

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: FONVCA Policy on Posting E-mail]**

**Date:** Fri, 27 Feb 2004 14:56:11 -0800

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject: RE: FONVCA Policy on Posting E-mail**

**Date:** Fri, 27 Feb 2004 08:47:13 -0800

**From:** James Ridge <James\_Ridge@dnv.org>

**To:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**CC:** Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>

Brian,

My sincere thanks to FONVCA for considering my request and acting so quickly. The amendment set out below to your web posting policy is exceptionally welcome and will help strengthen the important relationship between the District Public Service and FONVCA. I expect that some staff will make requests under the new policy in the next few weeks.

I would like to suggest one very minor variation: In addition to 'named third parties', I would personally like to be able to make a request on behalf of the entire District Public Service on the rare occasion that correspondence submitted to your site casts aspersions on the professionalism, competence, or integrity of all 500 District public servants .

Again thank you, and all of FONVCA, for inviting me to your meeting last month and for acting on my request.

Sincerely

James Ridge

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District of North Vancouver

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

**From:** Brian Platts [mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2004 4:42 PM

**To:** James Ridge

**Cc:** FONVCA; DNVCouncil

**Subject:** FONVCA Policy on Posting E-mail

## Federation of North Vancouver

### Community Associations

Dear Mr. Ridge:

Further to the January '04 meeting of the Federation of NV Community Associations, this e-mail is to advise that in light of your stated concerns regarding the posting of e-mail correspondence on our web site, we have since discussed the matter and formulated a formal policy.

As you are aware, FONVCA's practice has been to post all incoming e-mail correspondence under a disclaimer that, *"The web site is intended to promote the free exchange of information and opinions. Content of messages sent for posting should enhance the debate of district issues. Consistent with our disclaimer it should be noted that all correspondence posted ... is the expressed opinion of the writer and not that of FONVCA."* Exceptions are made, however, should an e-mail reference a sensitive legal dispute or contain profanities, personal threats, racial slurs, etc. In any such instance, the e-mail in question is discussed at the next FONVCA meeting whereupon an official decision is made on whether or not to post the article.

With respect to third parties being identified in any e-mail correspondence, it should be noted that FONVCA has never received a request from any named third party that certain e-mail not be posted. In light of your concerns, however, FONVCA has officially adopted a new policy wherein a named third party -- whether it be DNV staff or anyone else -- can request a letter not be posted and that we would consider that request at the next meeting (and in the meantime not

post or unpost it as appropriate).

Sincerely,  
Brian Platts