



## QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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At Anchor Pointe – 7:00PM 1135 Quayside Dr Common Room

**7:00PM Special Guest:** Reena Meijer-Drees to discuss the STV voting system. Reena is a resident in Sapperton, Board member of Farmers Market and Auto Share. Handed out information to talk about what BC-STV is. Will create larger ridings instead of individual ridings. We will have the same number of members in the house. Will be more difficult to get a majority gov't with this system vs the first past the post system. Requires 60% of the popular vote along with 50% in each riding to pass. If passed 2013 would be the first election for it to be used. The Citizen Assembly recommended BC-STV in 2005, the first year we voted on it. Only three other countries in the world currently use a form of this voting system. Members are encouraged to attend the Library on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> to hear for and against this system of voting. Websites: Yes [www.stv.ca](http://www.stv.ca) No [www.knowstv.ca](http://www.knowstv.ca) The QCB took no position on this.

**A. CALL TO ORDER 7:30PM: Regrets: Anchor Pointe, Laguna Landing, Rialto, Tiffany Shores, Tower I, Westminster Landing, City Hall Rep. MIA: Quayside Terrace, Tower II, Murano, The Q.**

**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 MSC: YES as Amended**

**C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**1. Plaza 88 report:** Allan: NTR

**2. Website:** Update from Oct – Jan. Motion to approve \$157.50 MSC: YES

**3. Mailbox for west end of Quayside Drive:** Matthew: Trying to contact the post office about the mailbox, asking what the procedure is for putting in an application. No reply from the person I was told to contact and the person who told me the contact said he'd "speak to him" (the person in charge), haven't heard anything back yet. Will continue following up. I will likely see this other person at the next Community Policing Committee meeting.

**4. Strata Council List Update:** Received from Excelsior and Tiffany Shores. Welcome to Ross Bird from Excelsior.

**5. Poplar Landing Development:** Allan: NTR

**6. Urban Sustainability:** Matthew: NTR

**7. Off Leash Dogs:** Ted: As moved at the AGM a request for a fence was sent out to city hall for consideration. This was to provide a cleaner safer area for the children's park. A complaint was received by members regarding the muddy state of the off leash park at Rialto. Tickets are still not being issued so a motion was put forward: The QCB requests that the City start issuing tickets (fines) to owners of off leash dogs to curtail this activity at the start of the good weather. MSC: YES  
Ted will follow up on this as the Parks Department has requested a meeting at the end of the week. We are still finding that 10 – 15% of the dogs on the boardwalk are off leash.

**8. Art at Renaissance Square:** Many requests have been made to provide our members with a picture of the two artworks but to no avail. They have been submitted to the City for approval and the QCB is not able to obtain information for its members. This seems to be an ongoing issue with Aragon.

**D. PRESIDENTS REPORT:** James: Media release will be issued on the results of our mediation with the rail companies and the noise issue. Members seem to feel there has been a reduction in the level of noise from the yard. City is to form a task force to discuss train issues. Encouraged members to look at the [www.quaysideboard.com](http://www.quaysideboard.com) website for announcements. Continued to attend community meetings regarding downtown task force, three stages and sponsorship meetings.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maureen \$6,729.98 + \$196.00 in A/C membership fees

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

## G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. Special events committee:** Quayside Festival and Sale: Many requests for tables are already being emailed. Spoke to the 150 Celebrations organizer and no help will be coming from them at this point. Three bands and a special booth from Canada Place are interested in attending. Keep things moving along and will likely get the committee struck in May.
- 2. Traffic, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee:** Matthew: Traffic Advisory Committee is Thursday. Buildings around Renaissance Sq have been pushing for some kind of enforcement or education around the traffic circle. Continuing problems of residents cutting the wrong way around, and conflicts will only get worse at The Q comes online. There are approximately 750 parking spots exiting on to that traffic circle, however the city, the police and ICBC have all shunned any responsibility for the situation. Will continue inquiring.
- 3. Community Policing:** Matthew: No reports were sent this month. I had 4 replies last month. One about a rash of car break-ins at Murano and three thanking me for the work they believe I am doing. Once again the QCB encourages members to report anything to Matthew in order to keep the police informed. Please remind your buildings to pass on any intelligence about policing issues in our neighbourhood. There was a report of threats to residents about someone upset that members were reporting issue to the police. If you hear anything on this please advise the QCB. Additionally we are looking to catch the person who is placing the signs up around the boardwalk concerning the vandalism of the motor home that was parked on Quayside Drive. The city would like to know the address of the person putting these signs up as they are against city bylaws. The tape is causing damage to the surface of poles and other surfaces. This can be supplied to the QCB anonymously.
- 4. Translink:** Pat:
- 5. Hyack Square Art:** Diane: An art piece has been selected for the public art project; hopefully the whole process will be complete by May for the 150th anniversary! The process went smoothly and was very collaborative with a member from the downtown residents assoc, myself as a rep from Quayside, 2 business assoc members, the landscape architect and rep from the city on the selection committee.
- 6. Hyack Square Opening and 150 Celebrations:** Gerry: June 20<sup>th</sup> is the opening day. All matter of entertainment and ceremonies to take place. Submitted reports from the meetings attached for your information. It was discussed to donate for the opening suggesting that the square be renamed "Quayside Spirit Square" but no motion was presented.

## H. STRATA REPORTS: Legend: NTR = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance

**Anchor Pointe:** NTR **Dockside:** Tree fell in the winter will be trimmed, parking repaired roof leaks, hired new gardeners. **Excelsior:** AGM in May and asked the QCB to keep up the good work. **Laguna Landing:** NTR **Lido:** AGM in April. **Promenade:** AGM voted to change property mgr. Welcomes suggestions from members. Reported break-in with guy dressed as security guards and they do not have security guards. They were challenged and left good pictures from surveillance cameras taken. **QuayWest:** Seeking additional outside painting quotes. **Quayside Terrace:** NTR **Rialto:** Working at resolving some security issues in the 3-side parking and continue to work on pet bylaws. **Riverbend Co-op:** Have locked area for recycling now installed. **Riviera:** AGM held and continuing with repairs. **Tiffany Shores:** NTR **Tower I:** NTR **Tower II:** NTR **Murano:** NTR **Westport:** NTR **Westminster Landing Co-op:** NTR **Special Guest Q:** NTR

## I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Vancouver Circus School now at the River Market 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – poster sent  
Heart and Stroke foundation Big Bike May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Julian hosting a rail noise meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>  
EconoWise patio covers call 604-309-7496  
Deryk Norton regarding Strata Legislation  
Riva Café will be relocating outside beside the Casino Boat in May  
Strata application of the tax grant for renovations

## J. MOTION TO ADJOURN MSC:

**Next meeting: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:30PM**

# Neighborhood Trolley Tour

## March 11, 2009

**Attendance:** Rob McCullough, Fiona Burrows, Jennifer Peyton, Andree St. Martin, Lorraine Brett, Judy Ross, Mary Wilson, Delaina MacDonald, Andy Bradshaw, Debora Sutherland, Blair Armitage, Mark James, Gavin Palmer, Rhonda Larrabee, Alana McIntyre, Geraldine Harder, Bill & Lynn Radbourne, Dr. Bill Shannon, Neil Powell, Marge Ashdown, Crystal Carle.

Introduction of Fiona Burrows from SFU who is part of the celebration task force planning committee and Rob McCullough from NWMA Curator who is responsible for choosing the route and coordinating the historical information for the event.

Jennifer Peyton explained to the group the concept already in place.

The tour will be a one day event Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Proposed Time: 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Trolley can hold 35-40 people.

Wait time may be 30 minutes for people getting on and off the trolley.

Price per ticket:	Adult	\$5.00	
	Child/Senior	\$2.00	ages to be determined
	Family	\$10.00	2 adults 2 children

Instead of a ticket, a wristband may be used for entry, which will be useful when there is the on-off component to the ride, and possibly a souvenir program available.

Scotia Bank will sell tickets at all 3 of their branches prior to the event and also provide 5 volunteers if needed. Scotia Bank will also match any ticket moneys that are brought in for this event.

It will be an on-off trolley tour incasing the three different areas of New Westminster showcasing each neighborhood of New Westminster.

The three areas to be include:

**Area #1** Queens Park - Sapperton - Columbia Street - Hyack Square

**Area #2** West End - 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor - Poplar Island - Grimston - Quay-Discovery Centre - Hyack Square

**Area #3** Port Royal – Queensborough

In order to include Queensborough there will be a water taxi service leaving from the Westminster Quay. The trolley tour will be narrated by a guide, each of whom will use a script. In each area there will be scheduled stops in designated neighborhoods where people can get on and off and participate in whatever each neighborhood has planned as their showcase. Each neighborhood will decide on what they would like to present and where.

Already happening on this day is the dedication of Hyack Square at 5 p.m with activities planned all day, the dedication of the Queens Park Rose Garden, B.I.A. Royal Tea, a display at Centre Court of heritage clothing featuring Ivan Sayers & barbershop music in front of the Mall.

**Things to think about. Some answers are available as of March 16 & notated in blue.**

Will the trolleys be accessible to wheelchairs? **Yes 1 trolley is wheelchair accessible**

Can the trolleys do the hills? **Yes, particularly the diesel**

Where will the water taxi dock? **Port Royal**

What type of signage will be used and where will it be placed. **We are in touch with the transportation dept. at the City & will work out those details**

Will there be a brochure outlining what areas and what you will see.

What type of advertising will be used?

Will there be sponsorship by businesses?

Will the different areas be color coded for identification?

Can there be video taping of the event in order to document.

There was concern that the travel routes may take longer than predicted. [We have spoken with the trolley company & the routes will probably not even take 30 minutes](#)

What happens if 1000 tickets are sold and only 200 people can participate? [Making the tour hop of/off does not limit ticket sales. The trolley company did recommend that we bring an extra trolley to town in case on of the routes gets really backed](#)

Queensborough Sikh parade is also on the event date with 150,000 people predicted to attend, could this be a problem for the trolleys to get around.

How do you move extra people? [Having the extra trolley will take care of this problem.](#)

It was suggested that possibly we could use the Heritage buses for extra people. There will be a charge for the driver, fuel and bus. [\\$500 for the day.](#)

Contact transit to see if there could be a conflict. [The City transportation department will help with that.](#)

The transit museum offered the BC Electric bus which has a movie theatre inside to show a movie showing the history film of New Westminster and park it at the Hyack Square for the day.

<b>WEST</b>	<b>CENTRE</b>	<b>EAST</b>
Sikh parade	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Massey Theatre back stage tour	Justice Institute
Poplar Island ship building	Douglas College	Fire Station
Aboriginal burial ground	Burr Theatre	Canada Games Pool
Roma Hall 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Columbia St display of postcards & photos from Army Navy to Hyack Square	Fraser Cemetery
Frankie G's heritage photos	Art Gallery open all day	Pen Gatehouse-Pen Cafe
12 <sup>th</sup> Street	Police Station-Museum-City Hall	Sapperton Plaza
Homeport House-Connaught Heights	Vagabon Players	Qayqayt People
Sampson	Band Shell	Rovers soccer game Sapperton Park
Discovery Centre	Nurses Lodge	Hume Park
Quay Market Circus	Memorial Gardens at Queens Park Care Centre	Labatts
High Tea @ Village Coffee	Holy Trinity 150 Anniversary	Distillery
Queensborough radio-control track	Queens Ave 150 Anniversary	Victoria Hill
	Olivet Baptist 130 Anniversary	
	Court House Gallows	
	Armouries	
	Queens Hotel	
	Friendship Gardens	

Everyone at the meeting was encouraged to forward on any ideas that they may have to Jennifer.

Thank to everyone for coming and participating in this meeting.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2009  
Place: Century House Spruce Room  
Time: 4 p.m.

## NEW WESTMINSTER TROLLEY TOUR MEETING

**Present:** Jennifer Peyton, Rob McCullough, Fiona Burrows,  
**Place:** Century House  
**Time:** April 1, 2009 4 p.m.

Fiona Burrows welcomed everyone and outlined what the outcomes they wished to achieve at this meeting.

The meeting was firstly opened to the members to bring up ideas and points for discussion. Jennifer stated that there was a budget for this event of \$9,000 most of which would be used for payment of the trolleys and extra buses that may be used.

Frank Froebel from the Paddlewheeler Riverboat Tours announced their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and because of this he will donate the paddlewheeler to be used for the transport of people from the Quay to the Queensborough Landing, in lieu of free advertising.

The Arts Council stated that they will have the gallery open with an exhibition in place with the artist on site, the patio will be open, and they will serve coffee, tea and cookies.

Village Coffee is planning a High Tea. They are teaming up with 5 other businesses to offer people on the trolleys a coupon book that can be to encourage people to take a look at all of those businesses in that area.

Discussion regarding having tickets being sold at other venues other than the Scotia bank to encourage sales prior to the event due to pre-ticket sales being an important factor in determining how many trolleys will be needed.

Tourism is utilizing a 150 passport. This passport encourages people to check out businesses. When customers enter a business they will receive a stamp for their passport. This ties in well with the trolley tour and the two can work together. There could be shared advertising.

On the same day there will be a Royal Tea. It will involve businesses on Front Street, Carnarvon Street, Begbie and Fourth. The advertising involves 32 businesses and this would be a great venue to tie in with the trolley tour. There was discussion about pairing up with this venue and utilizing the shared promotional advertising. This event will be advertising in the Tri Cities the last week in May. There are to be 2 bands at the Trapp Building and was noted that the possibility of asking 2 local artists to incorporate some of their work.

Rob brought 3 maps and the group split into three groups to discuss possible stops and venues that may be established along the route.

### CENTRAL AREA

Route could consist of 6<sup>th</sup> Street Uptown, Royal City Centre

Points of interest or stops may include: Centennial Bus, Casino in Queensboro, Columbia Square Projects, Pacific Breeze Winery, Irving House, Kerry Cottages, Genesis House, and Romanian Church.

It was discussed that maybe the areas could consolidate some spots and also the need for washroom facilities in certain areas.

### UPTOWN WEST

Was noted that there is sidewalk construction and will not be completed by this date on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Route could start at Hyack and go up 8<sup>th</sup> Street, left on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, loop 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, right on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, over 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave overpass and then stop at the Quay on Reliance Court and finish at the Discovery Centre.

The stop noted was at Village Coffee for their High Tea function. Since there is construction people could get off the trolley and walk up 8<sup>th</sup> Street. If the route loops around Tweedsmuir School possibly a heritage home or homes could open for the day so that people could tour the homes.

Point of Interests need to be further investigated. Homeport House could be one, Century House, Rotary Clock. Could use 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> as a stop to encompass Century House, Rotary clock, Moody Park, and the Mall.

May have to consolidate some spots in order to keep the tour 30 minutes.

### **EAST AREA**

Route discussed was north to the top of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Trudy's Gallery, right on Columbia Street, stop at the new Sapperton plaza, Columbia Street, stop at Sapperton Landing, through BC Penitentiary and cemetery, loop into Victoria Hill area, Memorial park.

Possible stops could be Glenbrook and the fire station could have a tour that day.

### **POINTS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 1, 2009 the tickets will go on sale.

Will there be added venues to purchase tickets?

Will there be a map and coupons included in the program?

Discussion regarding the numbers that could attend and it was felt that there is a possibility of 1,000. Will there be a need for additional buses?

The theme of this being a Homecoming Tour was mentioned.

Should there be a cap on the number of tickets sold?

School buses being used were mentioned and discussion surrounding the topic concluded that people would not be getting the "trolley" experience.

Rhonda mentioned that she has possibly 4 buses that could be used and these buses are vintage buses so people would not be disappointed.

The city be asked if there could be free parkade parking on this day, Jennifer will look into this.

Wristbands were discussed further and the idea was thought to be an excellent one.

### **ACTION**

Need to get the neighborhoods organized.

Was discussed that the neighborhoods may need to start working on cleaning up their areas.

There is a lot of immediate work that needs to be completed.

Need to ask permission to make any or all of the stops.

May be a need to relinquish some neighborhood activities and consolidate them due to time restrictions on the tours.

Immediate work needs to be completed on marketing this plan and route designation.

Discussed only having 2 areas as opposed to the three initially planned and that way there could be double buses traveling around the routes.

Check into the cross-promotion with other groups to lower costs for all.

Fiona, Rob and Jennifer will take all of this valuable information and determine the route and stops. Once established the committee will come together once again with what their neighborhood has decided to do during the tour, questions, concerns, and enthusiasm to make this a memorable event during the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

Next meeting will be announced.