



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, April 08, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 4 residents

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

City Representative: Counsellor Jamie McEvoy

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introduction of Executive

Wilf

- Acknowledgement of and respects and condolences on passing of Chief Rhonda Larrabee
- Positions of Chair and Co-Chair: still vacant. Introduction of rest of executive.
- If anyone is interested in joining, 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.

3. Approval of February 11, 2026, Minutes – moved; seconded; carried

Wilf

4. RCH Redevelopment Update

Anita

- Anita has asked Carol Swan to ask RCH to share with its employees that the surface parking lot does not allow entrance to Kelly Street. Carol assured her she would ask this.
- On April 11, the surface parking lot will be open for a staff event.
- The RCH staff can now exit from the staff parking lot onto Sherbrooke Street.
- Discussion emphasized the need for the City to make clear with improved signage that Kelly and Fader Streets are one-way streets and that Garrett and Wilson Streets are not accessible from Sherbrooke Street via left-turns

5. Trash Mob 2026

Anita

- The planned date is April 25, 2026 from 10 am to noon. Location: Start and end point are Sapperton Park.
- Anita will be promoting and sending out the sign-up form and waiver via email.
- Lunch will be provided to participants, supplied by EllisDon.
- The City will provide bins.
- Anita will reach out to Urban Academy to invite them to participate. Anita also invited Councillor McEvoy.

6. Residents' Association Forum

Wilf

- Wilf attended the Forum on behalf of the SRA. He reported out on it. He stated that it was an informative and interesting forum.

- It is treated as an official Council meeting. All councillors and the mayor attended, as well as City staff.
- Representatives from many of the RAs were there and shared similar concerns, especially related to traffic.
- The tiny home village in the West End was raised as an issue of concern.
- Questions – a) should traffic incidents be reported to City Engineering as well as to the NWPD? Councillor McEvoy said ‘yes’. B) Are RA forums always considered official council meetings? – Coun. McEvoy said not always, but they are if most of the council is there.
- One issue that comes up consistently is the availability of meeting space; Wilf expressed the wish for the City to provide meeting space for RAs.
- The SRA is looking again at options for spaces to host an in-person RA meeting, but options are limited due to costs.
- Cathy (resident) suggested the Royal City Curling Rink. She also said communicating with City re: possible venues is convoluted and complex. It’s very difficult to get any information. Coun. McEvoy suggested that she share her email exchange with him so he can find the source of the problem. He will follow up on this issue.
- Anita said she has had a good response rate from City staff when she is using the SRA email.

7. Police Committee

- Eileen attended the meeting in Sandra’s place.
- Statistics: overall, there is a decrease in assaults, but impaired driving rates are up.
- Police Board meetings are held every month and are open to the public so anyone can raise issues.
- Traffic was the common concern in all areas of the city.
- NWPD encourages people to contact the police non-emergency line or through online reporting.
- The NWPD mentioned at the meeting that the Crisis Response Team has helped take some of the workload off the police in relation to mental health and overdose crisis calls.

8. Miscellaneous Items

- Resident (Cathy) raised the issue of limited handicapped parking access on E. Columbia Street, especially in areas around the medical offices. Coun. McEvoy said he will check into this.
- Discussion around how to increase resident engagement – some ideas: reach out to stratas in local condos; consider hosting an event at the pub, maybe coordinate with the Sapperton Business Collective; discuss land development in the area as it always garners community discussion; Anita suggested having a person come in to do a presentation on estate planning.
- “Shout out” to Coun. Henderson and Cat from the Zesty Lemon for hosting their extremely successful Egg-stravaganza Event on Sat., April 4. It was a great community event.
- Coun. McEvoy reminded everyone that he is happy to meet with any residents for coffee to discuss neighbourhood issues.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm.

Next Public Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:30 pm via Zoom