

Subject: Re: Annual Report

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

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Mayor & Council:

As a follow-up to my July 17th, 2007 letter to Council from the *Federation of NV Community Associations* and Mr. Dennis Back's reply (both attached) the issue of the format of the District Annual Report was raised once again for discussion at the September FONVCA meeting.

We believe that a printable version of the Annual Report should be made available to citizens through the DNV web site with hard copies available for purchase at the District Hall. Not all interested citizens are computer literate enough to access the web version and even if they are, most people prefer a hard copy for easy reference.

It was therefore unanimously resolved at the September 20th meeting that:

"FONVCA requests a printable version of the entire copy of the annual report (not merely the statutory requirements) be made available as freely 'downloadable' from the DNV website and a purchasable hard-copy version be available at the Clerk's Office."

Sincerely,
Brian Platts,
Federation of NV Community Associations
Ph. 604-988-5594

Dennis Back wrote:

Dear Mr. Platts,

Re: 2006 Annual Report

Thank you for your interest in the District's 2006 Annual Report and for providing FONVCA's position as expressed in this motion:

That FONVCA communicate to Council its displeasure over the limited access to the Annual Report; and further, that FONVCA requests that hard copies be made available to citizens upon request, and that the Annual Report format be printable from the DNV website.

We are aware that this year's approach to communicating our performance is a bold one. At the same time, it was a considered decision, mindful of legal requirements, cost effectiveness, increasing access and exposure and acting on our commitment to promoting sustainability. The on-line format meets Community Charter requirements, and all required elements of the report are printable from the on-line presentation. Besides assisting any member of the public to view the report at any District Library or District Hall, staff could also print those sections upon request. We believe that the District community has the capacity and desire to explore these innovations.

We are confident that we have exceeded statutory requirements for reporting and are, in fact, expanding awareness of and accessibility to District information concerning corporate performance. We are also committed to monitoring the impacts of our services and to taking an adaptive approach to ensure we remain

responsive to our evolving community. We appreciate your input and will ensure it is included with all other feedback as we look ahead to our next reporting cycle.

Yours truly,

Dennis Back

Chief Administrative Officer

From: Brian Platts [<mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 7:20 PM

To: DNVCouncil

Cc: Dennis Back; FONVCA

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Mayor & Council:

At the June 21st meeting of the *Federation of NV Community Associations*, a discussion ensued over access to the District's Annual Report. As Council is no doubt aware, a printable copy is unavailable this year. Instead there is only an on-line slide presentation available to citizens, not all of whom have access to, or even are computer literate enough to know or how to find and open the Report on the DNV web site. In light of this discussion, the following motion was moved and carried unanimously:

"That FONVCA communicate to Council its displeasure over the limited access to the Annual Report; and further, that FONVCA requests that hard copies be made available to citizens upon request, and that the Annual Report format be printable from the DNV web site."

Sincerely,

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