

FONVCA

Minutes Oct 20th 2011

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Attendees

Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost	EUCCA
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & NV Save Our Shores Society
Doug Curran	Capilano Gateway Ass.
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
John Hunter	Seymour Community Ass.

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add 6.2 (h) Item to be tabled for in-camera discussion

2. ADOPTION OF Sep 15th 2011 MINUTES

Moved (Val), seconded (Cathy) to adopt the September/2011 minutes as circulated.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/minutes-sep2011.pdf>

Carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

Report on meeting with Stuart

John Hunter reported he has contacted David Stuart and is waiting for a response. Discussion followed regarding best way to reach people and ways to reduce publishing cost.

Eg. Obtain NSN publication rates; Approach NSN re more complete listing of agenda.

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 24 regular emails:

Summary/overview of correspondence received was provided by Corrie

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

4.3 Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

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

1. LVCA will discuss role of the association and social service delivery at an upcoming meeting.
2. Woodcroft, Blueridge (jointly with others in area) and Edgemont will be hosting all candidates meetings.
3. There are some upcoming SCA executive changes.

4. CGA has upcoming sessions on the proposed community centre for the Lower Cap area and community building.
5. DCA/SOS expressed concern about lack of action re particular street ends.

Corrie gave a short summary of the following agenda items (a-e):

- a) **Smart Meters** – real & virtual concerns/benefits
<http://www.bclocalnews.com/news/131531573.html>
Virtual: Radiation concerns – see agenda item 5.1 for details Real: Possible higher \$/kwh rate to charge electric cars as is done by some US private utilities thus negating some cost advantages over using fossil fuels (benefit clawback).
- b) **Develop with Care** – Ministry guidelines for setbacks from busy roads (150-750m)
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/4.3-b.pdf>
Building design may need to compensate for negative health impacts due to truck traffic in Town Centres.
- c) **Sharing information on DNV Municipal Candidates**
See also 6.2(e)
- d) **Strong Towns** – CGA
<http://www.strongtowns.org/journal/category/cost-of-development>
- e) **Building a Better Community** – CGA
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=xnhlZn9zE1M#
- f) **Municipal Election Questions**
Responses to Q8 – CGA, Hunter, Ellis, Platts, Adams
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/CGA-7oct2011.pdf>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/CGA-10oct2011.pdf>
http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/John_Hunter_q8.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/John_Hunter_10oct2011.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/Dan_Ellis_9oct2011.pdf
http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/Brian_Platts_9oct2011.pdf

As no consensus could be established regarding a rewording of Q8 Corrie has submitted the list of questions, as drafted at the last meeting, to all the candidates at close of their nomination (Oct 14th). The final list of candidates from whom we hope to receive responses from was reviewed. Corrie will post replies to the 10 FONVCA question on www.fonvca.org website within 24 hrs of response deadline. Corrie will also prepare E size summary sheets of responses for display at FONVCA member all-candidate meetings.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Safety of Wi-Fi Revisited (re: 4.3a)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/prod/wifi-eng.php>

<http://www.oahpp.ca/resources/documents/Wireless%20technology%20and%20health%20outcomes.pdf>

<http://www.nsnews.com/technology/Residents+deserve+smart+meter+installation/5165297/story.html>

5.3 Steps to Improve Community Associations

This item was originally deferred from the Sep/2011 meeting.

http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/1_07_keepeople.html

A handy resource for all associations desiring to improve their status.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Items a) & b) referred from the previous FONVCA meeting.

There was a **brief discussion of each item.**

*a) DNV can enter land/buildings for bylaw enforcement without a warrant:

<http://www.oboa.on.ca/training/caselaw/pdf/6%20R.%20v.%20Bichel.pdf>

It was of interest that DNV established this precedent setting ruling by the Canada Supreme Court.

*b) Neighbour Law – BC Branch of Canadian Bar Association

http://www.cba.org/bc/public_media/housing/400.aspx

*c) Municipal Liability for Highway Safety

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/health/Municipality+pursued+accident+highway/5475617/story.html>

To a degree municipalities can set their own standards.

*d) Occupiers Liability Act – Related to issue of Mountain Biking

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_96337_01

<http://www.marymacgregor.ca/article05.htm>

<http://stason.org/articles/life/justice/cycling/Occupiers-Cyclists-And-One-Eyed-Jacks-The-Wild-Game-Of-Occupiers-Liability.html>

*e) BC Supreme Court Dismisses Defamation Lawsuit

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/Judge%20rules%20Marley%20not%20defamed%20at%20election%20meeting.pdf>

Above include details of court judgement. Court re-affirms qualified privilege to public at such meetings.

*f) Judge Awards Costs in baseless (SLAPP) lawsuit

Follow-up of FONVCA June 2011 agenda item 6.1(a)

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/opinion/5543117/story.html>

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

Items a) to d) were referred from previous FONVCA meeting

*a) Transit trips to work take twice as long as driving

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2011002/article/11531-eng.pdf>

*b) For more issues see

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2011/extras.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2011/newsclips/>

Corrie advised he has a data base of news clips placed in the corresponding monthly agenda directory under “newsclips” which may prove to be valuable reference material for all members wanting to keep up with issues having a local impact.

c) Pesticides- Dinosaur Views

<http://www.nsnews.com/health/Dinosaur+view+needs+wiping/5375615/story.html>

Corrie & John had responded to an article in North Shore News

d) Amalgamation

e) DNV All candidates meetings information

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5164&c=764>

*f) The economic impacts of climate change for Canada

<http://nrtee-trnee.ca/climate/climate-prosperity/the-economic-impacts-of-climate-change-for-canada-paying-the-price>

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Vancouver+faces+greatest+flood+risk/5482186/story.html>

*g) Effect of Immigration – Limits to demographics change

<http://sociology.uwo.ca/popstudies/dp/dp03-03.pdf>

<http://www.immigrationwatchcanada.org/background/research/immigration/immigration-and-canadian-demographics-summary/>

Lesson: Realistically, immigration can have only a minimal impact on the demographics shape of Canada.

h) In-camera item tabled – section 60 of Robert’s Rules of Order – item deferred to a later date.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 17th 2011

Chair: Paul Tubb – Pemberton Heights C.A.

Notes: Eric Andersen – Blueridge C.A.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.