



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – September 29th, 2010

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

At 7PM There was some confusion over an announcement in the paper about rail discussions taking place at the meeting and a number of residents turn up to hear about our progress. Brian held an informal session in the lobby of Anchor Pointe (special thank you to Anchor Pointe) until the meeting room doors were open the meeting then moved inside. After the discussion some residents remained for the rest of the agenda.

A. Call to order 7:30PM

B. Adoption of the minutes from QCB meeting: Update approval for Minutes Mar/April/May **MSC: Yes**
Approve Minutes from July 7th, 2010 **MSC: Yes**

C. Train Report: Brian/James/Matthew, The CTA (Canadian Transportation Agency) has ruled they have the authority to adjudicate the QCB complaint. Rail companies have till the 14th of October to respond to the ruling. We are awaiting the rail companies' response and the CTA's ruling on jurisdiction. Members of the board met with the President of Teamsters for Rail Workers (Union), a locomotive engineer and a Supervisor for yard maintenance of a rail company, our MLA and MP and the opposition critic MLA for Transportation. There was discussion indicating that the Sapperton yard beside United Boulevard could handle ALL of the New Westminster Rail Yard work, once the United Blvd overpass bridge built, currently it is just being used for rail car storage. The Sapperton Yard is completely surrounded by industrial and commercial land. This solution would have the full support of one Rail Company's union membership. We will be forward this option to the attention of the CTA. The Union representatives explained that they were upset with our complaint but now understand our reasons more clearly. They also indicated there little was done to educate the workers about our complaint and the reasons for it. As a result they would inform their membership and we discussed the opportunity to continue this communication. The local MLA's and MP indicated support for our complaint and would do what they could to help. The province is not able to help much as this is a federal issue but would like to be kept informed. We thank them for attending our informal discussions and look forward to continued dialogue.

D. Business Arising from the minutes:

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

2. **McInnis overpass:** Need to find out from City about overpass expansion and consultation that was promised. Since the buses have been moved to Carnarvan exiting from McInnis is becoming a real challenge and hazard for drivers and pedestrians. Safety is a becoming a real concern.

3. **Strata Council List Update:** Please advice any changes at your strata council.

3. **Poplar Landing Development:** Jonathan Cote, Councilor on the Social Committee is advocating the area for social housing but did not say what type. The board again asked the city to consult with the Quayside Community before deciding on the development of this land. It was noted that the two co-ops have been a great fit in our community.

4. **Urban Sustainability:** Matthew - Tabled

E. Presidents' report: Matthew submitted a resignation letter effective immediately due to personal family reasons. Executive discussed the process at a separate meeting and presented a motion to appoint James Crosty as Interim President till the January 2011 AGM – **MSC: Yes**

Presidents' report: James met with Downtown BIA to make arrangements for 2 members from each building to tour Columbia St, Carnarvon Street, River Market and various other retail/service stores. Please ensure that board members and strata council Presidents and V.P keep the evening of Nov 8th open.

F. Treasurer's report: Maureen: Bank balance is \$6,518.88

G. Regular Business:

1. **Westminster Pier Park:** James: Clean up costs will be higher than budgeted with extra funds coming from a contingency fund but the details of how much are not yet available. It was noted that the cost of the park is not the reported \$8.5M as the purchase price was not included. New Westminster city's cost is estimated to

be \$17M plus \$17M from the Province and the Federal Gov't for a proposed budget total of \$34Million. The park will not be totally finished and further funding will be required to complete the Park in the future. Estimates in the paper say up to \$54 Million may be required to finish the work

2. Cultural (Convention) Centre: City Representative: NIA

3. Quayside Board boundaries: James: The city has not commented at all on this request. We have been informed that if this is slated to be a park then every association has a right to be a stakeholder and boundaries do not apply.

4. Vehicle speed on Quayside Drive Petition: Harvey/Matthew: There is a need for a community member to sit on the traffic committee please contact James if your interested. Rest of the report was tabled.

H. Committee Reports and Appointments:

1. Quayside Boardwalk Festival & Sale: James: Amazing success over 7,500 people attended with 188 tables/spaces, two bands many community service groups, three food vendors, Royal City Farmers Market, Pet Zone and a Kidz Zone. It was decided not to do anything at Hyack Square as it is too difficult to get to and did not fit in with our community. The Kidz Zone will move to the Quay Park at the rail track with an awareness campaign to save the park from the proposed pedestrian bridge to Port Royal. The Farmers Market was a big success and will be back next year. Lions Club sold a record number of hot dogs again and the two other food vendors were extremely happy with the crowds. The bands were also really pleased and the College Junk Guys were terrific and we highly recommend them to our members. A special thank you to the Record newspaper and all the sponsors who made this festival possible. The volunteer were great again this year and we all helped raise thru the raffle draw \$800 for the Royal City Musical Theater Group and there was a motion to provide a further \$500 for the Elizabeth Fry Society a local charity and Maria will find out who to contact. **MSC: Yes**

2. Traffic, Buses, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee: Matthew/Nola: Matthew wants to remain on the bus issue but we need a representative for the traffic advisory committee.

3. Community Policing: Eric: Please email info@quaysideboard.com with information for policing. Some security issues will be forth coming. Moving in and out of your building may require the strata hire a security guard as potential criminals are coming and going due to the door being left open. Members are asked to advise solutions. Garbage bidders are still causing some problems. Be aware of the fireplace cleaner scam. They call and suggest expensive repairs take a deposit and do not return to do the work.

4. Fraser River Discovery Centre: Looking for a new contact person.

5. Website Update: A motion was presented to return the website to the original format, approve the cost of updating back to STC Creative and hosting fees. **MSC: Yes**

6. Off Leash Dogs: Ted – Tabled. It was noted there is a Quayside dog owner Association.

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

Anchor Pointe: NIA **Dockside:** NIA **Excelsior:** NIA **Laguna Landing:** Had AGM, 2 new board members, having dryer vents done. Suggested lockboxes should not be used and real-estate agents must meet clients in the lobby for security reasons. **Lido:** NIA **QuayWest:** Expensive bike stolen from 2nd floor, fireplace valves replaced as 20 yrs old, owners paid for inspection. Car window was broken in visitor's parking. **Quayside Terrace:** Electrical room required updating was a major expense. Must notify insurance company. Setting aside funds to update the interior halls. **Rialto:** NIA **Pr omenade:** Flat roof replaced, suggesting upgrades to gas system for building, motorcycle stolen out of parking. **Riverbend:** NIA **Riviera:** Cutting extra costs only doing R&M **Tiffany Shores:** NIA **Tower I:** Have become a block watch member, break-in occurred on 16th floor. **Tower II:** Roof points repaired. **Murano:** NIA **Westport:** Preparing to paint the outside walls, cleaning up the building, retaining walls replaced and finishing repairs before painting the building. **Westminster Landing:** NIA **The Q:** NIA

J. Correspondence received:

1. Mike from Tower 1 regarding the train noise.
2. Arts Council of New Westminster to attend rental opening.
3. Downtown New Westminster thanking us for participation in the Quayside Boardwalk Festival & Sale
4. Fraser River Discovery Center re: Hall of Fame Dinner Oct 21st. (unable to send out as this was a card)

K. Motion to adjourn: Time: 9:10PM MSC: Yes

Next Meeting October 27th, 2010 Anchor Pointe 7:30PM