

FONVCA

Minutes July 16th 2009

Attendees

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| Diana Belhouse (Notes) | Save Our Shores |
| Dan Ellis | Lynn Valley C.A. |
| Val Moller (Chair) | Lions Gate N.A. |
| Cathy Adams | Lions Gate N.A. |
| Corrie Kost | Edgemont C.A. |
| K'Nud Hille | Norgate Park C.A. |

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM
Regrets: Paul Tubb – Pemberton Hts. C.A.

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Approved with added items:

- 6.2a External links on dnv.org - Corrie
- 6.2b Rail Noise – K'Nud
- 6.2c Home based business

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 18th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2009/minutes-jun2009.pdf>

Correction to item 1. 6.2b Pesticides - by John Hunter not Don Hunter/

Correction to item 3.1 – “A third meeting is set for July 25th...” should read “A third meeting is set for June 25th ...”

Corrected minutes approval moved by Dan, seconded by Cathy, carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 OCP Roundtable Update – initial roundtable meeting went well. Process is paramount issue. Sep 2nd 6-9pm at DNV Committee Rm. is next meeting of Roundtable group. Corrie read the terms of reference (see

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/pdocsdocuments/ph5101!.doc>)

The Community Vision will flow out of the consultation process. At all three sessions the audience selected the topics for discussion. There was excellent participation and very thoughtful discussion. Turn-out by the public was good, but not large. Public engagement is probably the greatest challenge for the OCP process. For latest see

<http://www.identity.dnv.org>

Any available digital photos taken at the events will be posted on the www.fonvca.org web site.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 3 regular e-mails

- a letter from Corrie about response to DNV relating to FONVCA registration with DNV requirements
- 2 letters from Wendy relating to CNV issues.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.1 DCC's Explained

Corrie provided some updated results from other municipalities (single family home rates):
Surrey: \$26,061

Maple Ridge: \$16,010

Abbotsford: \$25,000

Coquitlam: \$20,920

New Westminster: \$17,300

For details on DNV rates (which have not been updated for some time) see Bylaw 6945 at <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=603&a=254>

DCC's are meant to cover the costs of providing services to newly created residential (and other) services. The current DNV rate for a single family home is \$14,300 to \$18,502 depending on the lot size. Other rates apply to multi-family units, commercial, and industrial properties.

5.2 Rainbarrel Economics revisited.

Corrie reminded members of the uneconomic aspects of using rainbarrels to “save” rainwater. The feast or famine of nature is nicely explained at <http://santaferreview.com/review1.1.html>

To quote John McCarthy, a mathematician at Stanford University: “He who refuses to do arithmetic is doomed to talk nonsense”. The June 18/2001 DNV report by R.O. Huffman, had also concluded **they are not cost effective**, taking 500-1000 years to pay back. For a copy of the document see <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2009/rain-barrel.pdf>

This should appropriately address the contrasting view of articles published in the May 28/2009 NorthshoreOutlook by Maria Spitale-Leisk. It seems that some bad ideas never die.

Corrie also noted that there is no chloramine in GVRD water – after an extensive public participation process in 1994 chlorine, although more expensive, this more environmentally friendly option was instead chosen.

5.3 Thesis: Global Warming is Man-Made

An important meeting United Nations Climate Change Conference is to take place Dec7-18/2009 in Copenhagen.

<http://en.cop15.dk/>

A number of scientific articles on this issue were listed.

<http://livinggreen.info/LvGnGlbIWarmgIPCCRpt.pdf>

<http://www.aip.org/history/climate/co2.htm>
http://www.whrc.org/resources/online_publications/warming_earth/scientific_evidence.htm
<http://climate.noaa.gov/education/pdfs/ClimateLiteracyPoster-8.5x11-March09FinalLR.pdf>
<http://ourchangingclimate.wordpress.com/2008/05/21/scientific-debate-and-the-media/>

5.4 2008 Annual Reports

The important components that make up the Annual Report are:

- Corporate Plan
- Draft Financial Plan
- Natural Steps Action Plan

There is considerable difficulty in finding the 4 key documents on the DNV website. They need to be grouped together in a single web page – and with easy access to prior years annual report.

Overall, Corrie felt that the 2008 Annual Report was a significant improvement over the 2007 report. Links to some other municipal annual report (as well as those for the DNV were provided and shown below.

District of North Vancouver:

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4493>
and 2009-2011 Corporate Business Plan at
http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Presentation/CorpPlan09.pdf and
2009-2013 draft financial plan can be found (no direct link) at
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1021&a=4037>
and the Natural Steps Action Plan at
<http://www.dnv.org/upload/pdocsdocuments/ptwl01!.pdf>

City of North Vancouver:

<http://www.cnv.org/attach/2009%2007%2006PM2008MunReport.pdf>

West Vancouver:

http://www.westvancouver.net/uploadedFiles/Your_Government/Financial_Information/Reports/Annual_Reports/2008%20Annual%20Report%204web.pdf

Maple Ridge:

http://www.mapleridge.ca/assets/Default/Finance/pdfs/Annual~Reports/annual_report08.pdf

Richmond:

<http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/finance/reporting/reports.htm>

Pitt Meadows:

<http://www.pittmeadows.bc.ca/EN/topnav/whatsnew/46236.html>

Some interesting graphs are available at

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2009/2008-annual-report/>

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Fighting (White Rock) City Hall when Council exceeds its authority by considering matters not in the OCP/Zoning. This was a case where a municipality refused to issue a building permit. Although the development met the OCP

requirements, subjective requirements not listed in the OCP were used to reject the development. All members are encourage to read the judgement by Justice Janice Dillon as it touches on many of the inner workings of municipal law.

<http://www2.canada.com/surreynow/news/story.html?id=0d8f633b-ccd7-40be-8530-5f72344512ec>

- BC Supreme Court ruling by Justice Janice Dillon at...

<http://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2009/2009bcsc719/2009bcsc719.html>

The developer won the case and White Rock was ordered to issue the building permit.

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) External links on DNV.ORG

There is a DNV policy that within a certain period prior to Municipal Elections external links which provide information about or bias towards any municipal candidate must be removed until after the election. However, contrary to council policy, the last municipal election provided hypertext links to some of the candidates. The policy should be adhered to until such time that it is amended – and that only after a proper public debate on the issue. Some members felt that URL's to candidates should be provided – but not on election day – to be consistent with other media restrictions. If links are allowed they should only relate to election material – not to personal business aspects of a candidate ie. no material on the linked site should relate directly to the candidates' business affairs.

b) Railway Noise

Noise resulting from shunting rail cars and blowing train whistles were a concern for Norgate residents. K'Nud read a letter from Weston referring his concerns to Minister of Transport John Baird.

Meetings with Waterfront Liason Committee have not been satisfactory – with regulation bodies attendance being erratic. Next step will be to apply to the Province.

c) Home Based Business

Cathy spoke about her experiences (some time ago) with a neighbourhood landscaping business run by a resident on her residential street and the difficulties of getting rid of it.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:00pm Thursday September 17th 2009

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Meeting was adjourned at ~ 9:00PM.