



# QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD Minutes

May 26, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom

## Meeting Information

Robin Howard chaired the meeting and called it to order at 7:04 pm

Attendees: Robin H (Lido), Maureen (Laguna Landing), Marcine (Westport), Karen (Dockside), Stephen (The Promenade), Dorothy (The Promenade), Judy E. (Excelsior), Andrew (Laguna Landing), Lillian (Riviera), Toni (Tiffany Shores), Jerry (Riviera), Robynn (Quayside Terrace), Allie (Laguna Landing), Mick (Tower 2), Kate (Lido), Tyra (River Sky 1), Bert (Tower 1), Enzo.

Quorum of 10 properties was achieved

### 1. Approve minutes of prior meetings

The minutes of the prior two meetings were approved with the following corrections:

- a. March 31/21 Correction – Karen (Dockside) should be included in the list of attendees.
- b. April 28/21 Correction – Maureen indicated that she had quoted, she said we had 2,759 it should be 2,749 units.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Maureen reported that \$488 was added last month, representing the balance of all memberships, which are now fully up-to-date. The current balance is \$9,082.90.

### 3. President's Report

Robin reported that Steel & Oak has a development proposal in place, to expand restaurant area in order to double capacity and add an extra washroom. A hearing is set for Monday at 6:00 via Zoom, and is accessible through the City's website.

### 4. Report from the City

Athena was not in attendance; however, Enzo brought up a number of issues as follows:

- Railing on ramps on Quay will be repainted over next few weeks
- He has not been able to get a timetable on the park in front of the market, which is supposed to happen by the end of June.
- There is a concern regarding overflow garbage containers by the market and on the boardwalk. He is recommending that we write to the City indicating we have some concerns about the collection of garbage on Quay (including the absence of containers for recyclables, which are prevalent in other jurisdictions such as Burnaby. There is also a need for dog waste recycling stations. Kate indicated that she has a name if someone wishes to take up this cause; however, past efforts have been unsuccessful.

### 5. Initiatives

Banners to build community identity:

- Maureen advised that we have been turned down by the City on our request for funding for hardware; however, she is continuing to persist in this regard. She has spoken with Steven O'Shea who has provided the name of a member of Council who is on the Public Arts Advisory Committee and will be following up with that person.

Electric Vehicles

- A separate attachment has been included with these minutes regarding a guest from the City who attended to discuss Electric Vehicles.
- Robin sought volunteers who are interested in working on this initiative.
  - Marcine (Westport) and Judy (Excelsior) will check on whether there are individuals at their properties who would be interested in participating.
  - Allie advised Laguna is looking into a budget for their AGM in the fall, and have identified a few contractors. She is willing to share information and help out with this initiative.
  - Enzo suggested that Anchor Pointe may be able to provide some valuable input as they have been involved in a project with BCIT. Robin will follow up
  - Tyra advised that at Riversky Tower 1, they have EV plug ins around their parkade, installed as part of the construction process. She would be happy to provide input.

Robin will reach out to the group to solidify once we get some information from Marcine and Judy.

Robin requested input on whether these are still the right two initiatives to be focusing on. Enzo suggested that the Board keep a focus on the Poplar Landing area as a possible site for a public facility, and suggested sending a letter indicating that we wish to be involved when the development starts. Robin will reach out to Enzo to understand who to touch base with at the City so they are aware we need to know when Poplar Landing is to be developed.

Maureen asked for an update on the CN fence. Robynn advised that the fence has been completely replaced from Tower 1 to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, with no access to train track, and this should be extended all the way to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

## **6. Document Sharing**

Robin advised that he has talked to our webmaster (Paul) who have made some suggestions. The intent would be to set up a document repository for sharing things such as swimming pool policy during COVID (as an example.) Marcine and Kate volunteered to help with testing.

## **7. Mayor's Food Bank Challenge**

Karen will forward information on the Mayor's Food Bank Challenge. Unfortunately, the information was received quite late, and the challenge only continues until the end of this month.

## **8. Strata Updates**

Dockside – unfortunately, there have been two break-ins in the parkade recently, with the last one occurring over the long weekend, resulting in six cars being damaged and several bicycles stolen. A police report has been filed, and Council has arranged for nighttime security while addressing how to Improve security. Otherwise, except for recent routine maintenance (window and carpet cleaning), there is nothing of note to report.

Excelsior – also experienced a break-in on May 23, with four vehicles and two bikes stolen, which has been reported to the police. Roof replacement is 97% completed. EV reduction vehicle infrastructure proposal has been approved by Council and will go to AGM on June 9<sup>th</sup> to see if members will approve.

Laguna – have also had issues with recent break-ins, with a bicycle tire and motorcycle stolen. They are having the security system upgraded and are working on getting proposals for EV charging stations. They recently changed their waste disposal and moved to a new provider who will be reducing costs from \$4000 down to \$1500 for the same services (garbage and cardboard.) They have had some complaints about elevator usage, with some residents refusing to allow others in elevators even though they are large enough to allow social distancing.

Westport – Now moving forward with the design phase of renovations, with pictures in the lobby. There have been no break-ins or issues with people sleeping on the property for some time. A discussion ensued about the need for better signage regarding the prohibition of cycling on the Quay (including covering or removing signs which still show that bikes are allowed and clarifying whether children are still allowed to ride bicycles.) Marcine will phone Erika with Parks & Rec at the City. She also shared that she is aware of a strata elsewhere that does not allow dogs on the common property.

Riviera – Lillian reported they are getting the Queensborough Return-it program into the building. Also, they passed a project but the contractors cannot get parts, so therefore these projects are being delayed, but there is nothing that can be done about it.

Promenade – Dorothy advised that Promenade has also had security incidents, which has resulted in Council considering more cameras. She asked about cameras which allow residents to view the building entrance on their TV screens 24/7. It was agreed that these were quite common many years ago, but are not being installed in newer buildings.

Quayside Terrace – Robynn advised that AGM is coming up June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a few new resolutions for changes to by-law including a ban on smoking. Building insurance costs decreased significantly. There has been an issue with the blue bin for newsprint recycling which was broken and is taking a long time to replace. Allie indicated Laguna has had a similar problem. Quayside is commencing a new recycling program with Queensborough Return-it which in addition to accepting returnables will be recycling materials such as batteries (including car batteries), styrofoam, small appliances and electronics, textiles, Looking forward to recycling any and everything that does not belong in batteries, and air puncture bags, that at present are just being thrown in the dumpster. Return-it has megabags that will hold a bit of everything.

River Sky 1 – Tyra introduced herself as the President of River Sky 1's Council, and the new representative to QCB on a permanent basis. River Sky 1 has had a few issues with break-ins over the years. They have an issue with the parking, as part of their underground is reserved for public parking which results in a lot of homeless people staying overnight and they have been building small fires and are also able to make their way into the building. They have asked the market to shut the parking overnight but so far, without success and when concerns are presented to the City, they re-direct them to the market. Maureen will put Tyra on the list for the Policing Committee so she can raise concerns there. There have also been issues with accommodating dogs in such a high tower, resulting in problems with urinating in public areas including a grassy area on the mezzanine. Lastly, Tyra reported that River Sky 1 passed a by-law so they are a smoke free building and are fully fobbed.

Tiffany Shores – Toni was in attendance but due to technology issues was not able to be heard and therefore, no report was provided.

Tower 1 – In the process of having new fire alarm installed which is not yet completed due to the need for some additional parts. They had to call the police recently regarding a intoxicated driver parked in front of the building who tried to enter.

Tower 2 – with respect to the building envelope project, they have secured a contractor to undertake the work, hoping to start in a couple of weeks. On the EV topic they are going to commission an EV feasibility study to take advantage of the Hydro rebate, putting out RFQ and hoping for decision in next month or two. They have not had any break-ins, but have noticed people sleeping in shrubbery and drug paraphernalia that has been left behind, which has been reported to the police to ensure that they are documented.

Lido – the AGM was split into two sessions, an info session one evening followed by the AGM on a separate date which was purely voting. The AGM including the voting count and were done in about an hour and ten minutes. The info sessions allowed members to ask questions without holding up vote. They passed an electronic meeting bylaw. They moved to a very high security system last year, and have had no issues with break-ins. They do not allow lockboxes, and have a two garage door system which is engaged after 7 p m. For the annual roof maintenance program, they had had a drone do a flyover after maintenance was done, which identified had a couple of areas that needed to be re-done. The drone was worthwhile and provided good insight into the roof.

Based on the number of properties experiencing issues with break-ins or other security concerns, it was agreed that we should push for more night patrols in the Quay. This message will be taken by our Policing Committee members.

## **9. Upcoming Meetings**

Robin noted that it has been the practice of the Board to suspend meetings during July and August, so June will be the last meeting until September. With it falling on the even of Canada Day, we will skip the regular business and hold a one-hour social to get to know one another better.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



## QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD Update on Climate Initiatives & EV Strategy May 2021

Leya Behra, Climate Action Manager with the City of New Westminster joined the QCB Board Meeting on May 26 to discuss climate initiatives and the electric vehicle strategy. Leya manages a team of three who oversee all community and corporate projects relating to reducing greenhouse gases, with targets of 45% reduction by 2030, 65% by 2040 and net zero by 2050 (meaning that any current emissions would be offset or remediation.) Key points of discussion were as follows:

- EVs are of huge interest as emissions are split about 50/50 between buildings and transportation.
- The City is converting its own vehicles and other ways of doing business which also create less noise.
- Personal EVs are a challenge in the Lower Mainland due to a large proportion of people living in condos which are challenging to retrofit. To address this challenge, Leya's team is investigating the possibility of publicly available charging stations.
- The City is also trying to promote a 'car light' community out of the Transportation division, working with Translink and others to promote environmentally friendly modes of transport.
- The development of e-mobility strategy is in progress, which will encompass not only electric vehicles but also micro-mobility such as electric scooters and bikes.

Following the meeting Leya provided the following helpful links:

- The City's Climate Emergency Website which outlines the 7 Bold Steps: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/environment/climate-emergency>
- Energy Save New West Website: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/services/environment-and-sustainability/energy-save-new-west>
- Electric Vehicle and Charger Rebates in BC: <https://electricvehicles.bchydro.com/incentives/EV-incentives-in-BC>
- The City's "Be Heard" website where information on projects and public engagement opportunities can be found: <https://www.beheardnewwest.ca/>

The Quayside Board will continue to be involved in ongoing discussions and investigation on this matter. If you have any questions or input, please email [info@quaysideboard.com](mailto:info@quaysideboard.com).

