

# FONVCA

## Minutes Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6  
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

### Attendees

John Hunter (chair)	Seymour C.A.
Brian Platts	EUCCA
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost	EUCCA
Dan Ellis (notes)	Lynn Valley C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & NV Save Our Shores Society
Doug Curran	Capilano Gateway Ass.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
John Miller	Lower Cap. Comm. R.A.
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.

**Regrets:** Katherine Fagerlund, Deep Cove R.A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.  
Attendees agreed that henceforth FONVCA meetings will begin promptly at 7 PM.

### 1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Item 5.2 Municipal Election Questions was agreed to be discussed after Old Business.

### 2. ADOPTION OF July 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 MINUTES

Moved (Dan), seconded (John Miller) to adopt the July/2011 minutes as circulated.  
Carried unanimously.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

Corrie advised that the upper limit of cost to publish Council agendas in the North Shore News is 25¢ per year per resident, or approximately \$20,000 / yr. After extensive discussion, attendees agreed on **ACTION:** Corrie, Diana and either Dan or John Hunter will meet with David Stuart to learn his understandings about this issue. FONVCA will evaluate the issue based on that information.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.2 Municipal Election Questions

After extensive discussion of the 19 questions proposed in the agenda, the following were agreed on, subject to final wordsmithing:

1. What practical experience and accomplishments qualify you for local governance?
2. What three major issues are you most concerned about in the DNV, and how can they be addressed?
3. How would you encourage greater civic involvement by the public?
4. What role should community associations play? (*If our intent is not to link Q4 to Q3., then Q4 should be re-numbered - Dan*)

5. What can be done to reduce the three largest municipal costs: policing, the fire department and NS Recreation Commission?
  6. Will you commit to the removal, during the next term of Council, of all encroachments which block access to widely-used public lands such as the waterfront?
  7. Aside from mandatory legislated requirements, do you believe DNV should undertake "green" initiatives which are uneconomic in a commercial sense? Why?
  8. Under what circumstances do you believe ratepayers should subsidize those who realistically cannot afford to live in the DNV?
  9. Will you push for and support doing a published review of DNV salaries, wages and especially benefits as compared to the private sector?
  10. Which of the complex DNV by-laws and regulations governing our lives do you commit to simplifying or eliminating within the next term of Council?
- FONVCA members should comment by e-mail ASAP so that Corrie can send the questions to candidates when nominations close October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

#### 4.1 Business arising from 26 regular e-mails

No discussion.

#### 4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

#### 4.3 Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

- a) DNV Hwy 1 Interchange Design Working Group – invited Community Associations have until October 7<sup>th</sup> to nominate a member. Dan mentioned a new Advisory Groups Policy was adopted at the Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Most groups will now report to Staff.
- b) Tree By-law – John Hunter advised the new By-law is very complex. After 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, it is apparently now on hold pending resolution of issues between Council and Staff.
- c) Smart Meters – deferred to next meeting
- d) Garbage / Bear Rules – discussion of fines for early/late placing of garbage, yard waste and recycling at the curb.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### Council and other District Issues

#### 5.1 Safety of Wi-Fi Revisited – deferred.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/prod/wifi-eng.php>  
<http://www.oahpp.ca/resources/documents/Wireless%20technology%20and%20health%20outcomes.pdf>  
<http://www.nsnews.com/technology/Residents+deserve+smart+meter+installation/5165297/story.html>

#### 5.3 Steps to Improve Community Associations – - - item deferred to next meeting.

[http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/1\\_07\\_keepppeople.html](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/1_07_keepppeople.html)

### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Legal Issues – items deferred.

\*a) DNV can enter land/buildings for bylaw enforcement without a warrant:  
<http://www.oboa.on.ca/training/caselaw/pdf/6%20R.%20v.%20Bichel.pdf>

\*b) Neighbour Law – BC Branch of Canadian Bar Association  
[http://www.cba.org/bc/public\\_media/housing/400.aspx](http://www.cba.org/bc/public_media/housing/400.aspx)

## **6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)**

– items deferred to next meeting.

\*a) Transit trips to work take twice as long as driving  
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2011002/article/11531-eng.pdf>

\*b) For more issues see

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2011/extras.pdf>

\*c) Pesticides - Sep 9 NSN - 'Dinosaur' view needs wiping out

\*d) Amalgamation

## **7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Chair: Diana Belhouse – Delbrook C.A.

Notes: Paul Tubb – Pemberton Heights C.A.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.