

FONVCA

Minutes of August 16th 2001

Present:

Brian Platts (Chair)	Edgemont C.A.
Cathy Adams (Notes)	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assn.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Dave Sadler	Seymour C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Allan Orr	Roche Point C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Cap. Comm. Res. Assn.
John Miller	Lower Cap. Comm. Res. Assn.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Vall Moller	Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assn.

1. Order and Content of Agenda:

- Additions to Any Other Business
- 6.2 2886 Panorama Drive
- 6.3 Storm Water
- 6.4 Audit of Council Expenditures
- 6.5 Translink Announcement
- 6.6 SLAPP Suits
- 6.7 Committees of Council

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 19th, 2001

correction: Section 3.3 Lower Capilano Community Centre. John Miller pointed out that where the minutes read that the original proposal for the Norgate Park site was from the Lower Capilano Community Association, they should read that the original proposal for the site was from the Lower Capilano Facility Committee. Moved by Al Price, Seconded by John Miller and carried that the minutes, as amended, be approved.

3. Old Business

3.1 Grouse Grind Sale/Liability Issues

There was discussion of the possibility of the District acquiring the Grouse Grind. There was consensus that the GVRD should not be considering asking the District for the reported \$2 million to acquire this property. What did the GVRD pay for the property, if anything? It was pointed out that as part of the GVRD, the District taxpayers already are owners. It was agreed that Grouse Mountain Resorts is the big beneficiary of the Grouse Grind, through the business brought to the mountain by users of the trail. Issue - Agreement was that the property should remain in the public domain. IT WAS MOVED by Allan Orr, Seconded by Diana Belhouse, that the DNV Council be advised that FONVCA's position is that, as a principle, the lands in question should remain in the public domain, with the preferred option that the lands become part of the GVRD regional park system. Failing that, the property

should be turned over to the District of North Vancouver for a nominal amount, with a maintenance agreement to be entered into with Grouse Mountain Resorts.
Carried unanimously.

Outstanding issues to be looked into: What did the GVRD pay for the property? What are the boundaries of the land under consideration for disposal by the GVRD? Does it include the gravel parking lot at the base of the gondola, or the property that buildings of Grouse Mountain Resorts are situated on?

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Letter to Council re: OCP boundary changes, as per FONVCA minutes of July 19th. Cathy Adams read out draft letter informing council of the motion made in July. She will ask Corrie to send it out on FONVCA letterhead.

4.2 Business arising from extensive email

There was little discussion of the items listed under correspondence since the last FONVCA meeting. Those present were familiar with the issues and e-mails on the items.

5. New Business

5.1 DNV Tourism Development Plan

Several people received the feedback forms, which were apparently sent out to attendees of the Tourism workshops held a couple of months ago, as well as community associations.

5.2 2002-2006 /Financial Plan- public participation C.A.'s have just received info in the mail. Public input tentatively set for Sat. Sept. 15 & Sat. Nov. 24/2001. Tentative 2002 property tax increase is 7.82%. Discussion as to the role of the Budget and Finance Analysis Committee. Possibility of someone from that committee attending a FONVCA meeting to give us more information about the committee's activities.

5.3 Sub-committee - Feasibility of a Smart Growth conference. Al Price reported on this sub-committee's initial meeting, after being formed last FONVCA meeting. He handed out a summary of the meeting. Key issue might best be local transportation issues; better planning of local transit needs to take community residents to services. The sub-committee will meet again in early September.

5.4 Status of District OCP

Margaret Fraser is looking into this issue, but absent this meeting. Deferred to Sept. meeting. There was some discussion surrounding the

issues of long-range and development planning, allocation of staff to these two aspects of planning, and questions as to when the District intends to revisit the District OCP. Can some citizens be the impetus to get the OCP back on the front burner? We will continue discussion of this issue in Sept., and consider the forming of a sub-committee to look at the current District OCP.

5.5 Council Public Input Period

Reference was made to recent correspondence by members of FONVCA regarding concerns surrounding this issue. Discussion included conflicting messages as to when a speaker is ruled out of order during public input. There is not a lot of consistency as to when and how council policy is applied. There was the question as to whether a member of the public speaking during public input has standing at a council meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 a leaning to the legal side. . .

On the stream stewardship issue, it was brought to the meeting's attention that the Provincial Government has dropped the streamkeepers funding. This was just in the news.

6.2 2886 Panorama Drive - Dave Sadler

Lot slope issue - the Deep Cove exemption from lot slope rules was thrown out, but this owner had, according to what council was told, applied prior to this change, and therefore the rules for lot slope were not applied. The owner was given the DVP. It seems there may be a discrepancy between what council was told when this variance was granted, and what actually was the case. There may be more coming on this particular DVP issuance.

6.3 Storm Water - Dan Ellis

A marshy area at Karen Magnussen Arena is to be converted into a marsh area. Lynn Valley C.A. will be discussing these types of environmental issues with staff at their next meeting. Issue is the environmental benefit of soft, porous surfaces versus hard, non-porous surfaces. This is certain to become a higher profile issue in future developments.

6.4 Audit of Council Expenditures - Dave Sadler

Dave had requested an external audit of council and senior staff expenditures. The staff report says there are discrepancies. Dave will be asking for a copy of the external auditor's report.

6.5 Translink Announcement - Allan Orr

There will be 8 public regional meetings on Translink funding and finance issues. There is a Council of Councils meeting set for September 8th, which is open to the public. Allan plans to attend. Location is not yet announced. Whether Skytrain, which is the big money issue, will be discussed, is unclear at this time.

6.6 SLAPP Suits - Diana Belhouse

Diana gave a handout on this, a news article from the National Post. There was a press release from the provincial government, stating that the Protection of Public Participation Act is being repealed. There is concern that SLAPP suits tie people up in litigation, at great expense in time and money, so they are prevented from spending time on the issue of concern to them. The West Coast Environmental Law Society will likely look at the issue of this Act being repealed.

6.7 Committees of Council - Cathy Adams

Cathy reported that in looking at the City of North Vancouver, she discovered that adopted minutes of committees of council such as the ADP, APC, JBAC, Board of Variance, etc. are posted on their web site. Also, in the City and also West Vancouver, a member of the public can request to address one of these committees. There is no formal provision for this in the District. Moved by Cathy Adams, Seconded by Dave Sadler, that FONVCA request the District to arrange to have the adopted minutes of committees of council posted onto the District's website. Carried unanimously. This request will be forward to the Clerk's office.

7. Chairperson and Date of Next Meeting

Chair - Margaret Fraser, Lynn Valley Community Association Tel: (604) 980-6170

Thursday, September 20th, 2001 at DNV Hall 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.