



FONVCA AGENDA

THURSDAY October 18th 2007

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Cathy Adams – Lions Gate C.A.

Email: cathyadams@shaw.ca

Regrets: Eric Andersen – serving on NHTF.

1. Order/content of Agenda

2. Adoption of Minutes of Sep 20th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/minutes-sep2007.pdf>

3. Old Business

3.1 Renewal charge for FONVCA web site

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2007/Renewal-Notice.pdf>

Payment confirmation to be distributed...

3.2 Shirtsleeve Topics – Nov 14th meeting

- topic discussion

3.3 Climate Change Presentation

Cancellation of FONVCA Nov 7th special session. Session now at Parkgate Nov 6th 7-8:30pm

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/dnvclimatechange.pdf>

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from **22** regular emails:

4.2 Non-Posted letters – **1** this period

- email to be circulated at meeting

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 DNV Tree Canopy Study and Proposed Tree Bylaw Changes (Council -17Sep2007)

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Workshops/cw070917.htm

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/000701.pdf

<http://www.waterbucket.ca/rm/index.asp?sid=33&id=271&type=single>

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/000699.pdf

5.2 Emergency Program Act

Provincial Legislation

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/E/96111_01.htm

New Municipal Legislation

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/00712.pdf

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

<http://www.pep.bc.ca/Community/community.html>

Emergency Plan Bylaw 7304 (2002)

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/bylaws/7304.htm>

5.3 FONVCA Meeting for December 20th 2007

5.4 Recreation Needs Assessment/Plan

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/Facility-Plan-Stakeholder-letter.pdf>

- report from Thursday Oct 11th meeting at Delbrook recCentre

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/NVRC-11oct2007.pdf>

2007 Indoor Recreations Facility Plan – Final Report:

<http://www.northvanrec.com/upload/documents/NVRC%20Facility%20Plan%20Final%20Report.pdf>

5.5 DNV & CNV 2006 Population Statistics

- report on data released by Stats Canada by Corrie

5.6 WV Sewage plant relocates to DNV?

- Vancouver SUN page B2 Oct 11/2007

- <http://www.canada.com/northshorennews/news/story.html?id=d678df69-794a-40b2-b1ba-5e33ad286e4b&k=16473>

5.7 Elder College Brochure

- handout of Fall 2007 Course Calendar

5.8 Bear Resistant Garbage Bins - Coquitlam

SUN Article:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/bear-bins-sun-8oct2007.pdf>

Coquitlam Brochure:

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/epw_bearcans_brweb.pdf

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Municipal Borrowing

http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/LGD/gov_structure/community_charter/finance/borrowing_leasing_changes.htm

TILMA – Impact on Municipal Regulations?

http://www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/down/colour_1_pager_municipal.pdf

http://www.tilma.ca/tilma_and_you/consumersFaq.asp

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/TILMA-vs-municipal-regulations.pdf>

<http://www.tilma.ca/consultations/>

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/cupe_sept_27_tilma.pdf

<http://www.straight.com/node/93162/print>

<http://www.straight.com/node/93162/print>

<http://ubcm.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=3193>

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

- Formation of a council **Advisory Planning Committee** - Corrie

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/APC.pdf> &

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/957779.pdf

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

Thursday November 15th 2007

Attachments

-List of Email to FONVCA - **ONLY NEW ENTRIES**

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ITEMS

-Cat Regulation Bylaw –District-wide OCP -Review of Zoning Bylaw

-Securing of vehicle load bylaw –District-wide OCP

-Snow removal for single family homes bylaw.

Correspondence/Subject Ordered by Date
17 September 2007 → 14 October 2007

LINK	SUBJECT
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Brian_Platts_23sep2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Corrie_Kost_17sep2007.pdf	Taxes/ENCORP/Recycling
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Corrie_Kost_6oct2007.pdf	Climate Change/Environmental Protection (Nov 6 th at Parkgate)
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Corrie_Kost_9sep2007.pdf	Taxes/ENCORP/Recycling
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Dan_Ellis_11oct2007.pdf	Climate Change/Environmental Protection
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Denise_Philippe_9oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Denise_Philippe_9oct2007b.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Elizabeth_James_24sep2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Elizabeth_James_3oct2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw (self slaughter?)
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Elizabeth_James_4oct2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw (self slaughter clarified)
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Elizabeth_James_10oct2007.pdf	Climate Change/Environmental Protection
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/John_Hunter_24sep2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Lynn_Brown_6oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Mike_Vandeman_7oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Mike_Vandeman_9oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Mike_Vandeman_9oct2007b.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Monica_Craver_25sep2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Monica_Craver_6oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Monica_Craver_10oct2007.pdf	Democracy (Re: silent majority)
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Monica_Craver_11oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Therese_Alvillar_6oct2007.pdf	Mountain Biking
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2007/17sep-to/Wendy_Qureshi_3oct2007.pdf	Tree Bylaw

For details/history see

<http://www.fonvca.org/letters/index-letters-total-oct2007.html>

FONVCA MINUTES

THURSDAY September 20th 2007

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Diana Belhouse – Delbrook C.A.

Attendees:

Eric Anderson	Blueridge C.A.
Diana Belhouse(chair)	Delbrook C.A.
Lyle Craver (notetaker)	Mt. Fromme R.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Valerie Moller	Lions Gate N/A.
Dennis Bevington	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano R.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano R.A.

Regrets: Cathy Adams, Herman Mah

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Order/content of Agenda

6.2 Climate Change

6.3 Lynn Valley Charrette

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 19th

Minutes approved as amended – ie. to include regrets from Hugh Murray

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2007/minutes-jul2007.pdf>

3. Old Business

3.1 Dennis Back Reply to “Annual Report”

Motion: 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 purchasable in hardcopy form at the Clerk’s Office.

Moved: Kost/Murray - passed unanimously

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 15 regular emails:

None of the meeting attendees felt any of the e-mails needed further discussion.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

Not applicable

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Alternative to private docks on waterfront.

Discussion of Maureen Bragg e-mail. (e-mail from Maureen Bragg of 13 Sept 07 from Sharleen

Suszezwiw re 978/986 Beachview Dr. – See **attachment 1.** Del K to organize meeting on this – no date set yet.

Seymour CA to prepare action plan on how to proceed.

5.2 Renewal charge for FONVCA website –

Corrie is seeking contributions from associations for five year renewal – \$35 from each association would cover the cost for 5 years.

5.3 Shirtsleeve topics – fall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th.

- specific topics to be #1 item on agenda for next FONVCA meeting. **All members are asked to be ready to select a topic.** One possible topic might be the subject of docks (see 5.1 above).

5.4 BC Rail Lands used as Sewage Plant?

The Outlook article of 13 September 2007 was included for attendees.

5.5 “Metro Vancouver” -> Amalgamation?

This was felt to be more a marketing name change than a substantive change.

5.6 Cooperative Auto Network

A discussion was held concerning coop cars and ride-sharing.

5.65 “Eco-density a thin concept” & “Walking more damaging than driving?”

Article, arguing that driving generates fewer green house gases than walking, was distributed.

5.7 FTTX (e.g. FTTH – Fibre to the Home

It was noted that former Mayor Bell talked about installing fibre optic cable throughout North Vancouver District a number of years ago – this has still not happened.

5.8 Natural Hazards Task Force

DNV seeking members, particularly with technical expertise. Is this decision best made by Council, by expert consultants, or by the public?

5.9 Electoral Boundary Commission Meeting.

Val presented a report from Cathy (**attachment 2**). Provincial Government has asked EBC to produce alternate boundaries for elections to be held both under the current system and under the proposed BC-STV system. There are some changes affecting North Vancouver neighbourhoods that some neighbourhoods are concerned about. Cathy noted that the Lions Gate community is currently split between two ridings. Members are referred to <http://www.bc-ebc.ca/> for

more details. Deadline for submissions is 15 February, 2008.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Crown Corporations and Municipal taxes.

Members were referred to a legal decision involving the City of Montreal that has the potential for being a precedent affecting tax revenue from the Port Authority and Greater Vancouver Regional District. While the federal government is appealing, there is a similar case pending concerning Hamilton, Ontario.

6.2 Possible meeting with UBC Local Climate Change Visioning Project committee:

November 7th was tentative date. However members felt that breaking up the FONVCA group into sub-groups was inappropriate. This was to be communicated to UBC organizer.

6.3. Lynn Valley Town Centre Master Plan

Charrette September 27, 28, October 1,2. There is a public Open House to be held at the Museum & Archives 10am – 3 pm September 29th.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18th 2007 with the chair to be Cathy Adams -Lions Gate C.A.– Tel: 604-987-8695. email:

cathyadams@shaw.ca

(Note: Edgemont and Lions' Gate switched turns)

8. Meeting Adjourned 9:10 pm.

Attachment 1

----- Original Message -----

From: [Suszezewicz, Sharleen](mailto:Suszezewicz,Sharleen)

To: [Maureen Bragg](mailto:MaureenBragg)

Cc: [Richard Boase](mailto:RichardBoase) ; [Ken Bennett](mailto:KenBennett) ; [Mayor and Council - DNV](mailto:MayorandCouncil-DNV) ; [Natland, Jennifer](mailto:Natland) ; [Griggs, Mark](mailto:Griggs,Mark)

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:51 AM

Subject: RE: 978/986 Beachview Drive - application cancelled

Dear Ms. Bragg,

Thank you for highlighting the important concerns of Save Our Shores, reflective of the comments made in your June 12, 2007 letter to the VPA. As noted in my August 17, 2007 email to you, the VPA is not continuing with the review of the shared moorage facility application for 978/986 Beachview Drive. The application is cancelled and the applicant has been advised of this. My email also noted that given the community and municipal concerns for dock development in the Beachview waterfront area, the VPA has decided to review this waterfront area as a whole to determine the potential for shared facilities.

The foreshore of Burrard Inlet and the Harbour of Vancouver is vested with the federal Crown. As managers of this federal property, the VPA works to balance the interests of both the waterfront property owners who wish to access deep water with a pier structure and the public who want access to the beach and water. We have heard the concerns of the community and would now like to give the waterfront property owners an opportunity to express their concerns and ideas. The VPA has arranged a meeting first with the affected waterfront property owners so that VPA can advise them of the community concerns and the need to consider alternate solutions. The next step would be to engage the broader local community in a review of the Beachview area. We will keep you informed of any upcoming public consultation.

Regards,

VANCOUVER PORT AUTHORITY

Sharleen Suszezewicz, BAA

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Planning & Development

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maureen Bragg [mailto:m.bragg@shaw.ca]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 12:04 PM

To: Suszezewicz, Sharleen; Natland, Jennifer

Cc: Richard Boase; Ken Bennett; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: 978/986 Beachview Drive

I am writing on behalf of the North Vancouver Save Our Shores Society. It has come to notice that the 978/986 Beachview Drive application has not actually been denied but is still under review.

A private meeting with the immediate neighbours of this dock application is to take place on September 20th followed by a public meeting.

VPA has received considerable negative response to this application, a copy of an environmental study of the area that was commissioned by the District of North Vancouver is in the hands of VPA, confirming that this area needed to be protected, also pictures of the area from the SOS Society that should have caused anyone viewing them alarm, to still state this application is under review is worrisome.

Save Our Shores are concerned that decisions that are impacting the quality of life of the people of the community and the environment, are being made by those who have no idea what has been allowed to occur to our public beaches in North Vancouver these past years. It is unacceptable to continue with the practise of building Docks as the only means of

moorage in this modern and environmentally concerned day and age.

The ramps of the two home owners that will be crossing Harris Beach go right across the beach and join at the point of construction for the dock. Yes it is a shared dock but the ramps to get to the dock take over and take away that entire beach area.

Decisions of what is allowed on our public beaches should be based on the good of the entire community who have the right to safe enjoyment of the beaches. We do not have that.

The Beach belongs to the people.

Alternative moorage to Docks must be considered from now on.

Sincerely Maureen Bragg North Vancouver Save Our Shores Society

Attachment 2

References:

http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/west_vancouver_capilano
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/north_vancouver_lonsdale
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/north_vancouver_seymour
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/regions/north_shore
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_stv/districts/north_shore

Report on the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission Public Hearing, September 10, 2007 for FONVCA by Cathy Adams

BC has appointed a 3 person Electoral Boundaries Commission to report on, and propose, boundaries for both the current single member plurality (SMP) system and the BC single transferable vote (BC-STV) system. The latter could be implemented in BC in the future, so the Commission's mandate included looking at that scenario.

In August 2007 the Commission released their preliminary report and are now undergoing a public consultation process.

I (Cathy Adams) attended their public hearing held at the Holiday Inn on September 10th.

There are some proposed changes to the North Shore ridings. Maps are included in the materials.

North Vancouver Lonsdale changes include the transfer of all Lower Capilano areas with the exception of Norgate, to the West Vancouver Capilano riding. North Vancouver Lonsdale would include some of the Lower Lynn Valley and Seymour Creek areas.

There is concern by some Norgate residents that of the Lower Capilano area, they alone are being retained in the

Lonsdale riding, rather than remaining for BC riding purposes as part of Lower Capilano.

Very few people attended the public hearing. Three hours had been allotted, but it was over in less than an hour, after a brief presentation and only about 5 speakers.

I had not intended to speak, but ended up doing so.

I spoke in support of the very western border of North Vancouver Lonsdale being changed so that the Lions Gate neighbourhood is no longer in two ridings under the proposed changes. Currently, Woodcroft is in West Vancouver Capilano, while the rest of Lions Gate is in North Vancouver Lonsdale, which I find awkward at times.

In the case of the STV system becoming law, the four North Shore ridings, including West Vancouver Sea to Sky, would become 1 riding with 4 members elected.

The Commission has an excellent website www.bc-ebc.ca.

A summary of the North Shore hearing will be available there, very soon.

They will take input over the next while, but they stress that the sooner they receive your input, the easier it will be for them to consider it when preparing their final recommendations, which are due and must be filed by February 15, 2008.

Subject: Renewal Notice

From: "Network Solutions" <NetworkSolutionsRenewals@info1.networksolutions.com>

Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 12:10:51 -0400

To: kost@triumf.ca

Network Solutions.

Renewal Notice

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How will climate change affect the North Shore?

How can the community respond?



COME AND PARTICIPATE

The University of British Columbia's *Local Climate Change Visioning Project* is conducting research in the District of North Vancouver. Researchers Dr. Stephen Sheppard and Dr. Alison Shaw aim to explore the use of local visual imagery as a tool for communicating climate change impacts and possible response options in the District of North Vancouver.

Are you interested in:

- * the potential impacts of climate change on your community and different ways to respond?
- * helping test and evaluate a process that integrates climate science with 3D computer visualization methods and local knowledge?

If so, you are invited to participate in this innovative research session. Participants will attend a 1.5 hour session during which participants will be given a presentation and asked to discuss future climate change impacts in small focus groups. Participants must be District of North Vancouver residents and of 19 years of age.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

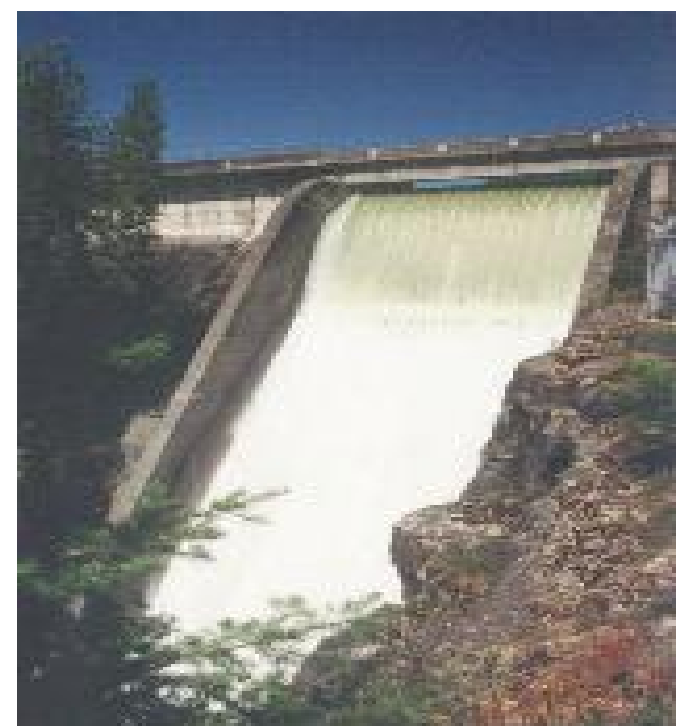
Tuesday Nov. 6th, 7-8:30pm

This session will be held at:

Parkgate Community Centre, Rm R125
3625 Banff Court, North Vancouver

PLEASE RSVP BY October 30th:

dnvclimatechange@gmail.com
or phone (cell) 778.554.4148





September 24, 2007

Dear Recreation Stakeholder:

Re: Final Recreation Facility Plan – Stakeholder Input Opportunity

The purpose of this letter is to thank all of our stakeholder groups who have participated in the indoor recreation facility planning process and to invite groups to provide input on the final Facility Plan report. The consultant's final report is now available on the Recreation Commission's website at www.northvanrec.com.

Stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input to the Recreation Commission on the final Facility Plan report at its next meeting on **Thursday, October 11, 2007** at Delbrook recCentre (600 West Queens Road).

The Commission will take this input into consideration before it makes its recommendations and formally conveys them on, along with the consultant's report, to the Councils of the City and District of North Vancouver.

This one-hour stakeholder input session will take place from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on October 11th. In order to accommodate as many presentations as possible we are asking that one spokesperson per stakeholder group make an oral presentation of up to 5 minutes in length.

If your organization is interested in presenting at the meeting, please call (604) 983-6325 to have your spokesperson's name added to the speaker list.

Written input is also welcome and we ask that it be submitted by e-mail or mail by Thursday, October 4, 2007 (see addresses below).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Heather A. Turner".

Heather A. Turner
Director of Recreation

cc. Guy Heywood, Chair, North Vancouver Recreation Commission

Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation Commission
Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7:00pm
Delbrook recCentre, Tamarack Rm, 600 West Queens Road
(Notes by Corrie Kost)

Disclaimer: The following are my best efforts at taking notes and should be confirmed with above commission if required for accuracy.

There were a large, perhaps even a record, number of attendees present. Despite the large room there was no microphone made available until about the 6th speaker. The draft recommendations had been circulating for about 4-5 months.

Stakeholder Input:

Note that due to limited acoustics some presenter names are missing or misspelled.

Mike Smith:

- rep in-line NS Hockey 17 and under
- 720 kids (40 girls) 10th 100 on wait list
- wants sports floor – ideally twin facility
- multisports floor compatible

Gerald Condon:

- Chair of Parkgate Com. Soc.
- Supports needs assessment – however due to their success, wants multi-service facilities (ie. more than just rec facilities)
- Add 6000 sq-ft facility in Parkgate
- Opposes closure of Seymour Youth Centre
- More options needed on future of Ron Andrews.

Roger Nikel:

- Pres. NV Tennis Soc.
- Wants some land rezoned – 30m set-back from Creek would allow 3 courts
- Growth in Upper Lonsdale – need more courts there
- Only public tennis facility in Canada operating at a profit.

- **Debt from HF almost repaid – only sport to do so.**
- Long wait lists – demand for lessons even higher than for play
- Since no gambling income here people should expect to pay higher taxes.

Mr. Jones? :

- Muster political will to fund plan
- Should consider alternative funding sources
- Hope ALL stakeholders participate

Barry Ward:

- VP of Vancouver Skating Club
- 470+ members
- wants 4th ice sheet at Seymour (Ice Sports)

Ann McClarity:

- **warns that William Griffin pool being closed in future and NOT replaced**
- opposes above since seniors especially benefit from pool
- wants pool retained

Dave Anderson:

- racketball ~ 20, mostly over age 50
- disagrees about reports assessment of excess capacity
- feels stats skewed
- disagrees it being privatized

Rosemary Davies:

- Lynn Valley Seniors Ass.
- Seniors a large and growing segment

----- microphone supplied ----

Peter Bell:

- 200_ NS master swimmers

- focus on excellence in aquatics facilities
- new 8 lane 50m pool needed at Harry Jerome RecCentre

Craig Boden:

- BC Pres Floorball
- Fastest growing sport
- Need indoor gym – 40*30m
- Low cost – safe – low impact
- Can also play in a rink

Robin Woods:

- William Griffin Advisory Com.
- Weight room and pool go together
- 33% of people live west of Lonsdale
- active use of pool by seniors
- limited public exposure to rec. com. recommendations.
- Request flyer sent to all residents so all can participate
- **“do not accept the concept of our facility without a pool”**

XXXX?XXX:

- William Griffin facility user
 - Communications lacking – was not aware of Griffin developments
 - **No formal notice posted at Griffin that this important meeting was taking place.**
 - Need better cost studies – new vs. repair
- [personal note by Corrie: The parking situation at Griffin need improvement – see letter of

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/17mar-to/Brian_Platts_7apr2003.pdf]

Jeff Williams:

- Director Capilano Judo Club
- Operating 10 yrs at St. Catherines Church
- For Judo

Ernie Crist:

- report flawed as it is based on current thinking and not the changing needs of the community.

- Report concentrates on closing/consolidating facilities
- Funding adequate facilities will not bankrupt us.
- Report has several contradictions

XXXX?XXXX:

- Swim Club (~100 members) for competitive swimming
- Plan needs 50m pool at Harry Jerome

Peter Moffet:

- wants priority for lawn bowling put back.

Rob Watt:

- lives just north of Edgemont
- not read report – concerned about William Griffin
- fresh look needed to look at upgrading Griffin
- Griffin location is excellent one – transit and pedestrian
- Important consideration is its connection to accessible trails.

Mr. Logan:

- What makes a community liveable?
- Taking our community away by closing Griffin Pool.
- Consolidation may make sense in business world but not for communities.
- Submitted a 260 signature petition.

Public Input Completed ~ 8:30pm

Minutes of Last Meeting etc were approved.

Director’s Report:

- aquatic revenue slightly down
- theatre rental up
- lots of facilities aging across Canada
- people with disabilities being addressed more
- **credit or refund was offered for 16 day strike – however he said that users were not notified.**

- Q by Wayne Hunter – revenue down 400K\$, expenses down 550K\$ so is surplus about 100K\$? No – at moment surplus about 300K\$
- DNV Councillor rep Robin Hicks (Mike Little was absent) would like less information presented.

I left, thanking those committee members present. Still I wondered if the above was valid.

**NOTE: AGM of the North Vancouver Sports and Recreation Council:
November 22nd, 2007 in the Delbrook Recreation Centre Oak Room at 7:00PM**

2008-17 Capital Budget Information:

- maintaining status quo till councils give direction.
- The three ice cleaning machines nearing end-of-life
- \$1.5m/yr from DNV for maintenance
- \$0.5m/yr from CNV for maintenance
- Question – is above sustainable?

Committee Reports:

- None

Other Business:

- interest in Infrastructure Grant Program to replace aging structures
- Is a subcommittee needed to review principles of community engagement?

Next Meeting:

- Finance Committee of the Whole – Thursday Oct 25
- Commission meeting – Thursday Nov 8th

Closed Meeting:

Members of public (only myself) requested to leave as there was to be discussion under section 90(k) of Community Charter:

- *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council [here the commission], could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.*

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Bear- resistant garbage bins subject of Coquitlam tests

In a bid to reduce bear and human interaction, city tests three different products

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Both paws flat, the grizzly jumps up and down, pounding the life out of the food- filled garbage bin. Thwack, thwack, thwack. Despite a 90- minute assault, the bin stays firmly shut.

The bear- resistant bin is one of three types being tested under a City of Coquitlam pilot project aimed at finding which is the best at keeping bears out of trash and away from people's homes.

The company that produced the Bear Necessities type of bin put a grizzly named Shadow up against its product and filmed the results. It can be viewed at The Vancouver Sun's website, www.vancouver.sun.com.

" We're trying to find a bin that would be effective," said city spokeswoman Therese Mickelson of the year- long project that began last week.

" If you can control how accessible the garbage is, you can reduce the interaction between bears and people."

While the City of Coquitlam requires homeowners in " high activity" bear areas to store their trash in wildlife- resistant trash bins — no one knew what brand to recommend to home owners.

The bear- resistant containers trial will take the guesswork out of the equation, said Mickelson.

Residents of 372 homes in Coquitlam's Westwood Plateau neighbourhood, an area surrounded by green spaces frequented by bears, have volunteered to monitor their garbage for the year.

The residents will be assigned one of three different types of bins: BearSaver, Rollins Schaefer or Bear Necessities' Bin 120.

Participants — as well as the garbage contractors who collect the trash each week — will be asked to fill out surveys and provide feedback throughout the year about how the bins hold up. At the end of the year, the best bin wins.



A bear can knock this bin over and jump on it, but still can't get inside it, during testing of three types of garbage bins.



The bear unsuccessfully tried chewing its way through one of the garbage bins that will be part of the Coquitlam project.

Drake Stephens, coordinator for Coquitlam's Bear Aware program, said people call him all the time asking, "What do you recommend?"

" Until they're true- tested, we don't know," Stephens said.

It is very important for people to think about the way they store their trash, said Jacques Drisdelle, Bear Aware's provincial director. Many of B. C.'s bear complaints this year — about 11,800 for black bears and 400 for grizzlies — are likely due to garbage, he said.

With an ordinary garbage can a bear pops the lid off in seconds, he said, making trash into fast food for bears and other wild animals.

" In some communities people put their trash on the curb the night before," Drisdelle said. " Bears find a smorgasbord and they have a feeding fiesta."

In order to be considered bear- resistant, bins must withstand 90 minutes under attack by a grizzly bear that could weigh more than 500 kilograms, said Drisdelle.

" They put strong odorous foods inside. They let a grizzly go at it," he said.

But even the toughest trash cans have limitations, said Lori Hogarth, the Alberta- based creator of the Bear Necessities bin.

She doesn't like the term " bear- proof," she said: " You get a polar bear — he can break into a transport truck, let alone a garbage can."

At the end of the day, Coquitlam Mayor Maxine Wilson said the bear- resistant containers trial is ultimately about safety.

" It's trying to make it work for human beings as well as for the bears," said Wilson. " We don't want a human injured. We don't want a bear destroyed."

For more information, visit www.coquitlam.ca.

How to use your bear resistant garbage bin

Using your bear resistant garbage bin is simple. Place your garbage in regular-sized plastic garbage bags (36" x 24"), compacting the garbage as much as possible so that they will fit in the bin. Each bag should not exceed 20 kg or 44 lbs. Filled bags should be put into the garbage bin, with up to two full bags in each container. The bin provided is equivalent to approximately two standard garbage bins.

If you ever have an extra bag to put out for collection, please do not put it out without being secured in a container. Attach the orange "Extra Bag" tag at the top of the bag beside the knot or tie and place the bag inside of your garbage container.

Please keep your old garbage containers and perhaps use them for the yard trimmings collection. Two yard trimmings stickers are included with this brochure to put on your old garbage containers if you choose to.

If you have a secondary suite, you may be eligible for an extra container. Please let us know by calling 604-927-3537.

Completing the Bear Incidents Log

With your new bin you will receive five copies of a Bear Incident Log. Please complete a log each time you witness bear activity in your neighbourhood or on your property. For your convenience, you can also complete the Bear Bin Log online under "Garbage and Recycling" at www.coquitlam.ca.

It is important to include the serial number on your garbage bin, your address, the date and time and the name of the person who observed the incident. If you are completing the logs manually, please send them to our office during the year. If you are completing the log online, please input the information as the incidents occur.

Any information you provide during the study will only be used for the purposes of the project. No personal information or names will be shared with others.

Contact Us

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Bear Resistant Bins

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Simple Solutions for a Safer Community

Known for its dynamic, urban lifestyle and beautiful natural setting, Coquitlam's community coexists with different wildlife. Unfortunately, this causes increasingly frequent interactions between people and animals like black bears. Residential garbage is one of the main attractants for bears, and Coquitlam is exploring options to decrease problems related to exposed or accessible garbage.

In addition to new measures related to garbage pick-up, the City of Coquitlam is running a one-year Bear Resistant Containers Trial that will test three different bear resistant garbage bins in your neighbourhood. The goal of this study is to determine which bins are the best to keep bears out of residential garbage and reduce the number of negative interactions between humans and bears.

Properly managed garbage, as well as reducing other bear attractants can greatly reduce the risk of bear and human conflicts. The new garbage bin will be provided to you at no cost and your input will help to determine the best option for the city.

Funded in part by the BC Conservation Office, this project takes a proactive approach to managing the relationship between Black bears and residents. The information gathered from the trial study will benefit many other municipalities facing the same challenges in BC and across Canada.

Your Participation is Needed

You have the opportunity to be part of a groundbreaking study. Besides helping the City determine which bear resistant garbage bin works best, you will also protect your home from dangerous interactions with black bears.

At the end of the study, if the bear resistant container's performance is successful, you will either get to keep the bin you trialed or we will provide you with another approved bin at no cost to you, with a value of more than \$125.00.

Here is how you can participate in this study:

1. Test one of the bear resistant garbage containers provided to you at no cost for one year
2. Record any bear activity that you see in your neighbourhood during the year, particularly related to the garbage containers or other attractants
3. Complete a survey at the end of the study in September 2008.

Bear Bin Trial Area



BearSaver



Rollins Schaefer



Bin 120

From: http://www.tilma.ca/tilma_and_you/consumersFaqs.asp

Consumer: FAQs

- [How will TILMA reduce the costs of the goods and services I purchase?](#)
- [Will TILMA affect the ability of governments to make regulations that protect consumers?](#)

➔ **How will TILMA reduce the costs of the goods and services I purchase?**

Businesses build the costs they must pay—including fees charged by government—into the costs of everything they sell you. If governments can reduce the costs that businesses pay to them, those savings can be passed on to you. With TILMA, businesses that want to operate in both Alberta and British Columbia will have lower costs for regulated services, like business registration and transport truck registration, and for work they must do to meet government requirements, like filing annual reports with corporate registries.

➔ **Will TILMA affect the ability of governments to make regulations that protect consumers?**

No. TILMA recognizes that governments have legitimate objectives other than promoting freer trade, investment and labour mobility. These include consumer protection, public security and safety, protection of human, animal or plant life or health, and protection of the environment. TILMA also specifically exempts measures relating to social policy.

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TILMA's defeat at UBCM sends clear message to premier

VANCOUVER—Yesterday's overwhelming rejection of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) by delegates to the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention is a major setback for the BC Liberal government and has damaged the premier's credibility on trade issues, CUPE BC said today.

The A3 TILMA resolution mandates the UBCM to review the agreement between British Columbia and Alberta, "and enter into discussions with the provincial government and local governments, with the intent of either making changes to the agreement to more specifically address local government concerns, exempt local governments from the agreement, or request that the Province withdraw from the agreement altogether."

During the debate an amendment was put forward to remove the option of withdrawal from the TILMA, but the motion was defeated. In the end, all but four delegates voted in favour of the resolution.

"This result should send a clear message to Premier Campbell, and to Colin Hansen, that local governments have done their due diligence on the TILMA, and they don't like what they see," said CUPE BC president Barry O'Neill.

"Before the vote was passed, several councillors expressed concerns about the TILMA's potential to remove power from local governments and give protection to investors priority over public policy. These are not trivial concerns."

Specific issues of concern included thresholds for purchasing, restrictions on the ability of local governments to give out subsidies and grants, potential obstructions to local initiatives to protect the environment and the lack of precedent around dispute panel decisions.

O'Neill echoed BC NDP leader Carol James's observation that Hansen, the Minister of Economic Development, typically dismisses the concerns of municipalities by continuing to insist that they are misinterpreting the TILMA.

"Mr. Hansen should drop this patronizing attitude and take a more serious look at local concerns," said O'Neill.

James, in her address to delegates today, congratulated municipal politicians for their persistence in trying to get answers on the TILMA's true implications. She said that the provincial government owes municipalities a straightforward explanation of the trade agreement's reach.

"Accountability is not a four-letter word, Mr. Campbell," she said. "The province must put the TILMA into the legislature for proper, democratic debate."

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UBCM Resolutions Summary

Municipal politicians at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities(UBCM) took strong stands on many issues at their convention this year, including ambulance and child care funding, infrastructure funding, water, industrial water licences and TILMA.

- **Ambulance and Child Care Funding**

Both resolutions demanding the provincial government restore sufficient funding to ambulance and child care services passed without amendment. Ambulance service response time has dropped to levels below those in the 1980s with 50 per cent more calls in the last decade alone and an aging population. The B.C. government's own Progress Board and the B.C. government's own Finance Committee have both called for increased childcare funding, particularly with cuts from the federal government. The B.C. government has actually cut childcare funding after the federal government did.

- **Infrastructure Funding**

Canada's infrastructure funding deficit is in the tens of billions of dollars. The UBCM passed many resolutions calling for greater federal and provincial support for infrastructure projects. The federal government today announced \$49.1 million for 199 new buses for TransLink (only half are new as the rest replace aging buses). Within that announcement, however, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day reiterated the value of public-private partnerships, which can have extraordinary cost overruns, secret contracts, and onerous pressure on local governments to even prepare and manage privatization bids. Minister Day said privatization is necessary and "can be successful." Even privatized infrastructure projects that have not had massive cost overruns, still remove public accountability and autonomy.

- **Water**

Tofino's Resolution B27, the Water Declaration, was a strong resolution designed to entrench water as a common good and a public resource. While most delegates spoke strongly in favour of it, one person stood to propose an amendment to remove water delivery from the resolution. The amendment was soundly defeated and the Water Declaration passed.

- **Industrial Water Licences**

Industries given permission by the provincial government to generate hydro electricity for industrial purposes have been given the freedom by the B.C. Supreme Court to use that electricity for whatever they wish. They could wind down industrial activities, lay off workers, harm local economies and take part in the newly deregulating continental power market featuring blackout, billions in price gouging and Enron. The UBCM has voted in favour of asking the province to force industries to use their electrical power for industrial purposes.

- **TILMA**

Resolution A3, the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), passed in overwhelming fashion. Economic Development Minister Colin Hansen did a poor job of addressing local governments' concerns at a 3-hour pre-convention workshop on Monday. TILMA allows a government-picked trade dispute panel that operates outside our court system to determine whether a local government's bylaw or regulation violates TILMA, with a penalty of up to \$5 million for each infraction. The Agreement states that only the province would have to pay the fine, however for months Minister Hansen has not stated that the provincial government will not come after local governments to recoup that cost.

On Monday he extended that ambiguity by not confirming that the province will not punish local governments. Also, on direct questioning he further could not guarantee that local governments' authority will not be reduced by TILMA. Like the Water Declaration resolution, when the convention debated the TILMA resolution, someone tried to amend it by limiting the options the UBCM could use in negotiating local governments' relationship to TILMA. That amendment was also soundly defeated and the strong UBCM motion against TILMA passed.