



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 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) Meeting Dates for 2014:

- January 22, 2014
- March 19, 2014 - **Note:** AGM will be held at this time
- May 21, 2014
- September 17, 2014
- November 19, 2014
- January 21, 2015

4) Traffic Update – Babar

- Babar was unable to attend
- Please refer to City website for any information

5) Police Report – Dee Beattie

- Dee was unable to attend; no police report today

6) **Emergency Preparedness Workshop – Corri McLaren**

- Corri works with the City of New Westminster
- Presented the shorter version of the emergency preparedness workshop
- Overview: basics, risks, and plan
- Provided handouts: City of New Westminster Emergency Management – Important Preparedness Links, and “Your Emergency Preparedness Guide” prepared by Public Safety Canada
- Went over some important recommendations:
 - have a central contact to call in another province/country
 - have a meeting place for your family, such as at a park
 - have photos of your family members in your emergency kit
 - keep important documents (I.D.) in emergency kit
 - plan food and water for at least 72 hours to 1 week
 - have a neighbourhood plan. This could be discussed at a neighbourhood block party.
 - emergency kit should include: a good can opener, cash, food and water, pet food, and other essential items
 - keep a jacket and pair of shoes in your car
 - tell your kids where the emergency kit is

7) **Sapperton District Energy Proposal – Mark Allison, City of New West**

- Mark Allison and Norm Connolly, along with another representative of this proposal, presented
- Energy Save New West – started in July
- OCP includes provisions for reducing emissions/energy consumption and corporate emissions
- Emphasis of this plan is on renewable energy, NOT waste energy
- RCH – new energy centre
- All the pieces are in place in Sapperton
- Emissions – detailed air quality studies are being conducted
- The fireplaces to be used will be “low burn”
- Scrubbers within the system will deal with the emissions
- Metro Vancouver would monitor emissions, and New West would commit to this process

- System would be odourless, and noise would be negligible; it would be much quieter than the system being used at RCH now
- Other places nearby that use Wood Chip heating: UBC, Seattle, Enderby
- **Option 1** – Sewer Heat Recovery on RCH Site – for this, the parking lot at Keary and Brunette is a possible site
- **Option 2** – Sewer Heat Recovery on City site in Braid Industrial area – this will have a higher cost initially due to installing piping infrastructure to the hospital
- **Option 3** – Wood Chip Combustion on City Site in Braid Industrial land – boilers for this are less expensive than for sewer heat recovery
- Any of these systems would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Anticipated cost: \$40-50 million
- Timeline:
 - 1) Community Consultation (underway) - presenters hope to be back in January to speak with us
 - 2) Economic analysis (underway)
 - 3) Governance study
 - 4) Complete agreements with Metro Vancouver and Fraser Health Authority
 - 5) Air quality review
- **Public Open House #1** will be held **November 28** from 6-8:30 pm
- **Public Open House #2** – to be held middle-end of January/2014
- **Contact Information:** Any questions can be directed to Mark Allison or Norm Connolly at the City of New Westminster; also, information is available on the City of New West website.
- Feedback forms were made available for those in attendance to give their suggestions/thoughts. The same forms are available on the City website for those not in attendance.

8) Follow-up Issues - Catherine

- **Waste to Energy Issue:** Catherine hasn't had the time to send a letter to the City yet. However, she did find out from Geoff that the MSRA did not send an official letter in the past. Monica did so as an individual.
- Construction at the Brewery District: a representative from the developer (Deanna) will attend our January meeting. The City rep (Mike) has spoken to Wesgroup about speaking to the MSRA in future about the various stages of the project as they unfold. Mike said that the developer not bringing the 4-

storey building before the RA was “an error that slipped through”, and that hopefully it will not happen again.

- **Thrifty's:**

- a) Wesgroup is taking steps to contact the Competition Bureau and will contact Catherine soon to update her on what they hear back
- b) Catherine has been in contact with Arianne at the Competition Bureau in Ottawa. Catherine received an email today from a person “one step above” Arianne on the bureaucratic ladder. He assured Catherine that our “concerns have been heard”.

- **Community Clean-up – Anita**

- reported back on the clean-up that took place September 29. Seventeen people were in attendance on a very rainy day. Several kilos of garbage, 12.89 kg. of recycling, and 2918 cigarette butts were collected over the period of 1.5 hours.
- Anita thanked the Neighbourhood Small Grants, Hawkes Martial Arts and Home Depot for their support.
- Another clean-up will be held in Spring.

- **Sapperton Green:** Community feedback group meeting was held last night. The focus was on the possible height and density levels on the site. There will be a **Community Open House** on **November 26**, and feedback from last night's meeting will be provided. The latest newspaper article in the local paper that reported negatively about Sapperton Green from City Council's perspective was grossly inaccurate. City Council is on board with this project.

9) New Business

- Patrick – 5 minute only parking on Keary Street in front of the Sapperton Skytrain entrance is always filled with parked cars violating the 5 minute limit. A suggestion was made to send By-law Enforcement a letter to monitor the situation.
- Representatives from Eden Accents were in attendance with information about the upcoming Sapperton Christmas shopping day.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2014.