



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: Wednesday, June 08, 2022 @ 7:30 pm **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 10 residents

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

City Representative: Amanda Mackaay (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Sharat Chandra, Gregg Cernes and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment

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

2. Welcome and Introduction of Executive Wilf

3. Adoption of Agenda Wilf

- Amended to move Train Whistle Cessation higher up the agenda

4. Approval of February Minutes – moved; seconded; carried Wilf

- **Amended:** Financial Statement added to the February minutes

Approval of April Minutes – moved; seconded; carried

5. Train Whistle Cessation – Brin Rusbourne from Brewery District Strata

- He did a presentation about the train whistles and the disturbance they bring to the residents of the Brewery District. He moved into the BD in 2017 and feels he was misled by WesGroup, which told him and other potential buyers that the train whistle issue would be resolved within 12 months.
- With the civic election coming in the Fall, residents at the BD have organized to lobby candidates to make this a priority issue.
- He and his group are seeking the RA's support in writing a letter to the local government to help their group to gain some traction and hopefully get the issue resolved.
- There was a discussion over which level of government is responsible for this issue. One resident said he had been working on this issue since 2010 and that Councillor Chuck Puchmayr was the lead on this issue for years.
- It was noted that there are 4 at-level crossings in Sapperton: 2 at Braid and 2 at Cumberland and Spruce. The City has an 8-stage process for the train whistle cessation and has reached out to Transport Canada about the issue. Currently, the two crossings at Braid are at Stage 2 and the Cumberland/Spruce crossings are at Stage 4.

- The requirements for cessation are listed on the City website and are seen as achievable.
- Brin also noted that this issue affects many vulnerable people, including residents at the new Mental Health and Substance Use Facility. There are also many new residents in the area due to the many new condo towers.
- **The following motion was made:** That the RA send a letter to the City asking for an update about the train whistle cessation issue and urging the City to continue looking at options to bring about train whistle cessation at marked crossings in Sapperton. **Moved. Seconded. Carried.**
- **ACTION: Monica will write this letter and circulate it to the Executive for approval before sending to CNW.**

6. Update on RCH Redevelopment Project – Sharat Chandra – Chief Project Officer;
Gregg Cernes – Deputy Chief Project Officer

- Sharat told the RA that he has taken on an interim role within Fraser Health, so Gregg Cernes will be the Interim Project Officer. Sharat will still be involved with RCH Redevelopment.

Update on project:

- Excavation is complete and work on masonry, drainage, walls, stairs and columns continues.
- Concrete is now being poured close to Level 5.
- After-hours concrete finishing – the City of NW has approved a noise by-law exemption for concrete finishing on the days of larger concrete pours until Jan. 31, 2023.
- This will allow noise until 11 pm on three evenings each month. The dates are subject to change due to a variety of factors.
- RCH will send notifications to residents 24 hours in advance of these extended days. The notices will include the name and contact details of an ED supervisor.
- **ACTION ITEM FOR RCH:** To check about whether Saturdays are included as possible noise by-law exemption days (because the original proposal shared with the RA only included Fridays). **Sharat committed to reporting back to the RA this month about this issue**, and both he and Gregg agreed that Saturdays were not mentioned as possible days during the meeting with residents about the noise by-law exemption.
- ED will make sure that all concrete finishing equipment is in operating order to minimize noise.
- Parking update: ED reminds its workers and contractors not to park in the neighbourhood. Violating vehicles are moved whenever possible. CNW parking patrol is regularly patrolling the neighbourhood. “No Construction Parking” signs have been posted all over the area. RCH is applying to CNW to extend its temporary use permit for the parking lot on Braid Street.
- Anita asked about the noise baffling materials she mentioned to Michael Kazda during the noise by-law extension meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** Gregg will look into it.
- Looking ahead: through the summer, the project will involve concrete pouring. There are no anticipated road closures at this point.

7. Update on Ongoing Projects in Sapperton – Amanda Mackaay (CNW Rep.)

- **Keary Street townhome project** – the project has gone through three readings and for adoption. It has been approved.
- Amanda will check with Dylan Myers at CNW about after-hours support for residents who see construction workers parking after hours during the extended concrete pours.
- Wilf note that the 100 Braid Street project recently closed two lanes of traffic on Braid (they were approved for only one lane of street closure), causing significant traffic back-ups on Braid right up to 8th Street. **ACTION:** Amanda will check into this get and get back to us.

8. Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Measures Initiative

Monica

- Monica H. provided an update on this initiative. She, Anita, Elaine S. and Brennan A. put together the finalized document on this proposal, which was forwarded to the City. She shared that she received a response from Erica Tiffany at CNW, who was impressed with the work done on the consultation process and proposed TCI design. However, Erica did not provide any commitment on timelines as she said the City has resource shortages right now. Monica will regularly “nudge” the City over the coming months to remind them about this proposal.
- Eileen commented that we should remind the City to ensure the work on Sherbrooke Street is done first before anything else.
- A resident noted that there have been several incidents with cars running the red light at Fader and Braid, causing several dangerous situations for pedestrians. Is it possible to install a red light camera there? Suggestion: This should be reported to the police non-emergency line each time it happens.
- It was noted that this may be happening because drivers are impatient due to construction-related traffic back-ups on Braid St.
- **ACTION:** Amanda was asked to check with the Engineering Department about this; she said she will do so and report back.

9. Community Policing Report

Sandra

- Sandra was absent so there was no Policing Report.
- Jacob reported that someone is going door-to-door in the area dressed as a Brinks Security guard and Telus employee. They are being aggressive in talking to residents at their door.

10. New Business: “Scavenger Hunt”

- Anita thanked Monica on behalf of the RA for taking on extra work for the RA Exec. over the past several months in the absence of a Chair/Vice-Chair. She sent M. on a “scavenger hunt” for a gift. Monica was very surprised and grateful for this kind gesture.

11. Meetings in September

Dee

- Do we want to meet in person or continue to meet via Zoom? Discussion.
- It was tentatively agreed that we will meet via Zoom in September and in-person in November, covid-dependent. Dee suggested that we try to meet in the new Skwo:wech Elementary School when we resume in-person meetings.

12. Old Business: Elections for Directors' Vacancies on the Executive

- Dee nominated **Jacob Huang to be the new Chair of the RA; he was voted in by acclamation.**
- Eileen nominated **Sandy Leung to be Vice-Chair; she was voted in by acclamation.**
- Welcome to the team, Jacob and Sandy! Everyone is grateful for your service.
- Wilf volunteered to help continue running the meetings and Jacob was happy for this help.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 pm.

Upcoming Dates: Next Meeting -Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 pm – via Zoom