



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, September 09, 2021 @ 7:00 pm **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 9 residents

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

City Representative: Janet Zazubek (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Nell Gasiewicz, CNW
Sharat Chandra, RCH Redevelopment

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

Wilf

- Reminder to pay annual dues of \$5 if you have not done so yet this year
- Residents can e-transfer fees to Anita or drop off cash or cheque to her home.

2. Approval of June minutes

Moved, Seconded, Vote: Carried

Wilf

3. Adoption of Agenda – Moved, Seconded, Vote: Carried

Wilf

4. Hume Park Redevelopment

Nell Gasiewicz, City of NW

- Nell reviewed the process for this project over the past year. The City has had a busy time with the Hume Park Redevelopment Master Plan consultation and the Fall will be busy with this as well.
- All updates can be found at Beheardnewwest.ca/humepark
- She anticipates that Open House #3 will be held in early October
- She asked for feedback from all meeting participants tonight on the ideas she presented.
- The purpose of the Master Plan is to move to a comprehensive planning framework instead of a reactive plan. The City needs to plan for the future given all the changes to this area in the years ahead.
- The process started in 2018 and the City is now midway through Phase 3. They hope to have Council endorsement by mid-winter 2021/early 2022.
- Nell reviewed the guiding principles and physical objectives of the Master Plan.
- She went over the 3 regions/zones of the park.
- They have heard “loud and clear” from the community that people want to keep what is there and add to it. This requires reorganization of the park based on the constraints of the site.
- The City has developed 2 options based on all these considerations.

- Hume Park pool is old and needs replacing, though what will replace it is undetermined yet. It could be a new pool, an urban beach, a spray pool, and so on. This will be determined by a process guided by Parks and Recreation in the future.
- Option 1A – She presented the details of this, which include a flexible, multi-court sports area; involves removing a baseball diamond; sports field is not regulation size but allows for casual play.
- Option 1B – She presented the details of this, which include the following: shared regulation size sports fields – eg. Soccer, baseball and rugby; terraced slopes edged by Sapperton Green; multi-use, regulation size courts for lacrosse, tennis, basketball; 2 aquatic zones which will extend the season of use from the current state
- So far, the City has received an equal number of preferences for each Option.
- Nell took individual feedback from each meeting attendee. The majority preferences were for 1B amongst those who commented.
- Concern was expressed about the potential loss of the pool and loss of tobogganing space. Several people indicated the desire for a new pool on the site. Nell said they are looking to accommodate this. Concern was also raised about parking and wheelchair accessibility. There is no space to add more parking without taking away from parkland.
- Wilf strongly urged the City to leverage the Sapperton Green developers to create a community centre on the SG site.
- Nell also went through the Options for Lower Hume.

5. RCH Redevelopment Project

Sharat Chandra, RCH Redev.

- Sharat provided an update on the ongoing project, including the following key milestones since June: the successful adoption of the site rezoning (July 12), formal design development, and the opening of the Interim Support Building (ISB) on Sept. 17.
- The ISB accepts hospital deliveries and houses the building maintenance and logistics. It is connected to the Columbia Tower. Its construction allows the construction partners to demolish the existing maintenance building and loading/delivery docks.
- For the next three years, trucks will access the ISB from Sherbrooke St.
- Due to feedback from neighbours and the City, RCH is NOT pursuing the proposed one-way traffic flow on Sherbrooke at this time.
- The concrete pour on August 7 was a major event and was disruptive to the neighbourhood.
- For future major construction work outside of normal hours, RCH will have a designated contact on site and will also have more flaggers.
- Sharat acknowledged that parking by construction workers in the neighbourhood is an ongoing issue. Monica shared her discussions with Dylan Myers at the City regarding increased enforcement and her conversation with an EllisDon supervisor who told her that neighbours should report any construction worker vehicles parked in the area to ED. The contractors employing these workers who violate the Good Neighbour Agreement will be fined with the money being donated to the RCH Foundation. Ryan Huang at CNW has also indicated that “No Contractor Parking” signs are in the works and should be placed in the area soon.
- The demolition of the current loading dock will take place after Sept. 7 and the concrete pour at street level will take place Sept. 22. The demolition of the maintenance building

should start mid-October. A level 1 concrete pour will happen at the end of November and the Keary Street entrance design starts this fall.

6. Update on Ongoing Projects

Janet Zazubek, City of NW Planning Dept.

- There is no news on the projects underway in Sapperton.

7. Old Business

Monica

- Monica provided an update about the City's position on boulevard planting. Dylan Myers from the City was unable to present at tonight's meeting, but shared the City's by-law guidelines with Monica regarding the City's position on boulevard planting. He also stated via email:

"My personal advice when people have asked what they "can" and "cannot" do to their boulevard is to remember that the boulevard is not their property and if the City has to perform work and/or if someone files a complaint that falls under the bylaw, we as a City must respond appropriately. I just wouldn't want to see anyone spend time and/or money on "upgrades" and then have those upgrades removed or damaged in the case of an emergency.

I cannot speak directly on the communication between your residents and the arborists, as my role is to ensure any underground utilities in the boulevard is not affected, as well as that the public can move freely on the sidewalk. Another consideration is the assurance that passengers exiting a passenger side of the door can freely open their door and exit the vehicle. I have seen on occasion that residents built planter boxes around trees and this limits an individual from exiting their vehicle depending on the space between the street and the planter box."

- If anyone has any questions on what they can and cannot do in the boulevard area in front of their homes, they should contact the RA via email and Monica can pass along Dylan's contact information.

8. New Business - Potential Additional Traffic Calming in Lower Sapperton

Monica

- Monica provided an overview of 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. This will start as an information-seeking process guided by the RA at the City's request. We hope to have a sub-committee of committed residents interested in this issue to help with this process. Depending on the feedback received from residents, we may then develop a process to determine feasible traffic calming measures that would be acceptable to the majority of residents. These would then be submitted to the City by early 2022 for approval and implementation. All interested residents are asked to contact the RA and attend upcoming meetings on this issue. The subcommittee meeting will be held via Zoom on October 14. All interested residents are invited to participate.

Public Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm.

AGM and Election of the Executive was conducted by Wilf (Wilfred) Brodrick following the meeting. All Executive stepped down from their positions.

Chair – Gagan Silva has stepped down from this position. Wilf Brodrick was nominated by Ross Eichendorf., but he declined. He is willing to help whoever becomes Chair. This position is currently vacant.

Vice Chair – Anita Riddell nominated Dee Beattie; she declined. This position is currently vacant.

Secretary – Dee Beattie nominated Monica Hardjowasito; she accepted. Elected via acclamation.

Treasurer/Membership – Dee Beattie nominated Anita Riddell; she accepted. Elected via acclamation.

Past Chair – Gagan Silva would become Past Chair; this is not an elected position

Directors at Large – Wilf (Wilfred) Brodrick, Jerry (Gerald) Sommers, Dee Beattie and Sandra Broughton all put their names forward for these positions and were elected via acclamation.

Geoff Pinkerton and Eileen Brown were not present at the meeting tonight. If they would like to continue as Directors at Large, they will need to be nominated at a future meeting.

Ross encouraged younger members of the community to get involved. If interested, please contact any member of the Executive.

AGM and Election ended at 9:07 pm.

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