



# **City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association**

## **McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018 @ 7:15 pm

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Attendance:** 7 residents

**Executive:** Rnold, Gerry, Dee, Ross, Anita, Geoff, Monica (minutes) **Regrets:** Babar, Kevin

**Presenters:** Tom Sparrow, Chief Project Officer – RCH Redevelopment; Leslie-Ann Drummond, Senior Consultant, Communications – Fraser Health; Robin Latondresse, Director, Planning and Project Implementation – Fraser Health

**City Representatives:** Tristan

**1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** **Rnold**

**2. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2018 Meeting** **Rnold**

**3. RCH Redevelopment Project** **Tom Sparrow, Leslie-Ann Drummond,  
Robin Latondresse**

- Tom Sparrow started the presentation. He has just recently taken over as Chief Project Officer for this project.
- He will be implementing quarterly public consultation sessions for the next several years of the project.
- He prides himself on “being transparent”. He acknowledges there will be challenges ahead with regard to air quality, noise vibrations, road closures, and so on.
- He wants to provide residents with as much information as possible on an ongoing basis.
- He reviewed the phases of the project; currently, they are halfway through Phase 1.
- Sites for future development in parts of the project include the area along Sherbrooke Street, and the corner of Keary and E. Columbia Street. This could continue for another 10-20 years.
- The Mental Health Facility is underway, on time and should be completed by December, 2019, with project opening in Spring, 2020.
- He pledged to keep us updated on road construction: more detailed communication should be coming, “shared more frequently and sooner”.

- Starting May 21, there will be road construction at Sherbrooke and E. Columbia. From late May to late June, there will be construction along E. Columbia Street from Keary to Sherbrooke.
- From July to late 2019, construction will be happening on Keary St.
- In the summer, Telus will put cables underground and remove telephone poles on along Sherbrooke.
- The corner of Keary, Brunette and Allen Streets will be disrupted as well.
- They are currently working on hospital design guidelines in cooperation with the City as part of the rezoning process for the project.
- Rezoning will happen in early 2019.
- Staff are working to identify ways to decrease hospital staff parking demand and impact in the neighbourhood.
- The “key things to know” for us are that they want to see residents more frequently and engage with the community, and that Phase 2 of the construction will start in 2020 and end in 2024.
- Questions and comments can be directed to project staff at (604) 418-5326 and via email at: [feedback@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:feedback@fraserhealth.ca).
- Urgent construction-related issues should be directed to staff via 1-855-857-7075.
- Monica asked about the apparent change in design of RCH that will see the Emergency relocated from E. Columbia to Sherbrooke Street, and noted significant concerns about this major change in design from previous designs shown to the RA. This will have major impacts on the Lower Sapperton neighbourhood.
- Tom stated that a public consultation process will start soon, and that there will be specific invitations issued to stakeholders, with open public consultations to follow.
- Geoff raised issues around his house; Leslie-Ann took note of these concerns and Tom said he and his project managers would go to take a look tomorrow.
- Concerns were raised by residents with issues along Sherbrooke, for example the quality of the work done with the road left in poor condition. Tom said he would be looking into this as well. He emphasized his expectation that all work must be done in a professional, safe and clean manner.
- Anita suggested that RCH needs to put notices in the Burnaby and Coquitlam papers to warn people about traffic restrictions around RCH, and emphasized the need for a “locals only” sign at the entrance to the neighbourhood to deter traffic from clogging this area during construction.
- She also suggested that the City should use the electronic billboard on Brunette to advise incoming traffic about traffic restrictions in the area.
- Rnold suggested there should be timely notices placed in residents’ mailboxes.
- There were also comments raised regarding the need for dust management and mitigation of vibrations.

#### **4. Presentation for Proposed Project at 326 Hospital Street**

- The presenter was a no-show.

#### **5. Community Picnic – July 15**

**Dee**

- The date and Lower Hume park picnic area have been booked.

- The event will take place July 15 from 12 noon to 7 pm.
- Letters are ready to go to local businesses asking for donations.
- Dee has been approached by Spare Parks Adventure Society; they will be at the park from 12 – 5 pm to provide entertainment for the children at the picnic.
- A local baseball team will loan us equipment and may run games.
- Dee applied for and received a \$500 grant; \$100 will go to pay for the park rental and some of the funds will go to pay for the food.
- She is still in need of volunteers to help, especially with organizing activities like volleyball.
- We are hoping that about 150 people will attend.
- A representative from the District Taphouse said he will arrange for a barbeque to be there, and they will provide hot dogs for everyone. Dee will be in contact with him.
- Geoff asked Tristan (City Rep) if the City can give us the park/picnic shelter rent-free. Tristan said he will look into it.

## 6. Sapperton Day

**Rnold**

- A. Gurtej from the District Taphouse came to discuss the involvement of the business with Sapperton Day. They are interested in having 4 – 5 tables as a patio in front of the Taphouse. They want it to be a family friendly patio environment. The Liquor Board will approve if residents approve. It will be a fenced in patio, with the maximum allowable capacity being 4-5 tables to accommodate 16-20 people. A motion was made to support the patio: Carried.

The general feeling around the table was that this is a good idea. There is a proposal by I4, the owners of the empty lot on E. Columbia Street, to have a beer garden. Rnold took a quick vote about who is in favour, and there was not a majority. It was suggested that we can talk about it again next year.

- B. The RA will have a booth at Sapperton Day.

## 7. Annual Garage Sale

- Sapperton Annual Garage Sale: Saturday, June 23

Rnold thanked everyone for their support throughout his time as President. He indicated that he will be resigning as President and stepping back from the RA to focus on other commitments.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:35 pm.

## AGM

- Geoff took over the proceedings to lead the election of the Executive.
- All Executive members officially resigned.
- Dee declined the nomination as President.
- Lynah declined the nomination by Ross.
- There are no people willing to step forward to be President at this time.

- Dee was nominated as Vice-President by Anita; she accepted the nomination.
- Monica was acclaimed as Secretary and accepted the nomination.
- Anita was acclaimed as Membership/Treasurer rep and accepted the nomination.
- The people who indicated they would be interested in members at large are: Danielle Connelly, Gerry Sommers, Ross Eichendorf, and Geoff Pinkerton. All were acclaimed to their positions.

**Next meeting:**

Tues., September 18, 2018, at 7:15 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church.