



City of New Westminster  
McBride-Sapperton  
Residents' Association

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, September 22, 2005 7:00PM

### 1. MSRA Financial Report

Treasurer Kevin Little presented.

\$700.00 donated to the Richard McBride Playground fund.

Started the year off with \$1360. Lost \$150 on Sapperton Days. Ended the year even. MSRA memberships are now \$5 for each person rather than for a family membership.

### 2. Update on Sapperton Developments

Neil Powell

- San Marino development has been approved but do not have a building permit.
- Copperstone development has been approved but do not have a building permit.
- 200 Keary St development has been approved but do not have a building permit.
- Old Labatt's site is pending demolition.

### 3. Richard McBride PAC

Patrick Harris & Margot Barten from the Richard McBride Elementary School to thank the MSRA for the \$700 donation to the playground fund. They showed an artist rendering of the playground. New equipment will be installed after Thanksgiving and should be ready by Halloween. They are now looking to raise money for the lower playground.

### 4. Sapperton Issues

- The greening of the traffic circles in lower Sapperton will be started within the month.
- Motion was raised to draft a letter to the city in regards to the tree roots lifting up the sidewalks on East Columbia. Neil Powell to write letter.

- A Letter was written by MSRA to the City in regards to the bylaw on nuisance dogs. City has now adopted a new nuisance dog bylaw.
- MSRA has written a letter to the City in regards to why the grass at Sapperton Park has not been upgraded as was recommended previously. We have not had a response yet.
- Concern was mentioned about stray baseballs during baseball games at Sapperton Park being a safety hazard. Someone was hit a few weeks back. A motion was passed to address the safety concerns with the Parks Department with a view to possibly adding safety nets.
- MSRA received a letter of thanks from the Library for the donation of the Sapperton Picture.

## **5. Sapperton Days**

Geoff Pinkerton to continue on as the lead on Sapperton Days.

- All felt that the 2-day format for bicycle festival and Sapperton Family Days worked well.
- Looking to have festival during the Fathers day weekend 2006
- Looking for any and all volunteers to help out.

## **6. New businesses in Sapperton**

Discussion over new businesses in Sapperton

- Quiznos
- Macs Convenience store
- Panago Pizza
- Go Thai Restaurant
- Uniform Shop
- Rookies
- Helen's Deli has new owners

## **7. All candidates meeting for Municipal Election**

Discussion over whether the residence association would host an all candidates meeting for the upcoming municipal elections.

- November 10, 2005 is available as a date for the meeting.
- Location needs to be determined.
- Neil Powell will check with other resident association in order to coordinate a meeting.

## **8. Sapperton Rovers**

- List of their games are on their website and community paper
- Very active in the community

- Donated their time and money to the Sapperton Pensioners Hall.

## 9. Community Policing

- New Westminster Police strategies have been presented to the city for the next year. They should be on the City's webpage shortly. The Police are looking for input from the Residence Associations. Will put as an agenda item for next Public meeting so people will have an opportunity to look over.
- The Community Policing Organization will be writing a letter to the new Solicitor General in regards to the traffic fine money returned to the City. They are writing to get clarification on what the money is supposed to be used for as the City has rolled the money into general revenues. It was thought that the money was supposed to be earmarked for Policing Services.
- Dial-a-Dopers have been seen in the Lower Sapperton area. Residents were asked to keep watch for such activities and to contact the Police non-emergency number with any details or descriptions they had.

## 10. Other Business

- Transport Canada has written to the City with safety concerns over the Bailey bridge on Braid St. The City is considering making Braid St. one-way out of the city at this point to alleviate their concerns.
- Neighbourhood Speed Bump program has been passed by City Council. Residents may now pay for the speed bumps on their street if a majority of the residents agree.
- The Fireside Liquor Store was shoplifted in recently. There is concern about the temporary signage as well as increased traffic on Kelly St.

## 11. Election of Directors

Councillors Casey Cook & Lori Williams volunteered to run the elections. None of the Directors nominated were contested.

Elected were:

President: Neil Powell  
 Vice President: Geoff Pinkerton  
 Secretary: Dave Mullane  
 Treasurer: Kevin Little  
 Traffic Council: Ken McKintosh  
 Heritage & Signage: Peter Van Garderen  
 Directors at Large: Starla Kingston

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