

# FONVCA MINUTES

THURSDAY July 17<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Place:** DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Chair:** Diana Belhouse – Delbrook C.A. Tel: 604-987-1656

## Members Present:

Cathy Adams	(Lions Gate NA)
Lyle Craver	(Mt. Fromme RA) ( <b>notetaker</b> )
Dan Ellis	(Lynn Valley CA)
Fred Gooch (	(Blueridge CA)
Corrie Kost	(Edgemont CA)
Val Moller	(Lions Gate NA)
Hugh Murray	(Lower Capilano RA)

**Regrets:** David Knee, John Miller, Eric Andersen (sub Fred Gooch)

## 1. Order/content of Agenda

Added Items:

6.2 c. Tax notices and inserts

## 2. Adoption of Minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2008/minutes-jun2008.pdf>

Re item 5.5: Dan wanted it noted for the minutes that he had talked to several people who had had no problem with the lack of notice for the Freedom of the District ceremony

Re item 6.1: Corrie noted that the reference to Mr. St Arnaud was to indicate authorship to the quoted passage and not an appeal by Mr. St. Arnaud to FONVCA

With these changes the June 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as circulated.

## 3. Old Business

Has there been any feedback on the FONVCA letter to Council on use of the 'Consent Agenda'? No except that a new statement concerning the Consent Agenda has appeared on recent Council Agenda and that Councillor Allan Nixon indicated he would veto any item addition to the consent agenda that were not present when agenda was distributed.

It was also noted that the Lynn Valley Village / Town Centre grand opening had been extremely successful though attendance was surpassed by the public concert July 11<sup>th</sup> which was estimated to have 1200-1500 present.

## 4. Correspondence Issues

### 4.1 Business arising from 2 regular emails:

Contents of the 2 letters were outlined. No further discussion was felt necessary on the issues raised in these letters.

### 4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

## 5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

### 5.1 Freedom of Speech – Rafe Mair

Supreme Court of Canada declared statements by Rafe Mair as "fair comment" – and added the following objective test: could any person honestly express that opinion on the proved facts?

<http://csc.lexum.umontreal.ca/en/2008/2008scc40/2008scc40.html>

[http://www.rabble.ca/babble/ultimatebb.php?ubb=get\\_topic&f=2&t=009833](http://www.rabble.ca/babble/ultimatebb.php?ubb=get_topic&f=2&t=009833) <http://www.straight.com/print/151918>

### 5.2 DNV Annual Report Public response in Council Chambers – 7pm Monday June 23/2008.

A 4-page report by Corrie was distributed with the agenda package – the lack of common measurement themes with a consistent choice of year-to-year indicators measuring the well-being of the community – being his prime concern. See: <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2008/Synopsis-of-2007-annual-report-by-kost.pdf>

This special session/item was felt to have been unduly rushed due to a later Council Workshop meeting scheduled that night on Lower Lynn Conceptual Plan Use.

Corrie indicated he had a very positive meeting with David Stuart on Wednesday July 16 where David outlined that future Annual Reports would have community driven quality of life indicators. Some details were distributed with the agenda and more can be found at [www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council\\_reports/151758.pdf](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/151758.pdf)

### 5.3 Questions for 2008 Municipal Election

Important dates:

Council breaks Jul 14 till Aug 18

Voting day Sat Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

Nomination period 9am Tuesday Sep 30 to 4pm Friday Oct10

[http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Election\\_2008/election\\_calendar\\_2008.htm](http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Election_2008/election_calendar_2008.htm)

It was felt that the 2005 questions had been too general and that it would be desirable to be more specific with 2008's questions.

**Members are advised that the questionnaire for Municipal Candidates of the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> election will need to be finalized at the September meeting and so are encouraged to refer these items to their associations for feedback and further input.**

A general brainstorming session took place and the follow questions are out for discussion:

1. How should North Vancouver be policed? What are the most important issues and how would you address them?

2. Do you support DNV-owned "for profit" enterprises? What other sources of non-tax revenue do you envisage?

3. How would you improve our handling of solid waste?

4. What date will you commit to for the first draft of the new District Official Community Plan?

5. Where would you charge for parking? (ex. Cates Park, trail heads, Town Centres)

6. Should mountain bikers be charged to use DNV trails?

7. What would you propose to reduce DNV's "carbon footprint"?

8. What do you propose to improve transportation?

9. Do you advocate increased density? If "Yes" where and how?

10. What practical experience qualifies you for local governance?

11. What are your primary goals and visions for DNV over the next 5-10 years?

12. Will you support the current policy requiring a referendum to undedicated previously dedicated parks?

13. What major issues are you concerned about in DNV?

14. What role should community associations play?

15. How would you encourage civic involvement by the public?

For the complete list considered in 2005 see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2005/agenda.pdf>

## 5.4 DNV Statistics (2006 Census)

Hard copies of DNV 2006 statistics was distributed with the agenda. A particular note was made of the 5 year incremental change in population from 1986 to 2006.

[http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/growing\\_your\\_community/trends/2006/region2/greater\\_vancouver/north\\_vancouver\\_district.html](http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/growing_your_community/trends/2006/region2/greater_vancouver/north_vancouver_district.html)

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2008/DNV-profile-of-immigrants-2006.pdf>

## 5.5 Safety of Cell Towers, Mobile Phones, and Bluetooth

<http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/strahlung/00053/00673/03571/index.html?lang=en>

<http://www.icnirp.de/documents/emfgdl.pdf>

This is based on a proposal to build an ~55metre telecommunications tower south of Edgemont Village on Highways department lands. A follow-up meeting is to be held to allow residents to express their concerns.

## 5.6 Alpine Trails Plans

The consultant's report was presented to Council July 7<sup>th</sup> and endorsed by Council. This includes \$850,000 for parking lots and other amenities plus \$90,000 per year for additional summer ranger staff.

## 5.7 Pesticide Bylaw

[http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2008/DNV\\_Pesticide\\_Use\\_Report\\_Survey\\_Dec\\_2007.PDF](http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2008/DNV_Pesticide_Use_Report_Survey_Dec_2007.PDF)

This was adopted by Council at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and is effective 1 January 2009.

## 5.8 Resources from Waste

<http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/ministry/whatsnew/IRM.htm>

[http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2005-2009/2008CS0070-000784.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2008CS0070-000784.htm)

It was noted Port Moody had recently signed a contract to build a plant to convert waste to energy.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 Legal Issues - None

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

**a) Lower Lynn Land Use Plan** – there was a July 16 Council workshop held at the Crown Street site. This **workshop was unusual in that complete Powerpoint packages were available for the public and a time for public input was provided.** At that workshop it was suggested that a survey of usage of industrial land in the area needed to be made as it was felt there were several parcels of underused and unused industrial lands in the study area. It was noted that the 3 plans discussed all meant an additional 3500-4000 new residents and the end of single family dwellings in the plan area.

**b) Annual Report & Quality of Life Indicators:** covered above under 5.2.

**c) Tax Collection** – in tax notice packages was an explanation piece explaining the Homeowner Grant. The print on this was considered too small to be read by most taxpayers.

## 7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

The consensus was to examine holding a social at the usual meeting date of August 21<sup>st</sup> (Corrie and Dan to get in touch with the selected location) with our next regular meeting to be held **September 18<sup>th</sup> with the Edgemont CA to chair.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.