



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – March 27th, 2013

Meeting Location: 1135 Quayside Dr. Anchor Pointe,

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Special Guest Speaker (7PM) – David Jones, New Westminster Chief of Police & Shelley Cole, Crime Prevention Services Coordinator. Dave Jones and Shelley Cole attended the meeting as guest speakers to encourage participation in the Community Policing Project and to also discuss the New Westminster Police Department Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016

Items covered & discussed:

- ❖ Community Policing, how invaluable it is. The monthly meeting spreads out the issues to those who attend, shows how the police force deals with the issue and how they choose to solve it.
- ❖ The Strategic Plan is comprised of three strategic directions.
 - Strategic Direction 1 ~ Reduce Crime & Enhance Safety
 - Strategic Direction 2 ~ Improve Communications & Strengthen Relations
 - Strategic Direction 3 ~ Optimize Use of Department Resources

More on the Strategic Plan can be obtained at:

<http://www.nwpolice.org/inside-new-westminster-police-department/strategic-plan/>

- ❖ NWPDP online reporting should be up and running by June 2013
- ❖ NWPDP signed on with the RCMP Lower Mainland District Emergency Response Team. This is a fulltime 67 member ERT team that supports front line officers. NWPDP has two full time members seconded to the LMD ERT.
- ❖ NWPDP does a crime stat analysis meeting every Wednesday. This is where they look at the last 7 days of calls, what statistics, and then they set goals for the next 7 days to focus on those issues that have occurred. Most cities do these meeting once a month or even longer than that. NWPDP is able to react quickly and get on top of the issues before they become a larger issue to deal with.
- ❖ Quayside Area calls – these are predominantly nuisance behaviour, vehicle break-ins, drinking in public. The Chief stressed that residents are to report the behaviour, whatever it is, to discourage the behaviour. If it is the same people, same time every night, then advise the dispatcher of that as well. The Chief suggests that residents also report things out of the ordinary. He then told a story about a lady who noticed a strange car parked on her block, she reported it and that report of that car led to the apprehension of John Oughton – the paper bag rapist.
- ❖ Patrols are down in the Quayside community on a regular basis, not all officers are in patrol cars or easily recognizable by the residents.
- ❖ NWPDP is working with E-Comm 911. E-Comm is a shared emergency call centre that is now available in Metro Vancouver, the Sunshine Coast and Squamish and Whistler areas. Chief Jones says it is the evolution of what is coming. At this time, New Westminster is not contracted to E-Comm 911.
- ❖ Board members then discussed numerous items with Shelley Cole/Dave Jones; pedestrians crossing Carnarvon, Jay walking, illegal parking on McInnis Overpass, and lack of feedback from NWPDP regarding complaints that were lodged.

A. Call to order: 8:00pm

B. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Envision 2013 Survey has been extended until March 31. Make sure you vote!

C. Adoption of the minutes from the QCB meeting held on 27-FEB-2013

MSC=YES

Additions to minutes:

1. Special Energy – Add incinerator
2. E. (1) three way stop stoplight instead of 3 way stop sign
3. E. (5) Motion to oppose , James to be contact
4. I. (1) Add discussion ensued regarding LUTQ.

D. Train Report – Brian (given by James)

Kat from Murano has two you tube videos posted – trains idling right outside her windows, blowing whistles in the middle of the yard, nowhere near a crossing. Enzo remarked that the cessation of train whistles report was sent to the city, received nothing back from council as of yet. The City has prepared the engineering report, now the railway has to come back, then the city comes back with modifications to the report; The Rail companies have been given 2 months to respond to each modification of the proposal. The newly formed Community Advisory Panel – holds its first meeting by end of April. They will be meeting to discuss, whistle cessation, idling etc. The Mayor and Chuck Puchmayr are on council along with three residents.

E. Business Arising From the Minutes

1. **Plaza 88 and McInnis Overpass:** Mike: The city will be adding a concrete base to the 3 way stop sign. Regarding to the illegal parking and stopping on McInnis overpass, Chief Dave Jones said that there should be signage/ markings at the curb to signify “no Parking/No stopping”, and right now there is none.
2. **Strata Council List Update:** Please advise the QCB of any council changes.
3. **Resident Association Guidelines** from City of New Westminster: Next meeting 17-APR-2013. Penny to attend.
4. **Surrey Port and Coal Transfer:** James: The Quayside Board website has been updated with the latest news on coal and connections have been made with various groups in the lower mainland. Attended the no coal rally in White Rock and proposed that the QCB do the same here on the Quayside. Will continue to monitor the situation and confirm the meeting date with Fraser Surrey Docks.

F. President’s Report

Penny in the midst of wrapping up her father’s affairs, she has been sifting through all the emails and responding to them. Penny would like to arrange the committees for Light up the Quay and the Boardwalk Sale early. She said that we need to get going on sponsors, funding is available early in the year from business’s and Penny thought that the QCB could look into having a fundraising committee.

G. Treasurer’s Report

- 2 more memberships have come in, now everyone is paid
- \$10,021.69 in QCB bank account
- RCMT check is still outstanding, it is stale dated and will be reissued. (James added at this time that he has advised RCMT that this is the last year that the QCB will be donating the Royal City Musical Theatre.)

H. Regular Business

1. **Westminster Pier Park** – Mark (City Rep): With regards to the access to the park, the Overpass/Stairs/Ramp access has proved more expensive (\$3.1 Million). Overpass/Stairs & elevator has been approved by council (\$1.8 Million). City is currently working on a tender package with the intention to have construction started this summer.
2. **Anvil (Convention) Centre** – Mark (City Rep): It is on schedule and the city is actively seeking tenants.
3. **Pedestrian Overpass to Queensborough** – Ted: Ted received the following reply regarding his inquiry to the public consultation. It is premature to have public consultation and raise expectations in the community.

I. Committee Reports and Appointments

1. **Quayside, Light up the Quay** – Lorraine: Discussion took place to clarify the event to members and future direction and discussion was tabled due to the late time of the meeting.
2. **Traffic, Buses, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee** – Michail: At the First Traffic Meeting we were all made Official Members. Traffic on the Pattullo Bridge was discussed and comments about traffic problems for the Quay area and entire City of New Westminster. I was informed by chair, Councilor Jamie McEvoy, and the City Engineer that they are working on the issue (but no details given). It was suggested it was going to be a 6-lane bridge and the city Engineer said it's not true. We were informed by the chair that nothing will be announced till after the Election. Members expressed disappointment and councilor McEvoy said they didn't want the Pattullo to become an election issue as they don't know who will form the next Provincial Government, or if the Translink Board will still be around after. I made a motion (it was seconded) at the meeting to ask Translink and the BC Government to study the issue of tunnel traffic through New West. During the discussion the chair and City Engineer made statements that if we bring this issue up we will upset the Parties at the table and it might backfire. They stated that we have to choose and pick the fights we can work on and that is a very expensive project that will not get approved (this was also heavily argued by 2 other Members of the Traffic Committee). In the end the motion did not pass. In case some of you are not aware the tunnel option is not new and in fact Burnaby bought land a few decades ago in anticipation of a tunnel. The meeting adjourned with little else discussed.
3. **Community Policing** – Gavin: Reports are sent by email on a regular basis. The presentation at the beginning of the meeting explained lots of options and suggestions for the Quayside Community to follow up on.
4. **Emergency Advisory Committee** – Vicki: NTR
5. **Website Update** – Penny: NTR
6. **Off-leash Dogs** – Ted: 1 patrol March 11, 2 off leash dogs = 2 warnings. Ted has requested additional patrols due to good weather and large number of off leash dogs back on boardwalk. Ted received an email with a log report now showing the pertinent parks in the area.

J. Strata Reports – Legend: NTA = Nothing To Report / NIA = Not In Attendance

NIA and/or NTR – Dockside, Lido, Murano, Riverbend, Riviera, Tiffany Shores, Tower 1, Westport, The Q

Anchor Point - Currently in the middle of the piping project. Total of 110 suites and a completion of 3 months.
Excelsior - 3rd draft of Depreciation report, delaying it until fall 2013. Laguna Landing - Replacing carpets and has a survey regarding the building warranty. Promenade - Just had AGM and first meeting of council. Accessible washroom is now being built. Quayside Terrace - Final Depreciation report is on the table, taking it to the AGM. 1 attempted break-in in the building. Quaywest - Two attempted break-ins in the Parkade. Sewer and drainpipes have been cleaned. Scheduling the depreciation report for this summer. Rialto - City is removing the trees from the sidewalk by dog park. Tower II – Spring Amnesty week coming up in June. Westminster Landing - Building coming along nicely, landscaping to be finished, community garden is a potential.

K. Correspondence Received

- Coal letters
- Pattullo Bridge update
- Metro Vancouver Waste Flow management

L. Motion to Adjourn: 9:35PM

Next Meeting: Anchor Point, 24-APR-13, 7:30PM

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