

FONVCA

Minutes of September 16th 2004

Attendees:

Diana Belhouse (Chair)	Delbrook C.A
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Vall Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Jim Cuthbert	Seymour C.A.
Elizabeth James	Guest

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

6.2 Property Tax Statistics (dealt with under 3.5)

2. ADOPTION OF August 19th MINUTES

Moved by Cathy Adams, seconded by Brian Platts.
Approved Unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Northlands Update:

Brian updated the group that the Judge tightened up grammar for clarity regarding hours of freedom, Judge deemed it to problematic for specific timetable for confinement.

3.2 Recycling Tender.

Apparently access to information requires approval of all parties named in the documents -requested three months ago. **ACTION**

3.4 Lynn Valley Library & Town Centre

Agenda should have noted that it was a "public meeting" not a "public hearing".

Over flow crowd attended the meeting – large majority speaking in favour – followed by latest council meeting on record.

Council decided not to go to referendum.
Corrie will pursue legality of B.C. 550.

3.5 Annual Reporting Requirements

There were 4 presentations by the public at the Sep 13th meeting. The Annual Report meeting is required by the Community Charter to be no later than June 30th. Concerns about lack of information (especially about policing) and comparisons with other municipalities. Corrie distributed comparison sheet of taxes put out by Port Coquitlam – whose report was given an award as being outstanding. The district was urged to provide the report in colour on its web site, not just in parts, but also as a complete single document – with a prominent link to it from DNV home page.

3.6 Park Un-dedication

The new Community Charter allows for the un-dedication of dedicated parkland without it having to go to referendum. FONVCA sent a letter requesting referenda to

un-dedicate parks which were dedicated by referendum. In effect the province unilaterally invalidated all past park dedication bylaws. There is now no mechanism to dedicate parkland so that its un-dedication **must** go to referendum.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 46 regular emails –

All interested items were brought up in this agenda.

4.2 Non-posted e-mails – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Truth about Water

Corrie distributed GVRD graphs on water consumption for 2003/4 and was concerned about discrepancies in the graphs. Dan pointed out that by correcting the graph the latest information was validated. Some felt fears of immanent shortages in the past seemed exaggerated. Reservoirs reached a minimum capacity of ~62% this year. SPEC article distributed

<http://www.spec.bc.ca/article/article.php?articleID=133>

5.2 Section 35 Community Charter

Selling off our highways has been made a lot easier by the Community Charter. Prior to enactment of section 35 the Province owned municipal highways, although municipalities had possession and control. Article by Staples, McDannold, Stewart was distributed which gives the details.

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/charter/2004/august2004-2.htm> The municipality can now cancel the province's "right of resumption".

http://www.gp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/C/CommunityCharter/245_2004.htm This is a significant infringement on the common law concept "once a road, always a road".

5.3 Key By-Election / Referendum Dates

The key dates for the upcoming election were reviewed. See agenda.

5.4 Selecting by-election questions.

At this point Jim Cuthbert left the meeting.

There was a long discussion on which questions to put to a candidate for council, and which ADDITIONAL questions to put to candidates for Mayor. The final list is attached. They will be mailed/mailed to candidates around Oct 2 (Oct 1 is when nominations close) with responses required by Friday Oct 15th.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 "Legal Issues to think about"

Corrie provided an overview, under section 120 of the Community Charter with respect to the Oath of Office – which may now be prescribed by a local bylaw.

Disqualification results if oath is not taken, but not if it is broken!

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting September 16th, 2004. Chairperson, Brian Platts- Edgemont Community Association

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Questions for Councillors & Mayor

- i) What role should community associations play with respect to local neighbourhood and district-wide issues?
- ii) Do you support the concept of community based planning?
- iii) What practical experience do you have in local governance that qualifies you for council?
- iv) Are you committed to the repayment of principal and interest of monies borrowed from the Heritage Fund? Clarify if required.
- v) What strategies would you pursue to control future tax increases?
- vi) Under what circumstances do you support the District of North Vancouver getting into commercial ventures?
- vii) Do you support the subsidization of organizations only by way of grants?
- viii) What is your position on environmental issues such as stream protection and dumping raw sewage into Burrard Inlet?
- ix) What major issues are you concerned about in the District of North Vancouver?

Question for Mayor only

- i) Why do you feel you should be elected Mayor?
- ii) What experience do you have which qualifies you to handle the Mayor's duties in a crisis situation or natural disaster?
- iii) Detail the experience that renders you qualified to lead a diverse and sometimes quarrelsome group of councillors; for example, what have you done which demonstrates an ability to bring cooperation among Council to get them to work together as a team?
- iv) What knowledge do you have of procedural rules necessary to effectively and efficiently run a meeting?
- v) How much time will you be able (or plan) to dedicate to the Mayors job?
- vi) Describe your relevant financial experience and abilities.
- vii) As a mayor is automatically a director of the GVRD, how will you balance your responsibility to the District and the North Shore with your responsibility to vote on critical regional issues like new transportation infrastructure or managing our water resources.