



FONVCA AGENDA THURSDAY May 15th 2008

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Herman Mah – Pemberton Heights CA

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Alternate: Eric Andersen – Blueridge CA

Regrets:

1. Order/content of Agenda

2. Adoption of Minutes of Apr 17th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2008/minutes-apr2008.pdf>

3. Old Business

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 6 regular emails:

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 1 this period

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/news/editorial/story.html?id=76d6ab6e-f8a3-4e65-835e-7d926708bfe6>

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Bill 7 – Local Elections Amendments

- copies of voters list only available to candidates
- # required nominators may be increased by bylaw
- candidates must solemnly declare intent to take office if elected
- nomination documents and/or campaign expenses MAY be published on local government website.
- Advanced voting allowed for all electors
- More rules apply to all “campaign organizers”

5.2 Living Smoke Free- Canadian Cancer Soc.

- need to adopt a bylaw which restricts smoking on patios, parks, playing fields
- no smoking within 7.5 metres of public entranceways

5.3 The Right to Criticize Local Government

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Corrie_Kost_3may2008.pdf

Powell River case – by Corrie Kost

For an interesting sidebar see

<http://www.empireclubfoundation.com/details.asp?SpeechID=1963&FT=yes>

5.4 Consent Agenda – To be or not to be - that is the question. – Lyle Craver

- not OK if it is a Public Hearing Issue
- OK if just informational item
- In between...mmm..
- See items 5.6, 3.4 and 5.5 respectively of <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2005/minutes-mar2005.pdf>
- <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2005/minutes-apr2005.pdf>
- <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2007/minutes-mar2007.pdf>

5.5 Popular Reporting – Lessons not learned.

- ALL must be able to participate – not just Webbers
- Pablum is not for everyone.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Freedoms Trumps Safety

<http://scc.lexum.umontreal.ca/en/2008/2008scc19/2008scc19.html>

- Supreme Court rules against random search of student backpacks.
- Breach of section 8 of Charter of Rights - Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.

No doubt ordinary businessmen and businesswomen riding along on public transit or going up and down on elevators in office towers would be outraged at any suggestion that the contents of their briefcases could randomly be inspected by the police without “reasonable suspicion” of illegality.

While teenagers may have little expectation of privacy from the searching eyes and fingers of their parents, I think it obvious that they expect the contents of their backpacks not to be open to the random and speculative scrutiny of the police. This expectation is a reasonable one that society should support.

“The end does not justify the means.”

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/news/editorial/story.html?id=61d31ae5-ccdc-4396-87ac-fc0c540e73c7&p=2>

America’s Benjamin Franklin warned that “they that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

Thursday June 19th 2008

Attachments

-List of Email to FONVCA - **ONLY NEW ENTRIES**

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS-Cat Regulation Bylaw;

District-wide OCP; Review of Zoning Bylaw; Securing of vehicle load bylaw;

Snow removal for single family homes bylaw.

Correspondence/Subject Ordered by Date
14 April 2008 → 11 May 2008

LINK	SUBJECT
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Corrie_Kost_3may2008.pdf	The right to criticize government.
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/John_Fair_5may2008.pdf	Biking Skills
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Monica_Craver_25apr2008.pdf	Mountain Biking at night in parks.
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Monica_Craver_26apr2008.pdf	Mountain Biking at night in parks
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2008.pdf	Densification and education
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2008b.pdf	Civic Parties

For details/history see

<http://www.fonvca.org/letters/index-letters-total-may2008.html>