

FONVCA

Minutes September 16th 2010

Place: DNV Hall, 355 West Queens

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees

K'nud Hille(Chair-pro tem)	Norgate Park C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. and NV Save our Shores Soc.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A. (late)
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A. (late)
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Eric Andersen(Notetaker)	Blueridge C.A.

Regrets: Cathy Adams & Val Moller – late due to OCP mtg at hall. John Hunter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Item 5.7 Review Guidelines for Discussion Topics was moved up to become 5.0

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 17th 2010

Concerns were expressed about negativity in the minutes covering item 3.3 (update on OCP process). Diana moved adoption of the minutes, which was seconded by Dan and consequently adopted.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

There was still concerns about the Council Agenda not being properly advertized. Every library in the DNV is doing it differently.

Corrie moved the below motion which was seconded by Eric and adopted unanimously:

“That the Council and/or workshop agendas be available on the website and published in summary form in the North Shore News and full paper copies be made available at all DNV libraries”.

3.2 Renewal of FONVCA.ORG by Oct/2010

The cost for the website is \$100. per year. We would like to collect a total of \$300. so that the renewal can be for 3 years. While some

community associations have contributed the suggested \$20. , many have not. – item deferred to October meeting

3.3 Update on OCP Process

OCP Required Content

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2010/OCP-Required-Content.pdf>

It will be a while before the next public OCP meeting. Aspects of the Lower Capilano plan are being revisited (regarding a town center) based on requests by some local residents.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 20 regular e-mail

No discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.0 Review Guidelines for Discussion Topics

“Our mandate is to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. Furthermore, the Federation is a forum for the common concerns of member associations and its purpose is to strengthen these organizations through the sharing of information and experience.”

limit to Council impact/influence only

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all topics of general interest

A healthy discussion was held about which topics to cover and include at the FONVCA meetings. It was agreed that a more clear separation is needed between DNV and other matters. **We should focus on items that we can have influence on.**

Other items may be included as interest info only.

5.1 Next Shirtsleeve meeting

To be held October 12th at 7 PM

Items suggested for discussion:

OCP What is the process to adoption?
‘Where’s the ‘meat’?
What are the cost implications?
Taxes and economic implications?

Alternatively:

‘Let’s discuss property taxes’

Related to this alternative, note that Dave Stuart wished to discuss Financial Planning for the District.

Taxes: What can be done if they are out of control.

Ref: Sun Article of 21Jun2010:A tool to help citizens fight City Hall
<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/homes/tool+help+citizens+fight+City+Hall/3180222/story.html?id=3180222>
<http://www.taxpayer.com/sites/default/files/RatepayerTPJune2010.pdf>

5.2 Public consultation should be mandatory?

Should public consultation be mandatory when public bodies make decisions which could negatively impact a community? Eg. Sculpture in Deep Cove
<http://www.nsnews.com/entertainment/Cove+sculpture+meeting/3494570/story.html>
<http://www.theprovince.com/news/Petition+launched+against+proposed+Deep+Cove+Park+sculpture/3437476/story.html>

It was generally agreed that local meetings should be held in connection with local public art.

5.3 Importance of Topsoil - Law & Policy Primers

<http://www.waterbucket.ca/gi/sites/wbcgi/documents/media/288.pdf>
<http://www.waterbucket.ca/gi/sites/wbcgi/documents/media/289.pdf>
This item was FYI only.

5.4 Charlottetown Primer on Roundabouts

<http://www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca/roundabout.php>
Roundabouts were praised.

Would it work in the DNV?

Should it be tried at Capilano Road and Marine Drive?

5.5 Budget Review for Program Cuts

The budget review will go to the public in November.
Many Municipal services are not subject to HST.

5.6 New Development near Raven Pub

– no discussion was held about this item.

5.7 See 5.0

5.8 Request to coordinate meetings at the DNV Hall

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2010/14jun-to/Cathy_Adams_10sep2010.pdf

DNV Staff sometimes schedule Community Meetings which conflict with other Community Meetings held at Hall. No action was suggested by FONVCA at this time.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues- FYI ONLY

a) How CNV dealt with “illegal fourplex”

Jul 31/2009 NSNEWS article
<http://www.vancourier.com/news/keep+illegal+fourplex+turfed/2859718/story.html>

May 26/2010 Supreme Court decision
<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/10/07/2010BCSC0743.htm>
Jun 20/2010 NSNEWS article
<http://www.nsnews.com/story.html?id=6aaf667a-8179-486c-90f4-e4e9c0a21227>

b) Crisis in Lillooet Governance

“Council will decide whether to approve a bylaw making it illegal to post any signs or posters without a permit and illegal to meet in public without a permit whether it's for a political meeting or a picnic.”

Read more:

<http://www.lillooetratepayers.org/content/crisis-lillooet-governance-aug-2010>

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Lillooet+attempts+urn+water+complaints/3430567/story.html>

c) Update on Sign-Bylaws in Canada

http://www.millerthomson.com/docs/Freedom_of_Expression_and_Sign_By-Laws_in_Canada-Where_are_we_now.PDF
and

<http://spacingmontreal.ca/2010/07/19/court-throws-out-montreals-anti-postering-bylaw/>

d) Signage and Tax Revenue (TPST)

Toronto is changing their commercial signs bylaw which is estimate to yield \$10.4 million annually!

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf/0/10dedcb75d7018b4852576fd00557488?OpenDocument> and worth a

read is

http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_693.pdf

The DNV is currently reviewing parts of their Sign Bylaw – especially as it pertains to Seasonal and Tourism Signs (these aspects of Council agenda item 8.9 of Sep 13th were apparently withdrawn)

6.2 Any Other Issues

a) Metro advised to boost taxes(HST 12→13%)

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/Boost+Metro+power+report+advises/3285892/story.html>

b) Blame for Grouse Grind Incident (multiple attachments)

-Grouse-Grind-outrage

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/opinion/Hiker+outraged+resort+didn+help+ailing+woman+Grouse+Grind/3397209/story.html>

-grouse-grind-blame

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/opinion/op-ed/Grouse+Mountain+takes+blame+Metro+neglect/3411339/story.html>

-grouse-grind-metro

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/opinion/Grouse+Grind+issue+about+a+ssigning+blame/3435397/story.html>

c) Fourth review of climate science of IPCC

- EPA vindicates science.

<http://www.epa.gov/climate/climatechange/endangerment/downloads/response-volume2.pdf>

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2010/02/i-pcc-errors-facts-and-spin/>

The above "clarifies" some misconceptions that result from 2Sep201 SUN article:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/road+rebuild+ng+trust+climate+science/3472844/story.html>

d) Harmonization of New Community Amenity Contributions

- applies to newly rezoned/developed properties to supply community amenities with predictable costs to developer
- 50% of "uplift" seen as viable
- not to be confused with Development Cost Charges - DCC

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Presentation/1421990.pdf - Coriolis Consulting Corp – june/2010

More: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4904>

e) Tax Rates Explained (NSN Jul 21)

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3301739

"Slicing the municipal tax pie is a complicated process"

– Mayor Walton – NSN Jul 21

- good historical content

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3304123

"Reviewing tax rates only part of picture" –

Elizabeth James – NSN Jul 21

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3276011

"Sharing municipal tax pain"

Elizabeth James – NSN Jul 14

f) Increasing cost of local government (NSN Jul 18)

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3292590

-by Bill Bell

g) How Facts Backfire

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/07/11/how_facts_backfire/

Facts don't necessarily have the power to change our minds!

h) New Liquor Licence Rules:

http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th2nd/1st_read/gov20-1.htm

Some of the changes (see sections 114+ of Bill 20) remove local government involvement in applications

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=3366031

No consultation with province, contrary to Community Charter. See also

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=3366033

i) North Shore Crime Stats

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3331978

Crime severity index in DNV (one of lowest in Canada) is about half that in CNV.

j) Demographics of DNV vs. Toronto

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2010/pop-toronto-vancouver-and-map.pdf>

Shows that the two demographics are quite similar.

k) DNV collects \$413,063 from traffic fine revenues

NSN – Jul 28/2010

http://www.nsnews.com/story_print.html?id=3333666

l) Tool to help fight City Hall – SUN Jun 21/2010

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=3180222

<http://www.taxpayer.com/sites/default/files/RatepayerTPJune2010.pdf>

m) Public Bicycle Sharing Systems gaining popularity in many large cities.

Paris:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/travel/Gear+shift+continues+Paris/3393732/story.html>

Hamilton:

http://www.raisethehammer.org/blog/1907/hamilton_ready_for_bike-sharing

Best Review:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_sharing_system

n) The North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (NSWLC)

NSWLC is taking the noise issue very seriously. The Port will be hosting a public 'café' in the fall to gather public opinion about the port and port issues, including noise.

o) Performance Zoning

This type of zoning has been suggested by a member of Council. It offers lots of flexibility, but is it too much? It has been abandoned by most US cities due to administrative costs and legal challenges. It is being used in Surrey (see attachment in package).

Also attached was page 6 of .

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/pdffiles/implementation/Zoning.pdf>

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair: Eric Andersen. Blueridge C.A.

Date: Thursday October 21st, 2010