



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 04, 2021 @ 7:00 pm **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 6 residents

Executive: Wilf (Chair), Jerry, Anita, Dee, Sandra, Monica (minutes) **Regrets:** Geoff

City Representative: Janet Zazubek (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Gregg Cernes and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment
Michael Kazda, Ellisdon

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Wilf
- 2. Approval of September minutes** - will be adopted next meeting Wilf
- 3. Adoption of Agenda** – approved with addition of items regarding donations for Elizabeth Fry hampers and Hume Park update Wilf
- 4. RCH Redevelopment Project** Gregg Cernes, Assistant Project Officer, RCH Redev.
 - Gregg provided an update on the ongoing project, including the following: the completion of the Interim Support Building; the pouring of concrete at street level; the floors of the tower are going up; the demolition of the former loading dock and laundry/maintenance buildings is in progress; the project is on schedule.
 - November 8 – 26 – there will be cable work done on Sherbrooke Street, requiring single lane alternating traffic between Fader and Garrett Streets.
 - November 25 – TBA – Brunette Avenue will have a lane closure as new boilers will be installed in the hospital's energy centre (located in the Mental Health Building); details for this are being finalized.
 - Design Progress – currently, detailed planning is underway on how care teams will service patients in the new tower.
 - Phase 3 Design – process has started on this for renovations and expansion of the existing buildings. It is early days for this process and the team is currently working with affected stakeholders.
 - Keary Street entrance – RCH is working closely with Wesgroup on this in terms of how the entrance will connect to parking and services in the hospital, as well as the link to the Skytrain Station.
 - Gregg mentioned the Top topics of Question/Concerns in 2021: parking; traffic/trucks; construction noise; pedestrian access around the site.

- Gregg noted that one \$200 fine has been levied against a contractor who violated the project's parking/traffic rules.
- Extension discussion on parking included the following: workers should be parking at the lot on Braid Street for \$35/month (Gregg doesn't know how many workers park there daily); contractors have been told regularly not to park in neighbourhood; traffic enforcement has come around regularly and is ticketing offenders; EllisDon is willing to help put no "No Contractor Parking" signs in the neighbourhood but has not heard from Ryan Huang at the City about this, so he Michael will reach out to him again; the recent closure of Sherbrooke Street (without notice) was done by Peak Construction, the contractor for the 408 E. Columbia Street project
- Gregg again encouraged residents to contact RCH with any parking or traffic concerns.

5. Report Out from the September RA Forum

Monica

- Monica attended the annual RA Forum hosted by the City and attended by representatives of many of the RAs in the City, Mayor Cote and several City Councillors; she spoke on behalf of the RA to share highlights and challenges in our neighbourhood this year.
- One of the City staff presented on **the BeHeardNewWest** platform and encouraged RAs to promote this amongst their membership as it is a way through which residents can keep updated on developments in our area and throughout the City, find out about timelines, processes, participate and give feedback and so on.
- Monica discussed several of the positive developments in Sapperton this year. She also emphasized that Sapperton has been overwhelmed with construction over the past few years, and that lack of coordination among the projects, especially by the City, has led to multiple, repeated transportation, traffic and parking issues. The Mayor and Emily Adin, the City staff member in charge of development, said they "empathized" with Sapperton residents. However, Cote was quick to note that some projects are out of the City's control (ie. RCH) and Adin said she couldn't think of anything specific the City could do at this point to help us with coordinating these issues or alleviating the traffic impacts.
- There is a new position at the City called the **Construction Impacts Coordinator**. We are encouraged to call/contact this person anytime we experience significant impacts from construction in our area. The person's name is **Nav Dhanoya** and we need to contact the **General Line (604) 527-4657** or email bylawenforcement@newwestcity.ca anytime we have concerns and need help.
- In terms of the E. Fry project, we were told that it has been "stop and go" in their process but that they will likely be moving forward soon.
- Monica told Mayor Cote and the Councillors that we would really appreciate them coming to speak to Sapperton residents. He said that he would be happy to visit with RA meetings, but that we need to issue a direct invitation to get it into his calendar. Monica suggested that we invite him to one of our upcoming meetings, perhaps in the New Year. **A motion was made to invite Mayor Cote and Council to the February meeting. The motion was carried.** Monica will follow up with an email to Mayor Cote and City Councillors inviting them to the February, 2022, meeting.

6. Update on Ongoing Projects

Janet Zazubek, City of NW Planning Dept.

- There are no new project applications for Sapperton at this point.

- Brewery District – Building 7 is under construction; Building 8 is currently going through the Planning Process.
- 100 Braid Street – currently under construction.
- 408 E. Columbia Street – currently under construction.
- Question re: street sweepers to clean up the mess of leaves on Sapperton streets – Janet said that Monday is the usual day they come through Sapperton but a second truck is coming through November 5 to deal with the leaves.
- United Boulevard Recycling Depot – the “soft” opening is expected in January, 2022
- Janet will check if the City is putting up Christmas lights at Sapperton Plaza as they did last year.

7. Potential Additional Traffic Calming in Lower Sapperton

Monica

- Monica provided an update on the initiative residents in the area are pursuing to determine the potential for additional traffic calming measures in Lower Sapperton as a result of the relocation of the RCH Emergency entrance to Sherbrooke Street. The survey conducted by the Traffic Calming Committee showed a strong desire in the area for additional traffic calming measures. This feedback will form the basis for a **neighbourhood-wide virtual workshop on November 17** in which residents will share their ideas for effective traffic calming measures. Based on the participants’ ideas, the committee will develop a proposal to share with the City by early 2022 for (hopefully) approval and implementation. All interested residents are asked to RSVP for the workshop via the Google form link that will be sent to RA members via email.

8. Christmas Hampers for Elizabeth Fry Society

Dee

- Dee has put out a call for donations for Christmas Hampers for Elizabeth Fry. She organized a similar initiative last year and it was very successful. The E. Fry Society was grateful to Sapperton residents for their generosity.
- Dee is looking for donations of toiletries, personal items, soaps, and so on. She will also ask Save-On and Shoppers for donations, as well as EllisDon and Peak Construction for financial contributions to purchase items for the hampers. E. Fry has requested 35 hampers.
- Dee has pledged to do the organizing. Drop off of items will be to Eileen’s house.
- E. Fry would like to receive the hampers at least 4 days before Christmas.
- Anyone who would like to donate is invited to contact the RA or Dee directly.

9. Hume Park Redevelopment – the virtual Open House for the latest stage of the project is tonight.

10. Election to Executive – Eileen was unable to attend the last meeting/AGM so could not participate in the Election. Dee nominated Eileen Brown to the Executive; she accepted and was voted in.

Public Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm.

Follow-up Executive Meeting

Immediately after the Public Meeting, the Executive met to discuss dates for next year's meeting. During this brief meeting, it was decided that:

- Meetings will continue on Zoom for now due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.
- Meeting times will be moved to 7:30 pm to hopefully allow time for parents of younger families to participate.
- Meetings will be recorded for people to watch later if they cannot attend in person.
- Presentations will be timed so meetings don't go too long and to allow sufficient time for questions and discussions.
- Meetings will be changed to the **second Wednesday** of the meeting months.
- **Meeting dates for 2022 are:** February 9; April 13; June 8; September 14; November 9

Upcoming Dates: Next Meeting -Thursday, November 04, 2021, at 7:00 pm – location likely via Zoom but dependent on situation with the pandemic.