNV are expecting cost increases this year from RCMP
- RCMP staff cost increases are typically passed on to DNV;
- Jail standards to be upgraded costing \$700,000;
- Regional Integrated Forces seem cost effective but lacks local governance over these teams.
- RCMP/ Province/ UBCM/ DNV & CNV contract issues: local accountability & governance & priorities; number of support staff; performance measurements; dispute mechanisms; degree of flexibility; training cost; integrated teams cost (\$2m); funding allotments between local government, Provincial and federal; DNV wants to be treated as partner rather than client; ie. there is a need for governance structure in the above.
- Need for partnership – not a pure client – relationship
- Lack of dispute resolution.
- CAOs and police chiefs met and recommended:
  - Establish a North Shore oversight police committee of mayors (3) and councillors (1 each) and CAOs (3);
  - Look at funding/services for First Nations;
  - Look at number of junior officers/trainees
  - Look to consolidate dispatch: E-Com, handing off procedures;
  - Look at Community Policing Centres operations: effectiveness, cost (space \$ 800,000, 2 officers \$120,000), consolidate research, volunteer base;
- Police draw resources in North South direction better than East to West: dog team, Swat, thus pay for on-call basis;
- Questions/concerns from C.A. group: What DNV vs. CNV share? Opting- out realistic (Province downloads contract anyhow)? Oversight/self-investigation in

light of "taser"/alcohol incidences? Local accountability best!

- Negotiations to wrap-up mid 2010→3 munis to choose option
- Expect ratification of contract by end 2010 (note that contract has 2yr opting-out provision)
- \$100 question: wv force +(dnh+cnv) force or single unified force?
- Local Board may or may not have same mind as councils
- Gnarly Board may be worse than option of RCMP with good leadership.
- Does North Shore need more than 1 jail?
- Contracting of "dog-team" from West Vancouver an option to explore.
- Service from Vancouver is cost-effective for "special cases"

#### **Financial/Budget items:**

- Lots of variables: economy, waterfront industry tax base capped, Metro is tax exempt, CN too, no population growth (0.5%), Metro costs, etc.
- DNV review of service levels, legal obligations, user fees, District departments performance reviews and how to measure it;
- 5 year plan to look at "*must or should or would do*" to find efficiencies; also source all grants are available from FCM, Federal and Provincial;
- From Budget viewpoint:
  - Service inventory has been done
  - How to measure "performance"
  - "Public good" lenses
  - not many services provided are mandatory
  - Tabled on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – expect it to be favourable
  - Public Surveys, Town Hall Meetings set for next year (Apr-Oct)
- Anonymous staff survey conducted for ideas; great response; looking for efficiencies;
- Ask for "Community Contributions" from industries, e.g. Canexus has contributed; (how about CN?!);
- Parks pay parking/pass options...

**Thanks to Mr. Stuart**, for frank/open sharing information and taking the time to meet with us.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 OCP Roundtable Update**

Update from Dan and Corrie, distributed DNV identity page; vision, principles, goals; noted densification, autonomy, work-live issues; check DNV website;

#### **3.2 Resilient Cities**

##### **Urban Strategies for Transition Times**

<http://www.gaininggroundsummit.com/theme.htm>

Follow-up by Corrie on any council report as per 3.2 of Nov/2009 FONVCA mtg.

Responses from Councillors Hicks & Nixon

<http://www.gaininggroundsummit.com/recordings.htm>

Councillors Alan Nixon and Robin Hicks

attended this October 20-22/2009 conference.

They welcome any inquiries.

#### **3.3 Date of Shirtsleeve meeting with Council**

Cathy to do this yet. In meantime FONVCA members are urged to table topics for discussion. For example:

"Who runs District Hall? "

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES**

#### **4.1 Business arising from 5 regular e-mail**

Reviewed emails - No business arising.

#### **4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.**

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Council and other District Issues**

#### **5.2 Residential Zoning Regulations**

The new format of information on this is found at <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?p=true&a=1332&v=6>

What is missing is an overview district map outlining the specific **areas** of different neighbourhood zoning regulations

– **ACTION** by Corrie Kost

### 5.3 Business Zoning Review

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1060&a=4667>

Main issues expressed here were:

- Apparent Inconsistencies in the revised regulations/uses
- Proximity issues to residential and insufficiency of buffer zones

### 5.4 Which comes first – CO<sub>2</sub> or Warming?

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/email/html/8751cover2.html>

**Circulated for information...read, weep, or deny.**

### 5.5 Examples of Best Practices in DNV

The following information was distributed for reference purposes.

- Pedestrian Master Plan:  
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=22&a=4474>
- Film Industry: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=1816&c=27>  
<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/cpolicy/c414702.pdf>
- Natural Hazards Management:  
[http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council\\_workshops/cwm091026.htm](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_workshops/cwm091026.htm)
- Corporate Plan
- Snow Clearing Plans
- 2009 UBCM Community Award for Best Practices in Annual Reporting
- Transportation Planning:  
<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/communications%20general/getting%20around%20in%20the%20dnv%20transportation%20position%20paper.pdf>

### 5.6 Landfill vs. Incineration (after RRR)

Good article from March/2009 issue of Municipal World at

<http://dept.econ.yorku.ca/schwartz/paper/scan1.pdf>

A good perspective on incineration is available at

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incineration>

File the above for future use and burn after final solution(s) implemented.

### 5.7 Port Issues:

Eric, member of the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (NSWLA), noted noise issues are front and center. Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) is leading/facilitating; other issues incl. access to Deep Cove waterfront and water levels; long range considerations;

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Legal Issues

#### (a) Illegal Donations for Municipal Elections

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/illegal+donations+mean+Summerland+legitimate+council/2275145/story.html>

Time limit gotcha:- RCMP says its hands are tied...

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jan2010/rcmp.pdf>

#### (b) Dawson Creek Referendum opposing borrowing. Follow-up of 6.1 – July/2009 – “Fighting City Hall” – and winning!

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2009/fall/fall2009-3.html>

#### (extra) The OCP Trump Card: By Appeasing Popular Opinion White Rock Council Oversteps its Jurisdiction.

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2009/fall/fall2009-3.html>

Lesson: Local government cannot decline a development permit for extraneous reasons.

#### (c) Selling of Public Lands

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2009/fall/fall2009-1.html>

#### (d) Board of Variance Information Handout- attached – from page

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=321&a=944>

#### (e) Cell Phone – basis for new regulations while driving

<http://www.pssq.gov.bc.ca/legislation/docs/distracted-driver-cell-phone-discussion-paper.pdf>

## 6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

- Sask. – Controverted Municipal Election Act
- Anti-camping unconstitutionality upheld  
<http://www.sms.bc.ca/client/2009/dec2009-1.html>
- Is Green Mass Transit a Myth?  
<http://www.templetons.com/brad/transit-myth.html>  
Some interesting and disturbing statistics.
- Who killed Copenhagen?  
Talk at Rocky Mountain Flatbread Jan 28, 7-9pm  
See [www.coolnorthshore.ca](http://www.coolnorthshore.ca)
- Indian Arm Review: proposed new policy - open house  
Jan 26 at Parkgate Com. Ctr.  
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4705>

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Chair of next meeting:**

**Brian Platts – Edgemont Community Association  
– Tel: 604-985-5104**

**The next FONVCA meeting will be held 7:00pm  
Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Meeting was adjourned at ~ 9:40PM.