



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – Feb. 26th, 2014

Meeting Location: 1135 Quayside Dr. Anchor Pointe,

Common Room: **PLEASE NOTE START TIME 7:00 pm**

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7:00PM Special Guest: Councillor Chuck Puchmayr: to discuss rail issues. There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to determine the way to proceed with the whistle cessation that has been signed by PMV, City and Southern Railway. Map showing the yards involved in the whistle cessation MOU. Coquitlam yard cannot be used to reroute the trains from new west. Transport Canada and the railways must agree on what's needed for safety of the crossings in NW Downtown, Begbie St. ect. Trains don't exceed 10 mph when crossing roads. Regulation with regards to whistle cessation 23.11 no train person shall use a whistle on any equipment in any municipality if the area meets requirement. City, PMV and Southern railways putting money towards railway crossings for whistle cessation. It would cost up to \$5Mil to do all crossings. Complete disclosure of dangerous goods coming through our corridor has been made available to the city. Railways are not well equipped to handle hazmat responses so the city is looking into doing it. Every firefighter in NW will be trained in hazmat. Currently Vancouver & Delta would be contracted to service any hazmat issues. Some rail companies will use horns for communication with base/conductor, others use radios. Also whistles can be different with diff equip., some have valves others have buttons. Valves can be controlled, aka shorter and quieter, buttons make a standardized whistle. Begbie & Front St crossings are being considered soon along with Quayside and one in Queensborough. It may be possible for sound panels to be put up for the ramp to the train bridge. Upcoming Railway Meeting at city hall is open to the public encouraged all to come. All committee meeting minutes will be online going forward. Questions were raised about what the MOU is vs the agreement was with the rail companies. A copy of the MOU was not available until privacy issues are addressed. It was mentioned the option of electric trains in the yard is being reviewed. Board mentioned noise from shunting worse than whistles. Discussion took place and Councillor Puchmayr was thanked by the President for coming.

A. Call to order 7:37PM

B. Additions to the Agenda: Review bylaws and administration processes see E.5 AGM review E.6 Add new Regular business item H.4 Festivals: to include Light up the Quay, Quayside Festival and any other events.

C. Adoption of the minutes: AGM, Feb. 5th, 2014 w/signed financials added **MSC: yes**

D. Train Report: Brian NIA

E. Business arising from the minutes:

1. Plaza 88 and McInnis overpass: Lynn: because of the increased interest from developers this is a priority for the city to decide on what will happen with the overpass. The turning of vehicles into the mall on Begbie was discussed and nothing will be done for now. The board asked about the stop signs at the bottom and despite past promises about them being place permanently this will now wait until the developer pays to have it done. A board member mentioned that approval for putting a roof over the exposed mall was provided.

2. Strata Council List Update: Please ensure you send updates regarding strata councils:

3. Resident Association Guidelines from City of New Westminster: Penny: Discussion of brochure and boundaries from the RA's city meeting was discussed. A letter send in 2010 was mentioned and no answer from the city came. City will look at and let us know for next meeting. Translink postponed public consultation on Pattullo Bridge. City to propose changes in Truck routes to Translink 2 easy changes, 3 others are harder. Must come up with a plan and consult with trucking industry. Pattullo Bridge: doing maintenance at this time only. Rail: working on whistle cessation as per presentation made by Chuck at tonight's meeting. Family Day: was a success and province helped the venues with funds. Development services update: Larco, Laneway houses was tabled till next meeting.

4. Surrey Port and Coal Transfer Station: James: lots going on and over 3,500 submissions to oppose the EIA have been registered on line. A new impact study was requested by Port Metro Van but they will not allow comment by provincial health authorities nor will the public be able to review or comment. Need to keep the pressure from the public to all our elected officials, civic, provincial and federal, keep the letters coming.

5. Review/update QCB Bylaws: Dorothy, James – Discussion about the need for some changes to the bylaws to bring them up-to-date and provide some revisions. The last revision of 2009 was not approved at the AGM so this means they were last revised March 29, 2006. A committee was struck with Penny, Dorothy, Maureen and James to review and find where updates are needed. Motion to approve and table **MSC- Yes**

6. Review of AGM – Over 65 people at the AGM – There were 5 presentations from various developers the city and seniors fundraiser. Appreciation awards were presented. Thanks to River Market, Wild Rice, Quay Pacific and Plaza 88 for sponsorship. New Officers were confirmed by the Board. A procedural issue occurred with a speaker who was informed prior to the meeting to ask the Chair for permission but did not. The speaker interrupted the agenda but was not recognized by the Chair and was later instructed to contact the President for a time to speak at the next board meeting. The meeting continued as per the agenda and schedule.

F. President's Report: Penny: First I want to thank James for taking on the planning, setup and Chairing the AGM. Without his dedication it would not have taken place. We have had new and ongoing issues this last year, Rail noise, Coal, new buildings, traffic and road infrastructure. We have proven to the city we can accomplish what other residents associations cannot just by the numbers on our board. We need to keep this up. I would like to have the board's input as to what we are going to focus on achieving this year if there are other items that I have not listed. I would also like ideas and input for next year's Light up the Quay. Is anyone willing to take on the coordination of this event? I would like a committee in place by June meeting. Quayside Festival volunteers needed, and I would like to see the committee in place by March's meeting.

G. Treasurer's report: Maureen: Balance is \$10,425.81 all strata's have paid membership fees for 2014

H. Regular Business:

1. Westminster Pier Park: Lynn: Food service is hoped to be back this summer with more types of food. A board member mentioned the new overpass with an elevator at 4th is going ahead at a cost of \$3.2Million and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2014.

2. Civic (Convention) Centre: Lynn: on schedule- bookings already coming in for fall of 2014.

3. Pedestrian Overpass to Queensborough: Lynn: NTR

4. Festivals – advertising for both festivals needed at once in order to get more sponsorship. Sapperton festival organizer is asking Hyack for help. We could also ask for assistance. Proposed at the RA meeting to coordinate vendors – tabled until Janice can talk to Sapperton organizer.

I. Committee Reports and Appointments:

1. Traffic, Buses, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee: Michail: NIA. James attended the truck rerouting meeting for our RA. Quayside area was sort of left off the list of RA's and a request was sent to include QCB. There are proposals that the city is putting forward to Translink and the Province but none of these are enforceable and the city has no power to make any of these recommendations happen on their own.

2. Community Policing: Gavin: NIA

3. Emergency Advisory Committee: Vickie: NTR – Our representative was not accepted on the committee so the President will write a letter to the committee asking that QCB have representation on the committee. It was felt that any potential rail or flood incidents would directly impact our community the most and we should have a representative on the committee. We did an amazing job during the last flood threat and many lessons were learned by the community and the city.

4. Website Update: Penny: Ongoing meetings with STC to continue working on the changes and privacy.

5. Off Leash Dogs: Vickie: NTR

J. Strata Reports: Legend: NTA = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance:

Anchor Pointe: re-piping completed happy with job. **Dockside:** going ahead with renos, work starts mid March. ¾ of depreciation report complete (janitor recommendation needed) **Excelsior:** approval for elevators this summer **Laguna Landing:** NTR **Lido:** finished roof cleaning replaced concrete tiles **Murano:** NIA **Promenade:** fire panel equipment replacement **Quaywest:** NTR **Quayside Terrace:** prep for AGM. Security cameras installed in underground **Rialto:** NIA **Riverbend:** bikes stolen from yards Racoons a problem **Riviera:** NIA **Tiffany Shores:** NIA **Tower I:** depreciation report in March **Tower II:** Ivy being removed due to rodents **Westport:** interior completed except lobby, rock garden completed **Westminster Landing:** NTR **The Q:** NIA

K. Correspondence received: letter from Royal Westminster Regiment thanking us for our sponsorship

L. Motion to adjourn: 9:07PM

MSC: yes

Next Meeting March 26th, 2014 @ 7:00PM Anchor Pointe