



City of New Westminster
McBride-Sapperton
Residents' Association

Public Meeting Minutes

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Date of Meeting: Thursday, 4 May, 2006 7:00PM
In attendance: 13

1. New Westminster Police Services and the Block Watch Program

Shelley Cole

New Westminster Police Service Crime Prevention Supervisor was present to hand out Block Watch packages. This is a package to help organize your neighbours into a block watch program.

Shelley also fielded questions from residents regarding specific issues.

Extra packages are available through MSRA Secretary Dave Mullane or through Shelley Cole scole@nwpolice.org.

More info on the program can be found on the NW Police website <http://www.newwestpolice.org/>

2. Sapperton Historical Signage Program

Peter Van Garderen

- Mock up of sign was made available for viewing again.
- The Sign sponsorship program has now ended.
- Total of 29 extra signs to bring the total signs to 69
- Kevin & Peter had scouted every intersection to determine the best placement for the signs.
- City traffic engineers will now confirm that the locations are appropriate and that there is no other conflict with existing or future signage.
- When these locations are confirmed, the order will then go to the sign shop and then the City work crews will put up.
- Hoping to have the signs up before Sapperton Days but not optimistic.

- Final locations of signs will be put online.

3. Speed Humps & Traffic Issues

Dana Hings

Speed Bump Program

- Still at a test stage with Princess St.
- Looks like the humps will be put in
- \$2000 per hump for the City to put in but they may be put in by an “approved” contractor.
- MSRA letters to City Council on Truck traffic were not on the Traffic Council’s agenda as they have been forwarded to an outside consultant.
- Kelly St has been tuned down to have speed humps put on the street.
- City is saying that if humps are put on that block it will affect traffic on neighboring streets.

The following motion was moved, seconded, and voted on with 7 people supporting the motion

For the Residents Association to write a letter to City Council to demand that they reconsider the application of the Kelly Street for the purchase of speed humps as the traffic problems were created with previous traffic calming measures on Fader and Garrett St.

Bailey Bridge on Braid St

- Improvements are necessary due to a Transport Canada Safety report. Will be done in stages.
- 1 to 3 months: Improvements will be made to signage.
- 3 to 12 months: modifications to the traffic control signal at Braid/Brunette Avenue to include new signal displays on the westbound approach to the BNSF crossing. Provide a signal at the bridge with queue detection for west and eastbound traffic between the bridge and the BNSF crossing. This cost will be shared by N.W. and Coquitlam.

Patullo Bridge

- Photo radar still being suggested, provincial government still has turned down this option.
- Recommending ramp metering alternating on Royal Ave & Columbia Street ramps to bridge. Light metering is the traffic light that goes for short intervals to stagger traffic,
- Lighting improvements are to be made, using a brighter metal halide bulb.
- The bridge decking and the substructure are being checked and tested. Staff has heard that if the substructure is not in good shape then it will have to be replaced.

- The bridge is very unique and Translink has not been able to find any type of median that is suitable yet.

4. Sapperton Days

Geoff Pinkerton

- Planning is ongoing
- Will be similar to last years Sapperton Days
- City will be donating \$500. An application was made for \$1000.
- Looking for any and all ideas

5. Other Business

All

From Neil Powell

- City has responded to our letter re: sidewalks on East Columbia.
- The Engineering Department will review in 2006 and can be put into future budget

Some residents are concerned over the 4.24% tax increase. They find the increase excessive and are not happy with the use of Casino money.

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To write a letter to the City to express that we find the 4.24% tax increase excessive and are not happy with the use of Casino money for general revenues.