



## FONVCA AGENDA THURSDAY May 15 /2003

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

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

**Chair:** Brian Platts - Edgemont Community Association - tel: 604-985-5104

### 1. Order/content of Agenda

### 2. Adoption of Minutes of Apr 17/2003

### 3. Old Business

**3.1 2003/2004 Taxes** - council input by Corrie  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2003/taxes.pdf>

### 4. Correspondence Issues

**4.1 Business arising from email** -  
attached lists ~23 new letters submitted -  
[Apr 14/2003-May 11/2003](#) contained in a complete list of  
last 20 months but only for those subjects with recent  
entries.

**4.2 Non-Posted letters.** - 1 this period. Request it be  
reviewed by FONVCA.

### 5. New Business Council and other District issues.

**5.1 Change in DNV Senior Management**  
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=1951&c=484>

**5.2 Street Litter & Maintenance** – Opinions?

**5.3 Community Charter** – Presentation by Corrie Kost  
If desired, Corrie will repeat his presentation he  
plans to give at Blueridge School on May 13/2003

**5.4 Biodegradable Plastic for Yard Waste** – Response by  
Corrie Kost at  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2003/apr21.pdf>

### 6. Any Other Business

**6.1 - Legal issues to think about-** Corrie Kost  
**Robert's Rules - a concise version - see URL**  
<http://piedmontsouthern.net/hrc/roberts.htm>

**7. Chairperson & Date of next meeting.**  
June 19 /2003

#### Attachments

\*List of Email to FONVCA of last 19 months - **BUT  
ONLY FOR SUBJECTS WITH NEW ENTRIES**

#### OUTSTANDING FUTURE FONVCA ITEMS

A process to follow outstanding issues of Council, for  
example, where are the:

- \* Sign Bylaw
- \* Cat Regulation Bylaw
- \* Snow removal for single family homes bylaw
- \* Securing of vehicle load bylaw
- \* Review of Zoning Bylaw
- \* Taxicab regulations bylaw
- \* District-wide OCP
- \* Street-ends opening to Waterfront

## Correspondence Ordered by Subject

\* means since new emails

14Apr/2003 → 11May/2003

Only subjects with new entries  
are listed - ordered ~ by volume  
since 17 Sep/2001

### Year Financial Plans / Public Input / Reserve Funds / Budget

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\* Ernie\_Crist\_8may2003.pdf

### Northlands Golf Course / Affair

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### Water Mains Replacement /Street Maintenance / Infrastructure /Garbage

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\* Ernie\_Crist\_23apr2003c.pdf  
\* Maureen\_Bragg\_23apr2003.pdf

### On Council Motions / Procedures / Freedom of Speech

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### TRANSLINK / Transportation / Fuel Taxes

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### Inappropriate Development Variance Permits

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### Community Charter

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Allan\_Orr\_16jun2002.pdf  
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Don\_Bell\_12aug2002.pdf  
Corrie\_Kost\_25aug2002.pdf  
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### Tax Exemptions / Canlan

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\* Bill\_Tracey\_5may2003.pdf

### Limiting Public Requests for Information

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John\_Hunter\_6may2002.pdf  
\* Ernie\_Crist\_9may2003.pdf

### Arts

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Ernie\_Crist\_26dec2002b.pdf  
Ernie\_Crist\_5jan2003b.pdf  
John\_Harvey\_17jan2003.pdf  
\* Ernie\_Crist\_15apr2003b.pdf

### Local Transportation Issues

Ernie\_Crist\_9jun2002d.pdf  
\* John\_Fair\_25apr2003.pdf

### Deregulation of BC Hydro / Sale of BC Rail

Ernie\_Crist\_27feb2003b.pdf  
Erik\_Lonne\_6apr2003.pdf  
\* Erik\_Lonne\_28apr2003.pdf

# FONVCA

## Minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup> 2003

### Attendees:

Diana Bellhouse (Chair)	Delbrook C.A.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights R.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Cap Comm R. A.
John Miller (Notes)	Lower Cap Comm R. A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.

### 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add:

- 6.2 Seymour Local Area Plan
- 6.3 Yard Trimmings
- 6.4 Budget

### 2. ADOPTION OF MAR 20<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES

Moved by Brian Platts, seconded by Maureen Bragg – carried unanimously

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Shirtsleeve meeting with Council

– Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Further topics suggested:

- Accountability
- Street end openings

#### 3.2 CANLAN AGREEMENT (Ice Rink)

- John Hunter spoke on the agreement
- illegal 50 year deal
- DNV letter sent to Provincial government requesting to let Council off of all accountability retroactively
- Deal is now null and void. No payments to be made until a new contract is signed.
- There was no loan authorization
- Council can be personally liable for known illegal acts/expenditures
- 5 year renewable contracts currently require public approval

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

33 emails submitted in the last month  
Corrie briefly reviewed topics from the submissions

Northlands:

- alleged theft over ~5 years, \$300K plus
- no apparent actual contract in place prior to 2002 (one page email on file)
- no apparent audit trail
- terms of reference for committee/audit may be set up for failure

### 4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM EMAIL

Pubs are responsible for their patron's actions (noise) after they leave the premises.

Discussion on Council's refusal to second motions for discussion (respect for public who come out to hear about the issue).

- Councillors should second if they see public input
- Councillors not encourage public to come out if no seconder is expected

Discussion re-affirmed the need to retain 5% for counter-petition rather than the 10% proposed in the Community Charter.

### 4.2 Non posted emails – none

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.1 NORTHLANDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting with Council was cancelled. Next meeting of the committee has been cancelled. Blair East (accountant) is the Chair. Council has indicated that meetings should be more open. Corrie has been the heavy on the Committee as staff members are resisting releasing relevant (in Corrie's opinion) information.

#### 5.2 COMMERCIALIZATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES (without public consultation)

- Brian explained why the dispensing machine was installed in the Edgemont library.
- Expected revenue \$200/year? Cost of power/space could be more than the revenue.
- Discussed question as to why commercially available tapes were being made available at the libraries (competing with private enterprise)
- FONVCA to send letter to Chief Librarian.

#### 5.3 COMMUNITY CHARTER

- Now at first reading stage in Prov. Legis.
- Corrie summarized 8 points of changes between draft and current 1st reading stages
- Changes from the draft well worth reading – see URL  
<http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/library/CommunityCharter/CCChangesOverviewFeb03.pdf>

#### 5.4 & 6.1 NEGATIVE OPTION DEMOCRACY / LEGAL ISSUES

- Districts' first CPO – Daycare facility
- Counter petition – 30 days to act
- Counter Petition offenses & penalties – false & misleading statements by petitioners can be penalized but

politicians making same type of statements during elections are exempt.

### **5.5 FINANCIAL PLAN/TAXES**

- do we want to drive industrial businesses off the north shore.
- Taxes must be fair when comparing to competitors in other like locations.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 see item 5.4**

**6.2 SEYMOUR PLAN** – 1<sup>st</sup> hearing on Monday

### **6.3 YARD TRIMMING**

- environmentally recyclable/compostable plastic – does it exist?
- Discussion of cost effectiveness of Kraft bags versus tubs and clear plastic bags
- Hugh to get name & phone number for cart recycle person

**6.4 BUDGET** – a brief discussion took place.

### **7.0 CHAIR & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Chair: Brian Platts, Edgemont  
Community Association, tel. # 604-985-5104  
7:00 pm Thurs. May 15 2003 at District Hall**

Meeting adjourned ~ 10pm

April 22/2003

The District says our taxes are to rise 3.98%. However this does not convey the full story. The total budget is \$114,249,829 of which our municipal taxes contribute \$56,183,625. The rest is made up in Service Charges and User Fees and some (net) \$13,276,165 transfers from surplus, reserve, and heritage funds.

In effect, if we did not use up these savings, the bulk of which came from selling district land, the taxes would need to increase a further 23.6%. Clearly we are living beyond our means and the current situation is not sustainable.

Looking at the proposed budget for year 2006 we see that the net transfer from surplus, reserve, and heritage funds has essentially dropped to zero. That is the good news. The bad news is that, despite a drop of \$6.3Million in expenditures on Parks/Recreation/Culture, our taxes will have risen by a further 12.9%, and service charges and fees by 11.1%.

Council needs to wake up to the reality of the situation. We **must** reduce our expenditures. A core review of each department should be done starting immediately – with scenarios put forth corresponding to 10, 20, and 30% cutbacks. The public needs to be heavily involved in making some serious choices on these core services with council taking a strong leadership in bringing our expenses under control. Failure to take these steps, will, in my opinion, lead to dire consequences.

In the worst case scenario we could once again see the mass sell-off of public property with the eventual destruction of our forests, and ultimately, our way of life and the reasons we moved and stayed here. The responsibility lies in your hands. Please act now.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

The District of North Vancouver, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5

For Immediate Release

Date Friday, May 2, 2003

### **MAYOR ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN NORTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

#### ***North Vancouver, B.C***

North Vancouver District Mayor Don Bell announced effective May 2, 2003 Council has approved a change in senior management at the District. Gord Howie, employed as Municipal Manager since May 1996, will no longer hold a position with the municipality.

Mayor Bell said “the new Council has embarked on a strategic planning process to set its vision and goals for the community for both the short and long term.” A day-long facilitated planning workshop for Council and senior staff was held in early April. Bell stated further, “After careful consideration, Council has determined that a change in administrative leadership would be beneficial as we move forward.”

Council also endorsed Mayor Bell assuming Chairmanship of the Senior Management Committee (Directors Team) during the transition period and taking a more active and “hands-on” role in directing the administration of the District.

Mayor Bell further stated his appreciation for the seven years of service Mr. Howie has provided to the municipality during which time numerous improvements to the administration and organization of the District were instituted, and the Mayor further offered best wishes to Mr. Howie in his future endeavours.

For more information contact:

Mayor Don Bell  
604-990-2203.

April 21, 2003

**To:** Mayor & Members of Council  
District of North Vancouver

**From:** Corrie Kost  
2851 Colwood Dr.  
North Vancouver, V7R2R3

**Subject:** Agenda Item #9 April 22/2003  
**Proposal to switch from paper to clear biodegradable plastic**

I am reminded of the famous "let them eat cake" quote. I see a proposal to investigate biodegradable clear plastic bags as yet another way to delay the obvious - that is, the need to simply go back to using economical, clear plastic bags (see adjacent picture showing large, tear resistant clear plastic bags now costing under \$10 for 70, ie. less than 15cents each compared to 60cents each or more for paper bags).



Last year's switchover from clear plastic to paper was environmentally dubious at best and certainly economically unsound. Any **credible** polling of district residents would have garnered little support for the switch to paper bags. To switch to an even more expensive solution – biodegradable plastic would only exacerbate the downloading unto our residents. Note that the only biodegradable plastics known to work are almost

twice the price of paper and are NOT clear.

Despite what appears to be recent and timely North Shore News "setup" articles in support of our current recycling program, the District should also consider doing away with the separate and costly recycling department and integrate their functions into the District's overall solid waste disposal/recycling service.

I suggest that the motion on the table should be simply to revert back to clear plastic bags. They should be left untied (as they are for example in Delta), dumped, and returned for recycling and/or re-use by placing them near or in the blue-box. This ensures the collected yard trimmings are neither contaminated by plastic nor by undesirable material that can currently be hidden in the paper bags. I suggest council request a staff report on the economics of such a proposal – and possibly that of also doing away with the separate external recycling agreement.

Yours truly,

*C. J. Kost*

Corrie Kost