



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Notes

July 31, 2024

Meeting Location: Anchor Pointe, 1135 Quayside Drive

In attendance:

Members: Bert (Tower 1), Calvin (Excelsior), Marcine (Westport), David (Rialto), Karen (Dockside), Maureen (Laguna Landing), Naomi (Anchor Pointe), Susan (Anchor Pointe), Roberta (Promenade)
Guests: Cathy Lawrence & Catherine Hutson, Hyack Festival

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Guests – New Westminster Hyack Festival Association

- Cathy and Catherine provided some history regarding the festival.
- They advised that they have been meeting with all Residents Associations in New Westminster as part of a community engagement initiative.
- The Farewell to Summer festival will be held at the end of August, with activities including, but not limited to, vendors along the boardwalk, a beverage station at the FRDC, and concluding with fireworks.
- Hyack offers many volunteer opportunities (for example, assisting at information booths or in the beer garden).
- Potential volunteers are encouraged to call the Hyack office at (604) 522-6894.

Report from the City

Councillor Ruby Campbell was not present but provided the following update by email:

- Esplanade and public pathway lighting – The installation of interim lights for those removed earlier in the year (as directed in a recent Engineer's report) is still on the City's to do list and will likely be completed in the Aug/Sep period (in advance of the onset of shorter fall days). Related, MetroVancouver is doing work on their pump station at the end of the pathway leading from Quayside Park. This work has affected lighting on the MV site which they previously indicated would be addressed on a temporary basis. It does not appear MV has done this work and City staff are in the process of following-up to ensure this happens.

Some concerns were raised with regard to the work currently in progress with Metro Vancouver, with a request that the Councillor be asked to follow up with Metro Vancouver to address the following:

- Work is consistently happening after 5 pm. The Board is requesting that the City intervene to ask Metro Vancouver to adhere to the hours that they are supposed to be working.
- Washrooms close to the playground have been closed, with no portable washroom set up as an alternative. This is very concerning.

Treasurer's Report

Maureen reported that as of the end of June, the QCB balance is \$10,786.04. All dues have now been paid up. Payments have been made recently in respect of work that is being done on the website.

Follow up from last meeting:

Trees on Quayside Drive – SROW Agreements

- Karen confirmed that the letter that QCB had directed be sent to the City requesting copies of SROW Agreements (copy circulated with these minutes) was delayed and only went out today. A copy is being circulated with these meeting notes.
- After a fairly extensive discussion, it was agreed that Naomi will draft a list of questions to be sent to Councillor Campbell with a request that she be prepared to discuss them at our next meeting.
- *Update August 4: a response to our July 31 letter was received and is being circulated with these meeting notes.*

By-laws

- A copy of proposed changes to the by-laws was circulated to all members by email shortly before the meeting, and was provided in hard copy to those present at the meeting.
- In view of some concerns raised regarding legalities, it was agreed that the by-laws will be re-named the “Governing Principles and Procedures.”
- Naomi will update the document with the new title, and remove additional columns so that it simply presents a side-by-side comparison.
- Karen will then circulate the document via the QCB email and circulate to the Board, with a request for feedback by mid-August.
- It was agreed that the document has been tabled with the intention of voting at the next meeting.
- *Update August 4: document has been circulated with these meeting notes, with a request for feedback to be sent directly to Naomi by August 14.*

Website/branding

Kendra was unable to attend, but provided the following update:

- Finalizing graphics with Johanna
- We need some great photos of our neighbourhood for the website and to incorporate into eblasts. If anyone has professional photos they would be willing to share, please pass them along.
- Website work is starting. Martin has sent Paul a list of needs in order to gain access and start the work.
- Timeline: hope to launch the new website and eblasts to our database in September.

New items

Guest attendance at meetings

It was agreed that guests are welcome to attend, with a request for a week’s notice and an indication of which property or organization the guest represents.

Halloween on the Quay

New Westminster Family Place has reached out as follows:

- Looking for local government, businesses and organizations to help make this event a memorable one for families.
- Whether you can participate in trick-or-treating, children’s activities, jack o’lantern competition or provide volunteers, your involvement would be greatly appreciated.
- Hoping to gather all interested parties for a discussion online or over coffee on Friday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.
- Kendra and Marcine have volunteered to attend.

Annual General Meeting

- It was agreed that as we are not an official society and do not need an AGM, we should schedule one only when we have reasons that will make it worthwhile.
- When we do meet, it may be more of a community meeting than an AGM.
- This will be discussed further in September.
- A suggestion was made that we arrange a summer event next year (perhaps a barbecue).

Flood mitigation

Concerns were discussed regarding flood mitigation, and it was agreed that this should be a top priority. We will approach Ruby to advise that we wish to discuss this during our next meeting.

Blue box

Naomi advised that Anchor Pointe is engaging Blue Box (company name), which allows any delivery company can deliver packages in a secure manner, with the box situated outside the building so that delivery drivers do not have to be admitted at all

Next meeting date:

September 25th @7pm

Adjournment at approximately 8:47 pm