

FONVCA MINUTES

THURSDAY September 18th 2008

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Chair: Brian Platts – Edgemont C.A. Tel:604-985-5104

Members Present:

Brian Platts Chair (Edgemont C.A.)
Dan Ellis (Lynn Valley CA)
Corrie Kost (Edgemont CA)
Val Moller (Lions Gate NA)
John Miller (notes) (Lower Capilano C.R.A.)
K'nud Hille (Norgate Park C.A.)
Eric Andersen (Blueridge C.A.)

Regrets: Lyle Carver, Cathy Adams, Herman Mah

1. Order/content of Agenda

Added Items:
6.2 c. Tax notices and inserts

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 17th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2008/minutes-jul2008.pdf>

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Old Business

No discussion – the “old” item – 2008 Municipal Election Questions are discussed under Item 5.3.

4. Correspondence Issues

Notification will be split into two groups – a) The FONVCA Members list and b) those interested in receiving only notification of regular meetings (agenda) and posting of draft minutes.

4.1 Business arising from 12 regular emails:

Contents of the letters were outlined. No further discussion was felt necessary on the issues raised in these letters.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 1 this period

The subject email was reviewed and all agreed that it should remain unposted.

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Spirit Trail Public Workshop Sep 30th

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4167>

<http://www.fonvca.org/dnv-council-material/Spirit-Trail-Council-Workshop-15sep2008/>

Planning for western section of trail. Norgate does not want Welch Park to be used as part of the Spirit Trail.

5.2 Community Planning Working Group

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/00937.pdf

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1029&a=4070>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2008/Community-Planning-Working-Group-Members.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2008/Community-Planning-Working-Group-TOR.pdf>

Discussion resulted in the following motion:

ACTION ITEM:

FONVCA to send a letter to District Council regarding not receiving a request to have a representative on the Community Planning Working Group and to express FONVCA's concern that there doesn't appear to be broad geographic representation on the working group. Further, FONVCA requests that Council appoint a FONVCA member to the working group who can keep FONVCA members apprised of what is happening and timing issues.

Moved by Brian and seconded by K'nud, approved unanimously.

5.3 Questions for 2008 Municipal Election

Important dates:

Voting day Sat Nov 15th

Nomination period 9am Tuesday Sep 30 to 4pm

Friday Oct10

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Election_2008/election_calendar_2008.htm

A final brainstorming session took place and the following questions are to be put to the candidates:

1. What practical experience qualifies you for local governance?
2. What three major issues are you most concerned about in the DNV?
3. What are your primary goals and visions for DNV over the next 5-10 years?
4. How should North Vancouver be policed? What are the most important issues and how would you address them?
5. What do you propose to improve different modes of transportation?
6. Do you advocate increased density? If “Yes”, where and how?
7. Would you encourage civic involvement by the public?
8. How should the DNV fund renewal of its aging infrastructure?
9. How do you propose to provide housing for a broad range of income levels?
10. What role should community associations play?

This list of questions, together with a cover letter, will be emailed to all candidates soon after the close of nomination (4pm Oct 10) The intention is to post replies to the selected questions by the first all-candidates meeting. Those who have not replied by that time will be left blank until such time as they are available.

5.4 DNV link to FONVCA cut Sep 30 – Nov 17th.

To maintain neutrality of DNV web site, as well as allow flexibility for FONVCA to post material of its choosing the link to FONVCA will be disabled during the subject period.

5.5 Edgemont Area Cell Tower

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14jul-to/Corrie_Kost_25aug2008.pdf

Sep 10th Presentation: <http://www.fonvca.org/Issues/Bell-Tower>

ECA letter: http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/15sep-to/ECA_17sep2008.pdf

ECA letter concerning the Cell Tower, proposed to be placed on Highway land south of Edgemont Village was sent to Industry Canada etc – See link above on website.

5.6 False Alarm Bylaw

Reviewed by Corrie Kost – with proposed regulation compared to many municipalities in BC.

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2008/14jul-to/Corrie_Kost_7sep2008.pdf

There was general agreement of the retention of 1 error (false alarm) allowed per year. Dennis Back was to return this item to Council at some future time with this option retained.

5.7 Excess Garbage Fees

The justification for a \$3/extra bag of garbage was reviewed. The lack of flexibility (for compassionate reasons) was discussed.

5.8 Translink Taxes DNV in 2008

Corrie reviewed how much money flows yearly from DNV residents (in taxes) to TRANSLINK: \$9,642,000 (\$6,788,000 res, \$2,240,000 business).

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

A “Bylaw Reading” flowchart was distributed. See

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2008/15_Bylaw_Reading_Flow_Chart--Debbie_Comis--Nov_2007.pdf

The Issue of Bill 30 – allowing independent (private) power projects – without public’s right to have a say was discussed. The Grouse proposal to put a large Wind Turbine on top of Grouse Mtn, although dealt with by a public meeting may well be illustrative.

City of Langford sues over Graffiti damages - \$25,000, despite a \$350 fine and 40hrs of community service on conviction of 9 counts by the courts. A first in Canada. The SUN article of Sep 8th has details.

Review of S210 – Covenants was handed out. For more see <http://www.sms.bc.ca/seminars/covenants101.html>

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

TAGS Symposium – Oct 9 & 10th at Holliday Inn

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2008/TAGS-AGENDA.pdf>

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

Val Moller (or Cathy Adams) – Lions Gate N.A.
Thursday, October 16th, 2008

The meeting was adjourned ~ 9:25 pm.