

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting Wednesday October 21st , 2015

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Diana Belhouse

Attendees:

Ruth Hanson	Blueridge C. A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C. A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C. A.
Diana Belhouse (chair pro-tem)	Delbrook C. A. & Save Our Shores
John Miller	Lower Capilano Com. Res. Assn.
Arlene King (notes)	Norgate C.A.
Margaret Fraser	LVCA – guest
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate C. A.

1. Order/content of Agenda

Called to order at 7:05pm

Chair pro-tem suggested that Item 4(d) be moved up to facilitate our Guest Speaker, Vince Beasse, President of the N.S.M.B.A.

They are an Advocacy Group and their motto is "Trails for All, Trails For Ever". They started in 1997 as a small group to make sure that trails were better monitored, maintained & minimized damage and signage improved. They have membership dues \$40 - but you don't have to pay or need to belong to their organization to use the trails, as they are on public land. They have various training programs like the Trail Builders Academy and the Master Builders Academy. They get funding grants from various levels of government as well as B.C. Hydro, etc.

In 2014, they had 32 people or companies join their "Trail Adopters" program at \$3,000 per year. Their members worked on 28 trails, and put in at least 100 trail days of work, which is estimated to be \$100,000 worth of volunteer labour contributions. Although insured they rely on "landowners immunity". Biking trails users are predominantly male (80%/20%). In 2015 they had about 900 paying members (\$40 each), although the trail "passes" are voluntary to ride the trails.

For the future, they have received a \$10,000 grant to work on the Baden Powell Trail and trying to connect some of the trails. Preventive maintenance is ongoing. They are still looking at getting more and better signage.

PUBLIC EDUCATION -- a very hard job trying to get some rogue riders to NOT ride when the park is closed - especially the 'Night Riders'. Trail etiquette, too, is not practiced by some. A very real concern is the e-bikes. Some USA States have stringent rules - B.C. and Canada does not. For clarity, NSMBA.CA is their website/name – not to be confused with a 'for profit' group that has taken the name NSMB.COM

After a rain, if people see environmental damage – they can contact the appropriate people through the website NSMBA.com

The presentation is available at

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2015/NSMBA_FONVCA_PRESENTATION.pdf

2. Adoption of Minutes of Sep 16th

a. <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2015/minutes-sep2015.pdf>

John Miller moved minutes be adopted. Carried

b. Business arising from Minutes.

4(e) of Sep 16th FONVCA meeting: A letter was sent to M&C relating to handling of DWV public correspondence. No response to date. Note that this was only sent about a week earlier (October 7th). Item to be tabled to November FONVCA meeting.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

Short updates were provided by the following representatives...

a. EUCCA b. Delbrook CA c. Blueridge CA d) Norgate CA

As well, the members agreed that since Dan Ellis, a long-time attendee at past FONVCA meetings, is moving to the US, he should be sent a “Best Wishes” card expressing gratitude and appreciation for his many years of service to FONVCA.

4. Old Business

a) Update: OCPIC by Corrie Kost

After an extended summer break by this committee (of staff) final touches were put to the “OCP PROGRESS MONITORING 2011-2014” report to be submitted to Council at a future COW meeting.

b) Update on future Community Workshop

Update was given by Ruth Hanson, who is to be the Facilitator. It will now be held on Saturday Nov 7th 11am-3pm at the Lions Court at 1055 Premier Street, North Van. (arranged through Eric). Invites were to be sent to all existing and wanabee community associations. Ruth said she would get a local realtor/s to donate door prizes, provide lunch, etc. Ruth mentioned how she thought it should go (without having a pre-conceived vision of what is needed), so she took suggestions and

was feeling confident she now knew what members were hoping to get from this workshop.

c) Revision to FONVCA E-mail List – BCA

Ongoing – tabled to next meeting.

d) Presentation by NSMBA.--see above—

5. Correspondence Issues

a) Review of correspondence for this period

Distributed as non-posted addenda to the full package to the members present. It was decided that of the 6 emails, only #1, #3, and #5 be posted on the FONVCA website.

6. New Business

7. Any Other Business

The following item will be carried over to next FONVCA meeting.

a) Public Hearing Input Limiting by Chair

See first bullet item of page 2 at

<http://app.dnv.org/OpenDocument/Default.aspx?docNum=2744859>

which states...“Any additional presentations will only be allowed at the discretion of the Chair”

Time limits must be “reasonable” – see for example

http://www.bcwatersheds.org/wiki/index.php?title=Local_Government_Structure_and_Procedures

http://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Services/Publications/17_PUBLIC%20HEARINGS.pdf

and especially

http://dspace.library.uvic.ca:8080/bitstream/handle/1828/4140/Williams_Bruce_MA_2012.pdf

8. For Your Information Items

These were only lightly outlined...with no discussion.

(a) Mostly NON-LEGAL Issues

i) News-Clips of the month of October 2015

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2015/news-clips/>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2015/news-clips/summary.doc> ← Summary of titles:

Some annotated newspaper clips may be worth a read!

ii) What if Roads Had No Rules?

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/the180/defence-of-political-flip-flops-before-the-courts-contracting-out-the-workplace-1.3224238/taming-traffic-what-if-our-roads-had-no-rules-1.3224448>

Interesting things happen if more responsibility is downloaded to individuals.

iii) Healthy, Resilient, and Sustainable Communities After Disasters

Free 600 page pdf book available from National Academies Press at

<http://www.nap.edu/read/18996/chapter/1>

iv) Rating Municipal Governments

<http://www.dbrs.com/research/280843/rating-canadian-municipal-governments.pdf>

(b) Mostly LEGAL Issues

i) Jurassic Parliament Newsletters:

Included in distributed material were two articles:

- *Call for the question needs a second: Sep 2015*

- *Qualities of a good leader / Chairmanship: Oct 2015*

Source: <https://www.jurassicparliament.com/>

ii) Duty to keep trails and pathways safe

<http://www.citopbroker.com/special-reports/safe-city-trails-pathways-5789>

The legal ground on this issue is seeing changes. Ontario seems to be a trend setter.

iii) Extreme-sports not required to report injuries

<http://www.ourwindsor.ca/news-story/5733761-extreme-sports-facilities-not-required-to-report-injuries/>

9. Chair & Date of next meeting

Margaret Fraser - Lynn Valley

7pm Wed Nov 18th 2015

Meeting adjourned 9.15 pm