

Subject: FONVCA Policy on Posting E-mail

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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