



**Minutes - Annual General Meeting
Wednesday FEBRUARY 4TH, 2015
River Market – Main Floor by Escalator
Registration: 6:30PM**

7:00 PM Special Guests:

1. Mayor Jonathan x. Cote

-Transportation is the biggest issue in NW. Master Transportation plan adopted last year has some long term solutions. According to the Mayor's Task Force on Transportation, being in the middle of Metro Van, 40k vehicles travel through NW each year. The Mayor's Task Force is asking residents to approve a .5% sales tax increase to pay for transport upgrades planned for the entire region.

-Waterfront vision- Sapperton Landing hoping to connect to Westminster Pier Park and Quayside esplanade, then to Queensborough via the Q2Q bridge. No one wanted the original plan for the bridge, a walkway that went up high over the river. A bascule bridge was chosen by city vote. It will land on the west side of rail bridge and will not interfere with the children's (submarine) park. This will help to connect Queensborough with downtown NW. Q1. Emergency access for ambulance will be available, otherwise vehicles are not allowed on the bridge. Q2. Since there will be more foot traffic, the city may need to look at more police patrols. Q3. The Bosa "Riversky" development has been approved and will go forward. It will include significant improvement to McInnes overpass. The parking will be replaced once it's complete but parking will be lost while it's being built. Q4. Quayside infrastructure maintenance needed, this is an opportunity to speak with QCB to have these issues addressed. Q5. Moving ahead with partial deconstruction from of parkade from 6th to Begbie - 60% of parking will be left and will meet present and future needs. Q6. Skytrain capacity will be increased with a yes vote in the upcoming referendum. Q7. Currently no active plans to finish Muni Evers Park.

2. Chief Engineer City of NW Jim Lowrie - Whistle Cessation

- 22 level grade crossings in the city. There are 4 railway companies in the city that own different parts of the rail. City is focusing on downtown-Begbie and Front St- and Queensborough to Quayside. Downtown has approval from rail co for design for new crossing. Extended agreement to 24 months and has \$1m budget from city and rail cos. Laguna crossing design is underway and is very complex. It would include bells, lights and gates, which concerns residents. Transport Canada has rules that crossing must be so far back from road so the city should reach out and engage QCB if any issues. QCB hasn't been in consult with rail co and the city in engaging design, re whistle cess in the yard, late spring will see consultations with QCB re design. Contents of cars in Quayside- Fire Dept has contact with rail co regarding what is contained in cars. Carnarvon between 8th and McInnes issues brought up regarding the huge increase of traffic on this narrow and busy pedestrian street. Mr. Lowrie will take issue back to the city.

3. Gerda Suess-Group of Five-

-Thank you from nurses and doctors for allowing Gerda to speak today re fundraising for RCH. You have made purchases possible since 2005- \$200k raised for medical equip. Asking for continued support for Group of 5, pediatric doctor asks to raise funds for a cast saw for new borns, need \$5,600 dollars to buy this. Every dollar raised goes to buying equip. Only 12 cents of every dollar raised for Cancer Society goes to research, the rest to admin. Fundraiser for Group of 5 - Luncheon at old Bavarian beginning of May.

4. Don Swindells- Hyack Festival Association-

- Thank you to Mayor Cote. Pageant for Ambassador for New west - 2nd night is March 28th at Anvil Centre. TGIF's have been very popular and will continue. Hyack Parade May 23. Hyack is taking over the Show n Shine, will be July 12th this year. Lots of support for SnS from Downtown BIA. Hyack president theme is LOL in NW. #lolinnewwest

5. Marnie Kurylo- Savvy Space Solutions

-Helps people & businesses to declutter. Condo living - you must have had to downsized to move to the quay. Life changes also changes life style and it's not unusual to still have packed boxes after 2 years. Start easy, start small, start with extra margarine containers that everyone has. Recycle them, also Chinese food containers and paper phone books. What do you wear from your wardrobe- most people wear 20 % of their clothes 80% of the time. Go thru n get rid of what you don't wear. Maximize your space, things should have two uses. Have one set of dishes for every day and for guests. Swap out your ottoman for a storage ottoman.

6. Certificates for Community Service

- James Crosty and Paul Thompson for 10 years of outstanding dedication
- Marnie Kurylo for doing the face painting at our festivals
- Royal City Record for supporting the community

A. CALL TO ORDER: 8:05PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: Tabled until Feb.25 MSC:Yes

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 1) **Light up the Quay Committee:** James: Presentation of Awards and Prizes: #3-Tower II
#2- Quaywest #1 Tiffany Shores
Pushing for Candy Cane Lane next year and hopefully city will decorate trees on the quay

D. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maureen 2014 Financial Report – most member dues go towards website, post box and wreath for Nov.11. Most expenses go to the festival, several very good sponsors like Bosa,

D. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Penny Mclvor** – This organization is entering its 10th year in the community, I am proud to have been a part of this. I believe we truly are a community and welcome everyone to have a voice. There are a lot of changes taking place here and to be able to keep everyone who is interested in the loop is what we strive for.

I look forward to this year and keeping and bettering our communication with each other the other RA 's and the City Depts.

E. **NEW BUSINESS:** Presentation of Officers for the QCB 2015 Executive:

Presentation of New Executive for QCB Board:

President - Penny Mclvor, Vice President - Joy Berkana, Treasurer - Maureen Albanese,
Secretary - Vickie Turvey and Director at Large - Paul Jackson

G. **STRATA REPORTS: Legend:** NTR = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance

Tabled to next meeting

Anchor Pointe: Dockside: Excelsior: Laguna Landing: Lido: Promenade: QuayWest: Quayside Terrace: Rialto: Riverbend Co-op: Riviera: Tiffany Shores: Tower I: Tower II: Murano: Westport: Westminster Landing Co-op: The Q:

I. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** Tabled

J. **DOOR PRIZE DRAW:** Great Wall Tea Co. Gift basket- Geraldine Anderson.

Gift cards – Heidi W., Burt E., Catherine McKenzie, Marnie K., Barbara K., Jeremy Ray, John Lalonde, Rod Mclvor. Cathy Gibson- flowers. Dorothy Holmes – Savvy Space Solutions \$100 GC

Questions for the board-- none

K. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** 8:18 Thank you to all members and merchants! MSC:

Next meeting: February 25th, 2015 at 7:00PM
Anchor Pointe Meeting Room