



Minutes: Annual General Meeting
Wednesday FEBRUARY 5TH, 2014
River Market – Main Floor by Escalator
Registration: 6:30PM Start: 7:00PM

7:00 PM Special Guests:

1. **New Westminster City – Larco Development Quayside Drive:** City Rep Mark Allison
In order to Maintain “Mixed Use High Density” designation as shown in Downtown Community Plan, maximize open and green space, open view corridors to the river, expand the esplanade to the complete public waterfront experience, the city would like to create a development plan that is attractive and sustainable while being economically viable for the property owner. Previous plans were for 5 towers but have been revised to include only 3; the new development would add a 2 acre park to the downtown waterfront.

2. **Quay Pacific Property Mgmt. Ltd. – Limitation Law:** John Gootee
The new BC Limitation Act applies to all business transacted since June 1st of last year. The Limitation Act establishes criteria and time periods within which legal action must be taken. Or, more precisely, any legal action not initiated within these criteria and time periods will be set aside and your right to take legal action will expire permanently. The new Limitation Act standardizes the Limitation Period at 2 years for most legal action. The law specifies “court proceedings” must begin before the end of the limitation period. Sending a collections letter is not “court proceedings”. Placing a lien on the property is not “court proceedings.” There are exceptions, extensions and interpretations that apply to everything about which was spoken. If you have questions about specific issues, you should seek the advice of your lawyer.

3. **Plaza 88 – Tower Proposal Columbia/10th/Carnarvon:** Graham McGarva
A presentation was given on the proposed Via Tower project at Carnarvon & 10th. Once completed the project would include wide ample sidewalks along Carnarvon, a large public plaza with landscaped seating. A sound and sight fence along Columbia to shield plaza users from the chaos of passing vehicles and a historic replica of the old Chinatown warehouse façade along Columbia complete with visuals and stories. Once constructed, the building floor plan can change according to demand, to offer a mix of studio, one bedroom and two bedroom units.

4. **Senior Services Society – Meals on Wheels:** Anna
Senior Services Society presented their current fundraiser, a concert featuring Zachary Stevenson as Buddy Holly and gourmet 3 course meals at the Gateway Grill in the Starlight Casino.

5. **Certificates for Community Service:** Presented to Ted Eddy & Brian Allen
Ted Eddy: for his service in collecting signatures in opposition of destroying the submarine park and all of his service to the QCB and Quayside neighbourhood. Brian Allen: for his for service to the community on rail noise and vibration issues.

6. **Certificate for Community Support:** Presented to River Market for long time sponsorship

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:50 PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: Nov 27th, 2013

MSC: Yes

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1) **Rail Noise and Vibration Committee:** Brian: It has been an interesting year, with many developments around rail yard noise, whistling and storage of hazardous & explosive goods in the Quayside Rail Yard. In September The Canadian Transportation Agency has ruled that the Rail Companies have breached the terms of the settlement agreement signed with the Quayside Community and the City of New Westminster. The Agency issued an Order requiring the Federal Railway Companies to take remedial action to fulfill **ALL** of their obligations under the Agreement. In September there was a Whistle event in the rail yard where a moving train in the rail yard had the horn full at 147 decibels for 2 minutes while it traveled the yard slowly. The railway investigation concluded it was a mechanical failure due to vibration and old technology. And,

another whistle event in December that lasted for 3 minutes. The rail companies refuse to explain or report on this latest event. There was also the very tragic event at Lac Megantic. After this very sad event, I made a public request to our local political representatives and via the local papers that **“No hazardous or explosive materials should ever be stored, staged or otherwise left stationary on the Quayside Yard”** To the credit of our MP Peter Julian, he responded very quickly. Within a week, Peter Julian called a Community Town Hall Meeting which was held in the beginning of October 2013 and Peter committed to holding another town hall at the end of the first quarter this year for an update. With just 24 hours' notice of the meeting, it was very well attended by over 100 residents, a very strong response on very short notice. The panel included MP, Peter Julian, our MLA Judy Darcy, our current Mayor Wayne Wright, City Councilor Chuck Puchmayr, Fire Chief Tim Armstrong, and me. At the meeting I asked the City to assume leadership for addressing all rail yard issues including: Unreasonable night time rail yard noise in the Quayside Yard - Storage and staging of hazardous and explosive materials in close proximity to the high rise strata towers - Train Whistles. All of our publically elected leaders assured the audience they would do their best to address all of these issues on our behalf. The City created a Community Advisory Panel, headed by Chuck Puchmayr to work with the rail companies to address any and all issues related to rail company operations in the City of New Westminster. I have noticed that Councilor Chuck Puchmayr is in the Audience, if anyone in the audience has a question for Chuck regarding the unreasonable night time rail yard noise or the storage and staging of hazardous and explosive materials in close proximity to our community or Train Whistles, I am certain he will be more than willing to answer your questions after the meeting. After 10 years of personally working on these issues, I am very pleased that our publically elected officials, whose salaries are financed by our tax dollars, have finally decided to assume leadership and responsibility for addressing all these Rail Yard issues that negatively impact our community. The next Railway Community Advisory Panel will be held on Wednesday March 12th @ 1:00 PM In Committee Room 2 @ City Hall This is an open meeting and can be attended by any member of the public.

2) Community Policing Committee: Tabled

3) Light up the Quay Committee: James: presentation of Awards and Prizes: Griswold Award: Tony Norris from Quaywest. Best Building: Tiffany Shores Best Lobby: Quaywest Most Improved: Riviera Best Corporate: River Market/The Stage New West for tree competition Special thanks to our sponsors this year: River Market, Quays Pacific Management, STC, The Stage New West, The Record, Hyack Festival Association and FestivalsNewWest.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen 2013 Financial Report: see attached

E. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – Penny McIvor

F. NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers for the QCB 2014 Executive:

1. Motion to dissolve current Executive: Jae – Moved Jacquie - Second **MSC: Yes**
Thank you to all the directors for year of service

Presentation of Nominees: President, Penny McIvor, Vice President, Gavin Sawle, Treasurer, Maureen Albanese, Secretary, Vickie Turvey and Board Alternate, TBA

Call for nominations from the board: no further nominations put forward

Motion to accept nominations and appointments: Jae-Motion Jacquie - Second **MSC: Yes**

G. STRATA REPORTS: Legend: NTR = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance

Tabled to next meeting

Anchor Pointe: Dockside: Excelsior: Laguna Landing: Lido: Promenade: QuayWest: Quayside Terrace: Rialto: Riverbend Co-op: Riviera: Tiffany Shores: Tower I: Tower II: Murano: Westport: Westminster Landing Co-op: The Q:

I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Tabled

J. DOOR PRIZE DRAW: Special thanks to WILD RICE for gift certificates and prizes to everyone attending the AGM, River Market and Plaza 88 for Dinner and a movie at the HUB and Landmark.

Alice Thompson & Dorothy Newman – River Market prizes Mike Parker Tiffany Shores - \$50 Wild Rice Prize Michael Boncea – Plaza 88 Prize – dinner & a movie

K. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:50 pm Thank you to all members and merchants! MSC: YES

Next meeting: February 26th, 2014 at 7:00PM
Anchor Pointe Meeting Room