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First, let me congratulate you on your website. ([www.fonvca.org](http://www.fonvca.org))

The Mayor of North Saanich on Vancouver Island has suggested that the various community organizations either amalgamate or form some sort of an umbrella group or federation so that Council can better communicate with citizens and associations. A gentleman at the meeting was from North Vancouver and suggested FONVCA as a possible model.

Could you answer some questions?:

1. Are there any members, directly, or is the FONVCA strictly an umbrella group?
2. Does the FONVCA have a budget for communications, notices of meetings, newsletters etc. and if so, how is the money raised? Direct fees to members of associations? A *pro rata* share of the fees of individual associations, District subsidy (beyond meeting space)?
3. Do individual association members retain the right to make submissions to Council?
4. How do you define the term "consensus"? Can a single member association veto any policy proposal or recommendation going to Council?

Any other advice for us would be appreciated.

Thanks.

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