



# Sapperton Residents' Association

*The purpose of the association is to preserve and enhance the livability and quality of the Sapperton neighborhood.*

## Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Attendance:** 6 residents

**Executive:** Dee (Chair), Gerry, Ross, Sandra, Wilf, Geoff, Monica (minutes) Regrets: Kevin, Anita

**Presenters:** Sharat Chandra and Carol-Ann Swanson, RCH Redevelopment

### 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

**Dee**

### 2. Approval of Minutes from February, 2020 Meeting

**Dee**

- Executive members said they had not received the February Minutes (emailed March 27) so had not read them; will approve the Minutes at the next meeting.

### 3. RCH Redevelopment

**Sharat Chandra, Head of RCH Redev.**

- Sharat introduced Carol-Ann Swanson, Senior Communications lead for the RCH project. She is the key contact and will provide updates to residents in a timely manner.
- The Mental Health Building was substantially completed by March 29 and RCH was planning for an April opening. However, the building was identified as a back-up facility during the initial stages of the COVID pandemic, so the Grand Opening was shifted from April to June with first patients in the building by mid-July. The Grand Opening will be via a virtual ceremony.
- Deficiencies also held up the project due to the pandemic as supplies from the U.S. were delayed and there were issues with trades.
- RCH is planning to make available a virtual, self-guided tour of the facility in the mid to late summer.
- He then discussed Phase 2 – the Acute Care Tower. The design advanced during the pandemic and construction procurement is ongoing. He hopes to sign a contract with a company by the end of the summer.
- The schematic design has evolved. In January, the City placed 3 conditions on the project: 1) that there be sufficient accessible parking 2) that there be ensured access to Skytrain 3) that there be sufficient electric charging stations.
- The project has advanced to Design Panel Review and they presented to the Design Panel at the City.
- There is an improved setback to the Sherbrooke entrance. He provided a link and encourages residents to take a look and provide feedback.
- The RCH team anticipates returning to the City within a month for rezoning.

- The demolition of the Sherbrooke Street site was originally planned for May but has been delayed due to the pandemic. The plan is to decommission the Sherbrooke building in September for a fall demolition. This will likely take six weeks, from 7 am to 5 pm each day. The building will be tested for asbestos. Sharat said he will provide information on dust abatement, rodent management, transportation plans, etc., with the RA.
- Question was asked regarding the possibility of a time capsule in the building. Sharat said he would have members of the team look for one.
- Sharat said he will provide information links to Dee to share with RA members.

#### 4. Update on Ongoing Projects Janet Zazubek, City of NW Planning Dep

- Our City Rep did not attend the meeting and did not provide any emailed updates despite several requests.

#### 5. Police Committee Sandra

- Sandra attended the Police Committee meeting in the last week of May
- Crimes are down 16% in New Westminster; most crimes are break-ins
- The police representatives that we were introduced to in February are being redirected to work with vulnerable persons during the pandemic and we have a new liaison.
- One resident suggested we should think about how as an RA we can raise awareness about racism in our community.
- Dee stated that residents can email police-related questions to Dee and she can forward these to Sandra to take to the next Police Committee meeting.

#### 6. New Business

##### A. Official Name Change

- **Dee proposed a motion:** To officially change the name McBride Sapperton Residents' Association to Sapperton Residents' Association. **Seconded:** Wilf
- This is based on the change of RA boundaries, which no longer include the area by McBride.
- The total cost to change the name under the Societies Act is \$90 (including a one-time cost of \$50).
- The website domain name is already changed. The email address needs to be changed, but we will keep the old email address and all incoming emails to that address will be forwarded to the new one. We do not need to change the cheques. All social media account names have been changed, and the name change is done at the City also.
- **Motion Approved.**

##### B. AGM and Executive Elections

- **Motion (Dee):** To move the AGM and Executive Elections to the September meeting. **Seconded:** Gerry.
- Due to the pandemic and small number of attendees at the current meeting, it would be better to have the AGM and elections in September when we can hopefully have more residents in attendance to vote.
- **Motion Approved.**

- We will do a call-out via email in August for new members. We are looking for a Co-Chair.
- Suggestion: send a notice out now and a reminder in August. Dee will put this out together with the links provided by Sharat re: RCH.

### **C. Trash Mob**

- The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19.
- We will do it without a grant this year as it will be organized differently due to the pandemic.
- We will need to stagger it over a few hours.
- Dee will contact the Sapperton Business Association to contact local businesses to participate, and will reach out to Urban Academy, RCH and Richard McBride School to encourage as much community participation as possible.
- She may also ask the New Westminster Ambassadors to help run the departure station.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:58 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm – likely via Zoom unless circumstances improve significantly with the pandemic. AGM and Executive Elections to be held.