

FONVCA

Minutes October 18, 2001

Attendees:

David Knee(Chair)	Norgate Park C.A.
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley C.A.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Dave Sadler	Seymour C. A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C. A.
John Miller	Lower Cap. Comm. Res. Assn.
Hugh Murray	Lower Cap. Comm. Res. Assn.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Bruce Ward	Sunset Gardens Neigh. Assn.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate Neigh. Assn.
Val Moller	Lions Gate Neigh. Assn.
Corrie Kost (8:30)	Edgemont C. A.

Guests/Observers: Richard Walton
(rwalton@attcanada.ca), chair of APC was introduced by Val Moller

1. Order/contents of agenda

Add items:
6.2 Translink – Bruce Ward
6.3 Lower Capilano Community Facility
3.4 Noise Bylaw withdrawn – Brian Platts

2. Adoption of September 20, 2001, minutes.

Moved by Al Price, seconded by Brian Platts and carried unanimously

3. Old Business

3.1 **Status of District OCP** - Margaret Fraser will report more at a future meeting

3.2 **House Replacement** – Al Price reported on demolition of a small sound rancher on a large lot being replaced by a 5000 sq-ft house. Discussion ensued on opinions re: development following neighbourhood zoning.

3.3 **Encroachment Fee Formula Bylaw** – Brian handed out fee formula chart from Corrie. Staff are suggesting a 1.5% formula with status quo for those currently in existence till they are sold. Public meeting on this proposal TBA.

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 **Business Arising from E-Mail** – see items on agenda

5. New Business

5.1 Councillor “bias” and Public Hearings:

Corrie reported on hostile questions put to some participants at a recent public hearing by one councillor as well as the perception of bias with respect to who says something, not what is being said.

5.2 Why/How a Local Area Plan (OCP) can fail:

Corrie Kost described how several factors, such as failure to adhere to OCP requirement for a financial plan, a lack of phasing/timeframe for the plan, or a lack of transportation plan (especially when specifically requested by Council), can all lead to an invalid OCP. It means the process must be repeated with proper adherence to the requirements of the Local Government Act.

5.3 Impact of Big Box Stores on Communities:

Various references were attached to agenda. Councillor Crist initiated a 40,000 sq-ft limit to Big Box stores. The exemptions of Save-on-Foods, Zellers, Canadian Tire from the bylaw is flawed as some can be expanded as-of-right far beyond their current size. It was suggested by Corrie and Brian that they should be included in bylaw but limited to exiting size. There will be a public hearing on November 20th.

5.4 Whistler 2010 Olympic Games:

Corrie Kost brought up the concern that a “sustainable” (ie. permanent) solution for a two week transportation problem is not appropriate and would be very costly. Various opinions were put forth.

5.5 **Financial Planning Workshop by Council on Oct 17** – no report was presented by any FONVCA member.

5.6 **Council Advisory Committee members wanted** – Richard Walton expressed concern on a proper balance of members on future APC.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 For those with a leaning to the legal side:

References to explaining the OCP process were provided in the agenda.

6.2 Translink

Bruce Ward expressed some concern for explicit reason why funding is being opposed by the public. Will all future road improvements and maintenance

be cancelled if funding is not forthcoming? Most members present wanted the Blue Bus system expanded to the whole North Shore. Corrie Kost suggested that Translink fund a study to justify why the North Shore should stay with them (as GVRD did for a municipality who wanted to withdraw from GVRD delivered water). Translink proposes to cut funding for roads and maintenance by 100% if they do not acquire sufficient funding.

A motion was put forth by Corrie Kost, seconded by David Knee to ask council if this is fair. Specifically:

Whereas Translink was supposed to maintain the main arterial road systems, and

Whereas Choice 1 (no new revenues) will result in a 100% cut in both road improvements and maintenance of those roads that were transferred from municipalities to Translink and

Whereas the rejected additional revenue constitutes a very small portion of Translink's overall budget:

We request that council examine and comment on the fairness of presenting such an option.

6.3 Lower Capilano Community Facility

John reported that the report/agenda for Council's meeting of Oct 15th on this issue was withdrawn from the agenda. The report had not been taken to the committee for review before going to council. Also, no funding for an included field house (\$350,000) had been added to the referendum funding. The field house has been a long outstanding unfunded item, not related to the referendum funding of the Lower Capilano Community Facility.

6.4 A.O.B

It was reported that Agnes Hilsen will ensure that minutes of the Advisory Committees to council will be posted on the web once they have been adopted by the respective committee.

The GVRD has been asked to detail the Grouse Grind land ownership maps – and will be made available when District staff get them.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

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Thursday, November 15th, 2001
at DNV Hall, 7pm.