



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting and AGM Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 @ 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**
 - Moved: Ross; Seconded: Monica. Carried

- 3) Hyack New Westminster Ambassador Program – Deb & Alan Wardle**
 - Marge Ashdown was scheduled to speak but was unable to make it
 - Speakers gave background on the program: has evolved from a beauty pageant-style program to a mentorship/leadership program
 - Emphasis is on being involved in the local community and giving back
 - Ambassadors attend local, provincial, national and international events representing and promoting New Westminster
 - Speakers encouraged us to consider inviting the Ambassadors to participate in Sapperton events, such as Sapperton Day; Catherine suggested they contact the Sapperton Business Association to contact volunteers with Guy Ciprian
 - April 10 – Ambassador pageant; all are welcome to attend
 - Catherine will circulate information to membership via email

4) Urban Wood Waste Presentation - Postponed

- City has required revisions to their application, so they would like to reschedule their presentation until they have made the revisions and can present up to date and accurate info to the RA

5) NWCPD Police Report/Update – Catherine

- Dee Beattie is not here tonight and will not be able to continue as a member of the NWCPD
- We will be looking for someone to step into her spot during the AGM tonight and hopefully that person can attend the April meeting
- March 18th meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled for April

6) Traffic Update – Babar

- No news to report on Patullo Bridge except that scheduled public consultation has been put on hold by Translink
- Andrew mentioned the City's document, "A Reasonable Approach", which it is presenting to other Councils around Metro Vancouver
- Catherine asked that Jerry post the document on the MSRA website so people can read it and, at the next meeting, we can discuss whether to write a letter support it
- Discussion over the Translink referendum: Wilf suggested we should consider the RA's position on this
- Discussion over the 8th Ave/Richmond proposal for a traffic light – any news? Babar indicated that there has been no feedback from the City on this since the Open House several weeks ago (January).
Catherine asked Mike Watson (City Rep.) to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

7) City-wide RA Forum – 02/19/14 - Catherine

- Catherine reported back on meeting held 02/19/14
- Bev Grieve wasn't at that meeting to present on issues re: laneway housing, Larco, OCP, etc.
- There was a discussion over traffic, the success of Family Day events in new Westminster, and progress on whistle blowing around major railway crossings in New Westminster

8) Follow-up Issues

- Parking regulation enforcement at Sapperton Landing. Catherine contacted the City and they promised to actively patrol the area.
- Thrifty's officially closes on April 15 at 6 pm. It will be closed for 4 days, then re-open as Save-On Foods.
- Sapperton Green Development: Developer is not presenting today as originally planned as they are still working on some details.

9) New Business

- **Sapperton Day** – organizers are looking for volunteers. Those interested should contact Guy Ciprian at www.ShopSapperton.com
 - organizers need people mostly for set-up and especially for take-down at the end of the day
 - Kevin and other MSRA members have been involved in pancake breakfast in the past; Kevin usually provides the float for the breakfast
- **Jane's Walk – Mary Wilson**
 - This is an event that happens worldwide the first weekend in May (May 3 and 4). It started in New Westminster last year and Mary hopes it will continue for years to come. This is a weekend to celebrate the joys of walking in New Westminster. People can organize a walk wherever they want, whenever they want that weekend. No money is involved. Group leaders do not need to be knowledgeable about the area, just have the ability to walk. Anyone interested should post their scheduled walk on the Jane's Walk website. Mary will give Catherine the information to post on the website and email to the membership.
- **Traffic Issues at Braid and Rousseau – Patrick**
 - Catherine suggested that Patrick write all the information/concerns down and pass them on to her, or to canvas the neighbours for support on any particular proposal he has to resolve the issue.
- **Traffic Calming on Alberta Street – Wes**
 - He would like to have speed humps placed down the street. He went to the City and was told to come back to the RA for support. Mike Watson said funding for the speed humps must come from capital budget planned one year in advance; this year Moody Park residents will be getting their speed humps. Mike will talk to the City and find out the process involved in getting considered for funding.

- **Spring Clean-up – Anita** – Anita has been too busy to do one in the spring. She is planning one for the Fall.
- **Elizabeth Fry Updates?** – nothing so far.
- **Power/Heat Generation Issue** - Wilf spoke to Mark Allison at the City. Wilf expressed his opinion that the preference from RA members is for the sewage option. Mark was surprised to hear this. He and the City are planning to make a further presentation to the RA, possibly in May.

10) Financial Update – Kevin

- Last year we had 32 paid members
- Current balance: \$4,155.40. With tonight's fees from paying members, the amount should be \$4,260.40
- Some of the money (\$325.00) was donated by past members for a commemorative tree and plaque for the Woodlands property. The City owes us a tree. Geoff will look into this.
- Christmas lights – money was raised for this purpose in the past through 50/50 draws at Sapperton day (approx. \$1200). These funds were earmarked for Christmas lights. The Business Association has no funding, so they have no funds to contribute for Christmas lights.
 - Geoff has been extensively involved in the process to get Christmas lights for the business district for several years. Is anyone motivated to take this on? Catherine suggested putting this issue out to the membership to see if anyone will take this project on, and Geoff is willing to help them out with the history of the issue.

11) AGM Elections – Geoff Pinkerton presided.

- All current executives stepped down from the Executive.
- The following people were elected into Executive positions for the upcoming year:
 - Catherine Cartwright – President
 - Ross Eichendorf – Vice-President
 - Monica Hardjowasito – Secretary
 - Kevin Little – Treasurer/Membership
 - Babar Khalid – Member at Large – Traffic Committee
 - Lutz Holfield – Member at Large – Police Committee
 - Gerry Sommers – Member at Large – Website

- Anita Riddell – Member at Large – Sapperton Clean-up
- Geoff Pinkerton – Member at Large

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2014.