



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Attendance: 15 people

Agenda

1) Welcome and introduction of Executive – Catherine Cartwright

2) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine

3) Police Report – Dee Beattie

- She will be attending the Policing Committee meeting tomorrow
- Noted an increase in the number of car break-ins in our neighbourhood and New Westminster in general
- Reminder to report **all** break-ins in our neighbourhood to police
- Discussion about recent gunshots in lane between Wilson and Garrett
- Residents have noticed an increase in irregular activity around the neighbourhood recently
- The police would like us to report **everything** suspicious

4) Community Clean-up – Anita Riddell

- Will be held Sept. 29; starting point: Hawkes Martial Arts
- Supplies have been provided through Neighbourhood Small Grant that Anita applied for and received
- Contact Anita for more information

- Anita will forward event info to Catherine, who will forward on to the membership
- Dee will tweet the event info on the MSRA Twitter account
- Diane will forward the info on to the local Scout Troop

5) Public Storage Expansion at 455 Brunette Street

- Presentation by: Darcy Forcier (d.Force Design), Chip Barrett (Project Architect) and Andy Hick (Public Storage)
- Public Storage has purchased former Russell Truck Storage building
- Design-wise, the expansion will function as part of the existing facility
- They will try to re-use as much of the existing building as possible
- They have gone through the City's design panels, Engineering Dept., and so on, and have made minor changes in response to their concerns
- Aesthetically, it will tie into the existing building
- Access onto Brunette is intended for minimal use; only people on the lower level of the storage will use it. This access point has been designed so that left turns onto Brunette from the site will be very difficult. The Main access point will continue to be Braid.
- Timeline: they are hoping to start construction in mid-October with an estimated completion in April
- The presentation received a positive response from those in attendance.

6) Royal Columbian Hospital Expansion

- Power-Point Presentation from Hal Collier, Project Manager, and Kathy Thompson from Fraser Health
- Progress has been made on the project, which has been ongoing since 2008. Approval was given by the provincial government in Spring, 2012, to proceed with the first part of the project.
- Currently, the project is in Phase I – the Business Case phase. The next phase is the procurement phase, so they are a couple of years away from breaking ground.
- Components: A – a new mental health facility, energy centre, new parking capacity and relocations; B – new clinical capacity from 400 to 700 beds, and a new acute care tower; C – increase in private and semi-private patient rooms and expansion of support services
- First plan: build a new power plant. New buildings must be built before taking down old ones.

- Long term vision is to concentrate buildings on the south side of the campus, making use of the Allen Street parking lot. The strongest preference in discussions so far is for the new buildings to be on the Allen Street site.
- The main access would be from E. Columbia Street in the middle of the campus; they are trying to minimize access off Sherbrooke St.
- Underground parking facilities, currently numbered at 1200-1300, would be expanded. The current waiting list for staff to get a parking pass is 2 years.
- Traffic study is part of the project planning right now.
- Current vision is that the North side of the site where the Sherbrooke Building is located would be open, landscaped space.
- Suggestion from some residents in attendance at meeting: have an entrance connected to the Sapperton Skytrain station.
- New acute care tower will be 9-10 storeys
- Timeline for project in its entirety is completion by 2030.
- Hal stated that an important priority for the project management team is community engagement and integration of the project with the neighbourhood.

7) Traffic – Babar Khalid

- Patullo Bridge survey results are available online

8) Follow-up Issues

- Emergency Preparedness Workshop (30 minutes) will be held during the November 20 meeting. Anita mentioned that she may be able to arrange someone to come to sell emergency packages (fundraiser for her daughter's preschool) at the meeting.
- Waste to Energy facility inquiries: the response heard so far is that the City has "no interest" in hosting such a facility. The City has no official position on the issue.
 - **Will proposed a motion:** To write a letter to Council reiterating the position of the Residents' Association opposing any incinerator and urging Council to take a position opposing one being located in Metro Vancouver. **Motion carried.**
 - Catherine will draft the letter.
- Construction at the Brewery District
 - Mike from the City brought a copy of the information and drawing package presented to the City during the Development Permit

Application for Building Three (Dated February 8, 2013).
A 2-storey office building for the Health Sciences Association is being built. It will include underground parking.

- Catherine asked Mike to remind the Developer to keep the RA informed of the project site as it moves along. The RA would like an opportunity to comment on the buildings before they are already coming out of the ground and while there is an opportunity to influence design, use, and so on.
- Sapperton Green Development: the developer is tentatively planning to present at the November meeting.

9) New Business

- Sapperton will be getting more Christmas lights this Christmas as a result of a City grant.

Meeting adjourned: 8:58 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2013.