

**Federation
of**

**North
Vancouver
Community
Associations**

FONVCA AGM AGENDA
Wednesday Sep 19th 2012

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: John Hunter – Seymour C.A.

Tel: 604-929-4436 **Email:** hunterjohn@telus.net

Regrets: Brenda Barrick - IRCA

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Regrets-Brenda-Barrick.pdf>

Cathy Adams - LGNA

1. Order/content of Agenda(*short)

Chair Pro-Tem Suggests: 1. , 2. , 3(A), 4.1, rest

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 20th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/minutes-jun2012.pdf>

Emails pertaining to this issue will be distributed at meeting.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

A period of roughly 30 minutes for association members to exchange information of common concerns.

A. Presentation by Jane Osborne on:

LionsView Seniors Planning Society Initiative
– 1 hr including Q/A

B. Overview of Advisory Design Panel- Introduction

TOR: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4347&c=88>

ROLE: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1028>

4. Old Business

4.1 Community Associations’ “Gatekeeper”

- Review of process in DNV changes
 - Who should keep the “rules”?
 - Implications of having no DNV “criteria” for recognition
- <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?p=true&a=411&v=164>
- Implications of funding by DNV of community associations
 - Release of “5 options” DNV Discussion Paper on C.A’s
- http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/CDNV_DISTRICT_HALL-%231816356-v1-Community_Association_Options_Discussion_Paper.PDF

Council approved “Option 2” – see

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/120723RC_AGN.htm

See also www.dnv.org/upload/Public_Engagement_Charter.pdf

- JCH Proposed changes to FONVCA “Procedures”

Current: <http://www.fonvca.org/procedures.pdf>

Proposed: <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Procedures-proposed.pdf>

& <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/procedures-proposed-v1.pdf>

& <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Procedures-before-after.pdf>

- Proposal by Eric Miura & Dan Ellis

5. Correspondence Issues

5.1 Business arising from 23 regular emails:
Distributed with full package and posted on web-site

5.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period
Distributed with full package but not currently posted on web-site.

6. New Business Council and other District Issues.

6.1 Municipal Wages and Taxes 2006 to 2011
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Businesses%20struggle%20with%20high%20tax%20bills.pdf>

6.2 Access to Public Hearing Submissions
Response via DNV Staff
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Public%20Hearing%20Submissions.pdf>

7. Any Other Business

8. For Your Information Items

a) Age Friendly Community Guide
http://www.seniorsbc.ca/documents/afbc/Becoming_an_Age-friendly_Community_Local_Government_Guide.pdf
See also www.seniorsbc.ca/documents/pdf/SeniorsActionPlan.pdf
www.sfu.ca/uploads/page/18/SHUPv20n1_FINAL_web.pdf

b) Connections & Engagement
2012 Metro Vancouver Survey
<http://vancouverfoundation.ca/connect-engage/2012survey.htm>
<http://vancouverfoundation.ca/documents/VanFdn-SurveyResults-Report.pdf>

c) NVC Resident Parking Policy Study
<http://www.cnv.org//server.aspx?c=3&i=726>
<http://www.cnv.org/ci/DATE/3/726/2012%2002%2029%20-%20RESIDENT%20PARKING%20POLICY%20-%20COUNCIL%20REPORT.PDF>
<http://www.cnv.org/ci/DATE/3/726/2012%2007%2012%20-%20OPEN%20HOUSE%20POSTER%20BOARDS.PDF>
<http://www.cnv.org/ci/DATE/3/726/2012%2007%2012%20-%20RESIDENT%20PARKING%20POLICY%20-%20OPEN%20HOUSE.PDF>

d) Metro Vancouver Overview of Inclusionary Zoning Policies for Affordable Housing
http://www.inclusionaryhousing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/ResourceCA_MetroVan.pdf

e) Internet/Electronic Voting
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_voting_examples
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/aug2012/news-clips/Government%20considers%20allowing%20online%20voting.pdf>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/news-clips/Credibility%20of%20democracy%20put%20at%20risk%20by%20online%20voting.pdf>
<http://repository.ubn.kun.nl/bitstream/2066/75763/1/75763.pdf>

f) Three Golden Rules for Discussions
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Three+Golden+Rules+for+Discussion.pdf>
Guidelines for Good Discussions:
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/Guidelines+for+good+discussions.pdf>

g) News-Clips of the months July/Aug/Sep 2012
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2012/news-clips/>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/aug2012/news-clips/>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2012/news-clips/>

8.1 Legal Issues

(a) Registration of Ratepayers/Community Assoc.
http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/Residents/Ratepayer_Associations/EstablishNewRatepayersGroup

(b) Stewart McDannold Stuart - Spring 2012 Logo Notebook
<http://www.sms.bc.ca/newsletter/>

- A Balancing Act: Local Government Responses to Civil Protests
 - “Volunteer” Firefighter Disqualified From Municipal Office
 - Bill 25 Gives Regional Districts Procedural Protection Enjoyed by Municipalities
 - Protection of Third Party Information Under Access to Information Legislation
 - Interpreting Zoning Bylaws - Two Recent Cases
 - Limits to Lawful Non-Conforming Uses
- For more cases see also <http://www.sms.bc.ca/issue/?issue=80#1609>

9. Chair & Date of next meeting.
Brian Platts - EUCCA - Oct 17th

FONVCA Received Correspondence/Subject
18 June 2012 → 16 September 2012

LINK	SUBJECT
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Brad_Slade_18jun2012.pdf	Endorse IntegrityBC's Electoral Finance Reform Campaign?
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Doug_Curran_15jul2012.pdf	Community Associations - DNV website listing
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Douglas_Curran_21jun2012.pdf	Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / Fonvca Invite
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Douglas_Curran_22jun2012.pdf	Inappropriate practice with regard to redacted documents
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Elizabeth_James_7jul2012.pdf	Invasive plant species
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Irwin_Jerome_10jul2012.pdf	AND THE SEASONS THEY GO ROUND AND ROUND
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Irwin_Jerome_15jul2012.pdf	and the seasons they go round and round
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Irwin_Jerome_22jun2012.pdf	Communication Issues in the District and in local communities
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Jane_Osborne_21jun2012.pdf	Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / Fonvca Invite
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/John_Hunter_10jul2012.pdf	Rethink Pesticide Ban June 2012
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/18jun-to/Wendy_Qureshi_27jun2012.pdf	No Delivery of the NSN
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/Courtenay_Fraitzl_30jul2012.pdf	Beautification of our neighbourhoods
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/Doug_Curran_16jul2012.pdf	Proposed changes to Jun/20 th draft FONVCA minutes
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/Irwin_Jerome_29jul2012.pdf	Thought-provoking ideas about the democratic process
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/James_Gordon_26jul2012.pdf	Community Association Discussion Paper
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/John_Hunter_9aug2012.pdf	John Hunter / Doug Curran Email Exchanges
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/Wendy_Qureshi_22jul2012.pdf	On http://www.nsnews.com/news/Undefended+boarders/6971693/story.html
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16jul-to/Wendy_Qureshi_24jul2012.pdf	Repeat of above allegation
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/13aug-to/Irwin_Jerome_15aug2012.pdf	Link to article of interest
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/13aug-to/John_Hunter_29aug2012.pdf	Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/13aug-to/John_Hunter_31aug2012.pdf	Tax Exemption for Churches
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/13aug-to/Kristin_Lillyman_5sep2012.pdf	Translink – Join the Conversation
http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/13aug-to/Elise_Roberts_7sep2012.pdf	Cigarette Butts at Waterfront

Past Chair of FONVCA (Jan 2010-present)

Sep 2012	John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Jun 2012	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights C.A.
May 2012	Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & SOS
Apr 2012	Val Moller	Lions gate C.A.
Mar 2012	Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Feb 2012	Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Jan 2012	Brian Platts	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
Nov 2011	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
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Mar 2011	Val Moller	Lions Gate C.A.
Feb 2011	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights ← Special focus on 2011-2015 Financial Plan
Jan 2011	Diana Belhouse	S.O.S.
Dec 2010	John Hunter	Seymour C.A. ← Meeting with DNV Staff on Draft#1 OCP
Nov 2010	Cathy Adams	Lions Gate C.A.
Oct 2010	Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Sep 2010	K'nud Hille	Norgate Park C.A.
Jun 2010	Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
May 2010	Val Moller	Lions Gate C.A.
Apr 2010	Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
Mar 2010	Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Feb 2010	Special	
Jan 2010	Dianna Belhouse	S.O.S

Notetaker

T.B.A.
Diana Belhouse
John Miller
Dan Ellis
John Hunter
John Miller
Cathy Adams
Eric Andersen
Paul Tubb
Dan Ellis
John Hunter
Cathy Adams
Brian Platts/Corrie Kost
Diana Belhouse
Eric Andersen
Brenda Barrick
None
John Hunter
Paul Tubb
Eric Andersen
Cathy Adams
Cathy Adams
Dan Ellis
Diana Belhouse
K'nud Hille

Subject: Regarding Sept 19
From: Brenda Barrick <stampergb@gmail.com>
Date: 12/09/2012 7:33 AM
To: corrie@kost.ca

Hi Corrie,

Inter-River CA continues to limp along, with me, it appears to be only me at the moment. I do have a prior commitment on Sept 19, so cannot attend the FONVCA meeting. If possible, please share the following link. It is an open invitation to all to attend a community event that is being organized by a resident with support of the IRCA. We anticipate that it will become an annual festival.

<http://earthballcommunityfestival.blogspot.ca/>

The other event going on this month is also open to past residents as the District gathers the history of the area:



Attention past and present members of the Lynnmour/Inter-River Community

You're invited to a Community Reunion

Past and present members of the Lynnmour area are invited to attend a Community Reunion on Friday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Attend and share your memories, stories and photos of the neighbourhood. This is a chance to connect with old neighbours and friends, and to meet new community members and share with them the storied history of the Lynnmour neighbourhood. For more information on this event view the **Community Announcement**.

thank you,
Brenda Barrick

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5492>

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

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Earthball Community Festival

(Cooperative Games)

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Saturday, 8 September 2012

Poster



Posted by Earthball Community Festival at 10:23

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FONVCA

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 20th 2012

At DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Attendees

Paul Tubb (Chair pro-tem)	Pemberton Heights C. A.
Diana Belhouse (notes)	Delbrook CA & Save Our Shores Society
John Miller	Lower Capilano Community Res. Assoc.
Sharlene Hertz	Delbrook C.A.
Douglas Curran	Capilano Gateway Association
Kim Belcher	Capilano Gateway Association
Eric Andersen	Blueridge Community Association
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C. A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.

Regrets: Val Moller, Cathy Adams, John Hunter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Order/Content of Agenda

Corrie added FYI 8.2(b) "Food-miles".

2. Adoption of May 16th 2012 Minutes

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2012/minutes-may2012.pdf>

With correction to spelling of "Eric Andersen" moved by Diana, seconded by Eric – carried unanimously.

6.1 Conversation with DNV CAO Dave Stuart

Item was carried forward in the agenda...

a) DNV Agenda Notification:

Dave Stuart remarked that placing weekly ads in NSNEWS to list council agenda items was felt too costly (7 or \$8000/yr). However Council is considering Monthly notices in the NSNEWS and the Outlook outlining the items to be discussed in the following month's council meetings, workshops, and those in-camera. The Clerk's website would follow the same procedure. Dave remarked that staff predicts the council agenda items about one year in advance and then zero in on six months.

As a result, this may reduce District Dialogue publications.

After some discussion about having a weekly phone message outlining upcoming agenda items Dave agreed to reinstate this after creating a special number to call and informing residents of its availability.

A FONVCA member pointed out how West Vancouver has a very open process and the agenda notice should include all details (i.e letters) about public hearings. Dave rejected this as too costly – requiring too much staff time to redact all the relevant material.

b) DNV Correspondence sent to Mayor & Council

Dave remarked that if a letter applies to an agenda item it is published and that anything to do with a public hearing should be public so reasons are available to explain Council decisions. A FONVCA member remarked that, after a public hearing, there is a need for the public to see all letters sent prior to the public hearing as well.

c) DNV Policy on Redacting Documents

In response to a complaint by a FONVCA member that the elimination of the name of the letter writer changed the meaning of the letter, Stuart promised an explanation. The FONVCA member promised to provide him with a copy of the legislation covering this process.

A FONVCA member stressed the need for Council to promote and explain the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund.

d) Sewage Treatment

Stuart responding to a question by a FONVCA member stated that a Public Advisory Committee for Metro is being set up to control this project. Members would be professional in their field (eg. environmental groups, business people, engineers) from CNV/DNV/WV

DNV is considering Waste Water treatment plant along with Vancouver. DNV seeks full treatment (secondary treatment as well) and want Provincial money to contribute.

In response to a FONVCA engineer's statement that DNV is challenging the science on (the need for) this, Stuart replied that Vancouver is all for it and he can't see Vancouver saying NO to it. Metro sees this as a way to get revenue. A FONVCA member opined that this level and type of treatment is unnecessary. (response not audible).

e) RCMP 20 Year Contract

Stuart stated that the provincial minister says we will lose 10% from the (Federal?) government if the contract is not signed by June 30th So DNV will sign it – but under duress [subsequent to this meeting it was signed at the last moment on June 30th]. Richmond, NVC, and Burnaby all oppose this contract. There is a political agenda behind this. Some municipalities just want to embarrass the Provincial Government irrespective of this issue.

To change from Provincial (RCMP) force to a local force will require 2 year notice. There could be two choices – a North Vancouver (DNV/CNV) independent force or a North Shore independent force. A consultant has been working on this and will have a report by the end of 2012. No details available, but costs and other issues are being considered. No alternative options were offered by the Province.

f) Second Narrows Bridgehead

A FONVCA member asked why industry is not represented on the Special Committee to provide recommendations to Council. It was because they input mainly via Port of Vancouver. There is a concern about routing such port related truck traffic through the proposed Seylynn residential development since the Main St. on ramp is too short for trucks.

g) PILT Decision (see also 8.1(c))

Port related industrial taxes (in lieu) are largely determined by the Federal Government and has never been up to the amount assessed by BC. Then the Port hired an independent assessor who devalued it even further. In 2009 DNV filed an objection. However the panel can only make recommendations to the Minister. The Port cannot

make up it's own assessment. For DNV this meant a devalued amount of \$500,000. An appeal overturned this in 2011 – but was repeated in 2012 – and is again being appealed. The recent Supreme Court of Canada decision (see section 8.1(c)) means that the ports must pay a fair share of municipal taxes.

It was noted that water leases are undervalued – with the Port saying that water leases don't need to pay based on zoning if the land isn't developed yet.

h) Waterfront Encroachment Strategy

In response to a question from a FONVCA member related to waterfront property encroachment – Stuart replied that council has not yet contacted any of the waterfront owners who have encroached on street-ends, lanes, or right of ways. He cited problems of legal issues and possible litigation by wealthy waterfront homeowners. Equitable (non-discriminatory) treatment of all encroachments (waterfront related or not) – even though some encroached areas are not currently used by the public – is problematic – and may result in lawsuits against the DNV.

Council has looked at encroachments all over DNV, of which many really don't restrict public access unlike those on the waterfront. Stuart will bring it before Council in Sep/Oct and stress that dealing with the waterfront encroachments will have a major effect on much needed public access.

i) Community Associations

In response to a question from a FONVCA member, Stuart replied that, as a result of a council meeting, membership qualifications, certification, and meeting procedures are now up to FONVCA. The current situation is the result of policy adopted many years ago. Council recognizes that Community Associations do not represent the views of the whole community.

The chair thanked Dave Stuart for his attendance

3. Roundtable on Current Affairs

A. Overview of Vancouver's Laneway Housing

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2012/Vancouver%20Laneway%20Housing,%20Regulations%20and%20Guidelines.pdf>

The above link describes Vancouver's regulations and guidelines for laneway housing. Note that Vancouver allows what amount to 3 family units (cannot be stratified) on a single family lot – original, secondary suite, and laneway house.

B. Is Urban Densification Just Plain Dense?

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2012/news-clips/Is-urban-density-just-plain-dense.pdf>

An article by SUN reporter Pete McMartin espousing the views of Wendell Cox – a US public policy consultant arguing that densification reduces quality of life.

C. Policing Costs to increase 30%

<http://204.239.10.176/wowza/flowplayer/council/council.html?start=5610&end=7510&filename=20120529>

One reason not to sign the RCMP contract

D. DNV Tree Bylaw Amendments – June 5th Council Workshop

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/cw120605.pdf

One detail – citizens can trim public trees overhanging their properties – just so long as tree remains viable.

E. Special Meetings & Workshops of Council & Public Input

There are sometimes no recordings of council workshops. Little opportunity exists for the public to ask questions at these meetings. It is recommended that more citizens attend these council meetings to encourage council to allow questions after each staff presentation and council questions.

F. Marine Design Guidelines

The vision for Marine Dr. is/was to eliminate their car dealerships. Proposals to house them in showrooms topped by condos thwarts this community vision.

4. Old Business

4.1 Council Agenda Distribution Update – web users can subscribe to receive

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5300> status change

Letter was to council – attached in full agenda package as per May 16th FONVCA meeting.

Compare to a web tool (attached example in full package) which highlights changes in the notification. DNV is to provide this highlighting in the future, as currently the notification by DNV does not indicate what has changed.

4.2 FONVCA Resolution on Home Care – item 3F of May 16th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2012/letter-to-council-item-3F-w-attachment.pdf>

We missed the deadline for DNV council to submit the requested resolution to UBCM.

ACTION ITEM: Encourage council to submit the requested resolution in time (early 2013) for next year's UBCM.

5. Correspondence Issues

5.1 Business arising from 9 regular emails.

Item from last meeting to be carried over to next (Sept) FONVCA meeting - about Alpine Plan not being followed and confusion over rebuilding versus dismantling. **Dan** Ellis will follow up with R. Boulton regarding correspondence on reopening trail(s). **ACTION ITEM**

5.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 emails were not posted.

6. New Business – Council & Other District Issues

6.1 Conversation with DNV CAO Dave Stuart – see insert after agenda item 2.

6.2 Release of DNV 2011 Annual Report

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1124>

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?p=true&a=5311&v=1>

Annual report is lengthy. Only 3 people made presentations to council on the report.

Corrie: remarked how reporting on taxes are handled differently in different municipalities. Reference was made to the report produced by Saanich at www.saanich.ca/services/docs/pdf/annual-report2011.pdf

A non-official, compact, single pdf file of the Annual report can be found at <http://www.fonvca.org/dnv-annual-reports/2011.pdf>

Dan: No explanation in the report as to why the cost of Library services went up 7.5%

Corrie: Average Total Residential Property Taxes and Charges – as taken from the provincial government website went up 38% ABOVE INFLATION in 10 years.

Note that people were allowed to speak without time limits!

7. Any Other Business

LionsView Seniors Planning Society

The society has completed a survey on needs and held workshop meetings on Seniors Housing, need for services which affect Seniors, Transit etc.

Jane Osborne, Director is willing to talk to FONVCA about their work.

It was agreed that Doug Curran would contact Jane **[ACTION ITEM]** and suggest she be given one hour for her presentation (including Q/A).

Corrie mentioned a new development proposal planned - abutting Edgemont Village – a 140 unit seniors rental apartment complex for people of age around 85 who are still in good health but want to be provided 3 meals/day. Cost would be in the \$5000/month range.

8. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ITEMS

See agenda for details

For ease of reference 8.1(c) reference above was

Supreme Court of Canada: PILT ruling

<http://fcm.ca/home/media/news-releases/2012/statement-by-fcm-president-karen-leibovici-following-the-supreme-courts-decision-on-the-payments-in-lieu-of-taxes-act.htm>
<http://scc.lexum.org/en/2012/2012scc29/2012scc29.html>

8.2 Food-Miles

Corrie alleged that Environmental Policy Analysis revealed that it's easier to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by changing one's diet than to shift to local food production. See

http://www.foodpolitics.com/wp-content/uploads/food_miles_climate_impacts.pdf

Meeting adjourned at ~ 9:30 pm.

9. Chair & Date of next meeting – John Hunter – September 19th.

Moved by Dan, seconded by John Miller and carried - that
THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR FONVCA MEETINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Corrie will try to arrange, by email, an informal dinner gathering of interested members for August 15th – suggestions for a place/venue are welcomed.

Email corrie@kost.ca

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver adopts the following terms of reference for the Advisory Design Panel, herein referred to as the Panel:

1. COMPOSITION

The Panel is comprised of 11 members as follows:

3 architects registered in British Columbia, two of whose terms shall overlap the third's term;
2 landscape architects registered in British Columbia, whose terms shall overlap;
1 professional engineer, registered in British Columbia;
1 representative of the development industry;
1 representative of the building industry;
1 representative with a disability
1 visual art specialist; and
1 member of the R.C.M.P. who is a specialist in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

A person who

- (a) is a resident
- (b) is qualified in one of the fields set out in Section 1;
- (c) is not a member of the Council, a District employee, a District officer, or the Approving Officer

may be appointed as a member, except that no person may serve a third consecutive term.

3. VACANCY

A vacancy created by death or resignation shall be reported by the chairman to the Panel to the Council, who shall immediately appoint a replacement for the unexpired term of the former member.

4. ABSENTEEISM

A member who is absent, except for reasons of illness or with the leave of the Panel, from three consecutive, or five in any twelve consecutive, regular meetings of the Panel is deemed to have resigned effective at the end of the third or fifth such meeting, as the case may be.

5. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Panel shall observe the following rules of procedure in the calling of and conduct in its meetings:

(a) Inaugural Meeting

The Panel shall meet annually on the second Thursday in January at an inaugural meeting at the Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, at which the first order of business is the calling to order of the meeting and the selection of a chairman, during which the secretary shall preside, and the selection of a vice-chairman.

(b) Regular Meetings

The Panel shall meet monthly after the inaugural meeting at the Municipal Hall on the second Thursday of each month unless another time, date or place is fixed by the chairman at the previous meeting or by special notice.

(c) Special Meetings

The Panel shall meet for a special meeting at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman, or three members.

(d) Notice to Members

Notice of a meeting, together with the agenda and available staff reports for the meeting, shall be delivered to each member with copies to the Municipal Clerk by the Friday prior to the meeting.

(e) Notice to Applicants

An applicant for an amendment to a plan or bylaw, or the issue of a permit shall be notified by the chairman in writing, such notice to be mailed by the Friday prior to the meeting at which the matter will be considered by the panel except that if, when the applicant is present at the meeting, consideration of the matter is deferred to another specified time, such notice is not required.

(f) Quorum

A quorum of the Panel is five.

(g) Conduct of Meeting

The chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings, and shall be guided by the following rules:

- (i) The order of business shall ordinarily be as set out in the agenda, except that the items may be taken up out of order or added to the agenda at the discretion of the chairman.
- (ii) All decisions of the Panel shall be made by resolution and by a majority vote of all members present, a member who abstains from voting being deemed to have voted in the affirmative; and on a tie vote, the question shall be negatived.
- (iii) A member who advises the chairman of his interest in an application that is before the Panel
 - (a) is deemed to be absent from the meeting while the application is being considered by the Panel, during which time he shall vacate his seat on the Panel; and
 - (b) may remain in the meeting room and be heard on behalf of the applicant.
- (iv) The Panel may meet in public or in camera as determined by majority vote of the members present, except that, whether the Panel is meeting in public or in camera, for the whole time that the Panel is considering an amendment to a plan or bylaw, or the

issue of a permit, the applicant for the amendment or permit is entitled to attend and be heard.

- (v) A Council member and a District planner attend each meeting in a resource capacity; and any other District employee, District officer, or the Approving Officer may attend in such capacity as required by the Panel.
- (vi) The chairman shall generally conduct the meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure applicable to the committee of the whole council.

(h) Minutes

Minutes shall be taken of all meetings of the Panel, and shall

- (i) record the mover and seconder of, and the voting on all resolution together with a synopsis of the debate as necessary, and when recommendations are made, the Minutes shall contain an explanation of the recommendation;
- (ii) be reviewed and signed by the chairman as a true record of the decisions of the Panel and by the person taking the Minutes;
- (iii) be distributed within one week after the meeting to the members, members of the Council, Municipal Manager, Municipal Clerk and, upon request, and at 25 cents a page, to members of the public;
- (iv) be distributed in the form of the relevant excerpt, to each applicant and/or his agent, as appropriate; and
- (v) be subject to correction at the next meeting of the Panel.

6. MANDATE

The Panel shall consider and advise Council and the appropriate Municipal staff on the following:

- (a) in the case of applications for a development permit or a siting area amendment, all aspects of the site layout, the exterior design of proposed buildings and structures, landscaping, and environmental quality;

- (b) Conformity of proposed developments to any design objectives and guidelines;
- (c) draft official community plan design objectives and guidelines;
- (d) heritage sites;
- (e) revitalization proposals;
- (f) building schemes;
- (g) major subdivisions;
- (h) all District development proposals, including parks;
- (i) signage;
- (j) any other matter referred by the Council;

and the Panel shall be provided in a timely manner with the information necessary to consider each item.

7. ANNUAL BUDGET

The Panel shall prepare an annual budget for the upcoming year for submission to the Municipal Manager prior to the 15th of November containing estimates for

- (a) meeting expenses;
- (b) District staff salaries;
- (c) funds to pay for reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of the members' duties; and
- (d) any other expenses specifically itemized.

8. REMUNERATION

Members shall serve without remuneration, but they may be paid reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of their duties, and the reasonableness and necessity of such expenses shall be to the satisfaction of the chairman.

Considered and Approved, Policy & Planning Committee - September 14, 1987.

Reconsidered and Approved, Policy & Planning Committee - December 7, 1987.

Reconsidered and Approved, Policy & Planning Committee - April 15, 1991.

Reconsidered and Approved, Regular Council - November 9, 1998.

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Community Design

To ensure that new developments meet the relevant neighbourhood design objectives, the District has an Advisory Design Panel in place. The role of the Advisory Design Panel is to advise council and staff on issues such as: site layout, the exterior design of proposed buildings and structures, landscaping, and environmental quality, conformity to design objectives or guidelines for the form and character of commercial, industrial and multi-family development, heritage issues, major subdivisions and building schemes, signage and development proposals on District land. Please see the [Advisory Design Panel](#) page for more details.

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Community Associations

The following is a list of Community Associations who have voluntarily submitted their contact information for inclusion on the District Website. The District of North Vancouver does not monitor nor regulate Community Associations. If you have any questions about a Community Association, please contact them directly.

[Amalgamated Lower Capilano Steering Committee](#)
[Blueridge Community Association](#)
[Capilano Gateway Association](#)
[Deep Cove Community Association](#)
[Delbrook Community Association](#)
[Edgemont and Upper Capilano Community Association](#)
[Edgemont Village Merchants Association](#)
[Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations](#)
[Grousewoods/Capilano Residents Association](#)
[Hillcrest Avenue Community Association](#)
[Indian Arm Ratepayers Association](#)
[Inter-River Community Association](#)
[Keith Lynn/Brooksbank Community Association](#)
[Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association](#)
[Lower Capilano Community Residents Association](#)
[Lynn Valley Community Association](#)
[Maplewood Community Association](#)
[Mt. Seymour Parkway Community Association](#)
[Norgate Park Community Association](#)
[North Vancouver City & District Boundary Ratepayers](#)
[Norwood Queens Community Association](#)
[Panorama Drive Ratepayers](#)
[Pemberton Heights Community Association](#)
[Queensdale Neighbourhood Association](#)
[Save Our Shores Society \(North Vancouver\)](#)
[Seymour Community Association](#)
[Seymour Valley Community Association](#)
[Strathcona Community Association](#)
[Sunset Gardens Neighbourhood Association](#)
[Treelynn Residents Association](#)
[Upper Delbrook Community Association](#)
[Woodlands Sunshine Cascade Ratepayers Association](#)

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Indian Arm Ratepayers Association

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Maplewood Community Association

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(F) 604-925-8160

[Mr. John Walkley](#), Co-Chair

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Panorama Drive Ratepayers

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Queensdale Neighbourhood Association

No Information

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Boundaries have been extended in February 2003.

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Strathcona Community Association

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**Community Associations in the
District of North Vancouver:
A Discussion Paper**

Introduction

Community associations are grassroots organizations that generally come into existence to address a specific issue, for example to promote an event, take a stand on a civic issue, or to respond to some perceived adverse event affecting or potentially affecting an area of constituents. This area may or may not be well defined and may evolve or adjust over time as clarity is brought to the reason for forming the association, or as new issues arise.

Being self-created and self-guided, community associations are fundamental democratic institutions. By definition, this implies the right of citizens to become involved and evolve the nature of the group as is the will of the majority. History tells us that democracy is a struggle which is not always organized, efficient, or pretty; the nature of community associations should prove no different. Thus, we would expect community associations to develop, dissolve, suffer rancorous debate, or be effective lobbyists.

Given this ever-changing landscape of civic interest and involvement, the question for local government is to what extent should it engage community associations and what mutual benefits could result from this engagement. This brief discussion paper will not address the value of community associations; instead, it will accept their existence as a given and analyze the range of engagement options.

History

Community associations, or other groups such as ratepayer or neighbourhood associations, have probably existed since incorporation of the municipality in 1891. More recently, since 1995 the District has had a policy of recognizing community associations. This policy establishes eight criteria; groups who annually meet the criteria are listed on the District's webpage and are eligible for funding under the Healthy Neighbourhood Funding policy. These two policies are attached for reference.

The policy on recognition is a passive one for the District – associations bring themselves to the attention of the District by applying for recognition. Recognition is maintained by annually submitting specified documents such as minutes of an Annual General Meeting and a list of officers and directors, among other information. Follow up is done by the Clerk's Office and associations no longer wanting to be recognized are removed from the list of recognized associations published on the District's webpage (please note, however, that in order to maintain a *status quo*, no such action has been taken since early 2011 when the review of community associations was ordered).

The District has had a recent history rich with community associations: currently there are eighteen recognized associations. Some of these are more active than others and some access funding through the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund. Both the District's Sustainable Community Development Department and the Development Planning Section advise community associations of opportunities for input on community plans and development applications pursuant to the current Public Notification Policy; however, doubt as to the true representative nature of the input provided remains a concern.

In early 2011 Council was made aware of a new community association which appears to have emerged as the result of some dissatisfaction with the operation of an existing association. As a result, a review of the District's policy was deemed to be appropriate and to take place following the 2011 general municipal election. This discussion paper may form the starting point for that review.

Discussion

To provide context for the District's review, thirteen Metro Vancouver communities, including the two other North Shore municipalities, were surveyed on whether or not they recognize or engage community associations. The following table shows these results.

Municipality	Existing Policy?	Formal Recognition?	Formally Engaged?	Informally Engaged?	Grants/Funding Available?
Burnaby	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Delta	No	No	No	Unknown	Unknown
Coquitlam	No	No	No	Yes	No
Langley City	No	No	No	No	Yes
Langley Township	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
Maple Ridge	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
New Westminister	Yes (Guidelines)	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
North Vancouver (City)	No	No	No	No	No
North Vancouver (District)	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
Port Coquitlam	No	No	No	No	Yes
Richmond	No response	No response	No response	No response	No response
Surrey	No	No	No	Yes	Unknown
Vancouver	Vision Groups <i>not</i> Community Associations	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
West Vancouver	No	No	No	No	No

Role of FONVCA

In any discussion about community associations within the District of North Vancouver, the presence of the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (FONVCA)

must be recognized. Each of the engagement options identifies a role for FONVCA in fulfilling its stated mandate. It is acknowledged that FONVCA is an independent body over which the District has no authority; however, suggestions are made as to its potential role given the degrees of engagement of community associations available to the District.

The mandate of FONVCA is “to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods.” The FONVCA webpage further states that it is a forum for the common concerns of member associations and its purpose is to strengthen these organizations through the sharing of information and experiences. These are reflected in the potential role it may play when considering the degrees of engagement and the associated level of District involvement with each.

Degrees of Engagement

This discussion paper envisions five conceptual options available to the District for engaging community associations which are summarized in the attached table. These options, generalized and presented as five to help define the spectrum of choices, range from no recognition or engagement to formal recognition and highly integrated in consultation processes.

Option 1

The option of not engaging community associations leaves them to conduct their business as they self-determine. When advocating for, or lobbying on, a particular civic matter, the association is free, as is any other organized body, to make representations to Council via the standard avenues.

Under this option there would be no District policy on recognition of community associations or any policy on availability of grants.

With the District not engaging community associations in any way, this would present an opportunity for FONVCA to take a leadership role and allow it to thoroughly fulfill its mandate and purpose. FONVCA would operate under its own procedural rules (perhaps developing a charter and bylaws which recognize a parliamentary authority, and possibly registering as a society under the B.C. *Society Act*) and establish a policy for recognizing community associations. This policy may also go as far as to specify reporting, accountability, and procedural requirements. Accordingly, FONVCA could maintain a current list (by monitoring compliance) of recognized associations to whom it could provide a forum for strengthening them through discussion and sharing of information and experience. It would then be in a position to provide general guidance through facilitation, advice, and mediation. Ultimately, FONVCA could act as an advocate for community associations (not act on their behalf on a particular referral but be a promoter of the concept of community associations).

This option allows community associations to develop and support one another within the existing association structure in the District. The associations, like any other District

resident or organized group, still have full access to Council through the normal means by which they may address issues of concern.

Option 2

An option of minimal engagement of community associations is a passive one which would see associations voluntarily provide contact information to the District. Receipt of the information would be acknowledged but, with no policy on recognition, there would be no fixed submission requirements or compliance follow-up.

A policy addressing community association grants would allow minimal funding to some of the associations on a first come, first served basis. This would be for the limited purpose of advertising association meetings. This policy would have to articulate eligibility criteria which should be crafted so as not to be misconstrued as any form of recognition or standing.

With the District being in possession of contact information from an association sufficiently organized to bring itself to our attention, staff in various District departments may choose, at their discretion, to provide information to associations and invite comment on a range of applications, plans, or proposals; if comment or other input is received, staff will make their own determination as to the credibility and true representativeness of that information and use it, or not, accordingly.

This level of engagement provides an excellent opportunity for FONVCA to provide a leadership role in the same manner as noted under option #1: it could maintain a list of members for whom it would provide the forum for information sharing, and advise, guide, facilitate, and mediate as well as advocate.

This option allows an association to organize itself and voluntarily bring it to the attention of the District. The availability of basic funding from the District will also assist associations in their development. District staff may choose to provide information to, or solicit comment from, these associations and use that information to the extent they feel comfortable. This provides an additional opportunity for residents and associations to provide input on District business while respecting their ability to self-organize.

Option 3

Limited engagement of community associations would see policies (or one combined) on recognition and grants. This option best reflects the current state of affairs.

The recognition policy would establish criteria and define annual reporting requirements by which ongoing recognition would be maintained. Active follow-up by District staff would be required to ensure the required submissions are sufficient for compliance with the policy. This would allow the establishment of a list of recognized associations (and the neighbourhoods they serve) for which the District would hold current contact information.

Being a recognized community association would be the basis for eligibility for funding under the grant policy. Grants would then be available on a first come, first served basis. Staff administering the policy would attempt to ration the available funding to the best of their ability but ideally it would be funded to the extent that most associations would receive some level of support. Use of the grants would be restricted to advertising for association annual general meetings and limited group development, such as block parties or neighbourhood bar-b-ques.

With a current list of recognized associations, which presently is eighteen, District staff could refer applications, plans, and proposals for comment. No policy will require referrals which would be at the discretion of District staff (this would be a departure from the current practice where the Public Notification Policy requires referrals). With no way to verify the broad representativeness of the comment provided, staff undertaking a referral will have to satisfy themselves of the value and usefulness of the input. If the input is used by staff, its source will be acknowledged when and where used.

With the District establishing policy on recognition and annual reporting, this would remove that element from the role of FONVCA (under the two previous engagement options). FONVCA's mandate and purpose would still be relevant but their leadership role would focus on guidance, advice, facilitation, and mediation to associations as well as advocacy on their behalf.

This option recognizes community associations and provides grants to assist with their development. The maintenance of a current list of associations provides the opportunity for District staff to solicit association input where they feel it is appropriate. This affords functioning associations an opportunity to comment on District business through the receipt of referrals, and the subsequent use of input by staff, if they are able to demonstrate their true representativeness; this will support the value of their input.

Option 4

Actively engaging community associations would require a more prescriptive recognition policy to establish credible representation of each association. While it is proposed that there would still be no policy requiring District staff to consult associations, comfort around association accountability and processes would give confidence in soliciting input and relying on it as representative of the association's constituents.

In addition to establishing recognition criteria, the recognition policy would go so far as to also set forth accountability and procedural requirements. Verification of compliance with these requirements would be part of the annual reporting requirement and would be audited by District staff for sufficiency.

Recognition criteria could be similar to the current District policy and be largely based on an application providing details of the name and purpose of the association, the area it serves, how it will structure itself (elected executive or as a society), how membership will be determined, and a list of contact information.

Annual reporting requirements could include updated contact information, current number of members, annual general meeting minutes, minutes of regular or periodic meetings, minutes of executive meetings if held separately, annual financial records, a copy of its constitution and bylaws, and copies of any written complaints to the executive and written responses thereto.

Accountability procedural requirements could include District approval of association bylaws upon initial application, the subsequent approval of bylaw amendments to ensure procedural fairness is protected (this would include notice of meetings, minute taking, quorum, ability for input by membership, action being put to the membership for voting, executive election procedures, prohibition on *in camera* meetings, and a written complaint system with required written responses from the executive), all general meetings being open to members and the public, executive meetings (if held separately) to be open to all members, and annually providing all meeting minutes.

Ongoing annual recognition would be contingent upon complete compliance with all elements of the policy. District staff will actively follow up on annual submissions and provide an audit for compliance with requirements but will not become involved in consulting, writing, or amending submissions, or with the procedural or operation details of the association. Simple follow up for completeness is currently done under the existing policy but the audit function will be a new task that will have staff time and District budget implications. This element will require further investigation as to time and cost involved.

A grant policy could use recognition as the eligibility criteria. The level of District commitment to this fund would be such that those associations wanting assistance will have access to it, subject to a reasonable upper limit per association. Use of the funds would be permitted for annual general meetings expenses (advertising, facility rental), other meetings costs (general meetings, executive meetings, open houses, guest speakers), and group development (block parties, bar-b-ques).

With recognized associations providing satisfactory proof of representation and accountability, District staff may more confidently rely on the input provided to referrals and solicitations. District staff may then, at their discretion, provide information to associations on applications, plans, and proposals for comment. Associations will be acknowledged for their contribution and when and where this input is used, it will be duly recognized.

As with the previous level of engagement (option #3), FONVCA's leadership role would be limited due to the District administering the list of recognized associations; however, its mandate and purpose would still be relevant and their leadership role would focus on guidance, advice, facilitation, and mediation to associations as well as advocacy on their behalf.

This option does not provide a new avenue of input for District residents through their community association but does bring credibility to an existing one, credibility to the

extent that input can be confidently relied upon by staff who likely will then make more frequent referrals.

Option 5

The highest level of community association engagement would be to require their consultation in District business.

The best way in which to do this would be through a comprehensive community association policy. Elements of this policy would include recognition criteria, reporting, accountability and procedural requirements, a grant process, dedication of staff resources, the possibly of the requirement that associations register as a society, and a statement articulating the kinds of District business on which it will be required that community associations be consulted.

The recognition, reporting, accountability, and procedural elements of the policy would be as detailed under option #4. Possibly requiring associations to register as a society under the B.C. *Society Act* would help formalize them but also assist in the reporting requirements as the Act requires annual reporting; the District could bring its requirements in line with this.

The policy would dedicate part of a District staff member (as part of other duties) to act as a coordinator and liaison. Coordination would be administering the policy – maintaining the list of recognized associations, their current contact information, receiving annual submissions, auditing those submissions for sufficiency, following up on those for completeness, monitoring compliance under the *Society Act* (if required), and administering the grant process. The liaison element would see the staff member actively involved in supporting associations through provision of guidance, advice, facilitation, and mediation as well as advocating on behalf of community associations. This role of community association liaison will be a new task that will have significant staff time and budget implications; these will have to be further investigated to determine the extent of time and cost involved.

In raising community associations to this level of accountability and organization (so as to be required by policy to be consulted on District business), the corollary would be to except grants to assist them in this. Funding would be available for all recognized associations. Permitted use of the funds could include annual general meeting expenses (advertising, facility rental), other meetings costs (general meetings, executive meetings, open houses, guest speakers), group development (block parties, bar-b-ques), and capacity building within the association (skill development workshops, etc.). A significant budget would need to be allocated to meet these needs, an amount ultimately determined by the number of associations being recognized.

Consulting community associations on specific items of District business would be required by policy. This would see them actively involved in particular processes, some of which may vary by the type of business but likely would involve a formal referral, reference material being provided, staff presentations, discussion with staff, and

provision of written input. Association input would be required to be acknowledged, considered, and addressed (as being incorporated or dismissed). As a contributor to a process, the association would be entitled to know the outcome.

Given that the District would fund a coordinator and liaison under this option, the role of FONVCA would be minimal. While its mandate remains relevant and it would serve as a forum outside of the District structure for the sharing of information and experience, a competent and trusted staff liaison may develop an effective relationship with the associations such that an outside forum may not be necessary; however, FONVCA will remain free to fill a need as circumstances may determine.

This option of engaging community associations creates an avenue by which they, if recognized under the policy, have a mandatory say in certain types of District business. It is a serious commitment by both parties but one which acknowledges and supports the association's role in the community and allows the District to benefit from direct and representative public input on important items of business.

Conclusion

A range of options for the recognition and engagement of community associations within the District of North Vancouver are presented in this discussion paper.

Circumstances have prompted a review of the District's policy on community associations; such a request does not necessarily infer a change of policy as the review may confirm the current policy is appropriate. Nonetheless, these options are presented for Council's review and consideration. Consideration of different levels of recognition and engagement should address the mutual benefits of the relationship, existing or enhanced community resources to support associations, and the ability of the District to devote limited resources to administering different levels of engagement.

A review of community associations by Council would be an appropriate opportunity to fully address the myriad of issues District staff and community members have on this important matter.

Degrees of Engagement

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Level of Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none • no policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acknowledged • no recognition policy • CA grant policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognized • policy on recognition and grants • policy defines reporting requirements (present policies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognized • policy on recognition and grants • policy defines reporting requirements plus accountability and procedural requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognized • policy on recognition and grants • policy defines role of CAs, allocates funding and staff resources, in addition to reporting, accountability, and procedural requirements • possibly register as a society
Degree of DNV Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passive • CA information provided voluntarily • receive CA contact information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive all information required by policy • active follow up on submission of required information • not recognized if not in compliance with policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive all information required by policy • active follow up on submission of required information • audit compliance with accountability and procedural requirements • not recognized if not in compliance with policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a dedicated staff resource to act as liaison (as part of other duties) • staff liaison actively involved in supporting CAs: maintains list of recognized CAs and contact information, monitors compliance with policy submission requirements, audits and verifies accountability and procedural requirements, monitors Society Act requirements (if applicable), advocates on behalf of CAs, advises CAs, and mediates within or between CAs
Mutual Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information sent out to CA contact at staff discretion • if input provided is given limited credibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information sent out to CA contact • input is acknowledged when used • representativeness of input not verifiable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information sent out to CA contact as a consultation • input provided is relied upon as valid and representative • input used and source acknowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA is required to be consulted by policy • CA is actively involved in process • CA receives staff presentations • CA input is taken into consideration
DNV Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limited • for some CAs • first come, first served for funding • limited to advertising community meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding contingent upon being recognized • first come, first served for funding • staff try to ration funding • funding for most CAs • funding for AGM advertising and limited group development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding contingent upon being recognized • funding for AGM meeting costs and advertising, group development, and other meetings • available to those CAs that want it • staff try to ration funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant funding • funding for staff resource (a small part of an existing staff member's duties but a new duty to be funded) • available for all recognized CAs • funding contingent upon being recognized • funding for AGM meeting costs and advertising, group development, and other meetings • funding for capacity building within the CA
Role of FONVCA	<p>Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses own recognition policy covering criteria and reporting, accountability, and procedural requirements • maintains list of members and monitors compliance • operates under its own procedural rules • provides guidance, advises, facilitates, and mediates • advocates for CAs • mandate relevant • a forum for CAs to share information and experience 	<p>Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses own recognition policy covering criteria and reporting, accountability, and procedural requirements • maintains list of members and monitors compliance • operates under its own procedural rules • provides guidance, advises, facilitates, and mediates • advocates for CAs • mandate relevant • a forum for CAs to share information and experience 	<p>Advisory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides guidance, advises, facilitates, and mediates • advocates for CAs • mandate relevant • a forum for CAs to share information and experience 	<p>Advisory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides guidance, advises, facilitates, and mediates • advocates for CAs • mandate relevant • a forum for CAs to share information and experience 	<p>Minimal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandate relevant • a forum for CAs to share information and experience



The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL

Section:	Social & Community Services Planning	10
Sub-Section:	Community Liaison – Non Governmental Organizations	4790
Title:	Community Associations – Criteria for Official Recognition	1

POLICY

The District of North Vancouver recognizes and supports those Community Associations which meet the following criteria:

1. **Has a mandate which includes improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood.**
2. **Its membership is open to all persons residing in a geographic area whose boundaries are described.**
3. **The Association will register with the District Council the names and phone numbers of all officers and directors and will update this information when changes occur.**
4. **District Council will inform the Association of any other group in the described geographical area which is making representations.**
5. **There will be regular communication of the activities of the Community Association with the members.**
6. **There must be a duly advertised and open Annual General Meeting.**
7. **There is a written outline of how records of the Association are kept.**
8. **There is a written outline of the process by which residents may bring concerns to the Association.**

REASON FOR POLICY

To recognize and support those community associations which meet the established criteria.

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Delegated to Staff

PROCEDURE

Community Associations are to submit their application to the Clerk’s Office, which will maintain a list of contacts.

Approval Date:	May 1, 1995	Approved by:	Executive Committee
1. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
2. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
3. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
REGISTRY OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Community Association _____

2. Boundaries of Neighbourhood(s) Served _____

3. Number of Residents Served _____ Number of Current Members _____

4. President/Chair _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Date of Application _____

5. Please list the names and telephone/fax numbers of all officers and directors:

NAME	TELEPHONE	FAX

6. Please attach a copy of your Association's mandate/constitution or objectives.

7. Please attach a copy of the minutes of the last AGM (if not attached, please indicate why not) _____

8. Do you regularly communicate with your members?

 θ Yes How often? _____

 θ No Why not? _____

 If yes, please attach a sample communiqué.

9. Briefly outline the process residents use to bring concerns to your Association.

****Please Note: The information provided on this form will be considered public**



The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL

Section:	Social & Community Services Planning	10
Sub-Section:	Community Liaison – Non Governmental Organizations	4790
Title:	Healthy Neighbourhood Funding Guidelines	2

POLICY

The District of North Vancouver will provide funding to support Healthy Neighbourhoods in accordance with the Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Guidelines as indicated in the attachment to this policy.

REASON FOR POLICY

1. To assist existing community/neighbourhood associations, who meet the District's Criteria for Official Recognition, develop their memberships and increase involvement of residents in improving the quality of life in North Vancouver District neighbourhoods; and
2. To support the development of new neighbourhood associations in areas where none currently exist.

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Delegated to Staff

PROCEDURE

Application Forms will be submitted to the Social Planning Department.

Approval Date:	July 8, 1996	Approved by:	Executive Committee
1. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
2. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	
3. Amendment Date:		Approved by:	

**HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS
FUNDING GUIDELINES**

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
May 1997**

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

1. Assist existing community/neighbourhood associations, who meet the District's Criteria for Official Recognition, develop their memberships and increase involvement of residents in improving the quality of life in North Vancouver District neighbourhoods; and
2. Support the development of new neighbourhood associations in areas where none currently exist

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Healthy Neighbourhood Funding will contribute funds towards:

- a) Meeting space if no free meeting space exists;
- b) Activities which increase communication with all residents of Neighbourhoods served by Community Associations, such as newsletters, community forums, and signage;
- c) Due to the limited nature of the fund (\$10,000), a maximum of .13 per capita would be available for each community association for one year and **associations with overlapping populations would be expected to jointly apply for Healthy Neighbourhood funding;** and
- d) Community associations may jointly apply for funds to support communication activities which serve more than one neighbourhood or community.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

As more residents become aware of their local association and how to become involved, it is expected that (1) the membership of community associations will increase and (2) more residents will become involved in various activities of their association.

Based on these two expected outcomes, the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund will be evaluated during its first year of operation. Organizations using the Fund will be asked to keep track of their memberships and levels of involvement.

ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Once the application for Healthy Neighbourhood Funds is approved, the community association will be asked to submit invoices for eligible expenses to the Social Planning Department. Once invoices are approved, they will be paid directly by the District.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Community Associations will have to meet the District's "Criteria for Official Recognition of Community Associations" as outlined on the Application Form. New associations will be given one year to meet the "Criteria for Official Recognition."

**APPLICATION FORM
HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND**

1. Community Association(s) _____

2. Neighbourhood Boundaries Served & Population Estimate _____

3. Number of Current Members _____ Date of Application _____

4. President/Chair _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

5. Please describe items/activities for which funding is being requested and how they will address one or both of the following: (a) meeting space; (b) increased communication within the neighbourhood(s) with all residents.

6. What are the costs of the items/activities? What amount is being requested from the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund and what will be contributed by the Association?

ITEMS/ACTIVITIES _____

TOTAL COST _____ **LESS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION**

(Describe if in-kind, e.g. distribution of newsletter) _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND _____

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

THAT the minutes of the July 17, 2012 Public Hearing be received.

7. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS 

7.1. Community Association Review

June 12, 2012 Special Closed Meeting of Council

THAT Council approve option #2, contained in the discussion paper entitled *Community Associations in the District of North Vancouver: A Discussion Paper* attached to the report of the Manager of Administrative Services dated March 16, 2012, as the degree of engagement of community associations by the District of North Vancouver;

AND THAT Corporate Policy *Community Associations – Criteria for Official Recognition* (10-4790-1) be rescinded;

AND FINALLY THAT Corporate Policy *Healthy Neighbourhood Funding Guidelines* (10-4790-2) be amended by deleting the phrase “who meet the District’s Criteria for Official Recognition” from item #1 under Reasons for Policy.

7.2. William Griffin/Delbrook Centre Consolidation Project

June 11, 2012 Special Closed Meeting of Council

THAT the Program/Space Plan be approved;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed to the detailed design phase;

AND THAT staff be directed to investigate financing scenarios including, but not limited to, debt financing and equity transfer and report back to Council with options and a public consultation process.

7.3. Grant Connell Tennis Centre Expansion Project Update

May 7, 2012 Special Closed Meeting of Council

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the 3 court expansion to the existing Grant Connell Tennis Centre to be funded on an interim basis from the Replacement Reserve with the final funding structure included in the Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw before the end of the year.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF 

With the consent of Council, any member may request an item be added to the Consent Agenda to be approved without debate.

If a member of the public signs up to speak to an item, it shall be excluded from the Consent Agenda.

*Staff suggestion for consent agenda.

Recommendation:

THAT items _____ be included in the Consent Agenda and be approved without debate.

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8.1. Bylaw 7671: Tree Protection Bylaw 

File No. 13.6480.30/006.000

Recommendation:

THAT “Tree Protection Bylaw 7671, 2012” is ADOPTED.

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8.2. Bylaw 7821: Environmental Protection and Preservation 

File No. 13.6480.30/006.000

Recommendation:

THAT “Environmental Protection and Preservation Bylaw 6515 Amending Bylaw 20 (Bylaw 7821)” is ADOPTED.

8.3. Bylaw 7827: Fees and Charges Amendment 

File No. 13.6480.30/006.000

Recommendation:

THAT “Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481 Amending Bylaw 25 (Bylaw 7827)” is ADOPTED.

Public Engagement Charter

Official Community Plan Review 2009 - 2011

The District of North Vancouver's Public Engagement Charter is a guiding document describing the values and commitments underlying the consultation process associated with the review of the Official Community Plan (2009-2011).

It is a point of reference for ensuring an authentic, engaging, inclusive and transparent public engagement process.



DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

April, 2009
Sustainable Community Development Department

PREAMBLE

What is at the heart of what defines the District of North Vancouver as a great place to live?

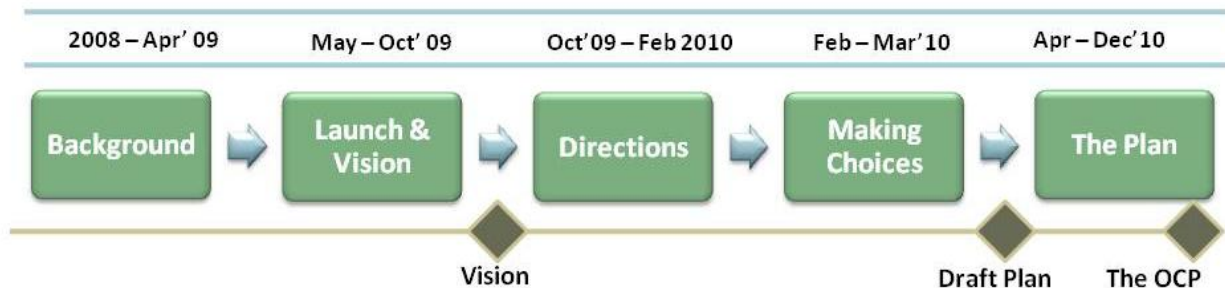
What does the future have in store for the District of North Vancouver? What will our identity look like in 25 years?

What can the municipality, its partners and the community do to shape a common desired future for the District?

To answer these and other fundamental questions, the District of North Vancouver is undertaking an Official Community Plan Review. The review process, which begins in 2009 and is expected to end by 2011 will fulfill the requirements outlined in Sections 875 to 879 of British Columbia's Local Government Act, address commitments required as part of Bill 27 and the BC Climate Change Action Charter, include statement(s) on adherence to the Regional Growth Strategy, and pursue the goal of sustainability as articulated, for example, in Council's commitment to The Natural Step.

A key element for this OCP review is a thorough consultation process that not only educates, informs, consults and involves key-stakeholders and the public but does so in an engaging and thought-provoking way. Informed and inclusive public engagement is seen as critical as it will help to ensure that the resulting OCP reflects the aspirations and ideas of a full spectrum of community interests, increasing the probability that the implementation of the OCP elements will receive a broad base of community support and meet our future community needs.

The OCP review process is envisioned in five stages, as illustrated diagrammatically below.



Specifically, the process moves from articulating a broad and inclusive vision at the early stages, to exploring desired directions and making strategic choices about policies and actions that move the District closer to the vision. Stakeholder and public engagement forms an essential backdrop to every single stage of this process as outlined in this Public Engagement Charter.

ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The District Official Community Plan will be guided by a community engagement process that adheres to the following principles:

Broad-based, inclusive and balanced – Engagement efforts reach out to all segments of the public, involving participants in a rewarding way, and welcoming diverse perspectives on addressing the needs and aspirations of current and future District residents.

Based on informed engagement – Relevant, clear, and evidence-based information is made readily accessible throughout the engagement process, using a variety of methods and media to encourage understanding and effective participation.

Authentic, transparent and responsive - Participants are well-informed about consultation and decision-making structures and mechanisms, and clearly understand how their input influences decisions through each phase of the engagement process.

Well-led and inspirational – The District demonstrates leadership by raising awareness of current issues, articulating the need for sustainability thinking and doing, exploring and communicating the implications of opportunities for change, and fostering collaborative opportunities for imagining a better future for the District.

Consistent and continuous – The process invites public involvement early on and on an ongoing basis until the adoption of the OCP and includes effective monitoring mechanisms after the Plan is adopted.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Official Community Plan review is a complex process and will include many actors with varying roles and corresponding responsibilities. The following pages provide a summary of the governance system envisioned for this process.

Pre-Plan the Plan Team

The Community Planning Working Group (CPWG) was established in May, 2008 and included approximately 25 citizen volunteer members from different areas of interest throughout the District. During a year-long period leading up to the launch of the OCP review process in May 2009, the CPWG prepared the ground by carefully considering a range of community planning processes and issues faced by the District and providing advice to District staff and Council on the appropriate directions for the OCP review process. The CPWG's term ended with the submission of a Discussion Paper which identified key District challenges and issues the OCP must address, some proposed principles for a sustainable future, a set of recommendations on the OCP framework and the characteristics of the final Plan, as well as a set of recommendations on the desired public engagement process for the OCP review. This Public Engagement Charter is based on the recommendations of the CPWG with regards to the public engagement process and the OCP framework. Other recommendations of the CPWG are to be taken under advice at appropriate stages of the OCP review process.

OCP Roundtable

The OCP Roundtable is to be established in May, 2009 and will include approximately sixteen (16) citizen volunteers, representing various major interests in the community, who will act as a sounding board for District staff and consultants as they design and implement the OCP review process. The most important role of the Roundtable will be to support the implementation of the public engagement process following the directions outlined in this Public Engagement Charter. As the process goes on, the Roundtable will take on the additional role of supporting the development of OCP content (targets, policies, implementation plans etc) in line with the Community Vision identified and endorsed in principle by Council. Members of the OCP Roundtable will encourage participation of various sectors of the community in consultation events, and will themselves participate in them with an eye to the quality of the process and the consistency of its outcomes. The detailed terms of reference for the Roundtable can be found in Appendix 1 of this Charter. An ongoing monitoring role for the Roundtable may follow the adoption of the OCP in 2011.

The Community

An important consideration in developing the new OCP is to ensure that it speaks to the needs and aspirations of the community as a whole. The term community is used in its fullest sense and includes those who live, work and play in the District. The role of the community is to contribute information and become informed about the issues, trends and patterns facing the District, give input into the development of content at various stages of the process, and provide staff and Council with feedback on draft *elements of the Plan as they are developed*.

Key Stakeholders

There are various existing associations, agencies and committees that work on representing various key interests within the District. These include registered and non-registered community associations, committees, boards, commissions and reference groups, agencies and service providers for various sectors of the population, as well as the Province, Metro Vancouver, TransLink and neighbouring jurisdictions. It is recognized that these stakeholders have a key role to play in mobilizing the interests of different sectors of the population, and in encouraging participation of their constituents in the process. District staff will be reaching out to the key stakeholder groups specifically to invite their participation and to reach the broader community. The input and feedback from the key stakeholders will be received and valued alongside the contributions from other community members.

District Mayor and Council

As the main decision-making body in charge of the OCP, District Council approves resources to undertake the review, considers, endorses outcomes and policies in principle at each phase of the process and will similarly consider and must ultimately approve the Plan and subsequent District initiatives to implement the Plan, once adopted. Mayor and Council will display leadership in building trust for an open, inclusive and engaging process by acting as champions for the OCP. They will actively participate in the various engagement activities and help build understanding of issues and consensus on a vision and course of action amongst community members. Mayor and Council will reinforce the commitment to completing the OCP by making endorsements in principle at key milestones to ensure it moves forward through all phases to adoption of the Plan.

District Staff and OCP Consultants

Staff and consultants will be responsible for developing policies and strategies within the Plan informed by sound analyses, their own technical knowledge and professional experience, as well as the input gained through public consultation. With respect to the consultative elements of the OCP review process, staff and consultants' main role will be to translate the input from community consultations into OCP content for consideration and decision-making by Council. More specifically, District staff and consultants will be responsible for organizing and facilitating the consultation process, undertaking research and communication, providing information on the community to help inform participants, helping explore possibilities for the future in engaging and meaningful ways, articulate the need for sustainability "thinking and doing", document and illustrate materials generated, listen and encourage the inclusion of all voices and clearly illustrate how participants feedback is used to influence decisions.

Procedures for FONVCA , the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations

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Boundaries: The Federation considers its boundaries to be those of the District of North Vancouver. Any Association partly or fully inside these boundaries is eligible for membership. Those fully inside the City of North Vancouver are welcome to join as non-voting participants.

Mandate: The mandate of the Federation is to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. Furthermore, the Federation is a forum for the common concerns of member associations and its purpose is to strengthen these organizations through the sharing of information and experience. Full autonomy of each Community Association is to be maintained.

Attendees: Each Community Association may send up to two duly authorized representatives to each meeting. One vote per Association.

Officers: The Federation will register with Council the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the members and will update this information when changes occur. The **Chair** rotates among member organizations at each meeting. The Chair of the next meeting is chosen at each meeting and this person arranges the agenda with other representatives and provides for minutes, agendas, and copies of necessary materials. The Chair will provide a general mailing address for the Federation, although representatives with specific tasks assigned by the Federation may use their own mailing addresses. The Chair arranges meeting times and places (normally District Hall on the third Wed. of each month September-June, at 7:00PM). Council will inform the Federation Chair of any other group in the described geographic area which is making representation.

Communications: There will be regular communications of the activities of the Federation with the member Associations through reports to these associations by their representatives. All communications between the Federation and Council will be open. The September meeting will be considered the Annual General Meeting. The Federation will provide Council with the necessary information regarding the time and place where the AGM will be held. This would be an open meeting.

Records: Records of the Federation will be kept.

Members Concerns: The process by which member Associations may bring concerns to the Federation is to ask a Representative to move that the concern be an agenda item of a Federation meeting. The Federation is not bound to discuss any issue - whether arising out of the concerns of an individual, Association, municipal staff, or Council, unless a majority of Representatives wish it. Guests may be invited to make representations to a Federation meeting if that is approved by a majority of the Representatives attending a previous meeting, or if, subsequently, two-thirds of those attending the previous meeting agree.

Membership Criteria: Membership is based on meeting the criteria, as outlined below, according to majority assent by the Representatives

FONVCA Criteria for Official Recognition of a Community Association

- A mandate which included improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

- Membership is open to all persons residing in a general geographic area described as follows...

- The Association will register with Council** the names and phone numbers of all officers and directors and will update this information when changes occur. The Council will inform the Association of any other group in the described geographical area which is making representations.*

- There will be a regular communication of the activities of the Community Association with the members.

- There must be a duly advertised and open AGM.

- Records of the Association are kept as follows...

- The process by which residents may bring concerns to the Association is as follows:...

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Registered Date: _____

By District of North Vancouver	By the Federation

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internal affairs of its Members

Attendees: Each Community Association may send 1 or more duly authorized representatives to each meeting. One vote per Association.

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Records: Federation Records will be kept and be public.

Members Concerns: The process by which Members may bring concerns to the Federation is to ask a Representative to move that the concern be an agenda item of a Federation meeting. The Federation is not bound to discuss any issue - whether arising out of the concerns of an individual, association, municipal staff, or Council, unless a majority of Representatives wish it. Guests may be invited to make representations to a Federation meeting if that is approved by a majority of the voting Representatives attending a previous meeting, or if, subsequently, two-thirds of those voting Representatives attending the previous meeting agree.

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Historical Criteria for Official Recognition of a Community Association

- A mandate which included improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood.
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- There must be a duly advertised and open AGM.
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Criteria for Official Recognition of a Community Association

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Comment [MSOffice1]: Several organizations are named; better to spell it out

Comment [MSOffice2]: This should point to DNV criteria; in my view we should not have our own criteria – leads to the Doug problem

Comment [MSOffice3]: OR ONLY ONE OF THOSE SENT, AS ONLY ONE CAN VOTE? Differentiate between "Representative" and "Voting representative"??

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Comment [MSOffice4]: I think we should reconsider this limitation – we do not enforce it anyway – several CAs had three members at the last meeting. If we were forced to seek a bigger room, WONDERFUL.

Comment [MSOffice5]: Who are small "m" "members"? the CAs? The current reps? If the latter, that could be work of no value.

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Comment [MSOffice6]: Not sure what this sentence means

Comment [MSOffice7]: Not any more

Comment [MSOffice8]: Does this really happen????

Comment [MSOffice9]: To whom Council or us? Why would Council of the group vs. just sending them to us?

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Comment [MSOffice10]: Reconsider not all have the horsepower to do this SCA no longer seems to for example

and place where the AGM will be held. This would be an open meeting.

Records: Records of the Federation will be kept.

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Registered Date: _____
By District of North Vancouver By The Federation

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Comment [MSOffice11]: Watch definition of Representative must be the voting one and that is not how it is defined now

Comment [MSOffice12]: Current???? ?? Or is this some form of post previous meeting e-mail vote?

Comment [MSOffice13]: I STRONGLY QUESTION THIS. THIS IS DNV'S JOB, NOT OURS WE HAVE NO SUCH AUTHORITY TO MY KNOWLEDGE. WHAT ROLE DID WE PLAY IN THE TWO MOST RECENT CAS IN APPROVING THEM? WHAT IF DNV SAYS "YES", AND WE "NO", OR VICE VERSA? SIMPLY DIRECT THEM TO DNV'S RULES AND IF THEY ARE NOT LISTED BY DNV AS A Member, they can attend, space permitting, but no vote.

Comment [MSOffice14]: I THINK WE SHOULD GET RID OF THIS AND JUST REFER TO DNV RULES AND GIVE THE URL. SINCE WE DO NOT AND, PRACTICALLY AND PERHAPS LEGALLY, CANNOT SUPPORT THESE, LEAVE IT TO DNV. DOUG ARGUABLY HAS A POINT HERE WE SHOULD NOT HAVE UNENFORCEABLE "LAWS".

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FONVCA EMAILS - ITEM 5.1
18 JUNE to 16 SEPTEMBER

Subject: Fwd: IntegrityBC's Electoral Finance Reform Campaign - Would FONVCA consider endorsing and/or volunteering with our campaign?
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 18/06/2012 1:46 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Interesting

----- Original Message -----

Subject: IntegrityBC's Electoral Finance Reform Campaign - Would FONVCA consider endorsing and/or volunteering with our campaign?
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2012 12:01:51 -0700
From: Brad Slade <bslade@integritybc.ca>
To: fonvca@fonvca.org

Hello,

My name is Brad Slade, and I am IntegrityBC's campaign manager. IntegrityBC is a non profit, non partisan ,non government organization that hopes to restore accountability, transparency, integrity and trust in our provincial politics. We felt IntegrityBC should contact your organization to enquire whether you would be interested in endorsing or volunteering with our current petition campaign on Electoral Reform in BC. You will find various links below to our campaign and website in order to assist you in your decision whether to get involved in our campaign.

In a nutshell, our campaign calls for banning corporate and union donations from political parties, as well as a cap on individual donations. We also call for a binding Citizen's Assembly to deal with the questions that will naturally arise out of such a major change, such as whether there should be public funding of political parties.

Here are some links to help you understand who we are, and what we hope to accomplish in BC:

Our website: www.integritybc.ca

On our download page (http://www.integritybc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/integritybc_report_oct2011.pdf) you can find our electoral finance reform backgrounder and a brochure that you may find quite interesting.

If you would like to see the specific wording of the petition, or sign it online, it can be found here:
http://www.integritybc.ca/?page_id=57

A complete copy of our recent survey is available here: <http://www.integritybc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/integritybcoracle2011.pdf>

Additionally, here are some links to recent articles by our Director, Dermod Travis <http://www.straight.com/article-544876/vancouver/dermod-travis-making-case-electoral-finance-reform-bc> and <http://www.straight.com/article-684941/vancouver/dermod-travis-triumf-lab-helps-make-case-electoral-finance-reform>

Feel free to share this email with your membership. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to volunteer with our campaign, endorse the campaign, or require more information.

Thanks,

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Community Associatons - DNV website listing
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 15/07/2012 7:36 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: Community Associatons - DNV website listing
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2012 17:27:50 -0700
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To: fonvca@fonvca.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: July 12, 2012 9:16:30 PM PDT
To: Natasha Letchford <letchfordn@dnv.org>, James Gordon <gordonj@dnv.org>
Cc: Kim Belcher <belcherkt@gmail.com>, Elaine Grenon <egrenon@shaw.ca>, John Croockewit <john.croockewit@telus.net>, Catherine O'Kane <catherineok@shaw.ca>
Subject: Re: Community Associatons - DNV website listing

Hello Natasha,

I had heard from Dave Stuart at the recent FONVCA meeting that DNV Administration was no longer going to be overseeing community associations to ensure that they follow a basic democratic process and constitutions.

The Capilano Gateway Association will doubtless continue to operate as we have from inception, holding AGMs, electing officers and continuing to be a credible source of neighbourhood information and engagement. We would like to be listed on the DNV website.

We would appreciate it if both our email capgatewayassoc@gmail.com and our blog www.capilanogatewayassociation.blogspot.com were listed.

thank you,

Doug

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On 12-Jul-12, at 11:47 AM, Natasha Letchford wrote:

Hello,

We are updating our [Community Association webpage](#) and I am contacting all of the Community Associations to see whether or not they wish to remain listed on our website. As you may have heard, the District will no longer be distinguishing between registered and non-registered Community Associations, meaning Associations are no longer required to annually submit AGM minutes, Director's lists, etc. to the District.

Please let me know if you wish to continue to be listed or if there are any updates to the contact information that needs to be made.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Natasha

Natasha Letchford
Deputy Municipal Clerk
District of North Vancouver

Email: letchfordn@dnv.org
Direct: 604 990 2212

Subject: Fwd: RE: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 21/06/2012 9:28 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19
Date: Thu, 21 Jun 2012 21:16:50 -0700
From: Jane Osborne <jane_osborne@telus.net>
To: 'Douglas Curran' <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
CC: fonvca@fonvca.org

Hi Doug,

September 19th at 7pm is just fine with me. I have put it in my calendar. Thanks for the invitation.

Regards, Jane

Jane Osborne
Coordinator, North Shore Adults Support Network /
Planning Team Lead, Lionsview Seniors Planning Society
c/o NSDRRC, 3158 Mountain Highway
North Vancouver, BC V7K 2H5
H: 604-929-2585 / Fax: 604-929-2582 / C: 604-363-5370

From: Douglas Curran [<mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca>]
Sent: June-21-12 9:11 PM
To: Jane Osborne
Cc: fonvca@fonvca.org
Subject: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19

Hello Jane,

At last night's FONVCA meeting i suggested to the members present that it would be appropriate, given the scope of shared concerns for seniors' needs and services, if you were able to give an overview of the Seniors Action Teams and their emerging work in communities.

The FONVCA members suggested that a one hour presentation (including a Q&A session) for the September 19th meeting (7:00 PM, District Hall).

Would this date work for you? Please let me know if you would be willing to give a presentation to FONVCA on that date, or if a later date would be more suitable for you.

Many thanks, Doug

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Inappropriate practice with regard to redacted documents
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 22/06/2012 12:32 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: Inappropriate practice with regard to redacted documents
Date: Fri, 22 Jun 2012 12:08:43 -0700
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
To: fonvca@fonvca.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: June 22, 2012 12:06:48 PM PDT
To: Dave Stuart <dstuart@dnv.org>
Subject: Fwd: Inappropriate practice with regard to redacted documents

Good Morning Dave,

As discussed at the recent FONVCA meeting, I am resending below my previous email regarding the manner in which privacy matters of documents were handled by the DNV. I can supply the particular letters if required, but I believe that the details below demonstrate the situation clearly.

My concerns as originally expressed, were that the redacting of documents should not be to change the meaning or intent of any document, but merely to protect privacy as appropriate and required by law. Eliminating evidence of the action of redacting with no further indication that a name has been removed does not, in my opinion, fall within what should be correct practice for protecting privacy.

sincerely, Doug

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: November 10, 2011 11:19:58 AM PST
To: Louise Simkin <louise_simkin@dnv.org>
Cc: Dave Stuart <dstuart@dnv.org>, James Gordon <gordonj@dnv.org>, DNV Council
Subject: Inappropriate practice with regard to redacted documents

Hello Louise,

Thank you for your help with regard to my recent FOI request for letters to Council under the OCP process. Both of the March 31st letters from two local Lions Gate residents contain unfounded allegations that defame my character and motivations to Council and to the community. I will be obtaining legal advice with regard to their contents.

I must make the point very clearly that the method utilized by DNV staff to redact original documents is seriously flawed. The method used was to completely erase an individual's name, with no further indication that the name had been removed. If the name had been redacted with a solid blackout or letter substitute (ie;XXXX) the removal would have been apparent, but the identity concealed.

Curiously, this "blackout" method was used with respect to DNV's own staff (XXXX), but not for the members of the public contained in documents.

Unfortunately the method utilized by DNV staff had an ancillary effect, not merely to conceal the identity of 3rd parties, but in many instances has **radically changed and altered the meaning of statements within the document.**

For example, the sentence as redacted in the public document "For fear of retribution from, hoping this is kept confidential thanks." (underscored as original) takes on a very different and less accusatory inference than the submitted letter. As redacted by your staff, this sentence appears to be merely syntactically clumsy.

The **original** document as submitted makes a very direct attack on my character, intimating that I have a history of retribution and possibly even violence against others in the community. The insinuation of a retributive or violent nature on my part is a serious allegation, intended to undermine my dedicated work in the community. The original letter reads, "For fear of retribution from Doug, hoping this is kept confidential thanks." (underscored as original).

The method used by DNV Administration has radically altered the content, meaning and intent of the document. This should not be the function or outcome of any operation conducted by DNV staff.

Rather than protecting the innocent, DNV Administration has employed a method resulting in an inverse situation by which they protect the guilty.

The process by which libelous letters such as the aforementioned are allowed to be placed before DNV Council is another serious matter that i will be pursuing separately.

sincerely, Doug

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Subject: Fw: Invasive plant species
From: "Elizabeth James" <rimco@shaw.ca>
Date: 11/07/2012 12:52 PM
To: <corrie@kost.ca>, "Brian Platts" <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Hi, Corrie and Brian:

I have sent the following note to all three North Shore councils.
Feel free to post it on the FONVCA site if you feel it would be useful.
Cheers,
Liz

11 July, 2012

Good Afternoon:

The North Shore News has carried an article warning of the danger Japanese Knotweed poses to wild and urban spaces.

Hard on the heels of Knotweed come nine other aggressively invasive plants, including Goutweed, which was formerly used in planters and as a decorative groundcover.

At least three of the plants on the Canadian Gardening magazine list - Knotweed, English Ivy and Hogweed - have already posed problems for municipal crews in the region.

<http://www.canadiangardening.com/how-to/pests-and-diseases/the-top-10-unwanted-garden-plants/a/32921>

English Ivy can already be seen creeping along the fences bordering the Spirit Trail behind Park Royal.

Although Hogweed received a fair amount of publicity on the North Shore last year, people move into the area on a regular basis and may not be aware of that and other problem varieties. Also, invasive species are clever at mimicking more acceptable varieties, so I'd like to make a few suggestions for all three municipalities:

1. That staff go the road-show route and take samples to shopping mall displays to show people exactly what these plants looks like. If samples are not available photos could help.
2. Well-guarded, do the same at all garden centres.
3. Offer home-owners the chance to have a municipal horticulturist tour their gardens to identify Knotweed and any other invasive species and to advise how the plants should be disposed of. (I would pay \$25 for that - especially if inspections could be done on a block-by-block basis.)
4. These species and/or their precursors should be banned from sale at any and all gardening centres on the North Shore; and, lastly,
5. All municipalities in the region should be notified that the North Shore is taking these actions.

I'll be interested to learn your reactions.

Regards,
Liz James
[604] 988-0456

Subject: AND THE SEASONS THEY GO ROUND AND ROUND

From: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>

Date: 10/07/2012 11:09 AM

To: "fonvca@fonvca.org" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

CC: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

I decided to directly attribute the source of the title of my piece to the lyrics of Buffy Sainte-Marie. So here is the corrected version. Cheers!

— Attachments: —

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AND THE SEASONS
THEY GO ROUND AND ROUND
AND THE PAINTED PONIES
THEY GO UP AND DOWN!

by

Jerome Irwin

Singer Joni Mitchell suggests in her classic *Circle Game* song, that we're all captives together on a carousel of time. Yet another vein of this circle game is revealed in an article by Jon Ferry (*Neighbourhoods be damned; High-density rules*, 9th July, 2012, (<http://www.theprovince.com/technology/Neighbourhoods+damned+High+density+rules/6903654/story>)). Ferry's account of the plight of local neighbourhoods in Vancouver, could just as easily have depicted the similar plight of all the neighbourhoods and citizenry on the North Shore. The issues and arguments that engulf them all: one and the same.

The underlying cause of this universal plight, and the runaway high-density frenzy that is driving it, is not due to some lofty, yet misguided belief in eco-density or sustainable growth or some otherwise commendable desire to create an eco-friendly, lower carbon footprint on the earth. These are but the latest buzzwords of today's politicians, planners and developers to hide behind in an attempt to disguise their true motive which is nothing more than old-fashioned, bald-faced human greed and the self-interest that goads it ever onward.

The primary intent of their motives has nothing to do with "Saving the planet from global warming", "protecting the natural environment", "providing affordable homes and housing for young families, the youth and the needy", "getting people out of vehicles and onto public transport or bikes", "Creating healthy, liveable communities" or "protecting and preserving heritage and character." These are just the convenient disguises, ploys and ruses used to con the unaware, unthinking, indifferent general public and get them on-side.

Philosophically, whether all such densification obfuscation ends up being developer-directed or planner-directed, there never is any essential difference, no significant paradigm shift whatsoever, between them in terms of ultimate outcome. Both seek to do nothing more than pander to, or accommodate, the two ever-present monster elephants in the room: Unbridled

Population Explosion & Perpetual Economic Growth. The developer-directed or planner-directed model both resolutely refuse to ever consider yet a third alternative model: a people-directed model. Any such people-directed model that even remotely proposes a paradigm shift away from the developer-planner model's genuflections to these two monster elephants, is always dismissed, out-of-hand, as nothing more than unrealistic, messy, make-work projects.

Resident associations and concerned citizen groups all over the North Shore can point to high-density projects in their area that not only totally ignore the will of the local populace, but, once the original development proposal is put forth, then attempt to make the original proposal that much higher or greater in volume and mass.

These who know how to game the system ask for an inch and then constantly take a mile because they know they can. They care not a whit how liveable or humanistic it may be to ultimately stuff human beings in the tiny, cramped, hard-edged spaces they propose. They care not a whit how their high-density schemes will create ever greater traffic volumes of grid-lock proportions or how it will negatively impact upon the lives of those in the surrounding residential communities. They care not a whit that the existing road or public transport systems and supporting infrastructure in whatever municipality either don't exist or will not exist, in the short or long term, to accommodate their massive schemes. Their general attitude is "Single Family Neighbourhoods be damned!"

As Jon Ferry points out in his aptly-named article, it doesn't really ever matter what local neighbourhoods may want because the development community, and those politicians and planners in their pocket, run the show like authoritarian bullies and dictatorial thugs. But in a very real sense, they know they will have their way because they know they are also doing the bidding of the silent majority in society who always want their cake and eat it too.

The general populace might talk a good game of lofty "eco or human friendly" desires and intentions but, when push comes to shove, they also want all the goodies that an ever-expanding consumer capitalism can offer them. So they are willing, at the drop of a hat, to complacently cast a blind's eye towards whatever densification scam the developers, politicians and planners are intent upon doing in their name. In the end, everyone goes along to get along! Otherwise, if they didn't, they would have to tar and feather all these bullies and thugs, and then run them out of town on a rail.

And so, in the meantime, the seasons, they go round and round, and the painted ponies, they go up and down in a circle game, of which we are all captives!

Total words: 770

Jerome Irwin, 1398 Hope Road, North Vancouver, V7P1W7 (604) 984-7598

Subject: and the seasons they go round and round
From: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>
Date: 15/07/2012 6:47 AM
To: "fonvca@fonvca.org" <fonvca@fonvca.org>
CC: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Dear Fonvca and Corrie

I have been receing a number of most interesting feedback and comments about the piece I originally submitted to you for your interest and consideration. That has led to a usual process of rethinking/rephrasing what all has been put forth. I now attach fyi the final rephrasing/rethinking of that piece, for what it is worth. Cheers!

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AND THE SEASONS
THEY GO ROUND AND ROUND
AND THE PAINTED PONIES
THEY GO UP AND DOWN!

by

Jerome Irwin

Singer Joni Mitchell suggests in her classic *Circle Game* song, that we're all captives together on a carousel of time. Yet another tiny vein of this circle game is revealed in an article by Jon Ferry (*Neighbourhoods be damned; High-density rules*, 9th July, 2012, (<http://www.theprovince.com/technology/Neighbourhoods+damned+High+density+rules/6903654/story>)). Ferry's account of the plight of local neighbourhoods in Vancouver, could just as easily depict the similar plight of all the neighbourhoods and citizenry on the North Shore, the Lower Mainland, the province of British Columbia, country of Canada and indeed the entire world itself. The issues and arguments that engulf them all: one and the same.

The underlying cause of this universal plight, and the runaway high-density frenzy that is driving it, is not due to some lofty, yet misguided belief in eco-density, sustainable growth or some otherwise commendable desire to create an eco-friendly, lower carbon footprint on the earth. These are but the latest buzzwords used by today's politicians, planners and developers to disguise what constantly fuels the same ol', same ol' human greed and obsessive-compulsive urge to constantly make everything bigger or grander and feed the self-interests that goad these urges ever onward.

The primary or primal intent of these motives have nothing really to do with "Saving the planet from global warming", "protecting the natural environment", "providing affordable homes and housing for young families, the youth and the needy", "getting people out of vehicles and onto public transport or bikes", "Creating healthy, liveable communities" or "protecting and preserving heritage and character." These, in the main, are but the ploys and ruses used to con the unaware, unthinking, indifferent public to get them on-side.

Philosophically, whether all the obfuscation of the densification argument ends up being developer-directed or planner-directed, there never is any essential difference, no significant

paradigm shift between them in terms of ultimate outcome. Both seek to pander to, or accommodate, the two ever-present monster elephants in the room: Unbridled Population Explosion & Perpetual Economic Growth. Those citizen-residents who buy into all the pandering and accommodating can always readily gain the ears of the developers and politicians. But the elitist developer-planner model casts a deaf ear towards whatever democratic, grass-root, people-directed model is opposed to them. Any alternative model that even remotely proposes the need for a paradigm shift away from all the constant genuflections to these two monster elephants, is dismissed, out-of-hand, as nothing more than an unrealistic, messy, make-work project or the ravings of heretics and lunatics.

Local resident associations and concerned citizen groups everywhere in the world can point to high-density projects in their area that not only totally ignore the will of the local populace, but, once the original development proposal is put forth, then attempt to make the original proposal that much higher or greater in volume and mass.

These who know how to game the system ask for an inch and then constantly take a mile because they know they can. They care not a whit: how liveable or humanistic it may be to ultimately stuff human beings in the tiny, cramped, hard-edged, polluted, unhealthy spaces they propose; how their ever-expanding high-density schemes will create ever greater traffic volumes of massive grid-lock proportions that will require the removal of yet more and more green spaces, local community services or settings to accommodate this expansion; or how the existing roads, public transport systems and supporting infrastructure in whatever municipality don't exist and never will be able to keep pace with all the unending growth of their massive schemes. No collapse of whatever crooked bank, investment house or financial system will ever dissuade them from their course until the very end when everything finally hits the proverbial wall. Meanwhile, the brainwashed masses will continue to everywhere chant on cue, in unison, the simple blind, mindless mantra, "Single Family Neighbourhoods Be Damned!"

As Jon Ferry points out in his aptly-named article, it doesn't really ever matter what local neighbourhoods may want to protect or preserve because this mantra, and all those who serve as its cheer leader-devotees, run the show like authoritarian bullies and dictatorial thugs. In a very real sense, they know they will ultimately have their way because they know they are doing the bidding of the silent, indifferent majority in society who will always want their cake and eat it too.

The general populace might talk a good game of lofty "eco or human friendly" desires and intentions but, when push comes to shove, they also want all the goodies that an ever-expanding, ruthless consumer capitalism can offer them. So they are willing, at the drop of a hat, to cast a blind's eye towards whatever densification scam, and all its unpleasant fall-outs, that the high-density proponents are intent upon doing in their name. In the end, everyone goes along to get along! Otherwise, if they didn't, and realized where all this, ultimately, will

lead the world's civilization of tomorrow, they would have to tar and feather all these bullies and thugs, and then run them out of town on a rail.

Yet if any tar and feathering is ever to occur it will never be initiated by the already hopelessly corrupt and corrupting bullies and thugs of whatever large corporation or government of a country, province or state. They are too cumbersome, compromised and beholden to too many vested special interests to ever become the authors of the radical sea change that is needed. So if there is anyone left who is capable of pointing the way towards a fundamental paradigm shift that will create a truly life-affirming and sustainable way of life, it must fall at the feet of those bold and courageous local municipalities, influenced and inspired by visionary activist citizen groups, who are prepared to go against the grain and dare to declare that the emperor wears no clothes. Such a modest proposal, though, as Jonathan Swift might say, will certainly elicit from many the disparaging comment, "Yeah, in your dreams!"

But what's there to ever get one's knickers in a knot about? What will be, will be! One can only do as much as one can do to morally and ethically try to make things right! Beyond that, one has to know when it's time to just dangle one's toes in a cool river, climb a magnificent mountain, share the simple joys of this life with intimates and friends, or listen to a favourite song and singer!

In the meantime, the seasons, they go round and round, and the painted ponies, they go up and down in a circle game that, for better or worse, we're all captives of on the same carousel of time!

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Subject: Fwd: Communication Issues in the District and in local communities
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 22/06/2012 11:30 AM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Communication Issues in the District and in local communities
Date: Fri, 22 Jun 2012 11:05:48 -0700 (PDT)
From: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>
To: fonvca@fonvca.org <fonvca@fonvca.org>

I don't know how widespread communications issues are within various communities, or between communities and the District, but I forward to you for your interest and attention the attached newsletter that highlights some of the issues affecting Lower Capilano Community.

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WILL LOWER CAPILANO WIN OR LOSE ITS 27-YEAR'S OF PROGRESS?

An Ad Hoc Community Newsletter by
Jerome Irwin
(Founding President of LCCRA & Former LCCRA Board Member)

Lower Capilano Community is at a pivotal moment in its history! For we are either going to win or lose all the major gain's we've made, since the early 1980's, when heavy traffic first began pouring through our streets from the then new Save-On Foods-Pemberton Plaza development. Counted among these progressive gains, supported by a majority of our residents, are: the creation of our quiet, local traffic-only, traffic-calmed, neighbourhood streets; voting in favour of a local neighbourhood zoning initiative to preserve the character and heritage of our single family community; reclaiming the use of our traditional historical name of Lower Capilano from the formerly-used misnomer: *Lower Pemberton*.

Sadly, two of those gains already have been compromised and the third is in dire jeopardy if those opposed to the closure of Hope Road at Bowser Avenue get their way and succeed in permanently opening it up, exposing us all to ever-greater volumes of 24/7 through traffic. Especially once the DNV's *Identity 2030* mixed commercial and residential high-rise "village" is built in Lions Gate, as well as all along Marine Drive & Capilano Road, and a four-way intersection, with Maguire Avenue designated to become a major car-bus-bike-spirit trail-linked thoroughfare, becomes a reality. Not to mention the daunting number of high-rise condominium towers, to be built for perhaps 20,000 or more people, on the Squamish Reserve. Those who favour the Hong Kong-like densification of our area of the North Shore no doubt care not about the subsequent chilling effect that would cause our neighbourhood streets to deteriorate as single family residents go in search of quieter places to raise their families. Such high-density development interests - who care more about profit margin than building healthy communities, preserving heritage and character or protecting mature growth trees and established landscapes - continue to circle our community ever-looking for more inroads.

To alert us to the potential impacts of all this on our lives, and ensure the protection of our local traffic-only, traffic-calmed streets, members of LCCRA, once again, as in the 1980's, last year went door-to-door to let us know what is at stake and to recommend we vote to support the LCCRA Board's efforts to realize the installation of a permanent Bowser/Hope Road Cul-de-sac. But some things have since changed in the DNV and on the new LCCRA Board.

Some have repeatedly questioned the motives of those who informed us, contending that they, “*unduly swayed the vote*”. Such critics have persisted, perhaps because a permanent cul-de-sac would spoil whatever master plans they have for our community and surrounds, or perhaps because they aren’t prepared to put the greater good of our community ahead of their own interests. Maybe some of these critics are old-timers who’ve forgotten the enormous energy we once expended to close off their streets to through traffic. Maybe these critics include those newcomers who possess no real awareness or appreciation of Lower Capilano’s rich history as one of the oldest communities on the North Shore - spanning a century of time across “The Flats”, orchards and dairy lands of yesteryear to the present day - and so care little for the protection and preservation of its still unique character. Or perhaps these critics are those who are always ready to defer to the dictates of whatever outside authority or powers that be.

Maybe such passive deference to authority is why the heritage of our original name *Lower Capilano* also is in jeopardy because, without our say, it has been co-opted for Identity 2030’s futuristic high-rise village, even though one day it will be located in Lion’s Gate, not in Lower Capilano. Our name now seemingly bandied about everywhere for everything. This confusion has led some to again refer to us as the “Pemberton area”, as they once did before we called upon real estate interests and the DNV alike to recognize our older traditional name. We’ve even been amalgamated, on Identity 2030’s maps, as the “Marine Drive/Lower Capilano Neighbourhood”. More recently, a Spring 2012 “Lower Capilano e-Newsletter” ascribed to us yet a different identity called: *Capilano-Marine*. But no concerted hue and cry has yet called into question whether these facile manipulations of who we are is some kind of veiled attempt to dissolve or incorporate our community’s boundaries, combining the conflicted so-called “neighbourhood” interests of high-density Marine Drive/Capilano Rd dwellers with those of our single family residential community. Perhaps if our compromised-blurred-confused identity was openly debated, the real reasons for this reinvention of who we are would become clearer.

All these *perhaps* or *maybes* might explain why the only either/or choice we were ever given to vote upon, besides the Bowser & Hope Road cul-de-sac, was the Speed Hump alternative that would have destroyed our historic local traffic initiative. Those opposed to our initiative, were furious when their Speed Hump alternative didn’t receive enough votes. This might explain, too, the concerted lobbying effort that’s since been made in the community and District to try to negate our majority vote by casting doubts upon its validity.

But 27 years ago was a different time, and Lower Capilano a different place than today. We took great pride back then in being a close-knit community that pulled together, in the spirit of unity, (Garden-Maguire-Tatlow-Bowser-McGowan-Bridgman-Phillip Avenue's, Hope Road, 17th Street) to resist our community being destroyed by divisive forces similar to those we face today. We galvanized our identity and mutual resolve to preserve and protect the good name and spirit of the historic Lower Capilano we had come to cherish and hoped to leave as a legacy.

It was an intense, selfless, collective effort: many residents spoke before Council; block captains canvassed every home on their street, informing and educating their neighbours what was at stake; to call attention to our plight, wives, mothers and children defiantly put their bodies and welfare in the way of dangerous through traffic, parading back and forth in protest across Garden Avenue, Hope Road & Phillip Avenue; numerous opinion articles and letters were written to the mass media; some residents, skilled in engineering and traffic pattern flows, met with the DNV's traffic planners and problem-solved how best to direct traffic down Marine Drive and onto Capilano Road without using Lower Capilano's neighbourhood streets.

DNV Mayor Baker and her Council heard our concerns and, without undue equivocation, created Lower Capilano Community as a local traffic-only, traffic-calmed neighbourhood. The roundabout on Garden Avenue was the best we then could accomplish for our residents at that end, given Trans-Link's insistence that their buses needed access to Garden Avenue. But we did manage to create, however imperfect, a roundabout at Garden & Hope Road, as well as cul-de-sacs on Tatlow, Bowser, Hope Road (on its east-end,) and 17th Street and also the Bowser Diverter to ensure through traffic was prevented from cutting through Garden Ave to Hope Road and Phillip Avenue. In actual fact, the Bowser Diverter never was intended for through-traffic access. It was only meant to 'divert' our Bowser Avenue residents more easily onto either side of Bowser from Hope Road. Hence the designation: the *BOWSER DIVERTER*.

However, motorists, our residents and others, soon realized that, like water, they could easily flow around the diverter and continue onward, thereby violating the original intent of the diverter principle, and instead habitually misused it as a through traffic route. No simple signage at the diverter, though, to prevent this misuse from happening, ever was provided by the District.

SO, IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO BE PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE! The permanent Hope Rd cul-de-sac hangs in the balance! If our two decade-long effort, and last year's vote, are no longer perceived by Mayor Walton & Council to be the majority will of our residents, then we need to clarify all the more, for the DNV and ourselves, what we do want. Is it to live by the lofty empathic principle: *All For One, And One For All*; a much meaner premise of *Everyone For Themselves*; or some new *Meeting Of The Mind's*?

If, though, Lower Capilano no longer has the same close-knit sense of unity-purpose-pride of place, cares not what name is used to identify itself, and prefers the heart of Lower Capilano to be ripped open, then perhaps we may no longer need any of our other cul-de-sacs either. Rather than place all the volume of through traffic on just a few of our streets (Maguire-Garden-Hope-Phillip-MacGowan), we all might, in fairness, equally share that burden. Were the Pemberton Plaza one day to become a high-rise complex, and there was a similar push to remove the cul-de-sac on Hope Rd or 17th Street, our community concerns would be exactly the same. Yet, obviously, before ever contemplating such a drastic plan to reverse our past 27 years of local traffic, a community-wide plebiscite, on how the overall traffic pattern flow is connected to the future identity and destiny of Lower Capilano, will need to first occur.

LCCRA needs to keep us all current, with timely updates, via email and door-to-door flyers, on such crucial matters. (Note: Many uninformed residents think the cul-de-sac already is permanent!) But LCCRA never has generated a regular informational newsletter. Even LCCRA's website (www.lccra.org), makes no mention of the cul-de-sac in its *Latest News* section. Nor has any mention ever been made, in its *Residents' Petitions* section, about the disposition of our LNZ petition, one of our most important gains in local participatory democracy. Our old *Tatlow-Bowser Trail Bicycle Path* petition is mentioned, but not a word about that critically-important *Local Neighbourhood Zoning* petition. Signed by a majority of our resident's in 2009, those of us who supported that petition, two and a half years later, still don't know, because LCCRA or the DNV never has seen fit to tell us, whether it has been honoured or, if not, why it has been ignored, deep-sixed, or cast into limbo. It would be a major setback if we now have no equally strong recourse to protect the heritage and character of Lower Capilano. Keeping us in the dark has served whose purpose? Any civic or political body that doesn't maintain clear, up-to-date communications with its constituents always runs the risk of being tagged as a tool for whatever self-serving special interests. Be that as it may, each of us now can shed some light on all this by clearly telling the DNV what we ultimately want to see happen to our Lower Capilano Community.

So let DNV staff and council members know your thoughts about these entwined issues. Email or call: Mayor Walton (rwalton@dnv.org 604-990-2208); Councillor Alan Nixon (anixon@dnv.org 604-240-5799); Erica Geddes, Transportation Planning (egeddes@dnv.org 604-990-2414), and; Alex Milek, Transportation Planning (MilekA@dnv.org 604-990-2384). *Better Still, Get More Personally Involved!*

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Subject: Fwd: RE: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 21/06/2012 9:28 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19
Date: Thu, 21 Jun 2012 21:16:50 -0700
From: Jane Osborne <jane_osborne@telus.net>
To: 'Douglas Curran' <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
CC: fonvca@fonvca.org

Hi Doug,

September 19th at 7pm is just fine with me. I have put it in my calendar. Thanks for the invitation.

Regards, Jane

Jane Osborne
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From: Douglas Curran [mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca]
Sent: June-21-12 9:11 PM
To: Jane Osborne
Cc: fonvca@fonvca.org
Subject: Lionsview & Seniors Action Team initiative / FONVCA invitation & presentation / Sept 19

Hello Jane,

At last night's FONVCA meeting i suggested to the members present that it would be appropriate, given the scope of shared concerns for seniors' needs and services, if you were able to give an overview of the Seniors Action Teams and their emerging work in communities.

The FONVCA members suggested that a one hour presentation (including a Q&A session) for the September 19th meeting (7:00 PM, District Hall).

Would this date work for you? Please let me know if you would be willing to give a presentation to FONVCA on that date, or if a later date would be more suitable for you.

Many thanks, Doug

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Subject: Emailing: Rethink Pesticide Ban June 2012

From: "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>

Date: 10/07/2012 9:13 PM

To: "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

CC: "FONVCA" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

In case you missed this

Good for a joint delegation in the fall? Just look at our streets.

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Time to rethink unenforceable pesticide bylaws

By Paul Visentin, The Province June 24, 2012

The infestations of weeds and bugs is getting unmanageable and starting to detract from the healthy living the pesticide-free municipalities thought they were achieving.

The frivolous and unenforceable municipal pesticide bylaws promoted by the Canadian Cancer Society, Pesticide Free B.C., Wildsight, Suzuki and others are starting to wear thin on homeowners and city staff. The consistent themes employed by these groups - "better safe than sorry" and "we are the trusted authority" - are inferences that the comprehensive reviews of pesticides by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) have no credibility. These same groups also continue to make reference to the "many safer and better alternatives" that exist to control weeds and bugs, so why bother with the conventional "toxic" substances. But environmentalists and green NGOs have never provided lists of lawn-care products they say are harmful and lump all pesticides into the same "toxic" category.

A report recently released by the PMRA listing pesticide sales in 2008 provides some surprising statistics. Of all pesticides sold in Canada, over 60 per cent are for agriculture while less than two per cent are for the domestic market. The top 10 domestic pesticides are dominated by swimming pool and spa products. That's right: chlorine and bromine are pesticides and regulated the same way as 2,4-D. If environmentalists feel the PMRA got it wrong on pesticides, why aren't they raising the alarm on the reviews of pesticides used in pools? The truth is the PMRA is known for the most stringent pesticide reviews in the world, and there is no need to worry when the directions for use are followed.

The B.C. Special Committee on Pesticides listened to the experts and made the smart decision that science does not support the banning of lawn-care products. It's time that the CCS, Pesticide Free B.C., Wildsight, Suzuki and municipal councillors get on with issues that really matter, like the economy, lack of jobs and rising taxes.

Paul Visentin, Cranbrook

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Subject: Fwd: No Delivery of the NSN
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 27/06/2012 7:18 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

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Subject: No Delivery of the NSN
Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2012 19:09:08 -0700
From: Wendy Qureshi <wendyqureshi@shaw.ca>
To: North Shore News <editor@nsnews.com>
CC: fonvca@fonvca.org, DNV Council <council@dnv.org>

Dear Editor,

As I write this it is 7:00 PM Wednesday. There has been no delivery of the NSN to my condo complex...again.

This is happening much too frequently. Also, there were no NSNs at the Lynn Valley Centre a few times on paper days in the recent past.

As a community newspaper, I think you have a responsibility to make sure these are delivered. What about your advertisers?

What about the municipal halls who advertise their public hearings, etc., in your paper? They are not arriving on the citizens' doorsteps and certainly are not readily available on your website.

Wendy Qureshi
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Subject: Community Associations

From: Courtenay Fraitzl <fraitzlc@dnv.org>

Date: 30/07/2012 3:51 PM

To: "corrie@kost.ca" <corrie@kost.ca>

Dear Mr. Corrie Kost and the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself and a pilot program just begun by the District of North Vancouver to better serve our residents.

Here at the DNV we work hard to make our communities beautiful, safe and enjoyable for everyone. We also recognize the invaluable contributions that our dedicated residents make this one of the most beautiful places in the Lower Mainland.

In my role I will be working hard to forge working relationships with our dedicated community associations to improve our neighbourhoods.

If you are considering a Community Work Party, clean up a street, Adopt a park, a litter pick up campaign? Maybe your group would be interested in creating a Street Garden in your neighbourhood?

I would like to hear your concerns and your ideas!

Perhaps you have an upcoming association meeting and would like to share some ideas?

Please note I work in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Courtenay Fraitzl

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Subject: Fwd: Draft minutes of FONVCA meeting of June 20th and social meeting on August 15th
From: Douglas Curran <dougcurran@shaw.ca>
Date: 16/07/2012 10:53 AM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>, fonvca@fonvca.org
CC: Kim Belcher <belcherkt@gmail.com>, "Catherine O'Kane" <catherineok@shaw.ca>, Elaine Grenon <egrenon@shaw.ca>, John Croockewit <john.croockewit@telus.net>

Hello Corrie,

Several points of the recent Draft minutes require revision to properly reflect the events of the meeting.

The Draft Minutes of the June 20th meeting reads as below.

i) Community Associations

In response to a question from a FONVCA member, Stuart replied that, as a result of a council meeting, membership qualifications, certification, and meeting procedures are now up to FONVCA. The current situation is the result of policy adopted many years ago. Council recognizes that Community Associations do not represent the views of the whole community.

My memory is that Dave Stuart made an unexpected announcement regarding DNV Council's decision to remove the Administration from oversight and accreditation of all community associations. Mr. Stuart's comments were unbidden and not in response to any question posed by a member at the meeting not in response to a question.

Additionally (and checking with others present), I do not recall that Mr. Stuart stating that membership qualifications, certification etc. were to be left up to FONVCA to set criteria for accrediting community associations. The recent July 12th email from Natasha Letchford to all community associations makes no reference to such a passing over of responsibility. Her email states simply; "*the District will no longer be distinguishing between registered and non-registered Community Associations.*"

I am confused by the comment "The current situation is the result of policy adopted many years ago." As recently as January of 2011 DNV Administration had made requests of all community associations for information pertaining to their elections, AGMs and other procedures. Given this fact it is difficult to accept that the current situation was part of a long standing policy. Not long ago several FONVCA members had pointed out that DNV and not FONVCA was responsible for enforcing criteria rules over community associations. That position seems a variance with the sentence noted above.

I think that many people will come to realize that this recent policy decision by DNV Council does not serve the resident population well and there will be a request for official recognition of community associations based on due process and accountability. Within that prospect is an open opportunity for FONVCA to engage the DNV communities and to establish an unassailable legitimacy for both FONVCA and Community Associations across the District.

I look forward to FONVCA members accepting the challenge.

best regards, Doug

Subject: Fw: Thought-provoking ideas about the democratic process

From: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>

Date: 29/07/2012 8:48 AM

To: "fonvca@fonvca.org" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

CC: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

FYI and your neighbours

The two attached articles about densification and the relationship between local councils, government, people and the democratic process are instructive and enlightening. Especially in regard to how councils and government constantly refuse to listen to, pay lip service, or over-ride the majority opinions/petitions /objections of local residents concerning such issues as:

- High-density development, rezoning, redevelopment of single family neighbourhoods
- Destruction of heritage and character of residential communities
- Ever-mounting traffic congestion, grid-lock, lack of adequate public transportation
- Bogus arguments for the need for more densification

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/design/2012/07/new-research-finds-urban-form-plays-little-role-sustainability/2680/>

<http://www.theprovince.com/business/more+density+means+cheaper+homes+that+working/6974061/story.html>



New Research Finds Urban Form Plays Little Role in Sustainability

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One need not look far to find a passionate argument that the compact city is the green city. Having more people in a smaller area results in [less energy use](#) for transportation purposes, [lower greenhouse gas emissions](#), and [greater efficiencies in the use of various resources](#). Cramping more people into a smaller space makes our cities [more sustainable](#). Or does it? [New research](#) published in the spring issue of the *Journal of the American Planning Association* finds that – unlike today's dominant narrative of the green city – urban form may actually have very little impact on energy use and other measures of sustainability.

Researchers from the universities of Cambridge, Newcastle, and Leeds looked at three English metropolitan areas of various sizes and ran them through computer models that imposed three different urban forms over the course of 30 years. Each area was modeled as a hyper-dense city with tight restrictions on land use, an urban growth boundary and prioritized transit development, a sprawling, market-driven urban form that had few restrictions on land use, and a middle ground based on English new towns, or those planned suburban-style developments on the outskirts of larger

cities. Each urban form – compaction, dispersal, expansion – was modeled on the three areas between the years 2001 and 2031 and evaluated on the basis on 26 different measures of sustainability – from pollution levels to degradation of water systems to the energy consumption of buildings and people. The models showed only very slight differences between the three urban forms.

"To our surprise, if you compare the compact form versus the current trend, the difference in reduced transport by automobile is very minor. And if you allow the city to expand, the increase in the use of the car is only marginal," says Marcial Echenique, a professor at the University of Cambridge Department of Architecture and one of the authors of the report. "If you make the city more compact, it doesn't mean that people will abandon their car. Only 5 percent of people abandon the use of the car. Ninety-five percent carries on using the car, which means there are more cars on the same streets, therefore there is much more congestion and therefore there is much more pollution and no great increase in the reduction of energy."

Echenique says he and his team have been working on this research for about 4 or 5 years, and continued modeling and analysis has only backed up their findings.

"We are not very convinced of the idea that compacting cities will make very much difference in terms of environmental quality. But it will have severe consequences in terms of economics and social issues," Echenique says.

Of particular concern for these researchers is that restricting development to only high-density, urban locations could greatly increase the cost of land and housing, causing both the cost of living and the cost of doing businesses to skyrocket. Echenique worries this will cause cities to become less competitive over the long term.

In terms of reducing the environmental impacts of human development and lifestyle, Echenique says his numbers indicate that we might be better off focusing our effort on improving technology and energy efficiency. He says we'll have a much better chance of reducing the negative impacts of modern living by focusing on automobile technology and reduced energy usage in buildings. He and his team are currently working on research on the effectiveness of focusing on the technology side. Results are expected to publish later this year.

"We believe that we can reduce by 50 percent or more the use of energy in a fairly short time, within the next 20 years or so," he says. "It's much more effective than compacting or dispersing cities, because there's only a five percent difference either way."

Echenique argues and his research indicates that greater gains can be achieved by making more efficient cars or better insulation for buildings than by trying to reshape the urban landscape.

"Technology offers a much better future than trying to constrain behavior of the market," he says.

The result of this work will likely be somewhat frustrating for urban boosters arguing for an increased emphasis on density and city living. Echenique recognizes that urbanization is underway, especially in developing countries, and that density will likely be the development paradigm in many of these places. But he also observes that urbanization is happening on a metropolitan scale, and that means



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development is occurring at a variety of densities within a region. Valuing one over the others as the sustainable model is unwise, he argues. He says this research shows that creating sustainable places has little to do with what they look like and far more to do with their energy use.

Top image: A man carries a baby as he walks to his house in an area where old residential buildings are being demolished to make room for new skyscrapers in downtown Shanghai. Credit: Aly Song / Reuters

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If more density means cheaper homes, why isn't that working?

BY GORDON CLARK, THE PROVINCE JULY 23, 2012



Gordon Clark

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Vancouver council on Thursday OK'd construction of three high-rises beside Rogers Arena that will add 614 homes to the downtown core.

The \$300-million project was approved over the objections of tenant activists and political opponents of Vancouver's ruling party for reasons the great minds at city hall must have found weak and uninteresting - something to do with the poor being unable to afford rents of up to \$2,200 a month.

A few weeks earlier, council rammed through a 22-storey apartment tower at 1401 Comox St. in the city's West End over the strong and sustained objections of area residents who said the height of the building wasn't in keeping with the neighbourhood they knew and loved. What arrogance, thinking they should have a say about their community.

It even happened at the end of my block a few years back when a developer, on his fourth application, got council to agree to rezone three or four single-family lots (I forget the exact number) so he could plunk down a 22-unit condo development among our houses.

My neighbourhood community group fought that one for years not because we were anti-condo, but because the project breached the community plan and we thought a larger discussion needed to take place, instead of council just slowly picking away steadily at our neighbourhood's character. Despite near total opposition, the project was approved, longtime residents be damned.

A growing number of citizens, myself included, fear that city hall no longer listens to us when deciding whether to OK new developments. Projects have already secretly been given the green light before

they even come before a

For more editorials, columns, reader letters and online comments, go to theprovince.com/opinion public hearing, where bored councillors play lip service to citizen input. A cynic might wonder if it has anything to do with Vision Vancouver receiving fully half of its campaign donations in the last election from companies involved in the real-estate game, not that the opposition NPA is any different.

The tension that will only intensify in the coming years is between Vancouverites who like the city and its neighbour-hoods the way they are and those who claim we must constantly add density to make room for newcomers. But the arguments for density strike me as bogus.

It's green, is one current trendy opinion. Really? If you've ever been to Hong Kong or any other large, dense city, did they strike you as particularly eco-friendly?

Even more, I find amusing the claim that we have to add density to keep housing more affordable. I stumbled upon a fascinating fact from Statistics Canada recently that I never hear the pro-density crowd mention: Vancouver is already Canada's densest city.

As of 2011, the city's average density was 5,249 people per square kilometre. Toronto, Canada's largest metropolis, had 1,100 fewer residents per square kilometre than Vancouver. Surrey - B.C.'s fastest-growing city - has a density of just 1,479 people per square kilometre.

If density leads to affordability, why is Vancouver, the densest city in Canada - and I don't mean that in the stupid sense, but I'm beginning to wonder - also the city with Canada's most-expensive real estate, as well as the city with the most expensive housing in the world when compared to average salaries?

To look into our future, consider two cities with greater density: Tokyo, with 6,000 souls per square kilometre and Hong Kong, with 6,480. Are they cheaper? If you don't know, I've got three towers to sell you by Rogers Arena.

If you really want to lower house prices, the best way is to turn down the pace of economic growth, not speeding it up by constantly building more condos.

I think the people promoting density in Vancouver, most of whom have a financial stake in more development, need to come clean with Vancouverites. If we're already the densest city in the country - with the worst traffic as a special added bonus thanks to years of lousy planning - how much denser do they think we should be? Or are we just expected to quietly submit to their scheme to turn our lovely town into a West Coast version of New York? And if increased density is so fabulous, why do so many Vancouver fat cats, including our mayor, own decidedly non-dense spreads they can escape to on the Gulf Islands and elsewhere?

Maybe, just maybe, we're big enough. Shouldn't our quality of life, the preservation of our neighbourhoods and what most taxpayers want, matter? We need politicians who will stand up for those.

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Subject: Community Association Discussion Paper

From: James Gordon <gordonj@dnv.org>

Date: 26/07/2012 9:07 AM

To: "Corrie Kost (corrie@kost.ca)" <corrie@kost.ca>, "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>, "John Gilmour" <gilmour@magusta.com>, "Douglas Curran (Dougcurran@shaw.ca)" <Dougcurran@shaw.ca>, "Cathy Adams" <CathyAdams@shaw.ca>, "Dan Ellis" <ellis7880@shaw.ca>, "Lorraine Harvey" <finewerx@telus.net>

CC: James Gordon <gordonj@dnv.org>

Please find attached the community association discussion paper that Council released on Monday night.

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— Attachments: —

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Subject: FW: Your comments to Council on July 23 / An essential point and misperceived statements HUNTER RESPONSE

From: "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>

Date: 14/08/2012 10:03 AM

To: "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>, "Brian Platts DNV" <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Still no reply from Doug as to whether he objects to it being posted (below), nor to an earlier analogous request, so post when you wish please.

Note I MADE ONE CHANGE WHERE I SAID I HAD HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW AREAS OF CONCERN RE THE CODE OF CONDUCT, IT WAS ACTUALLY RED AND I HAVE MADE THAT CHANGE BELOW.

PLEASE THEREFORE POST THIS VERSION.

John

From: John Hunter [mailto:hunterjohn@telus.net]

Sent: August 9, 2012 5:01 PM

To: FONVCA (fonvca@fonvca.org)

Subject: Your comments to Council on July 23 / An essential point and misperceived statements HUNTER RESPONSE

For posting I asked Doug if he had any objection and no reply; on the other hand he copied this to others so I feel comfortable posting it.

John

From: John Hunter [mailto:hunterjohn@telus.net]

Sent: August 7, 2012 10:08 AM

To: 'Douglas Curran'

Cc: 'Kim Belcher'; 'Elaine Grenon'; 'John Croockewit'; 'Catherine O'Kane'; Corrie Kost

Subject: RE: Your comments to Council on July 23 / An essential point and misperceived statements HUNTER RESPONSE

Doug, my last reply to you. Let us cease the quill driving and wasting each other's time - we are not on the same planet. Continued complaining about FONVCA will not accomplish anything; the proper thing in my view is to develop your proposals for a "new FONVCA" in a concise written fashion and bring them to FONVCA for a vote.

In my opinion, you continue putting words in my mouth, attributing statements or views to me that I have not made.

As you did not reply to my question earlier if you minded my copying others on this exchange, and as you have done so herein, I will copy the regular FONVCA reps and David Stuart.

As before, I speak for myself only, not FONVCA.

I repeat my two invitations to you: (1) since FONVCA is so awful and ineffective etc.etc. in your view as I understand it, resign from FONVCA; or (2) if you think your vision of FONVCA is the way to go, present it to FONVCA for a democratic decision as to whether to go your way or the current structure or some other option.

My other comments are in **BOLD CAPS** in your latest missive below.

Doug, unless you show a change in attitude and approach to a constructive approach (**AND IN MY OPINION THE CURRENT ONE IS NOT**), I plan to ignore further missives from you. This is just not productive. I have better things to do with my time than endless circular debates. Please cut me off your address list.

John

From: Douglas Curran [<mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca>]
Sent: August 6, 2012 6:20 PM
To: John Hunter
Cc: Kim Belcher; Elaine Grenon; John Croockewit; Catherine O'Kane
Subject: Re: Your comments to Council on July 23 / An essential point and misperceived statements HUNTER RESPONSE

John,

Firstly, my recent comments to you were predicated on **your reference and misapprehension of a critical point**; a community association cannot be owned by its executive body, but by the membership. **KINDLY SHOW ME WHERE I SUGGESTED A C.A. CAN BE OWNED BY ITS EXEC BODY.** The executive is answerable to the members and those obligations are enshrined in constitutions or other agreed sets of rules.

When the executive refuses to answer to its members - especially within the context of its written constitution - it becomes a dictatorship.

You referred to the statements from members (included below) as "hearsay", **since they do not meet your measure of legally admissible statements** **I AM SINCERELY IMPRESSED THAT YOU CAN READ MY MIND AND KNOW WHY I USED THE WORD "HEARSAY". TRY WIKIPEDIA "HEARSAY IS INFORMATION GATHERED BY ONE PERSON FROM ANOTHER PERSON CONCERNING SOME EVENT, CONDITION, OR THING OF WHICH THE FIRST PERSON HAD NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE." I HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW IF THESE COMPLAINTS ARE REAL OR SOMEONE INVENTED THEM, AND FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN THE EARLIER E-MAIL BELOW, IT'S IRRELEVANT TO ME (AND TO FONVCA IN MY OPINION) IN ANY EVENT. I SELDOM GIVE ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS WEIGHT.**

It strikes me as inconsistent that you would defend FONVCA's informality and lack of executive powers on one hand, while holding that anything relevant to the discussion of the basis of a community association must hold to the level of being a court admissible affidavit. **DOUG, HOW DO YOU DREAM THIS STUFF UP? I SAID NO SUCH THING – YOU KEEP PUTTING WORDS IN MY MOUTH. I SIMPLY USED "HEARSAY" IN LAY TERMS; WHERE DID I IMPLY OR STATE SOME LEGAL STANDARD?** Such arguments amount to sophistry and deflect, rather than promote clarity.

With respect to RONVCA and its lack of authority to "otherwise interfere in the affairs of individual CAs", my recollection is that in fact this has been attempted on several occasions. This included attempts (unsuccessful) by FONVCA members to remove the CGA from the FONVCA website and a threat made to have me personally removed from the executive board of the CGA. **CAN'T RESPOND TO THIS VAGUE ACCUSATION; AND I QUESTION IT SINCE I KNOW OF NO WAY FONVCA CAN "FIRE" THE HEAD OF A CA; ONLY THE CAs MEMBERS CAN DO THAT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. I DO RECALL YOU BEING ADMONISHED FOR POTENTIALLY VIOLATING THE FONVCA CODE OF CONDUCT. CORRIE AND I BOTH SPOKE TO THAT; PERHAPS OTHERS TOO; I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.**

IF YOU NOTED THE THINGS I HIGHLIGHTED IN RED IN OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE BELOW, I BELIEVE A CASE CAN BE MADE THAT YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE. THE CODE IS ATTACHED; I HIGHLIGHTED IN RED AREAS OF CONCERN.

While you may feel that the existing mandate of FONVCA is adequate to its self-defined task I don't believe it meets the measure that most DNV residents (if they were to know of its existence) would support as being sufficiently rooted in the central practice of democracy. FONVCA itself can have no greater credibility or legitimacy as a voice to the DNV executive than exists within any one of its members. **THAT IS A CALL FOR THE DISTRICT TO MAKE.**

During the Council meeting Dave Stuart referred to the fact that less than half of community associations met the criteria for recognition. It is this level and recognition of accountability and process that led to DNV Council's decision to remove the Administration of any oversight. While this decision was not my preferred course of action, it appears to have been inevitable. As Mr. Stuart recently noted, "Council... directed Mr. Stuart to ask FONVCA if this gatekeeper role was one they wanted to take over. After some discussion the FONVCA Executive declined."

sincerely, Doug

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On 1-Aug-12, at 11:26 AM, John Hunter wrote:

Doug

I see little point in continuing to run in circles with you. We have been over this before in FONVCA meetings and via e-mail. In my view, you either cannot hear what we have told you repeatedly, or you refuse to or are unable to comprehend what FONVCA has told you, or FONVCA (and I) continue to say it in an incomprehensible manner; yet each of the other folks at FONVCA meetings seems to understand the position FONVCA is taking on its role and mandate, and why – and these people are far from what your model seems to be. It does not mean all agree (although that is my sense other than you and perhaps yours, they do), but at least we do not have to repeat it many times with still no apparent understanding of FONVCA's position which has been explained to you verbally and in writing. It seems clear to me that you have a model in your mind of FONVCA's role, power, authority, jurisdiction, and authority which may be wonderful in the ideal world, but it does not match reality or practical circumstances.

My comments are in **bold CAPS** below in your text, plus the comments above and below.

I trust you will circulate my response to anyone you copied on your e-mail (below) to me. I plan to copy your CA members and FONVCA, and Dave Stuart. Let me know if you have a problem with this.

JOHN

From: Douglas Curran [<mailto:dougcurran@shaw.ca>]

Sent: July 28, 2012 8:13 PM

To: John Hunter

Subject: Your comments to Council on July 23 / An essential point and misperceived statements

John,

At the July 23rd Council meeting you made some remarks regarding the recent decision by Council to remove DNV Administration from any form of accrediting or oversight of community associations. In your comments you referred obliquely to being aware of 'some conflict between two associations in the west' or something very close to those words. **CAN'T RECALL RE CONFLICT ISSUE, BUT MY KEY POINT WAS REGARDING COUNCIL'S FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH CAs AND FONVCA. ON REFLECTION, THEY PROBABLY HAD A VALID REASON TO HOLD THE MEETING IN CAMERA.**

In fact, what needs to be noted, especially as it bears directly on Council's decision, is that any conflict that arose was not between associations, but was **in fact a problem of an association executive and its own members over issues of democratic process.** The seeds of that conflict saw the emergence of (initially) the South of Fullerton Area Residents and as a result of widening support for SOFAR, the emergence and establishing of the Capilano Gateway Association/CGA. **THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE; SINCE I WAS NOT IN THE IN-CAMERA MEETING, I DO NOT KNOW IF YOUR ISSUE "BEARS DIRECTLY".**

Below are a selection of quotes from community members to the former executive which clearly illustrate the degree to which many members requests of their executive failed to elicit the level of response one would expect of an community association within the lines of accountability as articulated and anticipated by the DNV's criteria for community associations. **THIS IS ALL HEARSAY- ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS CARRY NO WEIGHT – AND IN ANY EVENT THIS ISSUE IS IRRELEVANT FROM FONVCA’S PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF FONVCA ACTION RE THIS SPECIFIC CA. SEE COMMENTS ON FONVCA MANDATE BELOW.**

PLEASE NOTE PARTICULARLY THE THIRD SENTENCE BELOW (UNDERLINED BY ME): “FONVCA'S MANDATE IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS. FURTHERMORE, THE FEDERATION IS A FORUM FOR THE COMMON CONCERNS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND ITS PURPOSE IS TO STRENGTHEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE. FULL AUTONOMY OF EACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS TO BE MAINTAINED”.

DOUG, AS WE HAVE TOLD YOU, FONVCA HAS NEITHER THE MANDATE, THE JURISDICTION, THE AUTHORITY, NOR THE RESOURCES TO POLICE OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF INDIVIDUAL CAs. IN FACT, AS IN THE UNDERLINE ABOVE, OUR MANDATE EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITS THAT.

IN HINDSIGHT, IN MY VIEW, WE SHOULD NOT IN OUR PROCEDURES HAVE REFERRED TO “FONVCA Criteria for Official Recognition of a Community Association” BECAUSE THEY ARE FUNDAMENTALLY DNV CRITERIA, DEVELOPED WITH THE AID OF FONVCA, AND THE DNV HAD SOME POWER TO ENFORCE THEM IF THEY WISHED; WE HAVE NONE AND UNDER OUR “MANDATE” CANNOT IN ANY EVENT IN MY OPINION.

The fact that the former executive members failed to recognize the most basic elements of democratic process - not to mention the **complicity** FONVCA itself in this **prolonged illegitimacy** - does no credit to either of these long-established community bodies. The failure to act within a democratic framework eventually left Council in an untenable position and with no taste for imposing rules that were not supported by many community associations **ANOTHER VAGUE ACCUSATION AGAINST UNIDENTIFIED PARTIES (“FORMER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS”; “MANY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS”)** who showed little support for responsible and appropriate process and the basic rights of the DNV citizenry. **NO IDEA WHAT THE ALLEGED “COMPLICITY” OF FONVCA WAS. VAGUE ACCUSATION.**

CAO Dave Stuart's comments that more than half of community associations failed to meet the established minimum criteria for operations further **called into question**

the credibility of FONVCA, since naturally, if the associations operating under the general umbrella of FONVCA are failing to adhere these criteria, who do community associations truly "represent"? **SAME OLD CHESTNUT. SEE ABOVE RE FONVCA'S MANDATE, JURISDICTION, ETC**

At this juncture FONVCA has in its present form, shown itself to be less than capable of being **granted the power and authority of overseeing the operations of community associations** and through that, to safeguard the primary rights of the individual citizen as paramount. **DOUG, CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT FONVCA'S MANDATE?????** I am still baffled that **community members such as yourself consistently failed to recognize the arbitrary and authoritarian nature of the operation of some community associations.**

THIS IS RIDICULOUS – I DO NOT ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS AND KNEW NOTHING OF THIS AND I DO NOT KNOW IF FONVCA DID EITHER; AND IF WE DID, WE HAVE NO POWER, AUTHORITY, OR JURISDICTION TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. PART OF MANDATE: “FULL AUTONOMY OF EACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS TO BE MAINTAINED”.

This decision by Council - although not my personal preferred option - is the legacy of avoiding the sometimes uncomfortable but necessary process of democracy. **SINCE THE MEETING WAS IN CAMERA, I DO NOT KNOW WHY COUNCIL MADE THEIR DECISION. APPARENTLY YOU DO?**

In the future it would be more helpful if you were able to frame your remarks around this subject with the appropriate reference of democratic principles and not make the mistaken and oft-repeated reference to a conflict between associations. **I WILL NOT DIGNIFY THIS COMMENT WITH A RESPONSE.**

Below is a sample of various comments made by community members, seeking responsible democratic leadership. To date none of these requests have been answered. **NO IDEA TO WHOM THEY WERE ADDRESSED AND IN ANY EVENT THEY ARE ANONYMOUS. THEY MAY BE FICTION – WHO KNOWS? BUT AGAIN IT IS IRRELEVANT TO FONVCA FOR THE REASONS GIVEN EARLIER.** The community has moved on, and so apparently, has DNV Council.

DOUG, YOU CAN, I HOPE, SEE WHY THIS DEBATE IS FUTILE. YOU SEEM TO HAVE A VISION OF FONVCA AS AN ORGANIZATION WITH RESOURCES, MANDATES, JURISDICTION, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY OVER INDIVIDUAL CAs THAT DO NOT EXIST. YOU THEN ACCUSE FONVCA OF FAILING TO PERFORM DUTIES THAT IN FACT FONVCA DOES NOT HAVE. AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE ON THAT PATH, I DO NOT SEE HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FONVCA.

YOU COULD TRY THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS YOURSELF AND TRY TO CONVINCe FONVCA OF THE WISDOM OF YOUR VISION, AFTER

WHICH (ASSUMING AGREEMENT WITHIN FONVCA) WE WOULD PRESUMABLY APPROACH THE DNV AND ASK FOR RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH OUR NEW MANDATE. WE WOULD ALSO NEED DNV TO GRANT US THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION YOU SEEM TO THINK FONVCA ALREADY HAS. UNLESS YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS, AND UNLESS YOU CAN GET DNV AND FONVCA ON SIDE, I SUGGEST YOU DROP THE ACCUSATIONS AND RECRIMINATIONS AND MOVE ON TO A FRUITFUL ASSOCIATION AS PART OF FONVCA, OR ALTERNATIVELY, RESIGN FROM FONVCA SINCE YOU APPARENTLY THINK SO BADLY OF IT.

LET ME BE CLEAR THAT I AM SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, NOT FONVCA, AND THESE ARE MERELY MY OPINIONS.

John Hunter

sincerely, Doug

Sent 11-Mar-2010

"...my wife and I are surprised that you have not come forward with clear ideas and suggestions that would help shape and modify the (local OCP) plan to everyone's benefit."

Sent 16 Sept 2010

"...I don't agree with your statement that "many residents" did not support any of these designs set out by the residents of this area at the Tuesday meeting. Its comments like this that is divisive and misleading to the residents at large."

Sent 9-Nov-2010 to a DNV councillor

"In her opposition to ideas that vary from her own, she has substituted her unwillingness to contemplate change for her need for control of the community. In doing so she seems prepared to have the whole community pay the price for her determination to be the sole voice of the community."

Sent 17-Jan-2011

"I have not had any response from you to my January 14th email (copied below), requesting that a date be set for the 2011 Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association AGM.

I would refer you to the [LGNA's October 16, 1996 application](#) to the District of North Vancouver for registered community association status. Section 9 of this document outlines the process by which residents may bring concerns to the Association. Following the wording of this document, I am making a repeat "request a meeting on issue".

Sent 26-Jan-2010

"To date the AGM has been requested numerous times and these requests have been ignored. This does not serve the interests of the community and has the potential to divide us. I put forward my name to be included with a group of concerned members of the LGNA, who decided to set our own date for the AGM as Tuesday, February the 1st. We are fully prepared to move forward on this date. However, we also wish for you to do what is right and call the AGM of your own accord."

Sent 17-Nov-11

"It is not acceptable for you to send an email to us undersigned as the president for LGNA. You have not held elections and do not have an elected mandate from this community."

Sent 11-Mar-2012

"Many within our community question how you can perceive yourself in an active role, relative to "Lions Gate", as that organization has not held a meeting since September 2010, nor an AGM for more than two years...It can not be expected for residents to stand silently by as you further purloin and repeatedly abuse their rights. We do not recognize you or the former association you lay claim to."

Sent 12-Apr-12

"...it is not appropriate for you to sign yourself as the President of the Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association. This is not a title that is bestowed on you for life just because you once held that position. It is important that in your dealings with the District, they understand that you speak as an individual, not as an representative of the community."

Sent 12-Apr-2012

"While your involvement in previous years Cathy has always been appreciated by us, it is time to move on which you seem to have difficulty doing. I notice once again you are representing yourself as being the President of the Lions Gate Neighbourhood Assoc. Since we have not had an election for the last 2 years or more, I find it disturbing that you would continue to do so under this pretence."

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Subject: Fwd: I just saw this on North Shore News
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 22/07/2012 2:42 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: I just saw this on North Shore News
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2012 16:20:30 -0400
From: wendyquresh@shaw.ca
To: fonvca@fonvca.org

Dear fonvca@fonvca.org,

Your friend wendyquresh@shaw.ca thought you might be interested in this link:

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/Undefended+boarders/6971693/story.html>

They also left you these comments:

I find it interesting that the NSN published this letter and you decided not to put it on your website.

This is a free service courtesy of
The North Shore News (<http://www.nsnews.com>)

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/Undefended+boarders/6971693/story.html>

Undefended boarders

BY WENDY QURESHI, NORTH SHORE NEWS JULY 22, 2012

Dear Editor:

I write in response to your front page story in July 13's North Shore News (District Bans Longboards on Skyline).

Your photo of two young longboarders says it all. These people are often in a low position on their boards on district thoroughfares. They cannot be seen by drivers.

It is a safety issue for all concerned, and I think the DNV should ban it throughout the municipality.

Wendy Qureshi North Vancouver

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Fwd: I just saw this on North Shore News

Subject: Fwd: I just saw this on North Shore News

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Date: 24/07/2012 2:28 PM

To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: I just saw this on North Shore News

Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2012 02:39:01 -0400

From: wendyquresh@shaw.ca

To: fonvca@fonvca.org

Dear fonvca@fonvca.org,

Your friend wendyquresh@shaw.ca thought you might be interested in this link:

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/Undefended+boarders/6971693/story.html>

They also left you these comments:

Corrie, you still don't have it. Wendy

This is a free service courtesy of
The North Shore News (<http://www.nsnews.com>)

24/07/2012 2:42 PM

Subject: Article of interest

From: Irwin Jerome <jerome_irwin@yahoo.com>

Date: 15/08/2012 6:33 AM

To: "fonvca@fonvca.org" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

CC: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Another food for thought article of interest to North Shore residents.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Growth+choice+destiny/7081318/story.html>

Subject: FW: Re: Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions

From: "John Hunter" <hunterjohn@telus.net>

Date: 29/08/2012 9:45 AM

To: "FONVCA" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>, "Bill Tracey DNV" <wrtracey@telus.net>, "Councillor Alan Nixon DNV" <anixon@dnv.org>, "Councillor Doug Mackay-Dunn" <dmackay-dunn@dnv.org>, "Councillor Mike Little" <mlittle@dnv.org>, "Councillor Robin Hicks" <rhicks@dnv.org>, "Councillor Roger Bassam" <rbassam@dnv.org>, "Councilor Lisa Muri DNV" <lmuri@dnv.org>, "Mayor Richard Walton" <rwalton@dnv.org>

CC: "Denton, Rick \ (North Vancouver)" <Rick.Denton@canexus.ca>

I believe the information below may be useful to you.

Rick May I suggest you have April issue it to CAP about the same time.

Cheers

John

From: Denton, Rick (North Vancouver) [mailto:Rick.Denton@canexus.ca]

Sent: August 29, 2012 9:32 AM

To: John Hunter

Subject: RE: Re: Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions

Hi John,

Thanks for your note and call from yesterday.

Yes, you can certainly share the information below with FONVCA and Council and I sincerely appreciate your doing so..

Unfortunately the actual advertisement content, format, and such is set by Metro Vancouver. We recognized the optics of the data as presented being of possible concern in interpretation and hopefully with follow-up communications with all concerned the facts can help explain the matter.

Interesting thought on the total % increase vs. the airshed. This is something we will follow back up with Metro Vancouver who may have enough information to put this in perspective for the airshed.

Regards,
Rick

From: John Hunter [mailto:hunterjohn@telus.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 9:22 AM

To: Denton, Rick (North Vancouver)

Subject: FW: Re: Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions

May I share your info below with FONVCA and Council?

John

From: Denton, Rick (North Vancouver) [<mailto:Rick.Denton@canexus.ca>]
Sent: August 28, 2012 2:07 PM
To: John Hunter
Subject: RE: Re: Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions

Hi John,

I hope you have had a good summer.

Per your e-mail below:

1) April had distributed the draft meeting notes to myself and the other CAP companies in mid July. I had confirmed the meeting minutes before the end of July for our company, but I believe she may have had issues getting all of the company responses due to vacations. She was also awaiting the National Advisory Panel meeting notes so that she could include them as a package.

2) With regards to the emissions and notice in the North Shore News this week, your point on sharing this in advance with the CAP is a good one and one that we will commit to in the future. While I have been discussing the Acid Growth Project at all meetings the past while which precipitated this licence amendment process, I should have shared the specific information that would be publicly advertised as follows:

- Canexus is adding two new emission points which represent the two new Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) Synthesis units. The changes to the emission values for Chlorine and Hydrogen Chloride are directly related to these added process units and represent small changes in total.

- The permit amendment underway was precipitated by the above HCl plant changes. The remaining changes to the emissions included in the public advertisement relate to our steam generation on-site. As part of our Technology Conversion Project (TCP) completed in 2010 we had planned to discontinue the operation of the two large, 1957 original steam boilers with the addition of a new, smaller and more efficient package boiler. The plant's air emission values were then amended downwards to much lower levels as part of that conversion process.

- Due to a combination of factors that have resulted in the new boiler being unable to sustain full plant operation until we make additional process changes, we have had to continue to operate one of the two original boilers. We anticipate that this will be the case for as much as the next two years as the main changes required are quite extensive.

- The old boiler is not able to produce low levels of Nitrogen Oxides as can the new one, thereby the emissions of this parameter in particular is higher than the permit is currently stated at and therefore we have requested that the permit be amended to allow continued operation of the old boiler. The values noted in the advertisement show a large increase in Nitrogen Oxides, but by comparison are still well below historical actual emissions. With the TCP completion we are currently operating only one of the two original boilers at a rate that is less than 45% of the pre TCP levels. The emission levels noted are therefore well below what they were prior to May, 2010 when we shutdown the old process units and converted the plant.

- We have also reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions by more than 80% during this same time through the reduced energy use coupled with high utilization of hydrogen fuel as opposed to natural gas.

- In summary, the majority of the changes to the emission totals within the notice in the paper is with regards to continued operation of one of our old boilers for the near term until we make further process improvements and that these emissions are still well below the pre-TCP levels.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call to discuss in more detail at 604-924-2800.

Regards,
Rick

From: John Hunter [<mailto:hunterjohn@telus.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 10:15 AM
To: Denton, Rick (North Vancouver)
Subject: FW: Re: Canexus proposes to ~ quadruple emissions

Hi Rick

Two things:

- We still have not received the minutes of the last CAP meeting.
- Should this not be sent to CAP and be on the CAP agenda?

Thanks

John Hunter, P. Eng.

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Cell Phone: 778-928-4436

From Page A42 of North Shore News Sunday August 26/2012

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT Canexus Chemicals Canada Limited Partnership of Suite 2100, 144 – 4th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3N4 applies to the Greater Vancouver Regional District ("Metro Vancouver") pursuant to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008 for an amendment to their Permit GVA0010:

1. The purpose of this application is to request the following changes to a permit for a Chlor-Alkali Manufacturing Plant located at 100 Amherst Avenue, North Vancouver, BC V7H 1S4:

The plant has recently undergone a major technological upgrade, however continues to discharge emissions from the processing of chlorine gas, production of hydrochloric acid, and combustion of hydrogen and natural gas. The facility proposes to install and operate two additional hydrochloric acid production units. The facility also intends to operate the Number 1 hydrogen/natural gas boiler on a continuous basis due to limited capacity issues associated with the new Number 3 hydrogen boiler.
2. The characteristics of the emissions in specific terms including the content of potential pollution causing substances expressed in metric scientific units is as follows:
 - a. Combustion processes: Primary fuel – Hydrogen; Secondary fuel – Natural Gas;
 - b. Maximum Opacity: 5 Percent;
 - c. No odours shall be detected beyond the plant boundary such that the District Director determines that air pollution has occurred.
3. The volume of material to be discharged, emitted or stored (per specific time period) is as follows:
 - a. Total Maximum Potential Rate of Discharge:

Before: 800 m³/min at STP (STP = 20°C, 760 mm Hg) from a total of 8 sources.
 After: 1400 m³/min at STP (STP = 20°C, 760 mm Hg) from a total of 10 sources.
 - b. Maximum Potential Duration of Operation:

Before: 8,760 hours/year.
 After: 8,760 hours/year.

Total Emissions from All Sources Based on Requested Limits and or Estimates*

Contaminant	Emissions (tonnes/year)*	Emissions (tonnes/year)*
	Before	After
Particulate Matter	0.67	0.67
Nitrogen Oxides	30	145
Sulphur Oxides	0.06	0.10
Volatile Organic Compounds	0.15	0.60
Ammonia	0.10	1.00
Carbon Monoxide	5.00	10.00
Chlorine	0.71	0.87
Hydrogen Chloride	0.21	0.42
Total	36.90	158.66

*Detailed methods for calculating emissions are contained in the full application document.

This Notice is published pursuant to the *Environmental Management Act*, the *Public Notification Regulation* and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008. A person who may be adversely affected by the granting or amending of the permit, approval or operational certificate described in this notice may, **within 30 days of its publication, notify Metro Vancouver's District Director in writing stating how that person is affected.** The District Director may take into consideration any information received after 30 days only if the District Director has not made a decision on the permit, approval or operational certificate.

Please note that submissions in response to this notice may be made available to the public as part of the public record, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Metro Vancouver
 Attention: Ray Robb, District Director
 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby BC V5H 4G8

Phone: (604) 432-6200 Fax: (604) 436-6707
 Email: regulationenforcement@metrovancover.org



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Subject: Fwd: Tax Exemption for Churches
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 31/08/2012 4:56 PM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Tax Exemption for Churches
Date: Fri, 31 Aug 2012 16:13:19 -0700
From: John Hunter <hunterjohn@telus.net>
To: 'Councillor Alan Nixon DNV' <anixon@dnv.org>, Councillor Doug Mackay-Dunn <dmackay-dunn@dnv.org>, Councillor Mike Little <mittle@dnv.org>, Councillor Robin Hicks <rhicks@dnv.org>, Councillor Roger Bassam <rbassam@dnv.org>, 'Councilor Lisa Muri DNV' <lmuri@dnv.org>, Mayor Richard Walton <rwalton@dnv.org>
CC: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

I see several churches are proposing opposing the oil sands pipelines, Israeli settlements, etc.

Why are we giving permissive tax exemptions to groups who are becoming increasingly political?

John Hunter

Subject: Fwd: Reminder: TransLink - Join the conversation
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 05/09/2012 11:42 AM
To: "k >> Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Reminder: TransLink - Join the conversation
Date: Wed, 05 Sep 2012 18:08:34 +0000
From: Lillyman, Kristin <Kristin.Lillyman@Translink.ca>
To: 'Brian Platts' <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Reminder: Join the conversation as we tackle transportation challenges in our 2013 Plan

Dear Brian Platts,

This is a reminder that your organization has been invited to take part in our transportation planning discussion. Over the coming months TransLink will complete an update to its 3-Year Transportation Plan which also includes an Outlook for the next 7 years. Included in this plan is how we prioritize projects and what will be delivered in the coming years. It also provides our financial plan, including funding sources, revenue projections and expenditures.

To learn about the current challenges and provide your input to this plan:

Host a Transportation Community Forum anytime between September 24th and October 5th - contact Kristin Lillyman by Monday 12th September 2012. Call 604 453 4687 or email Kristin.lillyman@translink.ca to set up the forum.

All you need is a gathering of between 10 and 20 people and together we will set up a meeting time; you provide the space – we provide the coffee.

At these sessions, participants will:

- Learn about our plan and current challenges
- Find out about how TransLink is doing business differently
- Have an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the plan

We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Kristin Lillyman

Community Relations Coordinator

604 453 4687

Kristin.lillyman@translink.ca<mailto:Kristin.lillyman@translink.ca>.

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Subject: Fwd: FW: Cigarette Butts at Waterfront
From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>
Date: 07/09/2012 11:45 AM
To: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: FW: Cigarette Butts at Waterfront
Date: Fri, 07 Sep 2012 09:50:48 -0700
From: Elise Roberts <eliseroberts@shaw.ca>
To: fonvca@fonvca.org

*From:*Elise Roberts [<mailto:eliseroberts@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 9:48 AM
To: 'info@lowerlonsdalebusinessassociation.com'
Subject: FW: Cigarette Butts at Waterfront

*From:*Elise Roberts [<mailto:eliseroberts@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 9:47 AM
To: 'admin@nvchamber.ca'
Subject: FW: Cigarette Butts at Waterfront

*From:*Elise Roberts [<mailto:eliseroberts@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 9:43 AM
To: 'Pam Bookham (Councillor)'
Cc: 'council@cnv.org'
Subject: Cigarette Butts at Waterfront

Hello Councilor Pam Bookham,

My good friend and anti-litter colleague Jackie Newman will be contacting you regarding the growing number of cigarette butts and litter on the ground in the Lower Lonsdale and Waterfront Shipyard Area. She picked up hundreds of butts last week between the water and the Pinnacle Hotel. Sadly the anti-smoking bylaws are creating a problem with cigarette butts because of the lack of ashtrays in these high traffic areas, sidewalk coffee shops and waterfront restaurants. There is also a growing collection of litter on the rocks around the new restaurant around the trees, on the shoreline rocks etc.

Previously, I sent you information on the harm of butts to the environment, including the ocean which is immediately adjacent to this location. They are designed to accumulate toxins and are very harmful to fish, birds and other marine wildlife and they take 10 years to breakdown. And when they do there are tiny particles of plastic in them. It is unacceptable to me that the engineering department allows so much harmful to collect and that there is no anti-litter messaging anywhere in public areas or on the City web site.

One of the goals of PAL (People Against Litter) our anti-litter group in the in North Vancouver District, is to advocate for permanent post style ashtrays in public areas where butts are found. There are bylaws in place for local businesses to clean up areas around their building, but it appears they are not being enforced. What use is a bylaw without enforcement to give it "teeth"? Why should enforcement depend on complaints from citizens? Perhaps a position should be created in the City to specifically monitor the growing accumulation of litter.

Could you please discuss this problem with City of North Vancouver Resident Jackie Newman who has been picking up litter in that location for many years. I will be touring the area with her sometime next week to take photographs.

Thank you very much,

Elise Roberts

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/story.html?id=6869125>**AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

Businesses struggle with high tax bills

Municipalities argue they have no control of soaring assessments

BY JANE SEYD, NORTH SHORE NEWS JULY 1, 2012

AS the property tax deadline looms on Tuesday, at least one North Vancouver business owner says her tax increases have become unacceptably high.

"I usually budget a three to five per cent increase," said Sheila Roote, whose company owns and manages three warehouse buildings on Roosevelt Crescent, in addition to managing two similar buildings on Churchill Crescent. But this year, when she opened the tax notices, Roote said she was shocked to see an increase of anywhere from seven to 15 per cent.

"I thought I'd see an increase. I just wasn't expecting that big an increase," she said.

Roote said those increases are passed directly on to tenants - including a non-profit group that provides services for residents with special needs.

Now they - and the other tenants - are being stuck with an unexpected extra bill that's increasingly difficult for them to absorb, said Roote.

"For one of our tenants, it translated into a bill of more than \$4,000," she said.

Roote's tax notice for one of the properties her company owns on Roosevelt Crescent showed total property tax - including those collected for other agencies like the provincial school tax and levies collected for Metro Vancouver - jumped over \$2,400, from \$23,993 to \$26,398 between 2011 and 2012 - an increase of 10 per cent.

The District of North Vancouver taxes made up about half of that bill.

In the past four years the total tax bill for the property has gone up \$6,817 - a more than 34 per cent increase from 2008.

Roote said water and sewer charges have skyrocketed and businesses are also being charged for services like fire inspections.

Recently, Roote wrote to the District of North Vancouver, protesting what she described as the runaway taxes and fees on commercial and industrial buildings.

Roote said if the cost of doing business becomes too great on the North Shore, businesses will be forced to move elsewhere.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business shares Roote's concerns that local business is shouldering an unfair share of the tax burden, pointing out recently that businesses pay between two and five times the property tax of residential properties, but frequently don't get the same services.

The business group singled out both North Vancouver municipalities as charging businesses property

tax rates at what it described as unacceptably high levels compared to residential tax.

According to the business group, most municipalities across B.C. pay property tax rates of about 2.78 times that of residential owners.

In the District of North Vancouver, however, businesses - which fork over about 17 per cent of the taxes in the municipality - pay almost 3.6 times the rate of residential properties.

Roote acknowledged the major factor in her own tax increase is the soaring assessed value of her property.

The Roosevelt Crescent property, for instance, increased in value from \$1.12 million in 2008 to \$1.57 million in 2012 - an almost 45 per cent hike. In the past year, that property has gone up 14 per cent in value.

That compares to an increase of 16 per cent for that property type as a whole between 2008 and 2012 and of six per cent in the past year.

Nicole Deveaux, director of finance for the district, said that's not something the municipality can address.

If a property rises in value much faster than similarly classified land, that owner will end up paying higher taxes.

The only way around that is to appeal the value of the land to the assessment authority directly.

Roote said she didn't do that because she didn't think she'd be successful - assessed values for the entire neighbourhood have gone up.

Deveaux said the district has been paying attention to what business owners are saying - and trying to make the tax burden fairer between different classes of taxpayers.

The business tax rate itself - the amount charged per \$1,000 of property value - is now below the average charged across Metro Vancouver, she said.

Deveaux said the other thing taxpayers sometimes overlook is that almost half of their property tax bill is made of collections for other governments, not set by the municipality.

"That's the part that we constantly try to explain," said Deveaux.

Deveaux said pencil sharpening at district hall over the past few years reduced costs by about \$4 million, saving taxpayers what could have been an approximately six per cent increase.

"We've been tightening our belts, just like the rest of the world," she said.

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REALLY? Let's look at Yearly Salaries/Benefits and Net Taxes Collected for Municipal Purposes

2011	\$64,867,311	\$79,496,497
2010	\$62,867,311	\$76,613,343
2009	\$60,885,794	\$73,915,542
2008	\$58,399,241	\$70,908,057
2007	\$52,546,310	\$67,666,875
2006	\$50,694,834	\$64,613,372
2005	\$47,110,048	\$61,207,566

Salaries/Municipal Taxes increased 38/30% over the 6 years (with net population increase about 1% and CPI increased 10% over same period)

Subject: Public Hearing Submissions

From: Natasha Letchford <letchfordn@dnv.org>

Date: 25/06/2012 2:22 PM

To: "corrie@kost.ca" <corrie@kost.ca>

CC: James Gordon <gordonj@dnv.org>, David Stuart <StuartD@dnv.org>

Good afternoon Dr. Kost;

I understand from David Stuart that FONCVA was interested in seeing a complete package of the information that Council receives and considers during the Public Hearing process. We currently do capture all of the various letters and submissions Council receives and incorporate those in our agendas which are circulated publically via our website: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5348> . A good example to review is the Public Hearing agenda and agenda addendum for the May 15th Public Hearings: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5348&c=552> . In addition, we maintain a "Public Hearing Binder" at the Clerk's counter which is updated regularly with submissions and is available for any member of the public to review. As you know, submissions received after the close of the public hearing are not included in the documents that Council considers.

A previous example of a public hearing where there was a significant amount of public hearing submissions received both before and during the public hearing is from June 14 2011 regarding the zoning amendment prohibiting the sale, distribution, and dispensing of cannabis: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5028&c=552> .

We are continually improving our process to ensure that the material that Council receives as part of the public hearing process is also readily available for the public.

Regards,
Natasha

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Three Golden Rules For Discussion

There are two key facts to keep in mind when planning for discussion of issues at any meeting:

- Discussion in a group setting is different from ordinary conversation.
- Following some simple rules makes discussion better.

We are so casual today, and so committed to inclusiveness, that people are reluctant to set limits on one another. No one wants to be authoritarian or arbitrary. The result is that group discussions sometimes go on too long, wander all around the subject, don't give everyone a chance to speak, fail to come to a conclusion, or feel like a waste of time. Paradoxically, in seeking to be fair, an unfair situation can be created.

If a group agrees to some simple rules, and if the group leader is willing and able to enforce them, discussion will go much better.

In our experience, there are three "Golden Rules" for discussion:

- 1) Courtesy is required at all times.
- 2) Discussion of other members' motives is never allowed.
- 3) No one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once.

1. Courtesy is required at all times.

This is a minimum and must be insisted on. A free and fair discussion in which people feel safe to express their true views depends on being polite to one another. When members are allowed to make personal attacks, to use violent language, or to rant at meetings, the emotional temperature goes up and people start to hunker down. True exploration of the issues then suffers and ill feelings are created.

2. Discussion of other members' motives is never allowed.

In an effective group, people talk about the issues, not about other members' motives. This is a very powerful rule, since in fact, we can never truly know what another person's motives are. We may think we know, but that is not the same.

3. No one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once.

This rule is so simple, and yet is seldom applied. In most groups, people who are extroverts by nature and like to talk, or members who have been around for a long time, feel that they have a privileged right to speak. They often dominate the conversation. Yet introverted members, people who are shy and reluctant to express their views, have just as much a right to speak as extroverts. They may offer

insights that the group needs. Newcomers bring a valuable perspective that could provide a way out of difficulties. A group that sticks to this rule will find that discussion is more productive and also more efficient.

Each of these rules is supported by *Robert's Rules of Order*, the most common authority for meetings used by voluntary groups in this country. See the following excerpts:

When a question is pending, a member can condemn the nature or likely consequences of the proposed measure in strong terms, but he must avoid personalities, and under no circumstances can he attack or question the motives of another member. The measure, not the member, is the subject of debate.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition, p. 392

No member who has already had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question is entitled to it again on the same day for debate on the same question so long as any member who has not spoken on that question claims the floor.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition, p. 379

An effective group leader will take these three golden rules to heart. At the start of a meeting, she will propose that the group adopt these rules. During the meeting, she will be alert and ready to speak up the minute anyone violates them. Without fear or favoritism, she will ensure that everyone has a chance to speak freely on a subject, before a second round of comments is undertaken. She will maintain an inner calm and focus, listening to each speaker in turn as if there were no one else in the room.

If the meeting is a large or formal assembly, there are other rules that a group using *Robert's Rules of Order* must follow. For any group, no matter what its size, its purpose, or its customs, these three rules will ensure better discussion and better decision-making.

Three Golden Rules
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Guidelines for Good Discussions in Casual Groups

Many of our groups spend more time than they would like in discussion. Seeking consensus, people sometimes end up feeling that their time has been wasted and that little progress has been made. These guidelines offer a simple and effective way to increase the impact of your discussions and use everyone's time to best effect. You may modify them as needed.

Please note that these guidelines apply to groups which are voluntary associations in which each member has equal standing and one vote. They are not designed for the workplace or for accountability hierarchies like the military or the judiciary.

All guidelines adopted by your group must be in harmony with the laws of the state in which your group is organized and, if applicable, your bylaws.

GUIDELINES

1. The presider (group-appointed leader) runs our meetings, ensures a fair process, maintains clarity, and helps our group observe its guidelines. The presider is not in charge of decision-making; rather, our group as a whole is responsible for making our decisions.
2. Members have a right to information to help make decisions.
3. Each member of the group will have an equal chance to contribute to discussions. To ensure this, no one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once.
4. Courtesy and respect for others are always required.
5. Discussion of other members' motives is never allowed.
6. We do not allow sidebar conversations such as whispering.

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7. CHOOSE ONE:

We do not allow text messaging, instant messaging, checking email, viewing Internet sites, playing video games, posting to social networking sites or using a cell phone or PDA.	Use of electronic devices must not disrupt the meeting nor distract the participants. Members who have urgent electronic business to transact will leave the room.
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8. Discussion must be relevant to the topic at hand.
9. Proposals for action that take more than ten words to be expressed will be written down, given to the presider, and read aloud before they are discussed and decided upon.
10. We will try to make decisions by consensus and will vote if we are unable to reach consensus.
11. Members with minority views have the full right to their opinions. Recognizing that diversity of thought is essential for good decision-making, our group will not exert psychological pressure towards conformity.
12. When voting, a majority vote (more than half of those voting in favor) is necessary for approval. Members may abstain from voting, and abstentions will not be counted. Proxy voting is not allowed.

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AGENDA ITEM 8.1 (a)**RATEPAYERS / COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FORMS BELOW**[Bookmark this page](#)**How to establish a Ratepayers/Community Association in the City of Markham:**

To register: Complete the following PDF documents with the required information and deliver by postal mail or in person to the Clerks Department, City of Markham, 101 Town Centre Blvd., Markham, ON L3R 9W3.

Note: A minimum of 10 households is required to be a recognized/eligible association for representation. To be included in the City's official registry, groups must register on an annual basis (each year) with the City of Markham.

Tip: Forms below can be completed electronically as a PDF fillable form, however they must be printed and submitted by postal mail or hand delivered to the address above.

- [Ratepayers/Community Association Registration Application](#) (📄 33k/2p)
- [Membership Listing](#) (📄 21k/1p)
- [Attendance at Annual Meeting](#) (📄 21k/1p)
- [Registered Ratepayers/Community Association - Policy](#) (📄 18k/1p)
- [Registered Ratepayers/Community Association - Rights & Responsibilities](#) (📄 18k/1p)
- ["SAMPLE" Constitution for Ratepayers Association](#) (📄 15k/2p)