



Sapperton Residents' Association

The purpose of the association is to preserve and enhance the livability and quality of the Sapperton neighborhood.

Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2022 @ 7:30 pm **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 4 residents

Executive: Jacob (Chair), Sandy, Jerry, Anita, Dee, Eileen, Sandra, Monica (minutes)

Regrets: Wilf

City Representative: Amanda Mackaay (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Jorge Remolina and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment; Michael Kazda, EllisDon

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Jacob
- 2. Adoption of Agenda** - moved; seconded; carried Jacob
- 3. Approval of September Minutes** - moved; seconded; carried Jacob
- 4. RCH Redevelopment Project Update** Jorge Remolina, RCH Director of Design
 - Jorge Remolina presented the update as Gregg Cernes was unable to attend the meeting
 - He provided an update on the Acute Care Tower
 - Michael Kazda took over and explained the construction progress
 - The construction is up to Level 9 (the neurosciences department) of the building with the concrete pours and construction is progressing rapidly
 - They have expanded into Block C and have filled the hole with storage tanks, the parkade ramp, and poured the slab for the third-floor mechanical area
 - Soon, the old maintenance building will be demolished, and the construction site offices will move to the parkade area
 - By the end of November, there will be 99 trucks arriving with pieces of the new heliport
 - By the end of February, they will have reached the end of concrete pours and the need for noise by-law extensions associated with these pours.
 - They will also be hoisting steel onto the Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Centre, which will impact traffic on site.
 - There are currently 500 construction workers on site daily, and this will double early in 2023 as the construction work moves inside.
 - Monica questioned Michael about the impact this increased number will have on parking in the area and noted the number of workers who regularly violate the parking by-laws without consequences. Michael noted that they regularly remind contractors and

employees about not parking in the neighbourhood and indicated they have supervisors in the area around 6:30 am monitoring where employees park. However, he stated that the City needs to more actively enforce their own by-laws as EllisDon cannot tow repeat offenders; only the City can do this.

- **Motion:** To write a letter to the City to request that the City of New Westminster more actively monitor and enforce parking by-laws due to the increased number of workers on the RCH site.
Moved; seconded; carried. Action: Monica will draft a letter to the City and circulate to the Executive for approval before sending to Mayor, Council, and City Staff.
- Keary Street entrance – RCH continues to explore options to create an entrance to the hospital off Keary Street that effectively and safely connects to the Sapperton Skytrain Station. This will provide another prominent entry to the campus and make the hospital more accessible to pedestrians coming from Skytrain.
- Anita raised concerns over the sightlines for drivers at the corner of Kelly and Sherbrooke near E. Columbia Street due to a sign. Michael will look into this.
- Cranes will be up until the end of March and they will start coming down over the next couple of months. Sandra expressed concern over the intrusive brightness of the safety lights and asked if something could be done about the angle at which they shine onto residents' homes. Michael will look into this.

5. Update on Ongoing Projects in Sapperton

Amanda Mackaay (CNW Rep.)

- There are no new projects to provide updates on; however, Amanda provided information on the Hume Park Redevelopment Master Plan.
- This is a long-term project, which will take place over twenty years. There are short term projects within the park that will take place within one to five years, mid-term initiatives that will take place six to ten years from now, and long-term initiatives that could take up to twenty years to complete.
- The tennis courts are one short-term improvement, with construction to commence in 2023.
- All updates to the Hume Park redevelopment project will be posted on BeHeardNew West.

6. Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative Update

Monica

- Monica provided a brief update: Erica Tiffany from CNW responded to say that they are hoping to engage a traffic consultant by the end of 2022 to work with the LSTCI group on their proposal. This process will hopefully start in the New Year.

7. Sapperton Trash Mob and Pumpkin Carving Events

Jacob/Sandy

- Both events were great successes, and information and photos for each were sent out in the RA newsletter and posted to social media.

8. Community Policing Report

Sandra

- There were no updates to report and the next Community Policing Committee is next week.
- Sandra will attend this meeting and circulate the minutes.

- Anita shared information re: an incident involving someone trying to get into her neighbour's yard, and reminded everyone that if any incidents occur, residents should call the police because the more calls they get, the more they will patrol the area.

9. New Business: Elizabeth Fry Christmas Hampers in December

- Dee has put out information about this on social media. In response, some donations have started coming in: Fresh Slice Pizza has donated some money. Eileen has spoken to officials at Elizabeth Fry to check on the number of people on site. She has also reached out to Leona at Greens and Beans regarding a potential donation. Sandra will check in with local businesses on E. Columbia Street to solicit donations.
- Dee is looking for 35 brown paper bags to serve as hampers.
- Sandy will send a letter to EllisDon to ask for a contribution.

10. Annual General Meeting and Election of the Executive

- **Financial Report provided by Anita:**
 - Opening Balance on Jan. 1, 2022** - \$3,247.59
 - Closing Balance on October 31, 2022:** \$3, 251.48
 - Membership Dues for 2022:** 23 (compared to 41 renewals in 2021)
 - Expenses for 2022 so far:** \$266.10. **This includes:** insurance for the Trash Mob event, Remembrance Day Wreath, and the Annual Fee for the website/domain.

Elections:

- Everyone on the Executive officially stepped down.
- Elections were then conducted:

Chair – Jacob was nominated; Monica seconded nomination. Vote: Carried.

Co-Chair – Sandy nominated; Eileen seconded nomination. Vote: Carried.

Secretary – Monica nominated; Anita seconded nomination. Vote: Carried.

Treasurer/Membership – Anita nominated; Jerry seconded nomination. Vote: Carried.

Police Committee Rep. – Sandra nominated; Anita seconded nomination. Vote: Carried.

Directors at Large - Eileen, Jerry, and Dee nominated; Jacob seconded nominations. Vote: Carried.

- Jacob is trying to get people in the area more engaged.
- Suggestion to advertise meeting dates in *The Record* (this needs to be sent in two weeks before the publishing deadline).
- Another idea was raised to arrange a social meeting at the Taco Factory (a non-business meeting, just a social focus). Jacob will try to pick a date for this.
- **Meeting dates for 2023:** February 8, April 12, June 14, Sept. 13, Nov. 8
- **Next Trash Mob** – In September to coincide with World Clean-up Day

Meeting adjourned: 8:38 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Public Meeting - Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm – via Zoom