



## QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – October 1st, 2008 (postponed from Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)

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At Anchor Pointe – 7:30PM 1135 Quayside Dr - Common Room

**Special Guest: Neil Powel, Past President Sapperton Resident Association and candidate for council.** Discussion centered on the Canfor property in the middle of expropriation by Metro Vancouver as an incinerator site for burning garbage. There is currently a court action from the Port of Vancouver also interested in the site. Dr. Connett spoke to over 100 people in Sapperton regarding the dangers of incineration as a method of waste disposal. Nano particles, dioxins and the effect on air quality were pointed out with regard to Royal Columbian Hospital and the Quayside community with its hi-rises. Burnaby has a plant that is constantly changing and upgrading the filter system, as they have not solved the air quality issue. Waterways could be affected as well. Metro Vancouver will be monitoring air quality in several areas of the city. Metro Vancouver if successful in getting the property would not bring extra tax revenue into the city rather it would mean many more trucks with garbage travelling to the site. Concern was expressed that the existing site for garbage in Coquitlam may be looking to relocate to this site, as the lease will not be renewed by that city. Port of Vancouver if successful will contribute taxes to the city but will also increase truck traffic. A personal experience was relayed by one of our board members and the negative effect an incinerator had on his health. It was suggested that we ask each candidate if they would oppose an incinerator being located in New Westminster, Neil confirm that he would oppose this as well Matthew Laird confirmed his opposition. A letter has been sent to Metro Vancouver and the city from Sapperton opposing this industry for New Westminster. It was agreed that the QCB send a letter as well. Mr. Neil Powel was thanked for presenting this issue to the QCB.

**A. CALL TO ORDER 7:30PM:** Present: Anchor Pointe, Dockside, Laguna Landing, Lido, Promenade, Quaywest, Rialto, Westminster Landing and Tower I. **Missing Excelsior, Quayside Terrace, Riverbend, Riviera, Tiffany Shores, Tower II, Murano and Westport.**

**Special Report: Brian Allen for update on railway:** Brian was unable to attend. James mentioned that the mediation is set to take place the first week of December. The City and QCB will make presentations. It was also noted that there has been a marked increase in the level of noise coming from the rail yards – mostly whistle blowing at all hours of the night. Please email your complaints to Mayor and Council at City Hall and copy the QCB with your complaint.

**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING:** July 30th, 2008 **MSC: YES**

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

1. **Plaza 88 report:** Allan: First tower is almost complete. We are continuing to request consultation on the McInnis overpass situation. Permit for the third tower and retail development has not been issued as of this date. There are continued challenges with crosswalks and exiting from McInnis - still no relief has been provided.

2. **Website:** Discussion about updating the site now that the holidays are over. Motion to approve expenses for March, April for \$78.75 **MSC: YES.**

3. **Mailbox for west end of Quayside Drive:** NTR

4. **Strata Council List Update:** Please confirm your delegate and alternate. We still have certain buildings that are not attending or responding to the meetings. An email will go out to the strata presidents to enquire about representatives.

**5. Poplar Landing Development:** Allan: Muni Evers Park is the name of the future park for the area. The response from the city back in May was to do some planning options. Sent to a consultant for an estimate on the value of the land. Looking at how to pay for the permanent park. Reviewing cost associated with sustainability considering 50% is Metro Vancouver owned. The off leash dog park (a welcome addition to the community) is temporary and the city offered no consultation with the residents despite a request from the QCB. Over \$25,000 was spent on the park with \$10,000 coming from Aragon Development. There has been no indication from City representatives as to who approved this expenditure and the use of developer funds for a temporary park. Some residents of Rialto are now expressing concern about the location and wonder why it was not put further away from the building.

**6. Urban Sustainability:** Matthew: Discussion about the North Fraser Perimeter road. Challenges associated with increase traffic poor air quality and children can have negative health issues. Very successful end to the first year of the Farmers Market at City Hall.

**7. Port Royal Hi-Rise:** James: Board reviewed a video presentation from two separate nights at city hall. The first video was the delegation by the President of QCB and a discussion with council concerning election donations from Aragon to candidates in the upcoming civic elections. It was suggested that the perception would not look good at the upcoming vote on the variance. Council directed city staff to respond with a policy or review of donations by developers to election candidates. The second video was another night and the delegation by the developer asking for an apology by the QCB Board. They believe that they had been slighted by the presentation. After a brief discussion it was decided that no response was required from the board. The application for the latest presentation by Aragon of 198' height has been tabled until January 2009, after the elections despite Aragon's request for a Dec 1<sup>st</sup> date.

**8. Off Leash Dogs:** There has been some discontent regarding the location of the off leash dog park (see Poplar Landing report). Additional patrols are being done to stop off leash dogs playing in the kids park and redirecting people to the off leash area. New members will be hired to further patrol the boardwalk in weeks ahead.

**D. PRESIDENTS REPORT:** James: Many meetings have taken place over the last few months. Downtown Charrette, Hyack Square construction and Downtown Community Plan Task Group to review downtown core issues. It was put forward that the downtown has an unusual amount of temp service companies that create a large number of support services to go with that. Concentration is an issue and the potential of the downtown to go over the tipping point of too much in the way of social services in one area.

A request was made to meet Voice candidates or hosting an all candidates meeting at the Royal City Center. It was determined that we should consult with other RA's to find additional support to provide this meeting. There is an all candidate meeting taking place at the Inn at the Quay on October 23rd. **ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE!**

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maureen: In July we sponsored the Canada Fireworks and Fraser Festival for \$2,500.00. Net cost for the QCB Festival and Sale after a donation to the Royal City Musical Theatre of \$667.50 was \$385.00. It was noted that the \$385.00 was the amount required for liability insurance required by the city and not required last year (Report attached). At the end of Aug balance of \$5,968.72. Invoices to be sent for 2009 dues.

**F. NEW BUSINESS: None**

#### **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**1. Special events committee:** Quayside Festival and Sale: Estimated that over 2,000 people attended this year's event. Bands were well received. The Lions Club sold 350 hotdogs and took a table for selling items to raise over \$800.00 for use in the Lions Charities in New Westminster. There were three cars and trucks full of donated items. The city required the festival to take out a liability insurance policy this year at a cost of \$385.00. This amount resulted in a cost overrun of the same amount. It was decided not to reduce this from the amount we agreed to present the Royal City Musical Theatre with so we provided a donation of \$667.50.

Over 70 spaces were provided for eager vendors up from 45 the year before. Next years event is August 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**2. Traffic and Boardwalk committee:** Matthew: We are looking for the completion of the parking report from city hall. Apparently the Lido was used as a test and some analysis was done. There was a comment that there has been an increase in parking around the off leash dog park causing some challenges for members in the round about. It was also announced that there is a change in the bus schedule coming and for members to go to the Translink website for further information.

**3. Gateway report:** Matthew: Moved to traffic and Boardwalk report. MSC: YES

**4. Community Policing:** Matthew: Strategic meeting was held and they want to work with the community. Attended a three-day vision session. Things are getting better but we still have to report to Matthew issues related to the Quayside Community for consideration by the Police.

**5. Translink:** Pat: NTR

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

Anchor Pointe: NTR Dockside: NTR Excelsior: NIA Laguna Landing: NTR Lido: NTR Promenade: Having trouble getting a garbage bin for general stuff. Advised Strata's to include "take away old material" when renovating. Quay West: Looking for a wood garden tie installer for quote. Quayside Terrace: NIA Rialto: NTR Riverbend Co-op: NTR Riviera: NIA Tiffany Shores: NIA Tower I: NTR Tower II: NIA Murano: NIA Westport: NIA Westminster Landing Co-op: NTR

#### **I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

CITY HALL REQUESTS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES APPLICATION BY OCT 31<sup>ST</sup>.

Density Bonusing (DCC) workshops are being held on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Century House 5:30PM

Gerard Lenoski seeking assistance from the QCB for access to building during the Federal Election campaign.

CBC Television regarding attendance for an upcoming taping of a federal candidate town hall meeting on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations request fro the city for two members to sit on the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Aragon letter (see Port Royal Hi-rise report).

Wednesday walking club invitation to join the group email [NewWestWalking@gmail.com](mailto:NewWestWalking@gmail.com).

Letter from R Nordman re: Port Royal hi-rise.

V. Ross regarding updates and meeting information on the website.

Downtown Resident Association seeking support for Imperial Pharmacy to remain open at the River Market.

Numerous letters thanking the QCB for a successful Festival and Sale.

**J. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:45PM MSC: YES**

**Next meeting October 29th, 2008 Anchor Pointe 7:30 PM.**