



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 11, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 4 residents

Executive: Wilf (Chair), Anita, Jerry, Monica (minutes)

Regrets: Alysia, Eileen, Sandra

Guests/Presenters: RCH Redevelopment – Carol Swan (RCH)

City Representatives: Coun. Jamie McEvoy

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

Wilf

- Positions of Chair and Co-Chair: still vacant.
- If anyone is interested, they can put their name forward to join the Executive.
- Reminder to pay \$5 annual dues to Anita, either in person or by sending an etransfer to the RA email.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Wilf

- Motion to amend the agenda. Added two items: E.Fry Painting Event and Traffic obstruction
- Motion to Approve; Seconded. Vote: Carried.

3. Approval of April, 2025, Minutes – moved; seconded; carried

4. RCH Redevelopment Project Update -

Carol S. (RCH)

- Things are busily moving along at the RCH Redevelopment site.
- EllisDon achieved substantial completion on May 31, 2025, and now Fraser Health is working towards getting the hospital staff ready to move into the new building.
- Level Zero staff (people who work in the basement of the building, including housekeeping, facilities maintenance, stock, shipping/receiving, morgue/autopsy, all other non-clinical staff) will be moving into the new building in July. The loading dock will be opened and then the demolition of the Interim Support building will take place.
- The E. Columbia street work is complete, and Carol thinks the work at Brunette and Sherbrooke is complete.
- The parkade will likely not fully open until the “first patient day” in early 2026.

5. Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Anita

- Anita provided a summary of the recent workshop hosted by City staff.
- Approximately 10 people attended in addition to 2 City staff members. She was a little disappointed with the low turnout, but it is a busy time of year and the smaller numbers

allowed for deeper discussions. The meeting was recorded, but Anita is not comfortable sharing the link broadly due to people's faces shown on the video.

- Wilf also attended and noted that people in attendance found the workshop useful as it addressed issues other than just earthquake preparedness; for example, there was a discussion about potential train accidents/derailments.
 - Anita and Wilf shared a few takeaway tips from the workshop:
 - Have all important phone numbers written down in case you lose your phone.
 - Have a “crank” radio available
 - Have a home emergency plan prepared.
 - Make sure your Emergency Kit is waterproof.
 - Keep an Emergency Kit in the car and include food and garden gloves.
 - Sapperton Park may be considered a community gathering place.
 - Some newer buildings are earthquake proof (eg. Skwo-Wech school), but they should only be used to shelter-in-place until engineers declare the buildings safe.
 - Always keep your gas tank half full.
 - Check the City website for a list of supplies to keep in your Emergency Kit, but definitely include water and freeze-dried food.

6. Crisis Response Pilot Project –

Anita (for Eileen)

- Eileen attended a meeting regarding this project on June 3.
- The group is currently working on a 5-10 year plan.
- The focus is on dealing with homelessness.
- Anita shared links to the project in the latest newsletter to residents. The group is no longer called PACT.

7. RA Forum

Wilf

- The City will host its annual RA Forum next Monday, June 16.
- Wilf will represent the RA and provide a 5-minute presentation to the Council/Forum on events the RA has hosted this year (eg. Trash Mob, E. Fry gift bags, etc.) and share issues of concern in our area. If anyone has anything they feel should be conveyed to the Forum, please let him know

8. Old Business – Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative

Monica

- Monica provided updates on the Initiative. The City has been implementing the first part of the traffic calming measures, which include a right-turn only from Kelly and Fader onto Sherbrooke and no left-turn from Sherbrooke onto those streets. There has been some confusion about whether the streets are officially designated one-way, and some people received tickets for parking facing south on the east side of Fader Street. Monica reached out to Stacey Lee at the City, and she provided some clarification. Monica shared this with the group (next bullet point).
- Fader and Kelly Streets will both be designated one-way streets, and signage will be installed to indicate this clearly. Once this has been done, cars on both sides of the street will need to park in the direction of traffic and could receive tickets if they are not. The concrete barriers preventing left turns from Sherbrooke onto Garrett and Wilson have been designed and will be installed once the work at Kelly and Fader Streets is complete. The City will likely

have a sign labelled “Traffic Calmed Neighbourhood” and placed at the entrance to the area to indicate to through-traffic that TCMs are in place.

- One resident asked about the impact of the TCMs on Rousseau and Wilson Streets and the laneways. The City will monitor the traffic patterns/flow once all the TCMs are in place.
- One resident asked Coun. McEvoy about the status of the Pattullo Bridge Project. He suggested that the RA have the Pattullo Bridge Coordinators present to one of our upcoming meetings. He will try to put them in contact with our group.
- He was also asked re: the Brunette Interchange. Coun. McEvoy said there have been “vague whispers” but “nothing solid” at the moment in relation to that situation.

9. Painting Project at Elizabeth Fry Building

Monica

- This is an initiative being organized by Coun. Tasha Henderson and the owner of the Zesty Lemon Clothing Company. They have received grants to purchase paint and supplies to paint the exterior of the E. Fry-owned house at the corner of Kelly and Sherbrooke Streets. This house has a textiles collective operating within it and many of the E. Fry residents work there.
- Coun. Henderson has invited NWSS students to come help that day and is extending the invitation to any residents who would like to come and help as well.
- Date: Sunday, June 22.
- Coun. Henderson will send information and Anita will post on RA Facebook page.

10. Infrastructure/Access Around Construction Projects

Wilf

- Wilf would like the City and contractors to put more thought and planning into allowing for responsible traffic flow to, from, and around construction sites. He feels that developers need to be held accountable for the traffic flow around the sites. He gave the examples of the project at E. Columbia and Strand Streets and the 100 Braid Street project.
- Coun. McEvoy recommended that residents report on the SeeClickFix app because the contractor may be violating the terms of their agreement with the City in relation to traffic management and reports on SeeClickFix are typically dealt with quickly by by-law officers.

Additional comments:

- Whistle Cessation issue – Coun. McEvoy said there is an update on this issue provided quarterly on the City website: www.newwestcity.ca/transportation/trains
- One resident, Erika, said she is a Social Media manager and would be happy with any messages that are being sent out via the RA social media accounts.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm.

Upcoming Dates: Next Public Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 7:30 pm
– Location: TBD

Meeting dates for the next year, starting September:

September 17 and November 12, 2025; February 11, April 8, and June 10, 2026