



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

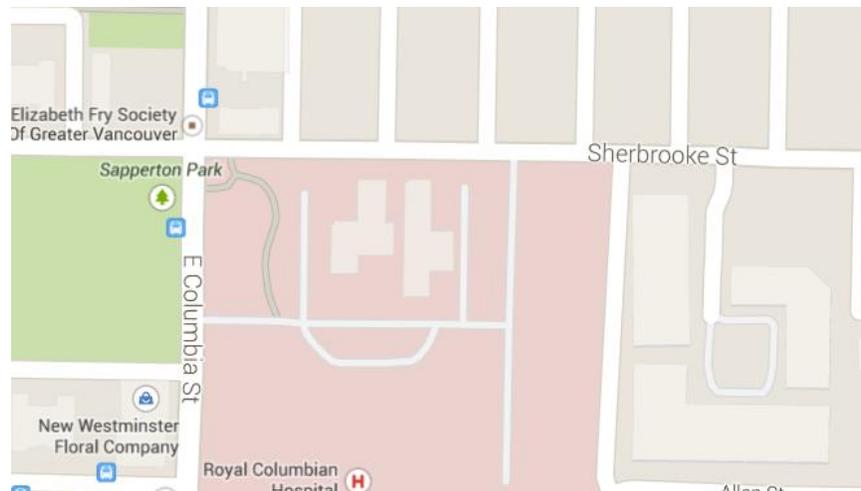
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Attendance: 13 members (including 6 members of executive)
Patrick Johnstone, Councillor (joined meeting at 7:19 pm)
Jerry Behl, Transportation Planner
Rupinder Basi, City Representative

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introduction of Executive – Catherine**
 - Catherine also introduced Jackie Teed and Lynn Roxborough from NW City
- 2) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine and Executive**
 - Catherine reminded members to pay their membership dues in order to exercise their voting rights for the AGM at the next meeting
- 3) New Westminster Official Community Plan Update – Jackie and Lynn, NW City Hall**
 - Overview of process:
 - Process started in 2014
 - Spring 2015 – vision statement and goals draft
 - Fall 2015 – land use scenario
 - Summer 2016 – draft OCP
 - Expected to be completed in 2016
 - OCP should be renewed every five years

- Ross asked for clarification: “What is meant by adding people to Sapperton park?”
Answer: To add activities to attract people to the park.
- Other issues raised during the presentation:
 - East Columbia St. – land use? 4 levels with commercial space beneath?
 - Land use variance at Brewery District
 - Existing OCP variance at the Elizabeth Fry site
 - Land use in new OCP – what are the guarantees? How do we ensure the neighbourhood is kept the same as per residents’ wishes? (ie. as per feedback during Feb. 14, 2015 session)
 - Impact of traffic in McBride/Sapperton area
 - Is the NW City Master Traffic plan connected to the new OCP?
 - Patullo Bridge location – any communication/update?
 - What is the entire plan to address choke points in New West?
- Ross thanked Councillor Johnstone for his attendance at tonight’s meeting, and thanked the OCP team for their hard work.
- Issue of possible development along Sherbrooke Street (see map below) was raised to Rupinder Basi and Councillor Johnstone. Both individuals denied that this is in the works; in other words, they deny that any development is being planned. Jerry has the email, which will be forwarded to the city planner and Patrick Johnstone so they can investigate this issue and report back to the MSRA.



- Presentation ended at 8:11 pm.

4) NWCPC Police Report – Lutz

- Nothing to report; no new issues were raised.
- Residents get regular NWPD news via email.
- Shoppers Drug Mart robbery – Lutz will take this issue to NWPD.

5) NWTAC Traffic Update – Babar

- Enforcement of drivers not stopping at crosswalks or stop signs (especially at Hospital and Richmond Streets).
 - NWPD will have some resources at Hospital and Richmond intersections to enforce stop signs. However, given resource constraints, we should not expect this all the time.
- Enforcement of 2 hour parking (enforcement through scanner on city enforcement cars).
 - City has acquired the program to enforce 2 hour parking. However, the program is in test mode and City is not sure when it will go into effect.
- E. Columbia Street speed limit issue was raised with the city and is part of NATC on-going project list. There will be an update on this at the next meeting.
- Jay-walking at Save-On Foods
 - City will investigate. However, given that there are two traffic lights adjacent to the store, they are not sure what improvements, if any, can be made to prevent jay-walking.
- Repainting faded crosswalks
 - City asked for specific locations. If none, in the summer, the City will repaint lines as part of regular maintenance. Further updates to come.
- New issue raised:
 - Need updated traffic counts done as part of Alberta Street's traffic concerns. What is the next step?

6) Citywide RA Forum - Catherine

A. Mayor's Task Force

- Catherine provided information on the Mayor's Task Force.
- Coun. Johnstone briefly described of the task forces is the Mayor's Transportation Task Force. The goal of this Task Force is to prioritize the wish list over a two-year period of all projects to be completed within the next ten years.

B. TransMountain Pipeline

- The City is making a submission to the National Energy Board to address: potential environmental impacts on the Fraser River, potential spills, and safety and security of the pipeline.

C. Translink and the Transit Plebiscite

- The City approached the RA to pass a resolution (it appears they were hoping for an endorsement of a “Yes” vote).
- Given the information about this vote is widely available in the media, and given the nature of the referendum, the MSRA collectively decided not to present a motion one way or the other on this issue, and decided not to have presenters from either side appear at our meeting.
- Catherine mentioned that some of the other RAs are holding presentations on this issue should any local residents wish to attend.

D. Intelligent City Initiative

- If any residents are interested in learning about the Intelligent City Initiative, a presentation to the RA can be arranged.
- Coun. Johnstone mentioned that there is a free community forum being held on this issue.

E. Issue of Limits on Public Speaking at Council Meetings

- Babar raised this issue and it prompted a heated debate.
- Coun. Johnstone advised the RA to pass a motion and email it to the City Councillors and Mayor.
- Lutz presented the following motion:
“I move that the MSRA oppose changes to ‘the opportunity to be heard at delegation’ period at Council Meetings.”
- **Vote:** All 11 members voted in favour. **Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

F. Jane’s Walk

- Jane’s Walk is to be held again this year in May

7) Multi-Family Garage Sale at Jamieson Court - James Felton

- James spoke about this upcoming event
- He also gave information about a successful Block Watch project conducted at a high rise apartment

- He stressed the idea of adding more Block Watch areas in our neighbourhood to increase the interaction among residents and to raise awareness of activities happening in our area.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 @ 7 pm

Notes:

- a) The AGM will be held at the next meeting.
- b) Weblinks to issues discussed at the meeting can be found as follows:
 - Information about OCP Consultation Process is available at:
http://www.newwestcity.ca/business/planning_development/official-community-plan
 - Details about Mayor's Task Force are available at:
http://www.newwestcity.ca/city_hall/media/press_releases/post/1412.php
 - Information about Jane's Walks are available at the website listed below:
<http://janeswalk.org/canada/new-westminster/>