

# FONVCA

## Minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup> 2004

### Attendees:

Dan Ellis (Chair)	Lynn Valley C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Miller	Lower Capilano R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Ron Polly	Hamilton/Fell C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.

Guest:

Elizabeth James

Meeting started 7:08pm

## 1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

### Presentation on Citizen's Assembly

(<http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public>) on

electoral reform was made by Gene Quan & Cliff Garbutt.

They explained the selection process for the committee and the mandate of the Assembly. The strengths and weaknesses of various election models were outlined. An extended Q&A period followed. Various members of the Assembly will be touring the province to hold some 49 public hearings in May/June. There will be one held in North Vancouver on Wed June 2/2004 from 6:30pm-9:30pm at the Lonsdale Quay Hotel. The main concern expressed by FONVCA members was that the public hearing scheduled for June 02 has not been advertised very well. The full schedule is available at [http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public/public\\_hearings](http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public/public_hearings) FONVCA members were urged to submit their views to the Citizen's Assembly. This was their first presentation to a community group like ours. Due to need to deal with other agenda items the Q&A was finally terminated at about 8:45pm

## 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/seconded by Maureen/Brian and carried that the minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 be adopted.

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 Northlands:** Update on court proceedings. It was the Defense's turn to talk. Defense claimed there shouldn't be a harsh sentence. Other cases presented were not comparable. Her psychiatrist was apparently not cooperating. A psychiatric assessment was to be done. Next court date is May 3rd, for sentencing.

**3.2 / 3.3 Community Charter** - Corrie presented some slides from a Workshop ([http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Local\\_Content/presentations/4618.ppt](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Local_Content/presentations/4618.ppt)) but due to the large number of them, he suggested deferring to another meeting. Under the new charter, the District can implement a local court for ticketing. It was decided not to ask Ms. Nicole Garton to give a seminar/workshop on the Charter due to the high costs and other factors.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

### 4.1 Business arising from regular emails –

55 new posted letters. Hot topic for the last month was Mountain Biking.

**4.2 Non-posted e-mails** – 5 this period: One letter was withdrawn along with 3 accompanying responses. One letter used unacceptable language. Members endorsed non-post action.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Futures Conference** - four members from FONVCA attended. The meeting was the first in a long series of consultations. There are three plans; City/District/Rec Commission.

**5.2 DNV Taxes** - Actual average assessment increase (on existing homes) was 13.85%. The District tax increase is to be 4.95% but if your assessment increase is above average then your tax increase will be correspondingly increased more. Eg. 15% assessment increase translates to about a 6% tax increase.

### 5.3 DVP for building depth of 137 feet:

DVP was to interconnect buildings so the owner could rent more portions. Feeling was that DNV staff should not be recommending (and certainly not facilitating) DVPs of this nature.

### 5.4 Council Summer Schedule:

Council will be meeting during summer this year (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of July & August) so no time off for FONVCA members!

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 WindRidge – continued problems with the

**process.** At the final public hearing on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and after the public input had been terminated, the developer agreed to the re-direction of funds to mitigate traffic concerns in an alternate fashion. However the public was not provided an opportunity to comment on this! There was a change in scope after the public input was closed. This was felt to be illegal.

On the issue relevant to both CPR/Arbutus and CMHC/Seymour conflicts the Supreme Court of Canada has already ruled that Municipalities/Cities cannot sterilize land use to public uses only, nor can existing rights/uses be removed (without expropriation/compensation).

## 7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair will be David Knee from Norgate Community Association. 7:00 p.m. Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 at District Hall

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:45pm.