



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, November 05, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 7 residents

Executive: Gagan (Chair), Andrew, Wilf, Jerry, Dee, Sandra, Anita, Monica (minutes)

Regrets: Geoff

City Representatives: Janet Zazubek (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Sophie Perndl of Quadreal and 8 members of Sapperton Green project
Sharat Chandra and Carol-Ann Swanson, RCH Redevelopment

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive Gagan

2. Approval of September minutes Gagan

3. Sapperton Green Project Sophie Perndl (Quadreal)

- On Oct. 28, 2020, the Sapperton Green developer hosted a public consultation webinar. The RA was sent a link so that anyone interested could participate in the webinar.
- Sophie provided the RA meeting attendees an update on the latest plans.
- There will be approximately 10,000 residents on site, 25% more than originally planned.
- The overall schedule is still to be confirmed. Currently, the developer is entering the public consultation and approval process. The schedule will be dependent on that.
- Most of the questions/concerns from residents involved traffic.
- One resident questioned the ability of the site to handle traffic given there's one main access at Rousseau Street with a couple of other minor access points.
- One resident suggested that the right-of-way shared with Translink should become a 2-way. Tyler Thomson said it's an "interesting idea that's worth considering now they are in the transportation study phase."
- One resident asked about the possibility of the provincial government reconfiguring the Brunette Interchange and the potential impacts on the site and the current transportation plan. Tyler said at this point there doesn't seem to be any action on this project by the government.
- He also suggested that trends are showing that fewer people are driving and even fewer will be driving in the future.
- One resident asked about the possibility of a school being built in the development. Mackenzie from Quadreal said this is a question for the City but that the NW School Board is aware of the project.
- Gagan brought up the Wesgroup proposal for a Local Traffic and Transportation Working Group to bring together stakeholders in the area to try have a collaborative

approach to traffic and transportation planning in the area. She wants those involved in Sapperton Green to be aware in case they would like to participate. If people want to be part of this working group, they should contact kirsten@pottingerbird.com.

- Mackenzie said she has been in contact with Wesgroup about the possibility of sharing parking on site, but there are existing leases on the site that involve parking commitments they must honour.

4. RCH Redevelopment

Sharat Chandra, Head of RCH Redevelopment

- Sharat gave a detailed presentation that involved reviewing the project background, the project phases and explaining current and upcoming work.
- The estimated completion of Phase 3 is 2026.
- Currently, the development is in Phase 2. RCH is in the last stage of the procurement process. The schematic design was finished at the end of the summer and was shared with the City of NW design panel.
- The Acute Care Tower will be 10 storeys. It will include a 350+ stall staff parkade.
- The Emergency Department will be relocated to Sherbrooke Street from its current location on Keary Street.
- Phase 3 involves integrating 3 different buildings on the campus and will run from 2023-26.
- 2024 is the estimated year of opening of the new acute care tower and emergency department.
- In November, 2020, the E. Columbia Street storm line work is ongoing. It is 2-3 weeks behind schedule. The Sherbrooke Building decommissioning will continue. The main entrance to the hospital will be relocated to the Emergency and parking changes went into effect on November 2, which has affected the public and staff. Some parking has been diverted to the Braid Street site and to the 450 spots in the new Mental Health Building. RCH is also working to procure 44 spots at the Columbia Health Care Building.
- In December, 2020, the Sherbrooke Centre deconstruction will begin and the E. Columbia storm line work should be finished by mid-December.
- The storm line work is currently in Phase 5; in Phase 6, the intersection of Sherbrooke and E. Columbia will be completely closed. Advance notice to residents will be provided.
- “The New Normal” – most of Sherbrooke Street side of RCH is completely behind fencing and Keary Street will become the hospital operations centre.
- Sharat assured residents that rodent mitigation will be done by the contractor prior to the deconstruction of the Sherbrooke building.
- Concern was expressed about the impact on the neighbourhood of the storm line work and the separate project at 408 E. Columbia Street. Sharat said there is coordination taking place between RCH and the contractor on the other project.
- Gagan suggested that Sharat/RCH join the Transportation Working Group. Sharat said he is definitely interested in being part of this group.
- A resident asked about the RCH shuttle and ensuring the last shuttle is schedule later to accommodate employees getting late off shifts. Sharat said that RCH is: a) adding another shuttle starting November 12 b) increasing the frequency of shuttle trips c) ensuring the lasat shuttle will be at 11:30 pm.
- Sharat confirmed that there are discussions with the City about reconfiguring the intersection at Sherbrooke and Brunette. There are real estate considerations involved in this but he will keep us updated about this issue.

5. Update on Ongoing Projects

Janet Zazubek, City of NW Planning Dept.

A. 100 Braid Street - Wesgroup

- The proposal is for 423 market rental units.
- The summary of the consultation process is available (a link to this will be provided).

B. 400 Block of E. Columbia Street

- 6-storey mixed use building is currently under construction.

C. Urban Academy

- Public hearing was held September 30.
- They are currently getting ready for adoption of the project.

D. Brewery District

- No building permit has been issued for any additional building yet.
Janet noted that the City has a new engagement platform called BeHeardNewWest. It was launched today and will be updated on Thursdays. It is an interactive platform and the City is slowly moving all Projects-on-the-go information onto this platform.
- A resident asked about 709 Cumberland Street, which is going for First and Second Reading on at Monday's Council Meeting. This project involves two heritage buildings on the site.
- Another resident asked whether the City will be installing speed bumps in the alleys of Lower Sapperton now that they have been paved and have attracted more through traffic. Janet said she will pass this question on to the Transportation Department.
- A resident asked about the lack of communication from the City regarding the paving project and about emails sent regarding speed bumps in the lanes. Janet suggested contacting Jim Lowrie and Lisa Leblanc but Gagan responded that we have already reached out to both of them and have received no response. The concern was expressed about residents being expected to advocate for speed bumps in response to actions taken by the City. Janet suggested that we can also contact the Director of Development Services, Emilie Adin. Her email address is: EAdin@newwestcity.ca

6. Police Report

Sandra

- Sandra had to leave the meeting, but later indicated that there was no information to report.

7. Christmas in Sapperton

Monica

- A Kelly Street resident informally expressed an idea about encouraging residents to decorate their homes during the Christmas season and perhaps having a walk-about day when individuals and families would be invited to walk around to view the lights and residents could share candy canes for children, and so on.
- Residents in attendance expressed interest in this.
- Gagan suggested the Social Committee could take this on. Dee said she would organize this and Eileen and Monica offered to help.

Meeting Adjourned.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 04, 2021, at 7:00 pm – likely via Zoom unless circumstances improve significantly with the pandemic.