



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 @ 7:15 pm

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church

Attendance: 8 residents

Presenters: Gurtej Tung, Lisa Leblanc, Lynn Roxburgh, Roger Emmanuel, and Eugene Wat (all from the City of New Westminster)

Special Guests: James Crosty, Social Credit candidate

Executive: Rnold, Jerry, Anita, Dee, Ross, Lutz, Monica (minutes) **Regrets:** Babar, Kevin, Wes, Geoff

City Representative: Rupinder Basi

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

Rnold

2. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2017 Meeting

Rnold

3. Sapperton Project Map - Gurtej Tung, Engineering Outreach Coordinator, City of NW

- Gurtej presented a large scale map of Sapperton with graphics illustration the numerous and varied projects that will be taking place in Sapperton over the next several months
- The Director of Engineering is in charge of overseeing all the projects, but a team consisting of Traffic, Planning, and Engineering will be available for questions
- A lengthy question and answer session about the various projects took place while residents looked at the map.
- Although Gurtej introduced the map and its purpose, Roger Emmanuel did most of the speaking during the discussion

4. Brunette Interchange Project

Rnold

- Rnold updated residents about the RA's communication strategy in dealing with this project. He stated that it has been a busy time for the RA in dealing with this.
- So far, we have hired a communications consultant, and their advice is that for us to have our issue heard now in the midst of the election campaign would be very difficult.
- Our intention was to get our voice heard during the election, but with such a tight timeline before the election, that is not likely to happen. The advice from the consultant

is to build a coalition of support so that when we bring this to the public's attention, our message will have a greater impact and a greater "say" in the process. We want to emphasize that we would like to see a collaborative approach between government and communities in planning projects such as the B.I.P.

- Our intention is to send an email out to all candidates in the provincial election and get a response from them. Rnold read the proposed draft letter out to the group.
- This will cost the RA \$1500. The idea is to not retain consultants over a long term. The consultant is InHouse Media.
- We will have four months between now and the next meeting to collect responses from all candidates, as well as other pertinent information.
- A concern was expressed that we need to be careful not to spend further money without a clear objective.
- Rnold mentioned that as a society, our RA now qualifies for a Google grant of \$10,000 US per month in free advertising.
- James Crosty mentioned the idea of connecting with other RAs to get their support. Rnold proposed the idea of putting up a sign at Sapperton Days.
- **Motion:** To send the proposed draft email to all provincial candidates to gain their support for our position on the B.I.P. Vote: **Carried.**

5. NWTAC Update

- Babar was not present, so Monica gave a brief update on the Sapperton Transportation Study.
- A workshop was held a couple of weeks ago, and the next focus group meeting is scheduled for May 9.
- Wilf gave a bit of feedback on the open house.

6. NWCPC Update

Lutz

- No update.

7. OCP Update

Lynn Roxburgh, City of New West

- The OCP team has finished the last round of consultations and are working on last edits and polishes to the document. They want to present the final document to Council by late June.
- A public hearing on the OCP proposal will be held September 18, 2017.
- Re: laneway home guidelines – people who want to build a laneway house will have to apply. The OCP team is hoping to take the laneway housing guidelines out of the Council process and move it to a staffing process. They hope the laneway home guidelines will be adopted at the same time as the OCP.
- On a side issue, Anita asked a question about the tree bylaw. A member of the City team present responded that Council has directed the Parks Department to come up with a revision to the tree bylaw based on feedback from the public.

8. E. Columbia Street property (owned by Wesgroup) - update

- This is the rental property project proposed by Wesgroup.
- Lynn stated that the developer is collating feedback from the public and is making revisions to its original design.

9. New Business

A. MSRA Society Incorporation/Constitution Update

Jerry

- The MSRA let our society designation lapse in 2011.
- Jerry started the whole process from scratch this year. A few minor tweaks have been made to the bylaws, such as increasing the quorum for meetings from 3 to 10, and delineating the RA's geographic boundaries.
- The Constitution has been posted to the RA website.

B. Honorarium for Knox Church

Rnold

- The Executive plans to give money to the Church for the use of the church for our meetings.

C. Sapperton Days

- We will have a table set up for Sapperton Day, and Steve Kasper will provide a tent. Dee can bring a table and chairs.
- Jerry is coordinating volunteers for the pancake breakfast.
- Wilf brought up the point that if we are collecting emails from potential new members, we need to get people's signatures that they are willing to receive emails from us, and give them the option to accept/decline offers from local businesses (the idea of this is to help "grow" local businesses).
- Any people who would like to volunteer time to sit at the Sapperton Day table for part of the day should contact Dee.

D. 3rd Annual Garage Sale – Saturday, June 24th

- It promises to be bigger and better than last year.
- Steve and Rnold encouraged everyone to participate and to encourage their neighbours to get involved.
- Registration is through Steve and/or RA. Residents should get their addresses in 2 weeks beforehand so that Steve can get a list published in the local paper. The list will also be on the RA website.

Additional Item:

- James Crosty introduced himself at the end of the meeting as the Social Credit candidate in the provincial election.

10. AGM – Wilf ran the election of the new executive.

A. Executive resigned.

B. Election of Executive:

- **President** – Rnold, by acclamation
- **Vice-President** – Lyna nominated Dee; Wes was absent, but had previously indicated he would be willing to stand for re-election. A secret ballot was held and Dee was election Vice-President.
- **Secretary** – Monica, by acclamation.
- **Treasurer/Membership Chair** – Anita was nominated with the understanding that she and Kevin will share the responsibilities of these two roles. Kevin and Anita elected by acclamation.
- **Members at Large** – Jerry, Babar, and Ross. Elected by acclamation.
- **Note:** We will continue to accept volunteers for Members at Large until we reach 11 executive members.
- **Motion:** To approve the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer/Membership to be signatories on the RA bank account, and that two are needed as signatories on all cheques. Voted and carried.
- **Motion:** To destroy all the ballots from the election. Voted and carried. Wilf will destroy the ballots.
- Rnold proposed making signs for our Sapperton Day table.
- **Motion:** To authorize the Executive to spend RA funds up to \$200 to purchase signs and literature for the RA to as promotional materials at Sapperton Day. Voted and carried.
- **Motion:** To authorize the Executive to have the ability to spend RA funds up to a maximum of \$200 for emergent issues without seeking the authorization of the membership.
- Wilf suggested that the Executive take up this idea and develop into a motion to bring back to the September meeting. If need be, Lutz suggested that we have an emergency meeting between now and September to discuss releasing funds for ads for potential emergent issues over the summer.
- General agreement with Lutz's proposal, and the motion was denied.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:18 pm.

Next meeting: September 19,, 2017, at 7:15 PM.