



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, June 12, 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 5 residents

Executive: Wilf (Chair), Anita, Sandra, Jerry, Eileen, Monica (minutes) **Regrets:** Jacob, Sandy

City Representative: Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

Guests/Presenters: RCH Redevelopment – Carol Swan (RCH), Michael Kazda (EllisDon)

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

Wilf

- Wilf noted that he is chairing tonight's meeting as Jacob and Sandy are both ill.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Wilf

- Motion to add street tree item to the agenda. Seconded. Vote: Carried.

3. Approval of April 10, 2024 Minutes - moved; seconded; carried

Wilf

4. RCH Redevelopment Project Update -

Carol/Michael K

- Building construction is on track, with substantial completion on this stage of the project expected by May, 2025
- By September, the big hoist/elevator on Sherbrooke Street will be removed.
- The pedestrian/bike path behind the hospital toward the Skytrain should be completed soon.
- The bike lane and street reconstruction work on E. Columbia has started and the work on Sherbrooke Street will start in late summer.
- Neighbours have expressed concern about the tree removal along Sherbrooke Street due to the rebuilding of the street and construction of the bike lane. Michael has spoken to Hardeep at the City about this. As a result, the bike lane will be moved slightly from the original plan, and a few trees will be saved. Neighbours who are affected by the Sherbrooke Street work have been informed. If any residents wish to ask questions about the Sherbrooke Street work, they can contact Hardeep at the City or Michael Kazda.
- The City will be implementing Traffic Calming Measures at Kelly and Fader Streets in addition to the bike lane.
- One resident brought up the issue of traffic gridlock on Rousseau due to the school (this is outside of the RCH project but was noted as a traffic issue).
- Sandra brought up the issue of the pedestrian island on E. Columbia in the middle of the bike lane. She noted that this is dangerous. Again, this is outside of the scope of the RCH street work, but it is noted as a traffic and safety concern.

5. City Update - from Councillor Nakagawa

- Councillor Nakagawa spoke to the meeting and addressed questions from those in attendance. She may be participating in our meetings more often until Councillor McEvoy returns from medical leave.
- She noted that City staff are trying to make sense of the new legislation/directive from the province regarding transit-oriented developments.
- Council passed some bylaws on Monday to be in alignment with the provincial legislation, but they are still working on this evolving issue. City staff are working on policies re: renovations. They are trying to develop this using the Burnaby model. The City also wants to make sure that the Master Plans for the 22nd Street Station and Sapperton Green communities will have amenities for the residents. However, the province's new legislation is currently making this a bit challenging to plan.
- Parks and Recreation strategy – overdue to update. Public engagement is going on through BeHeardNewWest. She encouraged people to participate to provide input regarding parks and rec programming, recreational spaces, and so on.
- Wilf asked a question regarding the right-turn in/out at Alberta Street. Nadine will check with the Transportation Dept and get back to him.
- Railway whistle update – Coun. Nakagawa noted that Coun. Henderson and Mayor Johnstone went to the Federation of Municipalities Conference last week and made some progress on this issue by meeting with representatives from the railways. Nadine will bring updates on this issue to the next meeting.
- She encouraged residents to contact her with questions about any issues of concern.

6. Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Update

Monica

- Monica provided an update on the Traffic Calming Initiative for Lower Sapperton.
- After the frustrating meeting with City Staff in March, she, Brennan, and Elaine reached out to Lisa Leblanc (Director of Engineering) directly, as well as to a couple of Councillors, to see if there was any other way to move the initiative forward.
- Lisa asked to meet with them, and an in-person meeting between Brennan, Elaine, and Monica, Lisa, and Mike Anderson resulted in agreement by the City to additional Traffic Calming Measures based along Sherbrooke Street. The City is unable to commit to the full proposal/plan suggested by the LSTCM Committee due to time constraints and funding; however, because the Sherbrooke Street rebuilding is starting imminently, the City has agreed to provide TCMs at Kelly, Fader, Garrett and Wilson Streets. Once the TCMs are implemented, they will monitor the impact and may make adjustments if necessary.
- The TCMs are: a) Kelly and Fader Street will become One-way only from Major to Sherbrooke, with a right-out exit onto Sherbrooke from each of those streets; b) barriers similar to the one that used to exist at Sherbrooke and Wilson will be placed in the middle of Sherbrooke Street at Garrett and Wilson Streets, rendering them right-in/right-out only.
- Monica expressed gratitude to everyone who has been involved in the project for their participation and patience throughout the process, to Brennan and Elaine for all their hard work, as well as to the Councillors, Lisa Leblanc, and Mike Anderson for their willingness to listen to the community.

7. Street Trees

Ann Moulin (resident)

- Ann asked Councillor Nakagawa about the street trees that were supposed to be planted on Simpson Street. The residents of Simpson Street have been asking the City for street trees for many years. She was hoping Councillor Nakagawa could provide an update on the status of this project. She indicated that with the intense heat, city streets need more trees. Apparently, the City has delayed this planting until 2025.
- Councillor Nakagawa stated that the City received a big grant from the federal government to plant trees. She will reach out to the City department responsible for this project to see what options/flexibility they have to provide trees on Simpson Street as there are very few trees on that street.
- Ann also noted a huge increase in heavy trucks along Simpson Street. Coun. Nakagawa thanked her for flagging this issue and will bring this up with City staff to see if they are aware and if they know the reason for this. She will ask if there can be more enforcement (she noted the recent truck rollover incident on Holmes Street as an example of safety concerns).

8. Hume Park Pollinator Garden

- The presenter was a no-show. However, Monica provided a brief summary of Jade's presentation from last year in which she indicated she was looking for summer volunteers to water the garden. Jade's contact information can be found in the minutes from June, 2023.
- A local resident asked if there is any interest in a community garden in Sapperton. Coun. Nakagawa said she would love to talk to the RA about this in a future meeting. She worked on the City Hall Community Garden and it was her favourite project.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Public Meeting - September 11, 2024 at 7:30 pm – via Zoom