



City of New Westminster  
McBride-Sapperton  
Residents' Association

## Public Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, September 4, 2008 7:00PM

In attendance: 18 including MSRA directors and Councilor Betty McIntosh

### 1. AGM will not take place until January 2009

- Usually takes place during September meeting.
- Must be done within 15 months since last AGM. Last AGM November 1, 2007

### 2. Request for support re: Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw in the City of New Westminster

- Canadian cancer Society. NW pesticide awareness association. Looking for support for a bylaw.
- No health benefit and potentially harmful
- They Would like us to sign letter or draft your own
- 140 other municipalities have banned cosmetic municipalities
- Is there a list: not in letter
- City does not currently use cosmetic pesticides (Betty MacIntosh)
- Visit Cancer.ca for more info.
- What is City's stance right now?: City staff to investigate & draft report to council
- This would mean that these items would not be sold in New West.
- The more support the City gets for it the more likely it is to be done
- Is there an interest to write a letter in support?

#### Motion

To write a letter of support for the banning of cosmetic pesticides in New West.

For; 14

Against: 0

### **3. Canfor property update**

- Dispute between Metro Van and Ports Vancouver.
- Being looked into this week
- Don't know which is better
- Both have serious traffic issues
- Should have out some more information soon
- Can we support Port Moody re: their possibility of getting an incinerator?
- Is there another Metro Vancouver meeting on this? Can check website.
- Neil toured and has a presentation from the Burnaby incinerator. Dave Mullane will contact members to see if they would like the large files.
- Neil can set up a tour of the Burnaby Incinerator for residents.
- Is there a DVD of the Lisa Spitali video? (Incinerator) NW planning assistant Lynn Roxburgh can get copies. [lroxburgh@newwestcity.ca](mailto:lroxburgh@newwestcity.ca)
- Any of these ideas could increase truck and train traffic-we would like to see either one contribute to road adjustments.
- Concern: Truck traffic is affecting City liveability.
- Thanks to Neil Powell for his efforts in this area.

### **4. Updates on Sapperton Plaza and Sapperton Skytrain Station Walkway**

- Skytrain walkway is now open as of Sept 2, 2008
- Sapperton Plaza: Expectation is to be finished at the end of September

### **5. Other Business**

#### Air Quality

- Asked Fraser Health Authority for an air quality monitoring station in NW
- Jim Lowrie: Air quality study – a temporary Air Monitoring station is to be set up near Sapperton park for monitoring over a 12 month period to test to see if a permanent site needs to be maintained. Monitoring to be completed by Summer 2009 and report expected by October 2009.
- Neil Powell to get permission to send documents out to members.
- Measuring: baseline air quality, ozone CO2, NO2, NO, particulate matter – comparison to other monitoring stations around Metro Vancouver.

#### Labatt's Land questions

- Wesgroup is moving forward with site – possibly start with medical building on Keary (high rise)
- Fraser Health has not committed to what they need in the area – this is what is holding this up.
- Wesgroup has 5 phases for the area. All need permits.
- Looking to do most of the prep work up front.

#### Lynn Roxburgh (City Planning Assistant)

- From City staff present and is planning to attend meetings to answer any development questions
- New development – 15 unit property on Ward St. coming to council with proposal to City. Need to present to RA if it is to go any further.

#### Yard trimmings

- Is the program going to continue?
- Will the frequency be increased?
- Report will be generated at the end of this season.
- Write to City council and Engineering to get your opinion to them.

#### Scott McIntosh

- Needs to get variance to keep front Driveway
- Cannot have 2 driveways. One needs to be removed unless there are more than 10 units.
- There are other addresses with more than one driveway.
- Hoping for support for his variance.
- There has been precedence.
- Neighbour is in agreement
- Is there any objection to this application? Nobody had any objections.

#### What is our role in the election

- We had an all candidate meeting with Glenbrook North and Massey Victoria Heights
- Geoff Pinkerton will initiate contact with another residents association to set up. Need volunteers!!
- There is already 4 scheduled. Oct 23, Nov 2, Nov. 5, ?

#### Victoria Hill

- We should reach out to the strata councils at Victoria Hill to attend MSRA meetings.

### Neil Powell: running for City Council

- Neil is running for City Council for the Voice slate and will be stepping down as President
- Geoff Pinkerton will be taking over as President until the AGM.
- Betty McIntosh will also be running for Voice

Next meeting set for November 6, 2008