

FONVCA

Minutes – August 15th, 2002

Held at District Hall

Attendees:

Al Price (chair)	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Cathy Adams (Notes)	Lions Gate N.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

additions:

- 4.3 Community Charter – responses to FONVCA letter
- 6.3 Domain name registration for FONVCA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - July 18th, 2002

Item 3.5 Sentence two of that section should read: "It was noted that some staff had said that they had thrown out their notes about the short listing process." Moved by Maureen, seconded by John, that the minutes of July 18th, 2002 be adopted as amended. Carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Questions for Candidates – November 2002 Election

Several associations and individuals had submitted questions for consideration for the FONVCA Candidates Questionnaire, which as in past elections will be distributed by FONVCA to candidates for council and mayor, requesting a written response. Previous to tonight's meeting, possible questions had been distributed to FONVCA members, and an updated version was distributed at the meeting. Several additional questions were submitted at the meeting. Each of the questions was discussed and changed as appropriate. **The list of questions coming out of this meeting for consideration by FONVCA members is attached to these minutes.** They will be circulated, and **a final decision will be made at the September FONVCA meeting on which questions to include on the Candidates Questionnaire**, and their wording.

3.2 Formats for All-Candidates meetings

There was a general discussion of formats for all-candidates meetings, and in particular concerns about problems encountered three years ago for organizers, especially with so many candidates for council at that time.

Different methods of posing questions to candidates were discussed, as well as moderating and organizational issues, and use of brochures by

candidates to give an overview of their background, interests and issues of concern to them in particular, so that precious meeting time doesn't need to be taken by allowing each candidate to give that information verbally.

It is hoped that this year's all-candidates meetings will be successful and informative for all participants.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from extensive email – Refer to the extensive correspondence received and posted on the FONVCA website. No items were identified for discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters – none this month

4.3 Community Charter

Responses to FONVCA's letter requesting a Community Charter Symposium were received from all three North Shore municipalities, and all expressed the view that it is Ted Nebbeling's responsibility to deal with this issue.

A chart titled "Comparison of Park Protection/Counter Petition process provided by the current legislation and the proposed Draft Community Charter" prepared by Corrie was distributed at the meeting. It provides an interesting comparison of what is current legislation under the Local Government Act and what is proposed in the draft of the Community Charter.

There was discussion of improvements that could be made to the proposed Community Charter.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Secondary Suites

Statutory declaration was proposed by council/staff to allow a suite without the extra fee, if the suite area is not being used as such. Violations Council referred the item back to staff.

5.2 Bylaw 7325 – Nuisance Abatement

This issue was presented as a huge (many pages long) agenda addenda item at the last council meeting prior to council's break for August. It was passed unanimously, with Coun. Muri absent. Very poor process. There are many concerns regarding this bylaw, including such issues as a ban on all outdoor light, which means safety motion sensor lights are prohibited, as well as the normal clear glass porch lights, for instance.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 For those with a leaning to the legal side

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Use of video cameras. No discussion on this item.

6.2 Workshop – Internet: A blessing or a curse?

Corrie reported on a workshop advertised and held on July 24th at the Capilano Library. Corrie was the only person to attend! So - he and the presenter (Richard Harvey, a practicing counselor on the North Shore, - harrich@telus.bnet, tel: 604-990-5503) had an interesting discussion on the addiction aspects of the internet – its' use and misuse. Community awareness is needed – there are resources available to help. Several members present were aware of situations where use of the internet had become a problem for someone they knew of.

Some references referred to by Harvey were:

<http://www.netaddiction.com/articles/articles.htm>

<http://www.inernetaddiction.ca/articles.htm>

<http://www.stresscure.com/hrn/addiction.html>

<http://library.albany.edu/briggs/addiction.html>

<http://www.intertext.com/jason/thesis.html>

6.3 FONVCA Website

Corrie reported that our registration for FONVCA.org becomes due in November. To continue, the fee would be \$40 for one year, or \$70 for two years. FONVCA.com or .net or .info or .biz are also available, should we wish to consider registering any of those domain names as well.

It was moved by John, seconded by Hugh, and carried unanimously that we renew the registration for FONVCA.org for two years, at a cost of \$70.

A contribution of \$10 from each community association is requested to cover this fee.

Community associations are requested to see Corrie about this as soon as possible. Thanks go to the community associations who have already done so.

7. CHAIRPERSON & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date:

Thursday, September 19th, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Place: DNV Hall 355 West Queens Road

Chair: Dan Ellis Lynn Valley Community Assn.

Tel: (604) 985-7880

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES – NOVEMBER 2002

1. What role should community associations play with respect to local neighbourhood and district-wide issues?
2. Do you advocate any further significant growth in specific areas of the District?
3. What sort of changes would you like to see with the current public input process for council decisions?
4. Under what circumstances should major capital projects go to referendum?
5. Do you favour changes to the fee/subsidy structure of recreational and sports programs?
6. How are you going to make a difference?
7. Are you committed to the repayment of principal and interest of monies borrowed from the Heritage Fund?
8. How would you minimize future tax increases?
9. In what ways do you consider the District will be affected by the up-coming Community Charter legislation?
10. Do you support the development of the Lynn Valley Town Centre as approved by the current council?
11. Do you support the completion of roads and infrastructure as originally proposed for the Lynn Canyon Park visitor centre?
12. Do you support the Draft Seymour Local Area Plan?
13. Are you in favour of residential water metering? Explain.
14. Do you support increased maintenance of our parks and public areas? If so, how?