



## FONVCA AGENDA

Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: John Hunter – Seymour C.A.

Tel: 604-929-4436 Email: hunterjohn@telus.net

Regrets:

### 1. Order/content of Agenda(\*short)

-Proposal that matters arising from previous meeting should take priority over new items. – Corrie Kost

<http://www.roberts-rules.com/parl02.htm>

### 2. Adoption of Minutes of Apr 16<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/minutes-apr2012.pdf>

### 3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

A period of roughly 30 minutes for association members to exchange information of common concerns.

**A. Role of Local Plan Monitoring Committee –**  
EUCCA – Corrie – ref: Page 87 of OCP

**B. Status of Healthy Neighbourhood Fund –**  
EUCCA - Corrie – confirmed with DNV Christina Rucci  
[www.dnv.org/upload/documents/cpolicy/c1047902.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/cpolicy/c1047902.pdf)

**C. Proposed Changes to Fisheries Act - Corrie**  
<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/role/141/1415/14151-eng.htm>  
<http://www.ab-conservation.com/go/default/index.cfm/programs/fisheries/proposed-fisheries-act-changes/>  
[http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/files/PDF/2012March29\\_FNLCToPMandFO\\_HabitatProtection.pdf](http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/files/PDF/2012March29_FNLCToPMandFO_HabitatProtection.pdf)

**D. Bear-Proof Cans for Foodscraps.**  
Programs roll-out May 1<sup>st</sup> – but few Animal Resistant Schaefer currently available!

**E. Scope of DPA: Is it just for new homes?**  
– follow-up of Council Workshop of April 23

**F. Proposal on Health/Home Care –Diana Belhouse**  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/Diana-Belhouse-Presentation%20to%20FONVCA-Apr18-2012.pdf>  
<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/health/Home+care+must+become+essential+part+health+services/6535312/story.html>

**G. (1) Examples/Concerns of DNV Contravening OCP**  
- canvass members by Dan Ellis  
(2) OCP Implementation Committee Members announced  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/Advisory-Oversight-Committee-Appointments.pdf>

**H. SOS Discovery Waterfront Walk June 3/2012**  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/SOS-jun3-2012.pdf>

**I. DNV Correspondence to Mayor & Council**  
<http://www.westvancouver.ca/Government/Level3.aspx?id=37466>  
Corrie to propose DNV follow policy of West Vancouver

## 4. Old Business

**4.1 Council Agenda Distribution: update**  
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5300> status

## 5. Correspondence Issues

**5.1 Business arising from 17 regular emails:**  
Distributed with full package and posted on web-site

**5.2 Non-Posted letters –4 this period**  
Distributed with full package but **not** currently posted on web-site.

## 6. New Business

**Council and other District issues.**

## 7. Any Other Business

## 8. For Your Information Items

### 8.1 Legal Issues

**(a) Robert’s Rules in Real Life / Public Input**  
[http://www.jurassicparliament.com/blog/Robert%27s\\_Rules\\_in\\_Real\\_Life/post/Should\\_our\\_council\\_adopt\\_Robert%E2%80%99s\\_Rules\\_of\\_Order/](http://www.jurassicparliament.com/blog/Robert%27s_Rules_in_Real_Life/post/Should_our_council_adopt_Robert%E2%80%99s_Rules_of_Order/)  
[http://www.jurassicparliament.com/blog/Robert%27s\\_Rules\\_in\\_Real\\_Life/tag/open\\_public\\_meetings/](http://www.jurassicparliament.com/blog/Robert%27s_Rules_in_Real_Life/tag/open_public_meetings/)

**(b) More on Smart Meters**  
<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/technology/Users+should+able+council/6557546/story.html>

**(c) Provincial Law to apply to First Nations Projects**  
<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/Provincial+apply+first+nations+projects/6565483/story.html>  
<http://www.ralphsultanmla.ca/spring-2012/>  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/Squamish-Nation-Flanagan-report.pdf>

**(d) Waivers can protect negligent companies**  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/Waiver%20enough%20to%20protect%20companies.pdf>

**(e) Urban Development Institute on Strata Law**  
<http://www.homesanddesign.ca/advice-opinions/strata-law/>

**(f) BC Leg. Conflict of Interest Act – deadline June29**  
<https://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/39thparl/session-4/parref/index.asp>

### 8.2 Any Other Issues

**a) News-Clips of the month...**  
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2012/news-clips/>

**b) Discussion on Parking Requirements**  
<http://www.epa.gov/dced/pdf/EPAParkingSpaces06.pdf>

**c) Coriolis Consulting Reports**  
[http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/\\_shared/assets/Coriolis\\_Report\\_-\\_Amenity\\_Contributions7784.pdf](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/_shared/assets/Coriolis_Report_-_Amenity_Contributions7784.pdf)  
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/neighcentres/norquay/pdf/oct2010financialanalysis.pdf>

**d) Economics of Laneway Housing**  
<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/Laneway+eases+path+ownership/6565555/story.html>

**e) Decide Exclusively-Announce-Defend is a DEAD Model.**

## 9. Chair & Date of next meeting.

**Diana Belhouse Delbrook C.A. – June 20<sup>th</sup>**

## FONVCA Received Correspondence/Subject

16 April 2012 → 13 May 2012

| LINK  | SUBJECT   |
|---|---|
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/John_Hunter_16apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/John_Hunter_16apr2012.pdf</a>           | Response to concerns by Doug Curran   |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Irwin_Jerome_16apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Irwin_Jerome_16apr2012.pdf</a>         | Densification, A Liveable Quotient and A North Shore Conversations Proposal |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Doug_Curran_21apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Doug_Curran_21apr2012.pdf</a>           | <b>Things found out through Google stats...</b>                             |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_24apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_24apr2012.pdf</a>       | Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails            |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Corrie_Kost_26apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Corrie_Kost_26apr2012.pdf</a>           | WV council clip/transcript of LG Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant       |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_26apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_26apr2012.pdf</a>       | Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails            |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Richard_Boulton_27apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Richard_Boulton_27apr2012.pdf</a>   | Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails            |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2012.pdf</a>       | Harbourside a source of future traffic problems?                            |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Richard_Boulton_27apr2012b.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Richard_Boulton_27apr2012b.pdf</a> | Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails            |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2012b.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27apr2012b.pdf</a>     | <b>DNV Process</b>  |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_27apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_27apr2012.pdf</a>       | Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails            |
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| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_28apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_28apr2012.pdf</a>       | <b>Happy(?) Save the Frogs Day</b>  |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/John_Hunter_29apr2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/John_Hunter_29apr2012.pdf</a>           | <b>Pipeline risks</b>   |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_2may2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_2may2012.pdf</a>         | The wisdom of messy, democratic assessments                                 |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Doug_Curran_3may2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Doug_Curran_3may2012.pdf</a>             | Update on Important Events  |
| <a href="http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_4may2012.pdf">http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_4may2012.pdf</a>         | NSMBA's "TA(m)P"(ering) proposals for 2012 are Unsustainable                |
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### Past Chair of FONVCA (Jan 2009-present)

| May 2012 | John Hunter      | Seymour C.A.  | Notetaker                |
|----------|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Apr 2012 | Val Moller       | Lions gate C.A.   | T.B.A.                   |
| Mar 2012 | Eric Andersen    | Blueridge C.A.  | Dan Ellis                |
| Feb 2012 | Dan Ellis        | Lynn Valley C.A.  | John Hunter              |
| Jan 2012 | Brian Platts     | Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.                                | John Miller              |
| Nov 2011 | Paul Tubb        | Pemberton Heights   | Cathy Adams              |
| Oct 2011 | Diana Belhouse   | Delbrook C.A. & SOS   | Eric Andersen            |
| Sep 2011 | John Hunter      | Seymour C.A.  | Paul Tubb                |
| Jul 2011 | Cathy Adams      | Lions Gate C.A.   | Dan Ellis                |
| Jun 2011 | Eric Andersen    | Blueridge C.A.  | John Hunter              |
| May 2011 | Dan Ellis        | Lynn Valley C.A.  | Cathy Adams              |
| Apr 2011 | Brian Platts     | Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.                                | Brian Platts/Corrie Kost |
| Mar 2011 | Val Moller       | Lions Gate C.A.   | Diana Belhouse           |
| Feb 2011 | Paul Tubb        | Pemberton Heights ← Special focus on 2011-2015 Financial Plan | Eric Andersen            |
| Jan 2011 | Diana Belhouse   | S.O.S.  | Brenda Barrick           |
| Dec 2010 | John Hunter      | Seymour C.A. ← Meeting with DNV Staff on Draft#1 OCP          | None                     |
| Nov 2010 | Cathy Adams      | Lions Gate C.A.   | John Hunter              |
| Oct 2010 | Eric Andersen    | Blueridge C.A.  | Paul Tubb                |
| Sep 2010 | K'nud Hille      | Norgate Park C.A.   | Eric Andersen            |
| Jun 2010 | Dan Ellis        | Lynn Valley C.A.  | Cathy Adams              |
| May 2010 | Val Moller       | Lions Gate C.A.   | Cathy Adams              |
| Apr 2010 | Paul Tubb        | Pemberton Heights   | Dan Ellis                |
| Mar 2010 | Brian Platts     | Edgemont C.A.   | Diana Belhouse           |
| Feb 2010 | Special          |   |                          |
| Jan 2010 | Dianna Belhouse  | S.O.S   | K'nud Hille              |
| Nov 2009 | K'nud Hill       | Norgate Park C.A.   | Eric Andersen            |
| Oct 2009 | Dan Ellis        | Lynn Valley C.A.  | Cathy Adams              |
| Sep 2009 | Brian Platts     | Edgemont C.A.   | Dan Ellis                |
| Jul 2009 | Val Moller       | Lions Gate N.A.   | Diana Belhouse           |
| Jun 2009 | Eric Andersen    | Blueridge C.A.  | Diana Belhouse           |
| May 2009 | Diana Belhouse   | S.O.S   | Eric Andersen            |
| Apr 2009 | Lyle Craver      | Mt. Fromme R.A.   | Cathy Adams              |
| Mar 2009 | Del Kristalovich | Seymour C.A.  | Dan Ellis                |
| Feb 2009 | Paul Tubb        | Pemberton Heights C.A.  | Cathy Adams              |
| Jan 2009 | K'nud Hille      | Norgate Park C.A.   | Eric Andersen            |

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## **Robert's Rules of Order**

### **The Agenda - Choreography of Rights and Abuses**

The more serious an issue is, the more the reason to insist that the issue be included on the agenda, and that the agenda includes explicit starting time for each major section.

The easiest way to defeat an issue is to take so much meeting time so that the issue never comes up. If the agenda specifies times for the major sections, you can always assure that your issue will be addressed before the meeting is adjourned.



**An agenda according to Robert's (RONR(10th ed.),p.342-351), with a few comments.**

**I. Reading and approval of the minutes.**

(Motion to approve is not necessary. The minutes are either approved as read or as corrected, but without a vote.)

**II. Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.**

(This includes correspondence, treasurer's report, etc. Treasurer's report is never adopted or voted upon unless it has been audited. )

**III. Reports of Special Committees.**

(Each report could conclude with a motion which the assembly must address.)

**IV. Special Orders.**

(Any motion which was adopted as a Special Order which guarantees that the motion will be dealt with before the meeting is adjourned.)

**V. Unfinished Business and General Orders.**


(Any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during the prior meeting. The secretary's minutes should inform the chair which items to add to this section. Only a clueless chair would ask the assembly, 'Is there any unfinished business?')

**VI. New Business.**

(This is when the chair and the parliamentarian can be surprised by the sequence of events. It is best to always anticipate issues the membership may present, or else be embarrassed by the complications.

It is at this time that announcements, educational programs, and speakers are introduced.)

**VII. Adjournment.**

(A motion to adjourn may be made at any time of the meeting. The assembly should never be forced to meet longer than it is willing to meet.) 

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## Suggested Order of Agenda according to “Democratic Rules of Order”

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- Opening of the meeting and approval of the agenda
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Correspondence and reports
- Business arising from minutes, correspondence and reports
- Motions to be presented and new business
- Announcements
- Adjournment and closing

# FONVCA

## Minutes of Regular Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 2012

At DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

### Attendees

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Val Moller (chair)  | Lions Gate N.A.                         |
| Bill Tracey         | Seymour C.A.                            |
| Brenda Barrick      | Inter-River C.A.*                       |
| Cathy Adams         | Lions Gate N.A.                         |
| Corrie Kost         | Edgemont & Upper Capilano CA            |
| Dan Ellis (notes)   | Lynn Valley C.A.                        |
| Diana Belhouse      | Delbrook C.A. & Save Our Shores Society |
| Eric Andersen       | Blueridge C.A.*                         |
| John Hunter         | Seymour C.A.                            |
| John Miller         | Lower Capilano Community R.A.           |
| Katherine Fagerlund | Deep Cove C.A.*                         |
| Paul Tubb           | Pemberton Heights C.A.                  |
| Rene Gourley        | Delbrook C.A.                           |

\* joined the meeting at 8:00 pm

### Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

### 1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add Item 4.3 (g) FoNVCA Governance documents.

Moved (Dan), seconded (John H.) "That Item 4.3 Roundtable Discussion become Item 3 in future meetings." Carried (8 for, 1 against, 1 abstained).

**ACTION:** *This change will require the Chair to ensure adherence to 30 min limit for this item.*

### 2. ADOPTION OF March 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 MINUTES

Moved (Diana), seconded (Dan) to adopt March 2012 minutes as circulated. Carried unanimously.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

Sign-up for DNV Agenda notification results in updates being sent out with no way to tell what item(s) (e.g. past minutes) have been updated. Some updates do not trigger notifications. Clerk acknowledges teething pains. Corrie has advised webmaster/clerk.

No Agenda notification is available for people without computer access. NSNEWS no longer publishes usual Sunday's Municipal Affairs section.

#### 3.2 Feb 28/2012 Council Workshop

[http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council\\_Workshops/cw120228.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Workshops/cw120228.pdf)

Item 3. Natural Hazards DPA requirements. Public safety issue (wildfires) with no apparent enforcement mechanism (e.g. fire retardant materials for re-roofing).

**ACTION:** *Cathy to ask DNV's K. Bennett to clarify.*

Item 4. Proposed DP for form and character of all non-single family development. Corrie suggested that C.A.s inform themselves.

#### 3.3 DNV Budget Meeting Feb 23 with FoNVCA

Members expressed thanks for Staff attending and providing a clear presentation.

**3.4 Follow-up to Item 3.2 of March 21: DNV Staff Redacting Documents** – Eric reported that CAO David Stuart will attend the June FoNVCA meeting to address this. Corrie noted that West Van policy

is to post all public input to Council (usually appended to agenda), redacted only where clearly problematic.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Business arising from 17 regular emails**

Emails were posted on FONVCA web site and included in posted agenda-all.pdf (full) package.

### **4.2 Non-Posted Letters – 7 this period**

The 7 emails were distributed to attendees.

Extensive discussion of policy options for posting.

**ACTION:** *Members to review correspondence guidelines at <http://www.fonvca.org/letters.html> for discussion at May meeting.*

### **4.3 Roundtable on Current Affairs**

#### **a) (Eric) Role of Plan Monitoring Committees**

- Katherine: LAP by-laws rescinded – became reference documents in new District OCP. Continue to monitor and advocate Seymour LAP policies, although last three developments in Seymour have contravened LAP.
- Dan: LVCA's PMG continues to provide input to developers and Staff at preliminary inquiry stage – LAP policy & background / history only. Helpful in avoiding wasted effort / disruption.
- Corrie: Same for EUCCA. There are height & FSR specification for Edgemont Village which remain in the District zoning Bylaw 3210. Asserted that LAP's could have been retained, as only LAP adopted after the OCP need to be consistent need with it – but were eliminated by DNV for convenience.
- Bill: DNV still sees LAPs as guidelines. The Seymour PMG's input is appreciated.

#### **b) (Corrie)**

##### **1. Future changes to garbage collection**

Handout re bear-related changes from Feb 3 Council workshop. Could a ban on BBQs & fruit trees be coming next? No discussion.

##### **2. Impact of Community Policing Closures**

Members opined the program is no longer functioning. Have no data on activity at consolidated CPC office at District Hall.

##### **3. Suggestions for improving transit**

North Shore contributes far more dollars to transit than are returned. No discussion – topic was considered too large for time available.

##### **4. Reasons for forming / joining a C.A.**

Handout of info from long-time C.A.s in Calgary. No discussion.

#### **c) (John H.) Expanding FoNVCA e-mail list**

Discussion of desired length / content of FoNVCA minutes.

Moved (John H.) seconded (Eric) "That FoNVCA minutes continue to reflect FoNVCA's information exchange role by including a reasonable amount of concise information for sharing with member C.A.s." Carried unanimously.

John suggested minutes be distributed to full executive of C.A.s rather than just to FoNVCA attendees. Members generally agreed.

**ACTION:** *Members to advise Corrie of their individual C.A.'s preference on this.*

Motion to extend to 9:15 (John H. / Dan) – carried.

#### **d) (Corrie) BC Hydro Smart Meters**

Handout of simple method for measuring electricity consumption on new meters.

- Bill: Meter is Hydro property, so refusal of smart meter means refusal of electric service
- Corrie: Expect legal cases to arise on this.

**e) (Diana) Public Health Funding Limits**

Presentation on care duplication / lack of shared info on access / inefficiency and cost and recommendation that FoNVCA ask DNV to take these concerns to Union of BC Municipalities.

**ACTION:** *Corrie will e-mail the presentation for discussion at next FoNVCA meeting*

Motion to extend to 9:30 (Dan / ??) – carried.

**f) (Paul) Delivery Model for Community Services – deferred**

**g) (John H.) FoNVCA Governance documents.**

- Concern re D. Curran's letter (#14 posted in April -attached) that FoNVCA doesn't enforce its own criteria for recognizing C.A.s.
- Dan: concerns as to meaning of "recognized." Historically it was attached to accessing DNV's Healthy Neighbourhood fund Issue of "robustness" and "representativeness" being used by Councilors.
- Bill: expressed concern about "rump" C.A.s overlapping established C.A.s and mis-representing themselves.
- Corrie: FoNVCA developed the criteria with DNV but they are now the District's to enforce, not FoNVCA's.
- John: Members should review FoNVCA governance documents. Suggested dropping the recognition criteria, which are a District issue.

**5. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Development proposal for McKenzie Barge property – presentation April 19<sup>th</sup> at Seymour GC
- School District 44 excess property options – open house Apr 25<sup>th</sup> at Ridgeway Elementary

**7. For Your Information Items** – no discussion of these items since they are for reference.

**8. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday May 16th 2012**

Chair: John Hunter – Seymour C.A.

Notes: To Be Determined

Meeting adjourned 9:35 PM.



LAPs played an important role in setting the direction of various neighbourhoods and their development was accompanied by extensive public engagement. Members of our community contributed their expertise and shared their local knowledge to enrich the local area planning processes. **These local plans have served this community well and the general land use directions from LAPs have been respected and incorporated into the Land Use Map (Map 2) of this OCP.** Existing local area level design guidelines, in addition to design guidelines being prepared for the four centres of growth and change designated in this plan, are or will also be integrated into the OCP.

Prepared and adopted mostly in the 1990s, many LAPs are now outdated and do not consider a number of the issues facing the community today (such as our demographic challenges and economic conditions) or meet the current legislative requirements of OCPs (such as affordable housing and greenhouse gas reductions). In the absence of established and consistent guidelines for their development, the nine plans also exhibit different levels of detail and the lack of integration between plans has meant land use and growth management in the District has lacked a coordinated direction. **The policies and objectives provided in this District-wide OCP consolidate the general directions from existing LAPs to provide an integrated basis to ensure community planning addresses today's needs and challenges in a coordinated manner.**

Section 12.3.1 describes a “planning hierarchy” to guide future community planning in the District consisting of the OCP, Centres Implementation Plans, Neighbourhood Infill Plans, and sector-specific Strategic Action Plans. Land use concepts and guiding policies for the four primary growth centres (Lynn Valley, Lower Lynn, Maplewood and Lower Capilano - Marine) are included as Schedule A of this OCP. It is anticipated that implementation of these four growth centres will occur through the preparation of more detailed Centres Implementation Plans as a priority. This OCP also provides for implementation to occur through additional Centres Implementation Plans, Neighbourhood Infill Plans and Strategic Action Plans. Preparation of these plans will involve extensive consultation with associated neighbourhoods and community stakeholders. **Until such time as more detailed sub-area planning occurs at the centres or neighbourhood level, existing Local Area Plans will be used as reference policy documents to inform land use decisions in their respective areas.** Ongoing liaison with communities implementing centres plans and existing LAP policies (where relevant) will occur.





The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

**CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL**

|              |  |      |
|--------------|--|------|
| Section:     | Social & Community Services Planning               | 10   |
| Sub-Section: | Community Liaison – Non Governmental Organizations | 4790 |
| Title:       | Healthy Neighbourhood Funding Guidelines           | 2    |

**POLICY**

**The District of North Vancouver will provide funding to support Healthy Neighbourhoods in accordance with the Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Guidelines as indicated in the attachment to this policy.**

**REASON FOR POLICY**

1. To assist existing community/neighbourhood associations, who meet the District’s Criteria for Official Recognition, develop their memberships and increase involvement of residents in improving the quality of life in North Vancouver District neighbourhoods; and
2. To support the development of new neighbourhood associations in areas where none currently exist.

**AUTHORITY TO ACT**

Delegated to Staff

**PROCEDURE**

Application Forms will be submitted to the Social Planning Department.

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Approval Date:     | July 8, 1996 | Approved by: | Executive Committee |
| 1. Amendment Date: |              | Approved by: |                     |
| 2. Amendment Date: |              | Approved by: |                     |
| 3. Amendment Date: |              | Approved by: |                     |

# HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS FUNDING GUIDELINES

## DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER May 1997

### PURPOSE OF THE FUND

1. Assist existing community/neighbourhood associations, who meet the District's Criteria for Official Recognition, develop their memberships and increase involvement of residents in improving the quality of life in North Vancouver District neighbourhoods; and
2. Support the development of new neighbourhood associations in areas where none currently exist

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Healthy Neighbourhood Funding will contribute funds towards:

- a) Meeting space if no free meeting space exists;
- b) Activities which increase communication with all residents of Neighbourhoods served by Community Associations, such as newsletters, community forums, and signage;
- c) Due to the limited nature of the fund (\$10,000), a maximum of .13 per capita would be available for each community association for one year and **associations with overlapping populations would be expected to jointly apply for Healthy Neighbourhood funding**; and
- d) Community associations may jointly apply for funds to support communication activities which serve more than one neighbourhood or community.

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

As more residents become aware of their local association and how to become involved, it is expected that (1) the membership of community associations will increase and (2) more residents will become involved in various activities of their association.

Based on these two expected outcomes, the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund will be evaluated during its first year of operation. Organizations using the Fund will be asked to keep track of their memberships and levels of involvement.

### ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Once the application for Healthy Neighbourhood Funds is approved, the community association will be asked to submit invoices for eligible expenses to the Social Planning Department. Once invoices are approved, they will be paid directly by the District.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Community Associations will have to meet the District's "Criteria for Official Recognition of Community Associations" as outlined on the Application Form. New associations will be given one year to meet the "Criteria for Official Recognition."

**APPLICATION FORM  
HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND**

1. Community Association(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Neighbourhood Boundaries Served & Population Estimate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of Current Members \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

4. President/Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please describe items/activities for which funding is being requested and how they will address one or both of the following: (a) meeting space; (b) increased communication within the neighbourhood(s) with all residents.

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6. What are the costs of the items/activities? What amount is being requested from the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund and what will be contributed by the Association?

**ITEMS/ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL COST** \_\_\_\_\_ **LESS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**CONTRIBUTION** (Describe if in-kind, e.g. distribution of newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND** \_\_\_\_\_

<http://www.ab-conservation.com/go/default/index.cfm/programs/fisheries/proposed-fisheries-act-changes/>

**Section 35 of the Fisheries Act now states:**

35(1) No person shall carry on any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat.

(2) No person contravenes subsection (1) by causing the alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat by any means or under any conditions authorized by the Minister or under the regulations made by the Governor in Council under this Act

**The proposed new Section 35 of the Fisheries Act is as follows:**

35(1) No person shall carry on any work, undertaking or activity, other than fishing, that results in an adverse effect on a fish of economic, cultural or ecological value.

(2) No person contravenes subsection (1) if

(a) the adverse effect is authorized by the Minister and is produced in accordance with the conditions established by the Minister;

(b) the adverse effect is authorized by a person prescribed by the regulations and is produced in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the regulations;

(c) the work, undertaking or activity is carried on in accordance with the conditions set out in the regulations or with any other authorization issued under this Act;

(d) the work, undertaking or activity is carried on in, on, over, under, through or across any Canadian fisheries waters, and

(i) the work, undertaking or activity falls within a class of works, undertakings or activities, or the Canadian fisheries waters fall within a class of Canadian fisheries waters, established by regulation, and

(ii) the work, undertaking or activity is carried on in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the regulations.

# FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

March 29, 2012

Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Building  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable Keith Ashfield  
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans  
Parliament Buildings, Wellington St  
Ottawa, ON  
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## OPEN LETTER: POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE *FISHERIES ACT*

Dear Prime Minister Harper and Minister Ashfield,

In follow-up to our March 2, 2012 letter regarding the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) *Fisheries Act* Modernization Initiative, we reiterate our deep concern about the initiative, particularly in respect of the federal government's lack of meaningful consultation with First Nations. Equally disturbing are recent media reports of the government's intentions regarding section 35 of the *Fisheries Act* as part of this process to "modernize" the *Fisheries Act*.

Any changes or removal of habitat protection within the Act would put many fish stocks and the environment at further risk and would be a step backward rather than modernization of the legislation. Habitat protection is essential for the maintenance of healthy ecosystems and is the foundation of the survival of all species. Any erosion of this protection would impact the environment and the fish stocks in a way that may be irreversible. This is fundamentally irresponsible and reckless. It will also undeniably impact First Nations rights and interests- government must ensure that any changes to the *Fisheries Act* will not infringe upon our Aboriginal Rights in any way.

We are similarly concerned with the changes we understand may be included in the Budget to environmental assessment legislation, and other environmental protection laws. These environmental laws and the processes established under them are a central part of the Crown's relationship with First Nations. Changes to these laws, as with the *Fisheries Act*, should only be undertaken in meaningful consultation with First Nations, and to the extent these protections are changed they should be improved rather than weakened.

A recent report by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination further emphasized the need for Canada to include Indigenous peoples in decision making, recommending that Canada "Implement in good faith the right to consultation and to free, prior and informed consent of Aboriginal peoples whenever their rights may be affected by projects carried out on their lands, as set forth in international standards and the State party's legislation." Further, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* sets out in Article 26(1) that "Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied, or otherwise used or acquired." We ask Canada to uphold its commitment to this important international doctrine. We also point out that Canada must uphold its commitments in existing treaties to protect fisheries under those treaties.



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Although your government is moving forward with potential economic development projects, this cannot be at the risk of the surrounding environment. We remind you that the Crown cannot legislate itself out of its duties to consult and accommodate First Nations. Removing or weakening environmental reviews for projects will only result in greater uncertainty and conflict. We urge you to reconsider your position and work with First Nations to strengthen habitat protection for the continued survival of fish stocks and for the benefit of our future generations.

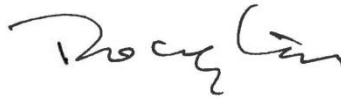
Yours truly,

**FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT:**



**Grand Chief Edward John**



**Chief Douglas White III Kwulasultun**



**Dan Smith**

**On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS:**



**Grand Chief Stewart Phillip**



**Chief Bob Chamberlin**



**Chief Marilyn Baptiste**

**On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:**



**Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould**

CC: First Nations Fisheries Council

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Former+minister+decries+tinkering+with+Fisheries/6316346/story.html>

## Former minister decries tinkering with Fisheries Act

BY PETER O'NEIL, POSTMEDIA NEWS MARCH 16, 2012

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Canada's Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield tells the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday that changes are coming to the federal Fisheries Act.

**Photograph by:** Chris Wattie, Reuters, Vancouver Sun

OTTAWA — A former Progressive Conservative fisheries minister urged the Harper government Friday to reject private sector appeals, which are particularly loud in Western Canada, to water down the federal Fisheries Act.

Tom Siddon, who introduced the policy in 1986 under then-prime minister Brian Mulroney, said there's "no justifiable excuse" for removing provisions ensuring the protection of fisheries habitat.

The government, according to information leaked to retired federal fisheries biologist Otto Langer earlier this week, plans to drop any references to habitat.

The proposed new wording would prohibit activity that would cause an "adverse effect" on "fish of economic, cultural or ecological value."

The government is responding to complaints from groups such as the Mining Association of Canada, which says \$140 billion in potential mining projects are being stalled due to "nonsensical" decisions involving the Fisheries Act.



But Siddon, fisheries minister from 1985 to 1990, urged Prime Minister Stephen Harper to resist the pressure.

"The prime minister and some senior cabinet ministers might be well-meaning in trying to move in this direction, but they're misinformed if they think the weight and pressure of industry inconvenience should supersede the importance of the indelible values of our environment," said Siddon, who lives near Penticton, B.C.

Siddon said the wording would turn fish into a commodity and overlook the importance of the broader ecosystem that, for instance, allows British Columbia's famous salmon resource to thrive.

"It's like saying as long as we have a happy lifestyle and can go to the rec centre and keep fit, it doesn't matter what the air is like that we breathe or the water that we drink," Siddon said.

"If we want to preserve and protect our fish stocks, it's more than a commercial equation."

Siddon also suggested there could be political repercussions in B.C. for the Conservatives, who are waging a verbal war against opponents of the Northern Gateway oilsands pipeline to the West Coast.

The Tories took 21 of 36 seats in the 2011 election in B.C.

"I have no doubt that if people don't do things the right way it will have political consequences."

Siddon said he's trying to arrange a meeting with Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield, who didn't deny the reports and cited examples to demonstrate why the Fisheries Act is problematic.

Harper may have already taken a political hit in B.C. due to factors that predate this week's reports about fisheries legislation.

A poll by Justason Market Intelligence of 611 British Columbians between Feb. 24 and March 7, which asked respondents how they'd vote in a federal election, had the NDP in the lead at 40 per cent.

The Conservatives were next at 30 per cent, followed by the Liberals at 20 per cent and the Green party at eight per cent.

That represents a significant shift from public attitudes expressed in the 2011 election, when Harper's Tories took 46 per cent of the vote compared to 33 per cent for the NDP, just 13 per cent for the Liberals and eight per cent for the Greens.

The poll is considered to be an accurate reflection of public opinion to within four percentage points 19 times out of 20.

Pollster Barb Justason said the Tories are likely suffering the effects of the robocall controversy, anger over the government's Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act and ongoing concern over the government's stand on Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline project.

Pierre Gratton, president of the Ottawa-based Mining Association of Canada, said industry doesn't object to efforts to protect habitat that sustain important fisheries.

But he said recent court decisions have resulted in "nonsensical" decisions.

One Yukon mining project was temporarily blocked because it affected a "former stream" that had the potential, according to a fisheries officer, to become a fish-bearing stream again, Gratton said.

"We'd like to see some common sense," Gratton said, adding legislation may be necessary because of the impact on the court decisions interpreting the current legislation.

Some Alberta and B.C. firms and associations have registered to lobby on the Fisheries Act, including the Business Council of B.C., the Council of Forest Industries and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

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## **Presentation to FONVCA – April 18/2012 – Diana Belhouse**

As you may know I have had recent experience with Vancouver Coastal Health and the problems with accessing services and the confusing duplication of jurisdictions which provide those services.

There is the Lions Gate Hospital Outreach program of dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and social workers, all duplicated by Community Care Services, and the Geriatric Outreach Program. The wound care nursing is part of one of these programs - but try and get help once they decide the patient is healed – you have to start all over with the “Case Manager”. Big problem here: lack of shared information about the patient’s condition.

So my first recommendation is this: the whole system needs a thorough review to stop unnecessary duplication and make it more efficient and less costly (e.g. reduce high administrative salaries) and that the DNV Mayor & Council send a resolution to the UBCM asking the Provincial Government to do this.

This all started for me last spring when I tried to find out about the day-care offered one or two days a week to people with Alzheimer’s or various degrees of dementia. I learned there’s a year long waiting list and cost is determined by the patient’s last income tax return, with some paying very little and others considerably more. Volunteers are used in these programs – one at West Van Seniors Centre, the other at Mahon Park at the Margaret Fulton Centre.

The second big concern I have is the virtual impossibility of getting a doctor to make house calls, even though patients cannot go to their Dr’s office.

Three weeks before my husband died, I finally was able to access a retired doctor, one of five who makes house calls for elderly home bound patients. He has 280 patients under his care and told me most G. P.’s won’t do this because it’s not paid well enough, or they simply are not interested.

I should explain that I had home care 24/7 for Henry and went the private route for everything. Coastal Health would have charged 50% more because we had saved enough to cover home care costs.

I had hand rails installed all through the house, special bathroom & bath equipment, wheelchair, transfer chair, walker, finally an electric lift in the bedroom, hospital bed etc. and private physiotherapy, message therapy, diabetic foot care etc. who came to the house.

For those of you unfamiliar with this, I should mention it is possible to borrow some equipment for a donation from the Red Cross for a 3 month period. Otherwise you must rent it or buy it. Only a physiotherapist can arrange for you to access the Red Cross.

Second Big Question: Why is our government not doing anything about the problem of the lack of doctors making house calls?

The Community Charter s.8(3)(i) allows municipalities to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements relating to public health. Regional districts may, under section 523 of the Local

Government Act regulate and prohibit for the purposes of maintaining, promoting, or preserving public health and can undertake measures considered necessary for these purposes.

Section 2(1) of the Public Health Bylaws Regulations establishes that bylaws relating to the protection, promotion, or preservation of the health of individuals are subject to concurrent authorities. So before such a bylaw can be adopted it must have been submitted to the Minister of Health Services and the regional health board or medical officer for approval.

So it is possible for a municipality to have some say over the way our local health system is managed.

The government is really encouraging home health care to take the burden off acute care hospital beds, but it is NOT making it happen.

This is a problem which affects the quality of life for all of us – and quality of life is a major consideration for community associations.

My second recommendation therefore is that FONVCA ask the DNV Mayor & Council to bring to the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) a resolution asking the BC Government to pass legislation changing the fee schedule to create financial incentives for home visits.

I could say a lot more but time is of the essence. Corrie gave me an excellent article about the recent Ontario experience which pointed out the lack of training for family medicine residents to do house calls, that doctors in rural areas are more likely to do house calls, the need for medical leaders who want to change the culture of family medicine to value house calls for the elderly infirm; and that medical school stress this aspect of medical care.

So please think about this. I spoke to our Mayor yesterday and was astounded when he said “it’s not our problem – it will only take money away from education, and we don’t have the staff to look into this, go and talk to our MLA Ralf Sultan!”

I am not a single voice crying in the wilderness. This concerns all of us –we’re all getting older, baby boomers too – Let’s ask DNV to lead the way via the UBCM this fall.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Home+care+must+become+essential+part+health+services/6535312/story.html>

# Home care must become essential part of health services

VANCOUVER SUN APRIL 28, 2012

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We hear frequently that most people would rather die at home than in a hospital. Yet unfortunately, we less frequently hear that people would rather live at home than in a hospital.

Perhaps this is because most people don't have to face the prospect of living in a hospital, at least during most of their lives. But as they reach their senior years, increasing medical needs and limited services often necessitate a move to a hospital or at least to a long-term care facility.

As a **new report from the Health Council of Canada** explains, this turn of events is not in keeping with most people's wishes, nor is it particularly cost-effective, especially for those with moderate needs. Nor is it inevitable, provided appropriate home care services exist.

**The report surveyed data on home care clients, caregivers and services from five regions: Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Yukon and British Columbia's Northern Health Authority.**

As for clients, the report notes that 75 per cent are seniors, with fully 40 per cent over the age of 85. Between 95 and 98 per cent have some difficulties with activities such as cleaning, cooking, grocery shopping and home maintenance, while between 23 and 41 per cent need help with personal functions such as bathing, eating and toileting.

Furthermore, 20 per cent of clients have dementia, while about a third experience complex health problems such as a physical disability affecting independence or a combination of cognitive difficulties and behavioural problems.

**These clients with high needs require significantly more support than those whose needs are moderate, yet they receive only a few more hours of home care through medical services.** In fact, according to data from B.C.'s Northern Health Authority, there is **virtually no difference in the amount of support provided to those with the highest and lowest needs.**

**This leaves the burden of care on family caregivers.** In 2007, there were about 2.7 million of them in Canada, and roughly one-quarter were seniors themselves. Furthermore, many are dealing with their own health problems: Nearly one-third of caregivers in the Canadian Community Health Survey reported having at least one chronic health condition, while nearly one-quarter had two or more.



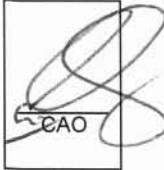
Needless to say such **people are ill-equipped to provide the intensive support required** by many high-needs clients. Indeed, approximately 40 to 50 per cent of high-needs seniors have **distressed caregivers who suffer from stress, anger and depression, and therefore find it difficult to provide care for others.** **Some consequently end up in hospital themselves,** unable to provide any care at all.

Clearly, **the solution to this problem lies in the provision of better home care.** As the report makes clear, this doesn't necessarily mean spending more money - rather, it means ensuring integration of home care, primary care and acute care under one coordinating body, and this can be accomplished through changing the way funding is allocated.

For example, **Canada allocates 0.96 per cent of GDP for long-term care and 0.21 per cent of GDP for home care.** This **gap in funding is significantly larger than that found in most other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries,** and virtually guarantees that many people will spend a lot of time in care facilities.

**Yet as the report notes, when home care is properly valued and integrated into the health care system, it both improves the health of seniors and their families, and reduces costs to the system.** It is, therefore, a win-win proposition, and one that governments across the country should make a priority.

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## The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 27, 2012

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**AUTHOR:** Natasha Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk

**SUBJECT:** **Advisory Oversight Committee Meeting**

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the April 27, 2012 report on the Advisory Oversight Committee Meeting be received for information.

### REASON FOR REPORT

The Advisory Oversight Committee is authorized to review and approve terms of reference and advisory committee appointments. This information report is provided to Council to update Council on appointments and amended terms of reference made by the AOC on Monday, April 23.

### SUMMARY

The Advisory Oversight Committee (Councillors Bassam, MacKay-Dunn, and Muri) appointed the following individuals to committees as indicated below:

#### Community Services Advisory Committee

- Catherine Nesmith

#### North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

- John Neumann
- Shayne DeWildt
- Monica Craver
- Amy Amantea
- Richard Thompson

- Teresa MacGillivray

**OCP Implementation Committee**

- Rory Bartlow
- Chris Meyer
- Jeanette O'Brien
- David McLeod
- David Sadler
- Kristin Selinder MacDonald
- Paul Tubb
- Elaine Grenon
- Heidi Nesbitt
- Adele Wilson
- Dan Ellis
- Fred Smith
- Erin Black
- Corrie Kost
- Krista Tulloch
- Eden Sterling

In addition, the Advisory Oversight Committee, approved the amended Community Monitoring and Advisory Committee (CMAC) Terms of Reference. The updated terms of reference, and the report from the General Manager, Engineering, Parks & Facilities are attached to this report.

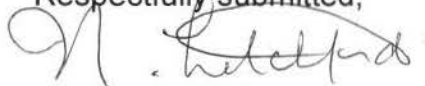
**EXISTING POLICY**

Municipal Advisory Committees 1-0360-3

**Options**

1. THAT the April 27, 2012 report on the Advisory Oversight Committee Meeting be received for information.
2. Council could choose to direct the Advisory Oversight Committee to review their appointments.

Respectfully submitted,



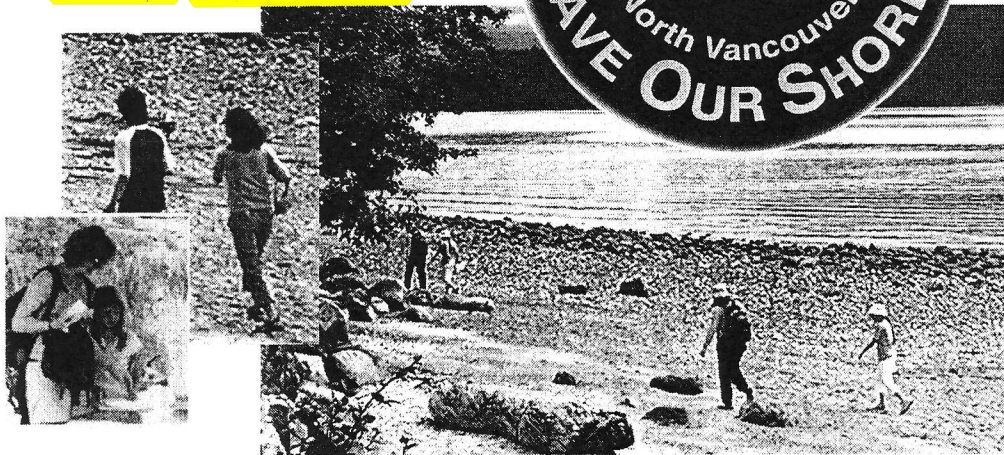
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Deputy Municipal Clerk



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# Discovery Waterfront Walk

Sunday,  
June 3, 2012



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**Subject:** FW: April 18 FoNVCA meeting and notes Doug Curran concerns regarding draft minutes  
**From:** "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>  
**Date:** 18/04/2012 10:22 AM  
**To:** "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

Hi Corrie just so you know I would like my response to Doug below posted when convenient.

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**Cc:** Corrie Kost; Eric Andersen DNV; Brian Platts DNV; 'Douglas Curran'; 'Cathy'  
**Subject:** April 18 FoNVCA meeting and notes Doug Curran concerns regarding draft minutes

My comments on Doug's comments are below in colour. I had not noticed he had copied it to the FONVCA site, so I had not replied in kind.

Cathy please see question for you in the text?

Doug, please note that the comments below are my opinions, not those of the group. Please feel free to share them with your CA.

Guys, I think we need to raise these points in a near future meeting.

John

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** April 18 FoNVCA meeting and notes  
**Date:** Wed, 11 Apr 2012 12:39:21 -0700  
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Corrie,

Unfortunately I and other members of the CGA executive are unable to attend on the 18th as all have prior and diverse commitments. Certainly I recognize that many members of FoNVCA have further questions with regard to what they perceive as my having acted in bad faith under the COC. As stated at the meeting on the 21st, I have acted in accordance with my own good faith, which align with requests of members of my community's expressed desires, I must hold above FoNVCA's estimation of good faith. **no idea what this last phrase means**

Below I have noted several revisions needed to the DRAFT Minutes. As previously pointed out to FoNVCA in several emails (June 13, 2011), according to Roberts Rules of Order, the function of the Minutes: **FONVCA, to my knowledge, has not adopted Roberts Rules. Doug, are you claiming we have?**

- Minutes are a record of actions taken at a meeting. They do not include the following;
- the opinion or the interpretation of the secretary **This is true in the sense of the secretary writing the minutes – the secretary cannot put his/her own “spin” on the minutes. Since in our FONVCA meetings (unlike Boards I sit on) we do not have a non-participating secretary, then our “secretary” will be a speaking participant and it is quite correct for that person to record his or her own comments expressed in the meeting. At least, I think so. If Doug is suggesting the secretary cannot participate, or cannot record what he/she said, then we need to discuss that. In that case, who would be willing to be secretary? NOBODY!**
- judgmental phrases such as "valuable comment", "allegedly impugns" or "not well thought of" **if that is what was said, it is legitimate to record it**
- discussions taken place at the meeting. **See comments below**
- The Minutes are normally a record of what was *done* at the meeting, not what may have been *said* or *opined* at the meeting or in other conversations among members **Agree it does not cover things said outside the meeting, and these minutes do not to my knowledge. I generally agree with Doug's rules (my choice of words) for a business enterprise. However, we are not a business nor a formal organization and our key purpose is information sharing – how do you share information through minutes if they follow his rules? There would be no information shared except amongst those present at the meeting – the minutes would be useless for sharing with non-participants. Every single participant would have to make up their own notes to inform their CA. I think his approach totally unworkable for FONVCA but it should be discussed at FONVCA**

I note that Council minutes contain more than Doug suggests in some cases (citizen's two minutes) AND much more in workshops, which are official Council meetings open to the public. In addition, most or all Council meetings, other than in camera, are recorded and available to the public – talk about detailed “minutes”.

The DRAFT Minutes as received reveal all of the above shortcomings.

With regard to specific points in the draft Minutes:

### 3.2

Cathy made a motion to remove from the FONVCA website Doug's November 11/11 e-mail regarding seeking legal advice, etc. Carried 5 to 2. **Action:** Corrie to remove letter from FONVCA web site.

**The motion made was improper based as it was on interpretation and wording that was not part of any document or conversation. As the wording and motion are not presented in this draft Minutes this is not an accurate record of the article 3.2 A person can make any motion they wish, regardless of what it is based on. The "not part of any document" comment is hard to understand – it is a direct quote from Doug's own November 10 2011 e-mail posted on the FONVCA site:** "Both of the March 31st letters from two local Lions Gate residents contain unfounded allegations that defame my character and motivations to Council and to the community. I will be obtaining legal advice with regard to their contents." **My wording is not based on any "interpretation" – it's Doug's own words in writing. I have no idea why the motion is "not accurate". Did Cathy not make the motion? Is this not the motion she made? Cathy?? Do you wish to correct my wording?**

### 4.3

"The proposal to turn parts of Capilano Road into single lanes was mentioned and not well thought of in this meeting." **There was no motion or resolution based on the opinion. As above, Roberts holds that opinions are not properly part of the Minutes Corrie that we have not adopted Robert's. This is information sharing. My notes showed general agreement amongst voting members with Bill Tracey's comments on this subject. If Doug disagrees with my notes, let him ask the meeting if I was in error in what I recorded. But it could say "... not well thought of by the FONVCA representatives in general". I do not know what the guest attendees thought (nor do the minutes typically record guest comments).**

#### 4.3(e) "Invite Doug Curran to formally present his concerns re FONVCA

A number of e-mails have been issued by Doug expressing concerns about Community Associations and FONVCA, including one sent to DNV Council without a copy to FONVCA (a Council member sent it to FONVCA). Corrie expressed the opinion that this violates the FONVCA Code of Conduct. It was explained that DNV, not FONVCA, sets the rules for official recognition of a CA and, if it wishes, enforces them..."

**The above clearly shows that the matters raised by me had been presented to FoNVCA I do not know - I saw them posted on our site – I would not call that "presented to FONVCA". on several previous occasions so it is not possible for FoNVCA members to properly express surprise or "disappointment" Disagree entirely – the Titanic sank 100 years ago and I know that but I am still surprised and disappointed – the prime disappointment I think is that a person, and especially a FONVCA rep;, would complain about FONVCA to Council and not even copy FONVCA. A bigger disappointment, in my eyes anyway, is that Doug would not even acknowledge there was anything wrong with what he had done. Further, if it is true that FoNVCA has no control over any aspect of its membership, but only DNV, then it must also follow that the proper place to take those concerns is DNV and not FoNVCA. In my view please feel free, but if about FONVCA, please raise at a FONVCA meeting first, as suggested by Eric. And have the courtesy to copy the party about whom you are complaining. How then can FoNVCA declare that i acted in bad faith in taking these matters to DNV Council and Administration? Doug, the prime complaint, as I see it, is that you did not have the courtesy to copy FONVCA when you complained about FONVCA to Council – we got a copy thanks to a Council member. And raising the concerns verbally at a FONVCA is far more effective and efficient than all this quill-driving via e-mail. If FoNVCA was aware of these matters but did not have the power to act on the concerns why did they not take them to DNV themselves Doug has not provided, to my knowledge, the names of the CAs allegedly violating the rules nor the nature of the violations. Even if we felt it our mandate to complain, we had no basis to do so – or did he provide such info to someone in FONVCA? How can I be charged with acting in bad faith towards FoNVCA over a matter for which FoNVCA admits it has no power or jurisdiction? I can think of many ways you can act in bad faith towards someone over a matter in which neither party has any power or authority.**

#### 4.3(e) cont'd...

John asked that Doug be specific in his complaints and some discussion ensued, but the names of CA's which had allegedly violated DNV's rules for CAs were not forthcoming. **My notes show what I wrote for the minutes; if other attendees think my recording is wrong, they should say so when the minutes are reviewed.**

**My recollection was that John Hunter stated that he could not understand my letters. I understand them – but nobody can do anything with them because you do not tell what CA allegedly violated what rule - they are too vague to act upon**

**even if we had the authority.** I responded as always, that FoNVCA had a listed criteria for membership and it was in my opinion FoNVCA's responsibility to enforce its own rules. **Well Doug, I don't know how many times we have to tell you we have no resources, no authority, and no mandate to do so.** And the rules are the district's rules developed in co-operation with FONVCA. **If you think someone is breaking them, your relief lies with the district – the only thing we can potentially enforce is the FONVCA code of conduct and the FONVCA meeting chair can run the meetings. The specifics of those rules are unequivocal.**

**See points above with regard to appropriate content of Minutes.**

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**Subject:** Fwd: Densification, A Liveable Quotient and A North Shore Conversations Proposal

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FYI Here are the proposal's documents I am submitting to all those who have responded to my earlier query. If they have a life of their own, so be it. If not, it's not for want of trying.

Cheers!

—Attachments:—

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## DENSIFICATION, A LIVEABILITY QUOTIENT & NORTH SHORE CONVERSATIONS

### A PROPOSAL

By

Jerome Irwin

Ever since the Vancouver Courier piece appeared (See attached: “Two Competing Visions for Vancouver’s Growth”), that focused on the densification polemics between the philosophies of the "Sam Sullivan" & "Gordon Gibson" of the world, a number of interesting comments have been received from a variety of respondents. Out of this dialogue has begun to emerge a “Liveability Quotient” principle for densification and the need to create a wide-ranging forum, referred to as *North Shore Conversations*. (See attached: “A Liveability Quotient Principle As A Guiding Principle to High-Density Development”)

This document, and the Vancouver Courier article it was based upon, initially went out to a diverse cross-section of North Shore residents, community associations and political bodies (i.e. North Shore News, Vancouver Sun, West Vancouver Outlook, Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations, the Canadian Press, etc). Many did not choose to respond for whatever reason. But those who did respond, already have become part of an informal early phase of what, hopefully, will become a more formalized, in-depth series of *North Shore Conversations*.

For those who already have responded, here is the gist of some of those budding conversations that have begun to stimulate further conversations of an ever-widening variety and complexity of thought.

Among one of the first to respond to this process was Gordon Gibson himself, whose original article in the Sun sparked the Sam Sullivan rebuttal and then this attempt to frame the polemics of their two opposing philosophies or world views.

An early draft of the Courier article was offered to Mr. Gibson, with the note:

Attached for your interest is a piece I wrote after perusing both your article and Sam Sullivan's in the Vancouver Sun. Rough draft versions of the writing have been circulated amongst various parties on the North Shore, to determine if the piece has merit. Our discussions led to tweaking it



yet one more time. So attached is a fresh copy. At this point, I've given it to a variety of North Shore residents, community associations, the North Shore News, and North Shore politicians. Might you have any other suggestions?

Gibson replied:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me your article. I read it with much pleasure - more, I dare say, than would Sam Sullivan. I think that his piece missed the central point, which is that we do have fundamentally different choices and we should sincerely talk about them. Your article captures that well, and I hope that it gets some attention. Upon reflection, I do have a thought. You might try it on the Courier, the Vancouver community newspaper.

Barry Link, editor of the Vancouver Courier, was queried:

Mr. Link, A rough draft version of the attached article was recently presented to, among others, a group who gathered this past Saturday for North Vancouver's "City Shaping Critical Issues Workshop. One group in attendance, North Van City Voices, is concerned that the options presented in previous workshops were not balanced, but were instead tilted towards significant increases in density. Ms. Valerie Cottingham had written an article on this topic that was published in the North Shore News. So the latest version of my writing was given to their presenters as some further food-for-thought to consider.

Mr. Link asked for a bio, were the Courier to publish a final version of the piece.

"Sure, no problem," I offered, "I was the founding president of the Lower Capilano Community Residents Association, 27 years ago, in North Vancouver and ever since, as a community activist, have vigorously sought to protect our community's local traffic-only, traffic-calmed neighbourhood streets, single family-zoning and Local Neighbourhood Zoned (LNZ) building-regulation status. I see the North Shore's natural iconic beauty, and unique historical heritage homes as cultural treasures to be passed down as priceless legacies to those generations yet to come."

Barry Link decided to run with it, declaring, "It has gone to print. You can now send it out far and wide".

One early recipient was Trevor Carolan, a former DNV Council member, SFU professor, columnist and long time North Shore resident. Carolan noted:

Thanks for keeping me in the loop re. the Vandensification debate. I'm pleased to see a local guy following it. During my time on District Council I engaged with Gordon Price from Van City Council about similar issues. My position was adamantly low-growth. Over the years I've further cultivated my thoughts about this and still think there are ways to generate more housing space without going over the top and ruining the North Shore especially. Gordon is now involved in urban policy development issues at SFU downtown campus; he'd be a good guy to talk to. I was pleased to see Gordon Gibson speak out, although he took his time. Downtown Vancouver's hi-rise development profile has always looked

unimaginative to me. Pretty dowdy, unless you're a fan of grey concrete and view-blocking. I travel quite a bit and get to see how other cities manage things. We've had to suffer the views of two generations of uninspired urban planners hereabouts. From the rash of unpainted, grey concrete we've gone to cheap looking glass towers; no progress there--although a triumph for the public relations industry that has managed to convince locals that these Socialist Rumanian-style tower blocks of the early 1970s-era are "luxury" condos. When I spoke out about this style of development while on DNV Council, it was regarded as naive. Now the City of West Vancouver is adopting it as civic policy. At the moment, and for the past while there hasn't been much vision on offer in North Van. We'll see how things develop. we could use two or three really with-it thinkers around here--small lots, small houses, empty nester blocks, odd-size/odd-shape building patterns, you get the idea. Keep up your good research and writing work. maybe you ought to have a shot at a North Shore version; tried the Outlook?

Jen McDowell, a North Shore resident and long-time active contributor to the Lower Capilano Community Residents' **Association** offered the brief comment:

Did you see the article in Saturday's Sun – "Where Will Our Children Live?" Peter Simpson, who wrote the article, challenges Gordon Gibson's position.

"Thanks", I said, "No not yet. But I have the paper and will dig it out. There will always be the Simpson's and Sullivan's who disagree with the Gibson's because they represent two different directions of civilization, as I pointed out in my piece. By the way, here is another opinion piece, by Anita Romaniuk, that also appeared in the Sun recently.

## **Density will not make housing more affordable**

By Anita Romaniuk, Vancouver Sun April 9, 2012

Re: No housing affordability with-out density, Issues and Ideas, April 3

This article is only the latest that touts increased density as a means of ensuring affordability. The problem is, it doesn't. Rezoning to increase density has the effect of making properties in adjacent areas more desirable to developers. These properties frequently have some form of housing on them because the City of Vancouver has very little undeveloped land. As developers start buying up the properties adjacent to the rezoned land, it pushes the price up, making the existing housing more expensive. In many cases, this housing was originally what we would consider affordable: older low-rise apartment buildings, older houses with one or more rental suites, older commercial buildings with walk-up apartments on the second floor, older small houses with less than 1,000 square feet. Once the developers have crowded out potential buyers who can no longer afford these properties, and accumulated the land and rezoning necessary to build their new, more expensive condominiums (or condos plus retail), the older affordable housing is demolished and lost. Often the tenants of the original multi-unit housing or the owners of the small older houses can't afford to live in their original neighbourhood and have to search for housing else-where. The newer residences might be more numerous, but they are not more affordable.

David Gaite, another resident of the North Shore, who, as always, contributes intelligent ideas to whatever the issue, soon weighed in:

Hi Jerome!

Not just any 'densification article' but one proffered by you! Well done but I hope it doesn't fall on deaf ears – most have entrenched views on the subject and it's hard to break down walls, especially when deep pockets must be fed. The unforgivable and sad reality is that municipalities have to kowtow to developers in order to feed the beast and get the exorbitant bills and bonuses paid on time. There is a lot of rhetoric with this debate – as with many other black and white dichotomies – because of the limited choices available to those who make the big decisions. Finding a middle ground or slowing down the rate of change to a snail's pace would seem an insightful and mature approach to the issues surrounding urban growth. Why is that approach so naïve and untenable? Because of many sad realities: special interest, self-interest, political and business pressures, nimbyism, arrogance and ignorance, and a whole lot more. I appreciate your efforts and hope those in the position to bring about the necessary changes to curtail densification will not just see the light, but bring the light.

“Thanks, for you most intelligent and thoughtful reply”, I answered, “I totally agree with your perspective. Sadly, it boils down to the fact that most people are either too scared to take a firm stand or can't because they lack the courage or perhaps even the intellect to think the whole thing through. Thanks, too, for the pdf version of the piece. I will send it out for what it's worth and ask you to do too, if you're so inclined. I shared it with FONVCA, LCCRA and other North Shore community associations, and asked them to put it on their websites for the interest of their residents. None have yet to comment or respond. Yet this is just one example of why any kind of community-wide communication process is always so very difficult to get rolling! But, anyway, my piece has now been thrown into the hopper. It's important to keep circulating these varying opinions in order to generate more dialogue on the whole subject. Cheers!

The Courier article then was sent to DNV Mayor & Council for their response.

Coun. Alan Nixon was the first to respond:

:I like your article very much! The DNV is on a path to densification right now that will need to be tempered by common sense and a sense of our place! We will need to hear from citizens like you throughout the process!

“Absolutely, Councillor Nixon”, I added. “The Densification debate seems to be heating up because of Sullivan's and Gibson's articles in the Sun, my Courier piece, Peter Simpson' piece in Saturday's Sun, that criticizes Gibson's position, and Anita Romanuik's opinion letter in the Sun:

DNV Mayor Richard Walton subsequently commented:

Irwin, I read your article (I think in the Courier or West Ender) and found the repartee with Sam Sullivan's views very interesting. I used to enjoy challenging Sam's views (mostly flowing from a particular UBC professor) to focus my own thinking. I appreciate the perspective that you

offer...there is no clear path through the forest, and the best decisions are always ones that are balanced, learning from the past as well as the parallel.

What then followed was a phone conversation with Gordon Price, former Vancouver alderman under Mayor Owen, who now teaches Urban Design at SFU's Downtown Centre

Price cogently framed the problem as essentially being two separate, different issues. One issue being how to provide support for good Urban Design with whatever densification programme is undertaken. The other one a more knotty issue on Immigration, and its effects and influences upon high-density development, that is a far more complex one to try to address, especially given Vancouver's long-standing position on encouraging immigration, and some of the distasteful racial issues that have occurred as a result in the past, that too easily can become side-tracked and degenerate into accusations of racism.

So Price contended it is more pragmatic and expedient to focus on the question of how to support good Urban Design. But, as Price pointed out, the issue is ultimately one between two philosophies or ideologies.

But what is good Urban Design? Based upon whose philosophy? As I listened to Price speak, I couldn't help but think of these two different philosophies as being two opposing religions. The one religion (i.e. High-density growth: sweeping, unregulated, more commerce-oriented than people-oriented). Those who profess the wisdoms of its ways, more than not, somehow involved in matters of commerce, and the profits derived therein, from: the building trades, development industry, real estate, business leaders, land-use speculators, high urban-density design planners and related financial and academic institutions. They are the entrepreneurs and movers-and-shakers who "Think Big" inside-the-box! The other religion (Slow-growth: balanced, regulated, more people-oriented than commerce-oriented). Those who profess the wisdoms of its ways, more than not, are in some manner involved in matters of: Green/Eco-friendly/Environmental Studies/Urban Habitat Design & Planning, citizen groups for 'Sensible Growth' and a wide variety of Preservationist organizations and institutions. They are the academics and community organizers who prefer to "Think Small" outside-of-the-box.

The belief system of the sweeping high-density growth model of the mind-set that in order to significantly curb sweeping, rapid growth, more bureaucratic red tape (regulations, building codes, tree preservation bylaws, etc) would be required, but that this is counter-productive to their objectives, and so cutting red tape is the more preferable way to go to speed things up. The Slow-Growth model one that otherwise seeks to put such protective red tape in place, that reflects a more sensible people-oriented perspective, whose beliefs are basically the opposite of the other religious model of growth. This seems to be what those who are critical of Gordon Gibson's philosophy of growth mean when they argue that his position has too many limitations. The one religion's belief system, though commonly accepted as a form of orthodoxy, perhaps being the more radical one, because it seeks to point human civilization in a free-fall direction whose long-term outcome is still basically unknown and untested. Whereas the other religion's belief system perhaps could be called the more conservative one, because it seeks to go more slowly in a direction based upon certain time-honoured and tested principles of life, such as the protection and preservation of: established human traditions, history, heritage, legacy, as well as a sense of place, perhaps even a sacred sense of place in harmony with the surrounding natural world.

Carrying the religious metaphor of these two opposing philosophies a bit further, it's as if one side is professing the creed of a new state-approved religion that some call, "Multi-family, High-Density Development", whose universal message declares that "single-family community life is old-school/dodo-bird thinking that must give way to the new creed". The creed it professes, ever in search amongst the multitudes for new converts. All those opposed to this creed otherwise treated as if they were nothing more than naivetes, simpletons or, worse yet, as heretics. It's as if it were a religious war or schismatic split as wide and deep as once was Henry VIII's and his Church of England's war against the Church of Rome, with a whole continuum of dissenters and non-conformists caught between them. Some dissenters outright rejecting one doctrine or the other, while others forever hoping to win-over the souls of their adversaries. The eternally-perplexing question: how to find some common ground in order to seek a meeting of the minds!

Price went on to speak of a new "City Conversations" programme to attempt to do just that, that is about to begin on April 19th. The website will be coming up in the next few days. It will be

held at the SFU downtown Centre on the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of every month from 12:30-1:30Pm and will cover a range of issues, with each session's presenter taking 7 to 10 minutes at the outset to frame the issue to be discussed.

Price thought that the issue of Densification is always a timely one that would seem to fit into their City Conversation format. He didn't promise anything but thought one of the Thursday meetings could focus on the Densification issue, perhaps in July sometime. SFU's City Conversations concept would be at least one avenue to create some much needed conversation on the topic of densification.

But SFU's plans got me to thinking about the need for those of us on the North Shore to similarly create a venue for what we might call our own "North Shore Conversations". If, pertaining to the issue of densification, it might start with not just one one hour discussion in July, but a series of on-going workshop/brainstorm sessions that would specifically focus on a concept referred to here as the "Liveability Quotient", as a guiding principle to whatever densification occurs on the North Shore in the future. Hopefully, this principle could even become something that evolves into a new kind of Urban Design, so unique to our North Shore, that in time, it might become known around the world, among Urban Designers, City Planners and architects alike, as a new 'ism', called: *North Shore Iconic*. Vancouver, itself, has evolved its own unique brand of densification that now is widely referred to around the world as "Vancouverism", because of its particular style of high-density towers on a single podium. Perhaps a place of higher learning, like Capilano University, would be the natural venue for such North Shore Conversations to first occur.

So that's when I started to flesh out what might be contained within such a unique *North Shore Iconic approach* to the question of densification. This rethinking process actually is not a new one for me ever since the DNV's Identity 2030 OCP first called for the creation of a high-density Lower Capilano Marine Village Centre. It soon became clear to others, as well, who participated in its early charrette planning process, that Identity 2030 was either going to become a sweeping mega high-rise development, beyond our control, similar to what has been occurring everywhere

in Vancouver and throughout the Lower Mainland, or a truly unique and iconic North Shore Preservation Dream Plan of our own creation.

Foremost in my mind, however, was the awareness of previous experiences that many of the District's homeowners and residents have had in the past with the DNV over issues of unwanted or too large high-density development proposals in or around their communities. This legacy suggested that the same unsatisfactory communication process was a very real possibility.

What transpired in the communication process that did ensue was indeed a reminder of those often heard hostile comments, made by homeowners and residents elsewhere in the District as well, about other high-density developments that they, too, had sought to influence or change but ultimately failed. Recalled were such comments as: "We won't waste our time anymore objecting to the District's development plan, because they've already made up their minds"...."Development's a slam dunk!"..."Nothing we can say or do will change anything!"..."You can't trust any of them!"..."The District's bylaws, building codes and development plans are designed to be twisted in favour of development!"... "The District always talks a good game, but their actions don't match their words."

The DNV's Identity 2030's Neighbourhood & Housing Action Plan's, and its proposed Village & Town Centre's, further suggested a potentially nightmarish reality for the surrounding single family-zoned neighbourhoods most affected, if the local residents and homeowners likewise could not make their views heard. In the end, more than a few left the charrette process disillusioned, thinking, "Bye, Bye All You Iconic North Shore Way of Life Dreamers!"

When the DNV Identity 2030 OCP finally received its third reading in May 2011, this writer gave a presentation before Council, highlighting once again some of the grievous flaws and failures in communication experienced first-hand, and related concerns that many have raised about the OCP's sweeping densification plans .

The highlights of that presentation sought to call attention to the flawed aspects in the communication process surrounding the Village Centre OCP Plan that, for some, was and still is

a very real, unresolved bone of contention. That presentation suggested that Lower Capilano Community was/is the victim of Identity Theft, because its name for itself had been misappropriated, without the community's say, to refer to the DNV's 2030 Plan for a "Lower Capilano Marine Village Centre", to be located in a nearby community. Furthermore, that there were certain advocates in favour of the District's high-density development approach to the plan who were wrongly identifying themselves as members of our community. Also that Lower Capilano Community's name has even become amalgamated, again without any say, on Identity 2030's maps as the "Marine Drive/Lower Capilano Neighbourhood". No discussion had occurred before that presentation, or since, with the community regarding the controversial issue of combining the potentially conflicting interests of high-density Marine apartment dwellers with single family homeowners and residents. Or why, for over two years, Lower Capilano Community's petition for Local Neighbourhood Zoning (LNZ), signed by a majority of the residents, has either been quietly ignored or cynically deep-sixed (?), leaving single family homeowners at a decided disadvantage against the unwanted incursions of developers.

With any such poor communication process, a certain amount of mistrust, suspicion and disillusionment inevitably occurs in the minds of the citizenry, as to how the decision-making process in government, especially pertaining to development and densification, really works. In such cases, once the citizenry feels they are being *done to rather than done with* the natural tendency is to simply opt out of the whole process. Such feelings, once entrenched, are very difficult to overcome.

But now, if we're talking about the need to create a series of *North Shore Conversations*, to address these and still many other outstanding issues pertaining to high-density development, a great deal of fence-mending will obviously have to occur to try to rebuild that lost trust.

Yet some North Shore Conversations, that already have begun here, but are not specifically mentioned, have given voice to the kind of cynicism that David Gaité alluded to when he spoke of, "hard to break down walls...municipalities kow-towing to developers...or too much rhetoric with the debate." Gaité's poignant plea, "For the need to find a middle ground to slow down the



rate of change , as an insightful and mature approach”, is the middle ground we have yet to find here on the North Shore. But, perhaps it is beginning to happen! We shall see.

This proposal is currently passing amongst more and more circles of interest for their input:

The City Clerk of North Vancouver is circulating these documents to City Council for their consideration and sent copies to their Community Development Department.

The District of West Vancouver, as well, has sent it to Mayor & Council for their attention. It will be published on the "Correspondence to Mayor and Council" web page, and listed on the Council's meeting agenda. If deemed necessary it will be forwarded to the appropriate division director for consideration and response. Such written responses will be included in the responses to the correspondence section of that week's correspondence list.

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At this point, it looks as though the ball could be starting to roll in the direction in which it sorely needs to go. Hopefully, Gordon Gibson is right when he commented, "Well, you have gotten a great conversation going. Congratulations."

To Be Continued.....

## **A LIVEABILITY QUOTIENT AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE TO HIGH-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT**

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One only needs to talk to the citizenry all over the North Shore to realize that this aspect of the "Quotient" has not yet been clearly enumerated.

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For example, one person's Google search this week based on "**clever people's association**" led them directly to the CGA blogsite.

It reveals the sophistication of the Google search algorithms that of the possibilities in the world, our blog was determined to be the best fit.

There you go!

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**To:** Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>

**CC:** 'FONVCA' <fonvca@fonvca.org>, David Knee <paiofknees@telus.net>

Your Worship & Members of Council,

The April 2/2012 WV Council video clip at [http://videos.westvancouver.ca/Council\\_Videos/2012/04/02/item5.smil](http://videos.westvancouver.ca/Council_Videos/2012/04/02/item5.smil) relating to the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Overview is worth a look.

A pdf file of a rough transcript (by Carolanne Reynolds) is also attached.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost  
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—Attachments:—

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Extract of notes by WV.pdf

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## Extract of notes by WV's Carolanne Reynolds...

Edited by Carolanne Reynolds <EditorWVM@WestVan.org> 15/36

16 WVM2012-08 • Ccl NOTES Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> • Ccl AGENDAs Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> • Calendar to May 10<sup>th</sup>+

### Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Overview (File: 0185-08-07)

PowerPoint presentation to be provided.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the report from the Dir/Engg dated Feb 24 be received for information.

RF: secondary upgrade is a signif project for the NSh

certainly a big proj undertaken

Fred Nenninger Proj Mgr and Marie Griggs Division Mgr

here today to give an overview of this particular proj

undertaken in next year or two and thank you for coming

Jim Rusnak Deputy CO and CFO

Fred N: integrated liquid waste; approved by Minister of Envmt last year

SLIDE showing locations

four key objectives

second standard; sustainability; integrated resource recovery; cmnty integration

project three phases

we're in proj definition allowing six years design and const 2014 to 2019 then xxx

activities broken down quarter by quarter SLIDE

looking at biz cases; prelim design next year; completed by end of 2013

integrated design process

Infrastructure Canada Announcement-- approach for a new long-term infra plan

going to turn it over to Marie for engagement and consultation [7:18]

Marie: three phases

requesting input from target audiences -- NSh but will also invite others from LM

First Nations public MetroV adv etc

will be reporting back to you regularly

public adv cmtes -- 11 mbrs

operational certificate from the Min of the Envmt

MANY SLIDES

M&Ccl may wish to appoint a liaison

30 First Nations in the area

website; media relations

first public adv cmte mtg in May

Sop: thank you for the presentation

some idea of the funding formula? relationship to Iona?

states Min of Envmt has no interest at all in helping with funding

large amt; NSh will be taxed accordingly

what guarantees do we have for funding and what's the formula?

CFOMbr: when passed plan sent to Vic to approve

direction to reexamine the definition of Tier One and Tier Two costs

that process is now underway

upgrades Annacis and Lulu Island considered as Tier Two -- anything beyond primary

a cmte set up wch Mr MrRadu sits on I'm chairing

looking at the whole sewer case formula

MetroV and back to the board

implications to this sewer area; when Iona gets built; ramifications cd be considerable depending on formula [7:26]

one of the directives of the RAC WG is a formula that is more, that is appropriate for the contemporary times we find ourselves in

one of the principles talked about is the notion of equity

throughout the region shd be paying roughly the same for the sewage costs

a lot of work done and a lot to be done

Greater Vancouver is the ultimate resp and xxx depends on the formula

work Fred and his team will be engaging some cost experts so will have better idea what costs will be

Sop: as Dep CAO any indications fed or prov will be throwing in their chunk of change?

pretty onerous for three Ms to carry that burden

hope others will come through

CFOMbr: 35% in grants; most recent got \$100M in grants 7:28

language in plan crty? or contingent on that; Min deleted that

broad engagement strategy

mtgs with prov, fed, P3 Inc  
all aware of these projects  
working closely wth FCM  
gas tax funding is av for things like this  
woking? an ev possible source  
ML: you alluded to a xxx  
can we ask they come and give a brief to this Ccl?  
CFOmbr: certainly; needs to work its way back through RAC  
happy to bring that back and talk in more detail as to what that means  
ML: earlier in process  
CFOmbr: [7:30] we have sr staff engaged representatives of RAC, REAC, and RFAC -- complicated process at this  
time  
bunch of numbers and formulas in terms of how it allocates through [7:26]  
MetroV Finance Cmte different periods of amortization; subcmte is looking at that as well  
bunch of detailed modelling  
preliminary to bring it back right now; happy to bring it back when more info may be prelim to do it now  
NG: about the financial aspect  
don't forget Cclr Sop and other -- election coming up; get some verbal promises  
I saw that nice map for a second -- cd you please throw that back up so we can see  
maybe hard to see for ppl at home  
Fred N: in industrial lands between Pemberton and  
NG south of Low Level Rd --  
CC: Pemberton Stn pub  
LAUGHTER  
TP: obviously the ad in the paper has caught some ppl's attention  
good we have representation on that  
second: I'm taking notes lay of land from fellow mbrs on Ccl  
bit of a back step: this whole compendium -- in front of me need to commend  
rubber hits the road; how do we implement it?  
seek and require financial support  
is there any update on -- know mtg with Ministers -- know early stage but know that mtgs has happened  
CFO?: no specifics from mtg with Chair? Moore  
positive; glad to be kept informed of our project  
if built remaining  
the xxx Canada fund over-subscribed  
big part of success in future building a partnership collaboration with other levels of govt  
better than slamming fist  
xxx has to be in compliance  
trying a more xxxx approach  
know you'll be keeping us up  
Mayor: thank you for your presentation; guess good luck to us all -- so we can afford to go to the bathroom  
MAB:: thank you app your keeping us informed; thank you  
[7:36]

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Dear Richard: Please check out the NSMBA's Official **Trail Adoption Plan** Roster for 2012. Did DNV actually approve this with the NSMBA, their corporate adopters and builders, *or not*? Pink Starfish has been adopted by North Shore Bike Shop and two builders. District Parks has been involved with the NSMBA's TAP, I know for fact: [http://nsmba.ca/content/2012-01\\_tap-builders-2012](http://nsmba.ca/content/2012-01_tap-builders-2012) (ie. "Many thanks to Metro Vancouver, the DNV & BC Parks for their continued support of TAP and the upcoming Builder's Academy.")

<http://nsmba.ca/trail-adoption-plan>

**2012 Trail Adopers (sic)**

| Trail                                    | Trail Adopter                    | Trail Builder                          | Land Manager |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <a href="#">Boogieman</a>                | Steed/Giant Bicycles             | Sean Gerke                             | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Dreamweaver</a>              | Arc'teryx                        | Mark Wood                              | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Empress &amp; the Bypass</a> | Different Bikes & NS Ride        | Daniel Lui & Darryl Marlatt            | DNV/BC Parks |
| <a href="#">Executioner</a>              | BMO Bank of Montreal             | Chris Barker                           | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Expresso</a>                 | MEC & nsmb.com & Rock Shox       | Todd Fiander & Jerry Willows           | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Crinkum/Kirkford</a>         | Deloitte                         | Peter Morin                            | DNV          |
| Lower Griffen                            | Rocky Mountain Bicycles          | Matt Preston                           | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Lower Oilcan</a>             | Dizzy Cycles                     | Seb Kemp & Peter O'Loughlin            | DNV          |
| Circuit 8                                | BC Bike Race & Adera             | Matt Preston                           | Metro        |
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| <a href="#">Pink Starfish</a>            | <b>North Shore Bike Shop</b>     | <b>Liam Mulally &amp; Pat Podolski</b> | <b>DNV</b>   |
| Richard Juryn Trail                      | John Henry Bikes                 | Mark Wood                              | Metro        |
| <a href="#">Team Pangor</a>              | Ryders Eyewear & the Muddbunnies | Sven Luebke                            | DNV          |
| <a href="#">Upper Griffen</a>            | Endless Biking                   | Earl Allen                             | DNV          |

Also, check out: [http://nsmba.ca/content/2012-02\\_nsmba-presents-builders-academy-north-shore-land-managers](http://nsmba.ca/content/2012-02_nsmba-presents-builders-academy-north-shore-land-managers) (ie. NSMBA Builders Academy: "The DNV, BC Parks and Metro Vancouver attended the one and a half hour course followed by a walk thru on Corkscrew to see the **building fundamentals implemented in practical use. It was another positive step forward in relationship building with the Land Managers.**" (photo with DNV's Susan Rogers and Graham Knell, included with the write-up)

It does not look very much like hearsay to me. I hope by what you meant by "old" Pink Starfish trail, DNV is not giving the NSMBA a "new" relocated Pink Starfish trail. My past experience and dealings with DNV Parks and the NSMBA leaves me distrustful, Richard.

--Monica Craver--

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The introduction of thousands of more cars into Lynn Valley is not sustainable.

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He bragged that over 3,000 people participated in this process.

There are 54,000 registered voters in the District. This should have gone to referendum on the November ballot.

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- \***The Shore**\* <<http://bb.nsemb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3>> (/http://bb.nsemb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3/)

- - \*Pink Starfish?\* <<http://bb.nsemb.com/showthread.php?t=146046>> (/http://bb.nsemb.com/showthread.php?t=146046/)

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\*Anyone know if Pink Starfish will be alive this year?\* Was asked yesterday and I didn't know so I thought I'd resurrect this thread to see if it's fair game.

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^ **\*Yes, it will be \*\*TAP'ed\*** <http://nsmba.ca/trail-adoption-plan> \*this year by North Shore Bike Shop\*

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\*Yes me and Liam have been given the permit for Pink Starfish and It will be TAP'd by North Shore Bike Shop this year.\* We will be having 7 trail days as well as going up with Liam every Monday to get as much work done as possible. I cant guarantee anyone that it will be done and open this year due to a lot of complicated re-route but I think that it will be a great trail when its done. If you like Pink Starfish and would like to be part of its revival shoot me a private msg with your name and email and you will be put on a list. Cheers!

Pat

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\*There is no excuse for DNV to have approved this trail for reopening. None whatsoever!\*

The "plan" is a crying sham! And Mountain View Park wetland and upland area integrity and biodiversity has paid dearly for it. And so has our Upper Lynn Neighbourhood, \*where DNV cannot even find the resources to give us proper, enforceable RPO signage, not the substandard signs we have had for too many years. We have mountain bikers sprawling their bikes all over people's driveways and lawns on Mtn Hwy, on a typical weekend. \*

As DNV goes about handing out resources and cash like candy to the mountain bikers, none is left for where it is needed: \*conservation of Mountain View Park wetland and upland area, and proper Residents' Parking Only signage on Hoskins and McNair.\*

Excuses all around from DNV as to why they cannot /(will not)/ comply with this simple matter of proper signage. The damage has almost been made complete to the Mountain View area with way too many trails inside a high value ecological area. We have to ask DNV why? Because the mountain bikers insist on their "rights"? What about ours?

\*--Monica Craver--\*

**Subject:** Fwd: Keeping Backyard Hens in DNV Some Research Information for Council and Staff

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**Subject:** Keeping Backyard Hens in DNV Some Research Information for Council and Staff

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Hi all

This package is to give you more facts on the "Backyard Chickens" issue and the April 16 proposal to DNV Council to legalize backyard chickens under certain rules. It supplements the information I provided April 16 to Council in an e-mail. I have included that April 16 info below, with additions, to give a complete one-stop- shopping package. If anybody wants to read the proposal to Council, Google DNV's Council package of April 16 2012 and turn to page 15 of the report to Council at [http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council\\_Agendas\\_Minutes/rc120416.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/rc120416.pdf).

#### **Recommendation**

I think the proposal is so highly ill-advised given where we live and bears etc., that Council should not spend their time nor staff time on it. We have more important challenges, like Lion's Gate and potential new drinking water facilities.

Part of the reason for dismissing the proposal is that, in my opinion, CLUCK'S presentation was not balanced and did not give Council the publicly available information that is unfavourable to their recommendations and information. More on that point later. Secondly, how can Council, who for years has argued for safety reasons that residents should avoid bear attractants, now agree with backyard chickens? This may imply a liability issue for the district. Thirdly, when you read their proposal and the Vancouver bylaw, you can see potential enforcement nightmares and incremental enforcement and permitting/inspection costs. Lastly, like barking dogs, it can lead to problems amongst neighbours. Why look for trouble? We have not had a huge call for backyard chickens to my knowledge.

In Council's shoes, I'd sit on this (sorry!) for five years and let Vancouver and perhaps CNV try it out. But in my opinion, they have fewer bears and hence fewer risks than DNV.

If people want fresher eggs, or better eggs, or eggs not from hens in small cages, buy coated eggs (seals the pores, keeps air out) and/or free range eggs.

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#### **Introduction**

Having worked a bit on a farm and with my wife Monica raised on one, we are somewhat familiar with chickens. A number of the statements (at least as I heard them) made by CLUCK at the April 16 DNV Council meeting did not match my chicken experience, so I have reviewed their entire package in detail, done some research.

#### **ISSUES (in the order of Cluck's report to Council of April 16)**

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##### **Ugly Fences (page 18)**

The report contemplates not only chicken coops, but fenced ground areas where the chickens can walk, feed, etc. Although they have to be kept three feet from the property line, this will have to involve some sort of chicken wire or other sort of fence around an area up to 6.5 feet high and 10 feet by 10 feet across. They also recommend the walking area be covered with something like "corrugated fibreglass". Sure not bear proof. And super ugly.

##### **Disposal of Chicken Manure (page 19)**

"Manure may be flushed down the toilet or composted." Does Metro Vancouver or DNV want that in the sewage system? As for composting, trust me – chicken manure STINKS.

##### **Unenforceable Rules**

There are numerous rules proposed for the chicken bylaw – I counted 21 in the Executive Summary alone. Who is going to enforce these and at what cost?

##### **Disposing of unwanted or non-productive chickens:**

It is contemplated that "confiscated chickens" will be taken to the Animal Shelter (page 20), and presumably abandoned chickens will need the same treatment. What is the cost and can the Animal Shelter handle them? CLUCK asked Maplewood Farm to take them but Maplewood is unwilling to do so.

The average lifespan of a chicken is seven to 10 years, although they can certainly live longer. However, hens lay eggs only until they're two or three. What will you do with your hens when they are no longer "productive"? Will they become someone else's problem (a shelter, a sanctuary, or simply left somewhere out in the bush to fend for themselves), or will we be talking about amateur backyard slaughtering too (which CLUCK says would be prohibited – page 19)?

I called Parkgate Bird Hospital regarding having a chicken euthanized. Yes, it is \$40 as CLUCK told you. What they did not tell you, to my knowledge, is that if the vet has not seen your chicken before, it's \$60 to examine it, then \$40 to kill it, and if over 2.3 kilos (5.1 pounds), \$57 to cremate it or you have to sign an affidavit promising to bury it six feet deep (cremation free if under 2.3 kilos). Message: non-productive or unwanted chickens will go in the stew pot or the garbage or be set free in the bush.

CLUCK say (page 19) that dead chickens cannot be put in the garbage, but given the disposal options above, my guess is that is where they will go.

##### **Noise**

CLUCK implies that noise is not a real problem. I believe the noise referred to by CLUCK (page 20), in claiming hens are quieter than human conversation, is the gentle clucking of a hen as she feeds. However, a Google for "dominant hens" shows that in the absence of roosters (roosters will be prohibited in DNV), a hen may assume a "dominant hen" position and behave somewhat like a rooster, including crowing. They also make quite a bit of noise when laying eggs, at any hour of the day or night – the allowed six hens (while young) will lay six eggs a day with the accompanying racket for about 5 minutes each time, every day and night. From Google (Village Garden Web): "This morning I was woken up at 4.36 am by a croaky, rusty, "cwaaka-cwaka-waa" (as opposed to your textbook "cock-a-doodle-do"). My 70 year old aunt - born and raised in the country (though a city girl for the last 50 years) was here last weekend, when one of the black birds made a similar noise mid-afternoon. She said that a dominant chicken would make a noise like that...".

On page 24, CLUCK gives noise information from a California city, Pleasanton, implying that chicken sounds cannot be heard past nine feet. However, a check of the actual Pleasanton report shows that it is regarding "squawking" caused by handling the birds to induce them to make some noise, **not by crowing**. ("Although the chickens were not audible for most of the visit, they made a minimal level of noise when staff prodded them to obtain a recordable noise reading that exceeded the base readings. Prodding involved handling the chickens and causing them to be nervous, which resulted in a squawking of sorts.") The statement made to Council by CLUCK that you cannot hear a chicken beyond 9 feet is false for crowing, in my opinion. They will be heard in your neighbour's yards, and if their bedroom windows are open at night, may awake them.

Unlike chickens, dogs and cats are usually in the house at night, due to the risk of bear or coyote attack amongst other things. If the cat or dog makes noise inside at night, the neighbour probably won't hear it and the pet owner will normally act immediately to quiet the animal so they themselves can sleep.

**Odour Control and Care of Chickens**

This may be a major problem. Page 37 of CLUCK's package indicates that an hour a day *minimum* is needed:

"1 hour per day minimum for cleaning, parasite control, grooming, physical exam, travel, time to purchase supplies, construction, repair, medication, feeding, supervise free time out of pen. Hens should be cared for twice daily. During the AM to ensure food, water, and cleaning for the day and again in the evening to ensure adequate supplies for the evening and that all birds are securely confined overnight. Think ahead for vacations and weekends away. Do you have someone is able to care for your birds while you are away and knows about your flock and chicken health in case something goes wrong?"

Particularly as the novelty wears off for the kids, and if both parents work outside the home, how well kept and "policed" will the birds be during the day and is the required cleaning going to happen to avoid odour and vermin?

**Bear Attacks on Chickens**

I Goggled "bear attacks on chickens" during Council April 16 and got numerous hits instantly. So, I gather, did Gavin Joyce.

Bears do, as CLUCK admitted, like chickens, and judging by Google they certainly attack chicken coops.

I am astounded that in CLUCK's report, no information on bear attacks was provided, although they do provide Vancouver's "Basic Chicken Care" document (Page 37 of package). However, Vancouver does not even mention bears as a hazard: "Chickens will attract bird mites and lice, mice, yard birds, squirrels, raccoons, dogs, coyotes, rats, and humans." It appears CLUCK may not understand the frequency of bears in DNV. On page 41, CLUCK again fails to point out the risk of bears in selecting types of fencing.

At the bottom of this e-mail are a few examples of bear attacks on chickens.

**Electric Fence as Bear Defence**

This is a defence CLUCK mentioned April 16 – but might it kills birds, squirrels, and cats, or a child standing on wet ground? From Google: "Many fence owners, especially those in agriculture, are switching to electric fences to due to their low cost, easy maintenance and greater longevity. While electric fences do have plenty of benefits, they also carry some potentially deadly dangers that necessitate proper electric fence safety. *A single shock from an electric fence is not lethal, so electric fences are quite safe in general. However, if a person or animal becomes entangled, the multiple shocks from an electric fence can build up in the body and turn deadly within minutes, reports Australia's Office of the Technical Regulator.*" (emphasis added)

**Maplewood Farm Experience**

CLUCK on April 16 stated, in my recollection, that Maplewood farm had not had bear problems despite its many chickens, with the apparent message that if Maplewood had no bear problems with all their critters, why would anyone else in DNV?

I toured Maplewood recently with Derek Palmer, Facility Manager of Maplewood. The farm has an eight foot high chain link fence around the entire perimeter, and at night all the animals are locked in reinforced pens or the barn. In addition, two German Sheppard dogs are turned loose in the farm at night. The pens and barn are heavily built and wired.

I would therefore suggest that Maplewood experience is not applicable to a typical residential yard.

Please see attached photos which show the fence, the heavy wire on the cages, and the heavy barn door construction.

**Miscellaneous**

- The Vancouver bylaw allows four hens (section 7.5(c)). Why do they suggest 6-8 for DNV?
- Why is DNV's chicken registry voluntary and Vancouver's mandatory (section 7.15) ?

I remain of the view, given our history of discouraging bear attractants, this proposal does not make sense and may expose the DNV to liability and the residents to risk. It is also a risk to be a noise and odour nuisance.

Lastly, given that hens live 7-10 years or longer, if Council permits backyard chickens, the exit strategy if backyard chickens prove untenable over time will be very difficult.

Regards

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**Story 1 Bear attacks chicken coop in Wayne**

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A black bear attacked chickens in a coop Saturday in Wayne, according to [a report in The Record](#).

The report said Hamid Haopshy came home around 6:15 p.m. to find a 250-pound black bear tearing into one of the chickens he keeps in his yard at 29 Church Lane. Capt. Paul Ireland, a department spokesman, said Patrolman Rick Hess was dispatched to the scene with a tranquilizer gun. But police could not locate the bear.

**Story 2 Bear Attacked Chickens**

July 11, 2011

[Clicks to Chicken Dinners, Coops](#)





We butchered 7 meat chickens on Monday, June 20 and left the rest in their pen for our second butcher day on June 24. I knew that something had been prowling around them at night, so I was extra careful to make sure the bricks were in place to hold down the chicken wire. Nevertheless, something reached a paw in from the top and nabbed a chicken. I found the trampled down place where the chicken had been eaten. Every single bit was gone, with the exception of a few drops of blood and some feathers.

I fixed that hole, and the next day found that something had tried to bite its way through the wood roof. That night I covered the pen with additional hardware wire and chicken wire I had on hand, as well as an old plastic trellis. Though I didn't attach each piece, they were tangled enough that it would take a pretty strong and focused predator to get in. I figured I just had a couple more days to go, and once we'd finished the butchering, I would focus in on improving the chicken tractor.



*At first I thought a bomb had gone off on the chicken tractor.*

The chickens were just fine on Wednesday morning at 9:30. But when I went to check them again at 1:30 I was stunned. It looked like a bomb had gone off, destroying the roof of the chicken tractor. The wire I'd added to the top had been torn off, a big hole had been ripped in the wood roof, and parts of the roof were tossed 6 feet away. The remains of a dead chicken were strewn on the top of the roof where the predator had eaten it. Another dead chicken was laying in the front of the pen.



*The meat chickens behaved like refugees in the hens' and ducks' pen. They huddled together and wouldn't move very far.*

I carried the survivors up to the hen pen where they acted like true refugees, huddling in a corner away from the hens and ducks. Then I went to call Leah and the Division of Wildlife. Based on the destruction I was sure a bear had come and I wanted them to be aware of the change in wildlife behavior in the area. Then I went back to the pen to build an electric fence around it.

While I was making phone calls, the bear had returned, hauled the dead chicken out, and was eating it in the grass next to the pond. I chased it off, grabbed the chicken, threw it back in the bombed out chicken tractor, and built my fence. I was looking forward to hearing the sounds of bear screams, so I snuck back every few hours to see if the bear had returned. I heard it scream at about 11:30 pm, and then walked over with my headlamp to make sure that the fence was still intact. That was a scary walk for sure!

We left the dead chicken in the pen until we repaired it on Thursday evening. Now our chicken tractor has a metal roof, and we eliminated the slant to the roof to reduce the design weakness that might allow predators to try to reach in. The electric fence seems to have done the job, because nothing has attacked the growing meat birds since. But you never know when something very determined might try again.

Here's something I've been thinking about since: My neighbor Meg says that every year she goes out to look at the choke cherries and says to herself "Just a couple more days an they'll be perfect for harvesting." Then, just before she can pick them, a bear comes and eats them all. She wondered out loud to me "How do they know to come get them every year, just before it's time to harvest?" Now I wonder, how did the bears know that it was time to get their chickens before we harvested them all?



*The hole in the roof and the dead chicken the bear hadn't eaten yet.*



*I ran water on the ground rods to make the soil more moist and help with putting a good charge on the fence.*



*At first we ran the fence tight around the chicken tractor so that I could teach the bear about electricity. I've made a larger fenced area now so that it is easy to move the tractor day to day.*

### Story 3 A shocking idea to deter bears in Alaska

#### Livestock owners consider electric fences to protect chickens, livestock

BY CRAIG KEENER

[For the Star](#)

Wildlife experts are urging Eagle River chicken owners to safeguard their backyard coops against bears now instead of shooting marauding bruins later.

Last year, at least two bears were killed in Eagle River after the animals tried to raid chicken coops.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game held a workshop last weekend at the Eagle River Nature Center to encourage the use of electric perimeter fencing as a deterrent for intrusive bears.

So far this year, there have been only a few reported bear sightings, but the bruins are expected to become more active by mid-April, said Eagle River Nature Center manager Laura Kruger.

And they will be attracted to the usual smells – unsecured garbage, bird feeders, and now chicken coops, said Jessy Coltrane, wildlife biologist for Fish and Game, who lives in Eagle River.

Wildlife technician Tony Carnahan and education and outreach specialist Elizabeth Manning, both with Fish and Game, cited the rising popularity of keeping chickens throughout Anchorage and Eagle River. Imports of live chickens to Alaska increase by about 20 percent each year, according to the State Veterinarian's office, Manning said.

Most properties in Eagle River Valley are zoned to allow private coops, Coltrane said. While there is no definitive figure for how many Eagle River properties have chicken coops, Coltrane and staff at the Nature Center have received numerous calls from locals concerned with protecting their birds.

About 20 residents attended the presentation.

If managed properly, Coltrane said, those who want to keep chickens can do so without bear encounters.

"The solution is not to be shooting every bear that comes to get your chickens," she said. "You have to be more proactive."

Electric fences, she said, are the ideal deterrent for black and brown bears. The shock is powerful enough to send a clear message to stay away, but will not harm the animal long term.

During the April 3 workshop, Manning and Carnahan detailed the best ways to build electric perimeter fencing.

The fences typically pack a punch ranging from 5,000 to 7,000 volts, with the shocks administered in pulses, Carnahan said.

"They are not designed to maim or injure; all are just charges designated for livestock use," Carnahan said.

A bear will most likely touch a live fence with its nose or the pads of its paws, sensitive areas that will deter the animal from getting any closer, he added.

The materials needed to create an enclosure include fence posts, 14-gauge wire, a charger and suitable grounding wire, Carnahan said. Chargers administer the electrical current, and vary in size and capacity. These essential units should be waterproof or stored indoors, he said.

Options abound for perimeter fencing, but setting up a basic enclosure ranges from \$150 to \$200, he said.

Ideally, a fence should be no less than five feet tall, with electrified wires running about a foot apart. Fences can also be set at a 45-degree angle facing outward from the enclosure to ensure contact near the head of larger bears, where a shock on the paw alone may prove ineffective.

Manning recommended clearing surrounding vegetation from chicken coops to prevent those plants from creating a short circuit.

Innovation is key in outwitting a hungry bear, Carnahan said. Bears will often dig up, or damage buried cables, which supply power to the electric grid, he said.

To withstand curious bears, the livestock structures themselves should be reinforced, too, Manning said. Barricading doors, and installing window shutters that close flush to the exterior of the building can prevent bears from prying a coop open.

"Just tacking plywood over windows is not enough," she said.

Particularly when salmon are running, Eagle River acts as a corridor for bears roaming down from the mountainsides of Chugach State Park and nearby. State biologists estimate that about 250 to 350 black bear and more than 65 brown bears populate an area from Girdwood to the Knik River, but much of that territory is alpine highland and unsuitable for bears.

Kruger said she has been raising chickens for about a year. Although she has not yet had problems with bears attacking her livestock, she opted this year to install an electrified enclosure for her chicken coops out of an existing dog kennel on her O'Riedner Road property, she said.

At a cost of about \$200, Kruger's six chickens are now safe from prowling bears. While she said she is content with her enclosure, she was intrigued by the different options highlighted at Sunday's presentation.

"It was definitely informative and cool to see other set-ups and know all the options out there," she said.

Eagle River resident Gregg Terry, an adjunct horticulture instructor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, recognized crossover potential in using electric fences to protect compost heaps. While not typically a target for browsing bears, compost that contains fish and meat byproducts could easily lure them in, Terry said. He recommended fast-acting, odor-reducing composts that do not use animal byproducts.

Carnahan encouraged residents raising livestock to be creative, and continue to improve their systems once they are in place.

"Curiosity is one thing you have to defend against, too," he said. "Sometimes you have to get creative and think the way the animal does."

For more information on electric fences, go to Fish and Game's Web site, [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livingwithbears.bearfences](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livingwithbears.bearfences).

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**Subject:** Fwd: Happy(?) Save the Frogs Day  
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Dear Mayor and Council: How many of you have ever sat peacefully for a half hour, or more, by the side of a pond? It is amazing what you can see. The following quote can easily apply here, as it did in the Rouge Valley. "Someone charging through" an (attempted) peaceful nature walk in the forest abuses both nature and the "soul" of the forest.

Because DNV has opened up places such as Mountain View Park wetland an environs to abuse from mountain bikers (which it is), we invite more abuse of the place by others because of the inherent lack of respect for the wilderness places by those who come through, racing on their machines...It sends the wrong message that Mountain View Park, and its species at risk resident, the Northern Red Legged Frog has no inherent value. When this frog disappears, more wildlife will disappear with it. Mountain View Park could have been developed as a wetland jewel, not a mountain bike thoroughway. It is not only myself who sees the problem with mountain bikes, dirtbikes and ATVs abusing the forests.

***Mountain bikers destroyed 1000 trees (saplings) a few years ago in Mountain View Park, and they are still destroying trees... slowly...slowly... with help from DNV.***

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**"I don't have a problem with enjoying the wild spaces, but when areas like this get opened up it's subject to so much abuse. People bring in their dirt bikes and their ATVs and they just destroy the place. There are a lot of trails in some of the park areas that have been destroyed by people just abusing it. Forests are a sacred place. It's where you should be able to go to relax and turn off from the world and just find yourself. And, someone charging through on a mountain bike or an ATV, it just destroys the whole mood of the place. We need places for the soul." ~Colin Creasey, Chairperson for "10,000 Trees For The Rouge Valley" (Toronto, Ontario)**  
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Will we ever see a Happy "Save the Red Legged Frog Day" in DNV? Not while Mountain View Park and environs are still being abused with more development for off-road



wreckreation, folks. Isn't it high time the DNV put some real restoration and conservation efforts for the park, rather than to continue pandering to the mountain bikers all the time? Imagine what a treasure this park and environs could become.

**Special places like Mountain View Park wetland and environs should be set aside to "sooth the soul", not to be abused with adrenaline-pumping "*heavy metal*" machines. Thank you.**

--Monica Craver--

**Red Legged froglet in Mountain View Park's pond, a couple years ago...**



**Subject:** FW: Pipeline risks are too high for Vancouver Gregor Robertson April 24, 2012 JCH Letter to Sun

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**Subject:** Pipeline risks are too high for Vancouver Gregor Robertson April 24, 2012 JCH Letter to Sun

Dear Mayors Robertson and Corrigan

This is for your information and I would ask that you forward it to your Councils. It is in response to the article from Mayor Robertson in the Vancouver Sun April 24 (attached).

The Sun did publish my letter (below, uncut) but cut so much that the message may have been lost.

Oil and tankers are a risk, but it is important, regardless of one's view of the subject, to have facts, not misinformation. Whoever provided Mayor Robertson with his "facts" for the article did not provide proper advice, in my opinion.

If people want information on this issue, feel free to contact me.

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Dear Editor

I share Gregor Robertson's concern about oil (or any) spills in Vancouver Harbour, but to better understand the risks, we need accurate facts and history regarding pipeline and oil tanker operations in BC.

Unfortunately, some of the statements in Mayor Robertson's article are wrong. Our oil exports did not shut down the three Burrard Inlet refineries – the reasons Imperial shut down Ioco refinery, where I worked, was that its small size made it

uneconomic to upgrade to modern environmental and product standards; PetroCanada and Shell probably shut down for the same reason. Imperial replaced that capacity with a large new refinery near Edmonton feeding product to BC through Kinder Morgan's pipeline. Kinder Morgan's proposed new crude oil exports, primarily diluted bitumen, "bypass local refineries" because our only remaining local refinery, Chevron, is not configured to process bitumen, and probably can't be converted economically to do so. Chevron tells me they do not expect the Kinder Morgan expansion to negatively affect them.

Tankers have been moving crude oil and petroleum products in B.C. waters for nearly a century, since the start-up of Imperial's Vancouver refinery in 1915. Until the Trans Mountain pipeline from Edmonton was built to Burnaby in 1953, 100 percent of the crude oil was tankered to our four Vancouver refineries. Petroleum products from these refineries and their tank farms were and are tankered to B.C. coastal ports and still serve as the only petroleum products supply to Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and many other consumers. Tankers remain essential to economical delivery of petroleum products in B.C., and for the import and export of chemical commodities from Vancouver.

There have been no serious B.C. oil tanker spills (other than canola oil in Vancouver harbour) in that near century in B.C. waters, the same record as for tankers plying the Great Lakes (a major drinking water source). There have been two serious tanker spills in Atlantic Canadian waters in the last 40 years, but none since 1979. Both Atlantic spills were foreign vessels without pilots, tethered tugs or double hulls, all of which are required in Vancouver's Second Narrows for oil tankers, and will probably be mandated for Enbridge's Kitimat project. This history does not mean that accidents cannot happen, but gives some assurance.

In view of this history, I suggest local politicians and citizens not attempt to choke off various Canadian exports from eastern provinces, but instead focus on reducing the risk of accidents and on ensuring adequate resources are available to deal with any spills.

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**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** 02/05/2012 12:08 PM  
**To:** Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Post preamble and link.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** The wisdom of messy, democratic assessments  
**Date:** Wed, 02 May 2012 10:19:31 -0700  
**From:** Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>  
**To:** DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>  
**CC:** [fonvca@fonvca.org](mailto:fonvca@fonvca.org)

Dear Mayor and Council: The following article could also apply to how the Mountain View Park, Mount Fromme Alpine Recreation and Trails public process was handled. There was, and still is, no balance with the outcome of the planning for recreation and conservation. It is a place where environmental assessments for Mountain View Park wetland and upland area **were totally ignored**, in favour of DNV's pandering to very consumptive recreational development and commercial interests.

The cost of that unbalanced and unfair decision, alone, far outweighs any benefits to the local economy. It also dishonours our children and grandchildren, as they will be the ones paying for all the damage inflicted by reckless off-road recreation activities, tomorrow. We need some places set aside for conservation and protection from such invasive and consumptive off-road sports. Mountain View Park wetland and upland area was to have been one of them, according to ignored environmental assessments. That is not democracy at work.

You may think you have "gotten away with it", but in a few years time, your children and grandchildren may ask you why you did not try harder to protect some of these places. You, not I, have the power to do so. I can only urge you to do the right thing, as a citizen in the District of North Vancouver. The balance between consumptive mountain biking activities and conservation on Mt. Fromme is sorely lacking. Where is democracy and fairness in that? The following article explains the wisdom behind fair and democratic public process and assessments. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/todays-paper/wisdom+messy+democratic+assessments/6551521/story.html>

## The wisdom of messy, democratic assessments



**Subject:** Fwd: Update on Important Events and Dates / CGA Annual General Meeting / Speakers / Activities

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**Date:** 03/05/2012 5:04 PM

**To:** Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Update on Important Events and Dates / CGA Annual General Meeting / Speakers / Activities

**Date:** Thu, 03 May 2012 16:53:16 -0700

**From:** Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>

**To:** [fonvca@fonvca.org](mailto:fonvca@fonvca.org)

A number of important events are coming in the next few weeks, all of which are interesting, fun or important for helping building a better community in the Gateway!

**Wednesday May 9, 7 - 9:15 PM / Capilano Rugby Club, 305 Klahanie Court, W. Vancouver**

### **Capilano Gateway Association 2012 Annual General Meeting**

Our second AGM will be held Wednesday, May 9, 7 PM at the Capilano Rugby Club. Business to be conducted includes Annual Reports of activities and initiatives from the past year, member concerns and elections for the 2012 Executive Board. More information about this important meeting can be found on our blog site. Contact us via email; [capgatewayassoc@gmail.com](mailto:capgatewayassoc@gmail.com) or call 604-985-5621 or 604-904-2409

Visit the CGA blogsite: <http://www.capilanogatewayassociation.blogspot.ca/>

**Thurs, May 24, 7:30 PM, North Shore Credit Union Centre for the Performing Arts, 2055 Purcell Way, N. Vancouver**

### **Jeff Rubin "The End of Growth" Pacific Arbour Speakers Series**

Canadian economist and leading global energy expert, [Jeff Rubin](#) will talk about his new release "The End of Growth", with his predictions on a world economy built without access to cheap oil and what that means to our day-to-day lives. Ticket price includes copy of new release to pick up at the event.

<http://www2.capilanou.ca/news-events/nscucentre/season/cap-speakers.html>

**Sunday May 27, 2 - 7 PM / Belle Isle Park**

**"Beets, Bees and Beauty: Advancing Urban Agriculture"** sponsored by [Whole Foods](#),  
with support of [Cool North Shore](#) and [Beefriendly North Shore](#)

Join us for a Sunday afternoon with Swedish-trained horticulturist and gardening expert Oskar Eriksson to learn new techniques for developing a healthy, low impact garden and "bee friendly" with bee keepers from the North Shore Bee Club.

"Beets, Bees and Beauty" explores the relationship between your soil, healthy plants, and bee pollination for successful garden food and community interaction. This child friendly event offers something for all ages. Local opportunities for urban farming and partnerships with local bee keepers <http://Beefriendly.ca>, sharing and developing community gardens for food production and sustainable water strategies, with also be highlighted.

Several Lower Capilano gardens will be highlighted as sample projects for design and planting advice and strategies that promote invigorating garden spaces and resilient planting without relying on chemicals.

**Come for the information - stay for the Barbeque!**

**More details on this exciting event will be available in the future. Mark this date on your calendar!**

**"Planning for Tomorrow: The perfect community today could be flawed in the future"** Bob Ransford / Vancouver Sun

Columnist Bob Ransford's April 14 article concisely outlines the problems residents may be building for themselves when they fail to appreciate

that change comes to everyones lives and we need to accept this reality for our own long-term best interests. *"When we plan for future change, we need to think about the future. We need to look beyond what we know as reality today... as designed and built today may not be the neighbourhood they really want and need tomorrow."*

Read more: <http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Planning+tomorrow/6459908/story.html#ixzz1tqsJtQrX>

**Subject:** Fwd: The NSMBA's "TA(m)P"(ering) proposals for 2012 are Unsustainable  
**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** 04/05/2012 12:09 PM  
**To:** Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

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**Subject:**The NSMBA's "TA(m)P"(ering) proposals for 2012 are Unsustainable  
**Date:**Fri, 04 May 2012 11:21:39 -0700  
**From:**Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>  
**To:**DNVMayor and Council <council@dnv.org>  
**CC:**fonvca@fonvca.org

Dear Mayor and Council: The NSMBA's Trail Adoption Plan (TAP), is a plan full of more excuses for the mountain bikers to build more **unsustainable reroutes, realignments, bypasses (all weasel words for "new trail building")**, with more assorted and unnecessary destructive digging for "gold dirt" from the forest floor; so-called drainage "improvements" --- plus, plus....the list of eco-vandalism by the NSMBA and other mountain bikers can go on forever...

Off-road wreckreation of any kind is damaging to the forest, period. A mountain bike is nothing less than a mechanized dirt bike, and where "mudbogging" is a common practice, and encouraged as one can view from this recent video: (watch it all the way to the end...this

**Freeriding in the wet Reign (sic?) in the rain forest sf 2012. wmv**

<http://youtu.be/Rs5ZW8KtMuo>

(A Freudian slip? -- mountain bikers do think they "reign" in the woods, because of their overblown sense of entitlement to "rip and shred" in there...)

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The best way to explain all these projects is not so much that the NSMBA is "maintaining" the trails, but finding more excuses to enable the mountain bikers' obsessive/compulsive addiction to digging in the dirt (if they are not riding in it, of course).

It does not take a rocket scientist to note the ongoing damage inflicted in the forest by the mountain bikers' addictive four seasons a year riding and building obsession.

**Click on the trail names to open the pdf plans and pictures (below)**, and see for yourself what DNV and other jurisdictions on the North Shore have condoned by pandering to such an environmentally destructive off-road wheeled recreational group such as the NSMBA. Reading these proposals is like watching someone trying to force a square peg being into a round hole. Calling all this trail building and riding "sustainable" just does not make it so. **Why are you enabling such environmentally destructive building, while ignoring the call for protection and conservation of critical habitat, such as Mountain View Park wetland and upland area? It just too easy to give into the aggressive mountain bikers, but the costs of that are too high, and it disrespects future generations.**

**2012 Trail Adopers (sic?) (another Freudian slip...?)**

| Trail   | Trail Adopter             | Trail Builder               | Land Manager            |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <a href="#">Boogieman</a>   | Steed/Giant Bicycles      | Sean Gerke                  | DNV<br><b>(Seymour)</b> |
| <a href="#">Dreamweaver</a> (Should be CLOSED because of ongoing unsustainability issues) | Arc'teryx                 | Mark Wood                   | DNV<br><b>(Fromme)</b>  |
| <a href="#">Empress &amp; the Bypass</a>  | Different Bikes & NS Ride | Daniel Lui & Darryl Marlatt | DNV/BC Parks            |

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|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Executioner</b> (Should be CLOSED because of ongoing unsustainability issues)   | BMO Bank of Montreal             | Chris Barker                 | DNV<br><b>(Fromme)</b> |
| <b>Expresso</b>  | MEC & nsmb.com & Rock Shox       | Todd Fiander & Jerry Willows | DNV                    |
| <b>Crinkum/Kirkford</b>  | Deloitte                         | Peter Morin                  | DNV                    |
| <b>Lower Griffen</b>   | Rocky Mountain Bicycles          | Matt Preston                 | DNV                    |
| <b>Lower Oilcan</b>  | Dizzy Cycles                     | Seb Kemp & Peter O'Loughlin  | DNV                    |
| <b>Circuit 8</b>   | BC Bike Race & Adera             | Matt Preston                 | Metro                  |
| <b>Pingu</b>   | Dunbar Cycles                    | Mark Wood                    | DNV                    |
| <b>Pink Starfish</b> (No info online yet, BUT should not be "adopted" as it is a <u>CLOSED</u> trail, according to the Fromme Trails "recommendations")                  | North Shore Bike Shop            | Liam Mulally & Pat Podolski  | Why?<br>DNV            |
| <b>Richard Juryn Trail</b>   | John Henry Bikes                 | Mark Wood                    | Metro                  |
| <b>Team Pangor</b>   | Ryders Eyewear & the Muddbunnies | Sven Luebke                  | DNV                    |
| <b>Upper Griffen</b> (No info online yet, but this trail should be CLOSED as per high ecological value assessments according to recommended BMP's in Fromme Trails Plan) | Endless Biking                   | Earl Allen                   | Why?<br>DNV            |

**And, a couple examples of how unsustainable our steep rain-soaked temperate rainforest trails are for mountain/dirt biking, no matter where they ride and build! Both of these trails have been built within the last year, and already we can see how unsustainable they are for mountain biking... (No kidding?)**

**Dreamweaver, a new trail reroute on Fromme, only built less than a year ago, 2011, has already resulted in many ecological and erosion problems! (It clearly should be CLOSED --decommissioned-- not "TAmP"ered with some more by the NSMBA)**

"This trail is an all mountain trail that traverses across Fromme. **The mountain bike specific**

**section of DW begins at the BP and makes its way down to Boundary where it joins to exit on Braemar.**

**The trail has drainage issues in several spots and significant sections where alignment is close to trees**

**and with heavy use has exposed root sections. Other sections are slumping and need retaining. Ground**

**work and realignment are the prime tools to rectify these issues. There are many areas in an advanced**

**state of erosion which have experienced heightened use since the consolidation of Executioner and**

**Bitch's Brew in 2011 which has increased ridership significantly. Arc'teryx has committed to **minimum 6****

**trail days, possibly 8."** (That is one trail that is clearly demanding a lot of "TAmP"ering, which will only result in more erosion, and damage,etc.)

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**The Executioner trail on Mt. Fromme** is an old mountain bike trail that was combined with the lower half of Bitches

Brew trail by the DNV Trail Crew in **2011**. **Re-alignments** made to the trail have settled in **and the increase in traffic**

**since the work was completed has resulted in numerous drainage and trail surface issues.** (already?!) **The goal for 2012 is to**

**continue on with the DNV Trail Crew's work and remedy these issues to bring the trail to standard.** (what does this actually mean in mountain bikers' terms?)

*(Build it and more mountain bikers will come and destroy it. If a trail does not even last one year, being pummeled by mountain bikes, maybe the trail is unsustainable for mountain biking, and should be CLOSED --decommissioned)*

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This is the stark sad reality of mountain biking on our North Shore mountains, especially when it infringes on common sense and conservation of critical habitat. Instead we have mountain bikers digging and riding on more new trails, complete with amusement park-like structures inside those very areas assessed to have high ecological values. **This is wrong, very wrong!**

**All of these damaging activities are being duly recorded for the next generations to understand why the forests are dying a slow death from 1000 cuts. When our public forests and parks have been hijacked by commercial and private interests, they will remember it was from GREED, not need. GREED never leaves anything of value behind. It is destructive. Take care.**

--Monica Craver-

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## Robert's Rules in Real Life

### Should our council adopt Robert's Rules of Order?

article date: Thursday, May 05, 2011

"The council shall determine its own rules and order of business, and may establish rules for the conduct of council meetings and the maintenance of order." RCW 35A.12.120

Some councils have adopted, by resolution or ordinance, a set of guidelines for this purpose, and others have not. Many of these guidelines include reference to Robert's Rules of Order, using such language as "meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and these council rules of procedure. In case of a conflict, the council rules of procedure shall prevail."

Recently it was suggested to Jurassic Parliament that Robert's Rules of Order is too complicated for small cities and towns, and they would do better not to adopt it. We agree that the book is complicated, but we believe that Robert's Rules still provides the best and most useful set of rules of order for civic bodies in our state – provided that folks are willing to do a little work and learn how to use Robert's Rules properly. Our argument runs like this:

- (1) The fundamental principles in Robert are common to all our civic discourse and are not hard to learn. Everyone participating in council debate and discussion should understand that the majority will rule, that the minority have rights that must be respected, that members have a right to information to help make decisions, that courtesy and respect are required, that all members have equal rights, privileges and obligations, and that members have a right to an efficient meeting.
- (2) The use of written motions and amendments provides an efficient and fair way to consider proposals and modify them in accord with the group's preferences. The method is a little unusual, in that amendments are taken up before the motion is voted on, but once groups get used to it, the system works well.
- (3) Robert's rule that no one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once is vital to equalizing power imbalances and giving everyone a fair shake in discussion. We believe that it should be observed by all groups, whether or not they have formally adopted Robert.
- (4) Robert provides "special rules for small boards" that can be useful for smaller councils, should they choose to apply them.
- (5) Robert also allows groups to develop and apply their own "special rules of order," so if a body wishes to change something in Robert, it is perfectly free to do so.
- (6) In sticky situations, "do-it-yourself" rulemaking can lead to ad hoc invention of rules, likely supplied by the chair on his own authority. A chair who makes up rules or improvises on the basis of vague memories from student government days is a sure path to problems, especially if the rule-maker has an air of authority about him (or her).
- (7) While councils often rely on their attorney for advice in this arena, in our experience few attorneys have had serious training in parliamentary procedure and few correct the common and widespread misunderstandings about Robert's Rules.
- (8) A body cannot do its work without some guidelines. Failing to adopt Robert doesn't mean that there are no guidelines – but without a specific "parliamentary authority," in times of conflict a group will be driven back to rely on "common parliamentary law." Finding out what "common parliamentary law" requires and how it applies to a given situation is likely to be complicated and expensive, requiring time and attention from legal counsel and qualified parliamentary consultants. Far better to have set the terms of discourse in advance, so that everyone knows and agrees to the way they will consider matters.

We believe that adopting a set of common-sense guidelines based on Robert's Rules, incorporating Robert by reference for the more unusual or complicated situations that may arise, and then committing to the education necessary to get everyone on the same page, will pay big dividends for every council willing to make the effort.

That education can be quite affordable. Every city budget ought to be able to provide a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief* to each council member. This little book is a splendid summary of the rules applicable to all but the most exceptional situations. At \$7.00 it's an amazing buy, and you can read it in an evening.

Ann G. Macfarlane, PRP

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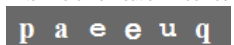
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## Tips for meetings

- Be prepared. Copies of the agenda and financial reports should be available for all members to see before the meeting.
- Discuss ideas together, informally, before forming a motion.
- After a motion is stated, let the mover, aided by the members, modify it before voting. But if more than one member objects, changes require formal amendments.
- Never allow an amendment to the amendment. The motion can be defeated and stated again if necessary.
- The Chair must never allow a member to interrupt a speaker or personally criticize or ridicule another member.

### “For meeting tips”

A new chair can use or adapt this outline to present to the group before a meeting to make sure that all members are playing by the rules!

## The Rules

The meeting will be run democratically. The final authority is the will of the members as a whole.

We will have a formal chair. The chair will direct traffic only and may not participate in the discussion.

The chair has confirmed that we have a quorum. There are \_\_\_\_\_ members total, \_\_\_\_\_ members present and the bylaws state that we need \_\_\_\_% for a quorum. (This varies check your organizations constitution.)

To talk you must address the chair and wait until you are acknowledged.

To make a decision you must make a motion. The motion must be affirmative. You can't make a motion to not do something.





Someone must second the motion. Then we will discuss the motion.

You may amend the motion. The amendment needs a seconder and must not negate the motion.

You may postpone or refer the motion.

We will vote by show of hands unless someone requests a vote by ballot. A motion passes with a majority, which means that one more than half the votes cast are affirmative. A tie vote means the motion was defeated. However the motion may state that a different ratio is required. Often large expenditures will require a 2/3 or 3/4 affirmative.

Good order.

The mover may speak first.

Discuss one motion at a time.

One member may not take up more than a fair share of time.

No interrupting.

No side meetings. You should be paying attention.

No one may speak a second time unless there is time or unless that member has answers to questions.

You may not criticize a fellow member, only an idea.

Point of order

If someone believes that the meeting's good order is being breached, rise immediately and say "point of order" and the chair will allow the member to explain. The chair will rule and if necessary call for a vote on the point of order.

Are there any objections to these rules of order?

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# Summary of the Rules

**Fairness** (equal rights of members) and good order are the underlying principles (page 8).

**The final authority** is the majority of voting members, provided a quorum is present, subject always to any applicable higher law (a law of the land, a constitution, a bylaw, or an existing standing rule) (page 15).

**In formal meetings**, the chair guides impartially without taking part in discussion. **In informal meetings**, the chair participates as an equal member (page 16).

**A motion** should be worded affirmatively and must not conflict with any higher law. **Each motion requires a seconder** (page 18).

**The mover's privilege** allows the mover to reword or withdraw the motion provided there is a seconder and not more than one member objects (page 19).

**Amendments** can delete, substitute, or add words to a motion on the floor but must not negate it or change its topic. An amendment cannot be amended (page 20).

**Postpone, refer:** A motion can be postponed to an indefinite or a specific future occasion or referred to a committee for further study (page 21).

**Voting:** Common voting methods include voting by ballot, standing, show of hands, show of voting cards, and voice. For a motion to pass, a quorum must be present and more than half the votes cast must be affirmative (pages 21-24).

**Informal discussion:** A motion to informally discuss some topic, if passed, allows members to consider an idea without the formality of a motion (page 24).

**Rescind, reconsider:** A previous decision can be rescinded or reconsidered by the members at any appropriate time (pages 24 and 25).

**Ratify a previous decision:** A decision exceeding the authority of a member, committee or meeting can be ratified at a later meeting (page 27).

**Good order:** Members should discuss only one motion at a time. A member must not take more than a fair share of floor time nor interrupt another member except as allowed with a point of order (pages 28-30).

**Point of order:** A member who believes that a law or the meeting's good order is being breached may rise immediately and say "point of order." The chair should allow the member to explain and, if necessary, should call for a vote for a decision (page 29).

