

# 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