



# 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, February 09, 2022 @ 7:30 pm      **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Attendance:** 16 residents

**Special Guests:** Mayor Jonathan Cote, Councillors Chinu Das, Nadine Nakagawa, and Chuck Puchmayr

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

**City Representative:** Dilys Huang (Planning Dept.)

**Presenters:** Sharat Chandra and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment; Michael Kazda, Ellisdon

**1. Motion to Appoint Chair** – moved; seconded; carried.

**2. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Wilf

**3. Approval of Minutes from September and November, 2021, meetings**  
– moved; seconded; carried Wilf

**4. Adoption of Agenda** Wilf

**5. Remarks from Mayor Cote**

- **Update on Hume Park Master Plan** – lots of community engagement; he thanked the community for their participation in the process; the upper area of the park will be activity-based; the lacrosse box will remain.
- **Update on Sapperton District Energy System** – the power source will be from the Metro Vancouver Sewer Line; the plan is to build on a piece of land by the Sapperton Skytrain Station; the project is in the early stages; the major customer will be the hospital; it will help alleviate greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Update on Sapperton Green** – the project is anticipated to go through the rezoning stage this year; a discussion was held about community amenities
- **Brunette Interchange Project** – the project has been paused for quite a while, but the City of Coquitlam is eager for it to get underway; the Mayor stressed that it's important that the Sapperton neighbourhood get involved as it will have a huge impact on this community
- **Canada Games Pool** – a significant leak caused the pool to be closed early and the Mayor acknowledged it is a loss to the community; the City will extend the outdoor pool season and Hume Park Pool will be reopened this year.

- **Massey Theatre** – the City has taken over the operations and is hoping to bring new life to the theatre. He acknowledged this is a major project.
- **Remarks from Councillor Puchmayr** – he announced the passing of longtime Sapperton resident, Chris Sargent.
- **Remarks from Councillor Das** – she assured residents that the City is continuing to try help coordinate projects in this area.
- The Mayor fielded a number of questions related to City amenities, programs, and so on.
- He mentioned the urban tree program.
- The City is asking for a community centre, park space and affordable housing from the Sapperton Green developers, and these are intended to serve the entire community, not just Sapperton Green residents. They are in early stages of discussing amenities for that development.
- A major announcement is coming on February 11 regarding the affordable housing project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and another project is coming related to the homeless issue in NW.

## 6. Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Measures Initiative Monica and Brennan

- Monica H. and Brennan A. provided an update on this initiative
- The initiative is in response to RCH moving its Emergency Department entrance to Sherbrooke Street as it is anticipated there will be a significant increase in Sherbrooke Street traffic.
- The City has indicated a willingness to implement further TCMs based on support and consensus from residents in Lower Sapperton.
- A committee of enthusiastic local residents has been working on this initiative since September. This is NOT an SRA project, but the SRA is acting as a liaison to the City and facilitator in this process.
- Although these residents are not traffic planners, they have tried to engage as many residents as possible through door-to-door visits and conversations, virtual workshop and online survey.
- The survey results indicate an overwhelming interest in increased and improved TCMs.
- The workshop on November 24 yielded lots of useful feedback and ideas which led to the development of proposed enhanced TCMs. An online poll has indicated support for the ideas but a desire for a second workshop to tweak and refine the proposal. This will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
- Brennan went over some of the design proposals and feedback from residents.
- Our ask of the City: for its support and ultimately for the City Engineering Department to take over this process.
- Councillor Nakagawa asked if we have been in contact with the Engineering Department and Monica assured her that we have kept them in the loop throughout this process.
- Mayor Cote said the City would like to support this proposal if they can and asked us to bring the ideas to the Engineering Department.

## 7. RCH Redevelopment Project Sharat Chandra, Project Officer, RCH Redev.

- Sharat provided an update on the ongoing project, including the following: the demolition of the existing infrastructure is mostly complete; excavation work is on schedule; P1, P2

and slab on grade level has been poured with vertical walls being constructed; concrete is being poured on Levels 1 and 2.

- February – concrete pours will continue; steel superstructure work begins; excavation work should be completed.
- March – generator will move in and RCH will issue a notice to residents about this.
- April – construction continues.
- Keary Street entrance concept – there will be access to and from Sapperton Station; there will be a new, prominent entry for the campus and there will be entrance and exit points; there will be improved pedestrian experience and accessibility; Sharat emphasized the focus on equity and accessibility.
- He discussed RCH's coordination with the City and other projects in the area.
- EllisDon has created an unofficial Facebook page to engage with the community and to facilitate a positive exchange of ideas and information.

## 8. Update on Ongoing Projects

Dilys Huang, City of NW Planning Dept.

- **Note:** Our regular representative, Janet Zazubek, has recently left the City of New Westminster and Dilys is attending tonight on behalf of the Planning Department.
- There are no new updates with Brewery District, 100 Braid Street or 408 E. Columbia Street projects; they are ongoing.
- The Elizabeth Fry project at Sherbrooke and Kelly Streets is currently on hold.
- **337/339 Keary Street Townhouse Project** – the City has received a rezoning and redevelopment request for this site; this will be nine side-by-side infill townhouse units, which are 3-bedroom, family-friendly, stratified units; they will be for sale not for rental. The project includes 10 off-street parking spaces, which is consistent with City guidelines. The site also includes long-term bicycle storage. The project is currently at the applicant-led consultation phase and the period for comments and feedback wraps up on February 14. The developer held a virtual Open House earlier this week and they are still in the early stages with the City in the review process. All feedback should be submitted directly to their website: [sappertonliving.com](http://sappertonliving.com). Residents can also submit feedback to the City project page: [beheardnewwest.com](http://beheardnewwest.com). There will be another City-led engagement process coming up.
- Dilys noted that because of the pandemic, the City has adopted an Interim Development Review process for all projects.

## 9. Reports

### A. Treasurer's Report

Anita

- Anita gave the Financial Report for 2021. She listed the deposits and expenses.
- Dues for 51 memberships were collected last year.
- Opening balance: 2,570.69; Closing balance: 3,247.58.

### B. Police Committee Report

- She noted that the minutes from the recent meeting were attached to the RA meeting agenda so residents can read if interested.
- She said there was a lengthy discussion at the Police Meeting regarding the number of dropped calls on the police non-emergency line and the Police/Emergency Services are trying to remedy this situation.

**10. Directors' Vacancies** – Wilf asked if there were any residents in attendance who might be interested in joining the RA Executive, but no one was interested.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:01 pm.

**Upcoming Dates: Next Meeting** -Thursday, April 13 , at 7:30 pm – location likely via Zoom but dependent on situation with the pandemic.

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