



# 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 19, 2025 @ 7:30 pm      **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Attendance:** 2 residents

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

**Regrets:** Alysia

**Guests/Presenters:** Coun. Nakagawa joined the meeting at 8:15 pm

**City Representatives:** None

### 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 Approve; Seconded. Vote: Carried.
- Addition of three items: 1) Trash mob update 2) St. Michael's Christmas market 3) e-scooters.
- Vote: Carried.

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

### 4. RCH Redevelopment Project -

Anita

- Anita reached out to RCH, but no one was available to attend today's meeting
- If there are any questions from today's meeting, she will pass them on.
- Questions: When the parking lot opens under the new building, will it be open to the public? What is the estimated date for the opening of the entrance to the ER?

### 5. E.Fry Christmas Gift Bags

Eileen

- We will be doing 17 gift bags again this year.
- Eileen has gone around the local businesses and received cash from Asher Acupuncture.
- The cut off for donations will be November 30.
- Eileen is hoping to use cash donations to buy items during Black Friday sales.
- So far, \$145.00 cash has been donated.
- Eileen has purchased items from Bath and Body Works
- Any extra items will be donated to the E.Fry drop-in program.

## **6. Light Up Sapperton**

Anita

- Date: Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12 to 6 pm
- Free event. Register at Sapperton Plaza and kids will be given a passport to go around local business to get items.
- There will be a mini market at Cap's plaza and a larger craft market at the Brewery District
- Santa Claus and other holiday characters will make an appearance.
- There will be a photo booth.
- The organizers are looking for volunteers.
- The RA is going to collect food for St. Alban's Presbyterian Church food bank. This will come back to Sapperton for distribution here. We are also collecting new toys and items for teens.
- The RA will share a booth with the Light Up Sapperton organizers and members of the Executive will take turns at the booth during the event.

## **7. Patullo Bridge Replacement Project**

Anita

- Reminder that there will be upcoming road closures as the ramps to the bridge are finalized.

## **8. Sherbrooke St. Road Closure**

Anita

- Starts October 9 at 10 am. The online link was sent through the RA newsletter.

## **9. Police Committee Update**

Sandra

- Eileen reported on this at the last meeting. No news since then.

## **10. Trash Mob Update**

Anita

- Anita sent in an application for a City of New Westminster grant for the 2026 event. She is waiting to hear back.

## **11. St. Michael's Christmas Market**

- Taking place at St. Michael's School on Holmes Street. Admission is free and there will be 36 vendors.
- Date: Nov. 22 from 11 am – 4 pm.

## **12. E-Scooters in New Westminster**

Wilf

- Wilf attended a panel discussion at Century House regarding eScooters and other "micro mobility" vehicles. There were representatives there from NWPD and the Engineering Department, and the Mayor and a couple of councillors were in attendance.
- The injury rate for riders of scooters and micro-mobility vehicles is steadily increasing. Injuries include facial and jaw injuries.
- In New Westminster, apart from bikes and ebikes, micro-mobility vehicles are illegal.
- However, the City's attitude is it wants non-motor vehicle traffic to "get along" with each other.
- The police's response is they will not do anything unless someone is killed or injured.
- The issue of micro mobility vehicles does not appear high on anyone's agenda..

**Meeting adjourned: 8:05 pm.**

### **AGM and Elections started at 8:05 pm**

- Wilf ran the AGM. He called for nominations and volunteers.
- There is no Chair, but Anita indicated she would be willing to serve as Interim Chair.
- Motion: Monica nominated Anita to serve as Interim Chair. Seconded. Acclaimed.
- Note: Wilf said he is willing to continue chairing meetings and would be willing to serve as Interim Vice-Chair.
- Motion: For Wilf to be Interim Vice-Chair. Seconded. Acclaimed.
- Monica was nominated to be Secretary. Seconded. Acclaimed.
- Anita was nominated to continue as Treasurer/Membership. Seconded. Acclaimed.
- Motion: For Eileen, Jerry, Sandra, Alysia, and Wilf to continue as Members at Large. Seconded. Acclaimed. (Alysia was not in attendance tonight, so we will need to check with her).
- Any other residents who are interested in joining the Executive are encouraged to do so.
- **Financial Report:** Anita provided the financial report:

As of October 31, the closing balance of the account is \$4,237.29

Expenses for the year: \$434.82

There were 11 membership renewals in 2024, 18 renewals in 2025, and 6 already for 2026.

Motion to adopt the Financial Report. Seconded. Carried.

Councillor Nakagawa joined the meeting late (at 8:15 pm) on behalf of Counc. McEvoy. Some information that she conveyed:

- a) The library is undergoing a Facilities Masterplan Process. Some questions for residents to consider: Are people in our community interested in a "library outpost" in Sapperton? They would love feedback. She will send the link to the RA so it can be shared with residents for input.
- b) The City has hired a new COO who will be replacing Lisa Spitale. This will inevitably mean there will be new ideas for the City in coming months.
- c) The budgeting process is rolling out. Stay informed.

### **2026 Meeting Dates:**

February 11

April 8

June 10

**Note: We would like to try for an in-person meeting in 2026.**

**Next Public Meeting:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:30 pm – Location: TBD

**Adjourned:** 8:28 pm