



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Annual General Minutes – **January 27TH, 2010**

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Fraser River Discovery Centre – Quayside Drive

7:00PM: Opening remarks President QCB - James Crosty and introduction of special speakers:

1. **Catherine Ouellet-Martin**, Executive Director Fraser River Discovery Centre: It is a pleasure to host the QCB Annual General Meeting. The Discovery Center reopened in March of 2009. Current exhibition “Birds of Prey” coming to a close, but new exhibit will be “build a boat”. Official opening of new exhibit March 2010. She finished ask for Discovery Center.
2. **Karen Baker McGrotty**, Co-Chair Spirit of BC for New Westminster: Pleasure to be at our AGM, announced that the Spirit of BC is hosting 2 events for the up coming Olympics; Feb 5 – Raise the Flag at New Westminster High School, Feb 6 – Free concert at Royal City Center, wear your native costumes, Feb 9 – Torch relay through New West, Feb 12 – Opening Ceremonies telecast live at Massey Theatre she had two tickets for everyone in attendance at the AGM but you must be in your seats by 5pm or they will give the spots away to those that arrive without tickets. Jan 30 – Volunteer Fair at Royal City Centre. Get your tickets after the AGM.
3. **Alex Csizmadia**, Metro Vancouver Community recycling and zero waste management. Alex is conducting a survey for a pilot project regarding community composting. Discussed the numbers and issues surround the amount of waste. One example: single-family homes compost 3 times as much as multi family homes.
4. **Mark Shieh**, River Market – Special Announcement that they have almost secured an anchor grocery tenant but they are looking to get 3000 signatures in 30 days to help secure the tenant. Handed out letter to be signed and returned to River Market. Was not able to name tenant yet but trying to convince them this is the place to locate. Trying to get the market open summer 2010. Describe the theme at the market as a Food Centric Market from beginning to plate. Working on an edible garden, retail, production, cooking school and catering to name a few. Parking issues still under review. Hours to be later than the original 6pm. Please support our Market and go online and sign the petition.
5. **Introduction of Guest Speaker: Virginia Bremner, Executive Director**, Downtown New Westminster, BIA is non profit made up of 500 businesses and 100 business owners in the Columbia Street area. Virginia asked how could the BIA enhance your shopping experience on Columbia and the downtown area? What are they doing right? What are they not doing? Suggestions were made regarding boutiques, antique alley, etc. The general mix of the services offered. Talked about the revitalization of the downtown – Plaza 88 and the new civic center to be built. There was a lively exchange from the floor to Virginia with comments and questions on how to improve the mix and the area. In summary Virginia asked that the members make a renewed effort to visit the Columbia Street stores, shops, neighbourhood pubs and dinning spots. There is a change and its for the better, rediscover the community.

A. Meeting was CALLED TO ORDER: 8:00 PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: Nov. 25th, 2009 **M Maria S Marta C: YES**

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Tabled to the February meeting due to the time.

D. TREASURER’S REPORT: Maureen: 2009 Financial Report presented at the end of minutes.

E. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - FINAL ADDRESS - James Crosty: Acknowledged Councillor McIntosh.

“Good Evening Members of the Quayside Community and visitors to our AGM tonight. Isn’t this a great place to have our AGM at the Fraser River Discovery Center? For my final report tonight I wanted to reflect on the past, it’s worth noting how the Quayside Board started and is now in its 6th year. Before it all began some of you will remember the first time City Hall heard from Quayside residents. It was a time when the city put forward a bylaw to create a marina designation along the entire length of the Quay. Many of you turned out

and it was defeated as a result. Shortly after the Quayside Community Board was formed by a group of Strata Council Presidents and residents. It was clear that when I became the third President in two years we had to focus on the Quayside Community. The QCB managed to get every single strata building to join. At a buck a year per unit we are the least expensive resident association in the city, but have the distinction of being the largest paid up resident association in New Westminster at 2080 homes! I am proud of this board and proud to have been part of this effort. We have struggled with highrise Towers across the water, flood threats, muddy off leash dog parks, a damaged boardwalk, infested tree removal and replacement, closing of the public market, a riverboat casino, Larco hi Rises, car break-ins, condo break-in's, garbage bidders, homeless people, train noise and shunting, I think you get my point. Now 6 years later we have become more familiar with our neighbours. The flood threat brought many of us together and we got to know each other. Police responded to our calls and there has been a dramatic reduction in crime along with more building security. The River Market renovations are coming along and the Fraser River Discovery Center now has a view of the river. The train noise negotiations set a Canadian precedent for cooperation with residents thanks to the work of Brian Allen they are quieter – not silent by much quieter. Many of the issues we brought forward are being resolved but there is more to come. The Pier Park to the east will be something when it's complete. The QCB is keeping an eye on the west and the Munie Park area by advising the city that we want a say in the development. There is a sense of excitement as the city moves forward with the Downtown, Plaza 88 and the proposed civic center. I must admit this is going to be one great place to live in years to come. The QCB board members are dedicated, knowledgeable volunteers working on your behalf. By sharing experiences we are improving the quality work being done in our homes. Many management companies and contractors know that we as a community talk to each other. We started the Quayside Festival and Sale three years ago and now this festival attracts thousands of people to the boardwalk. The Festival has raised money for the Royal City Musical Theatre Society. We have one of the most informative resident association website in the city - www.quaysideboard.com - we encourage you to visit it often. We have posted news in the Piffle, sponsored Canada Day Fireworks, bands at Hyack Square and even assisted in the cost to open the renovated Hyack Square. Hosted the trolley tour for New Westminster's 150 birthday celebrations last year. Some of you are here tonight just to find out what kind of community the Quayside is. Let me tell you that this is the best place in New Westminster and in the near future may well be the best place in the lower mainland. Thank you all for coming out tonight and making this the largest attended AGM we have ever held. My very best wishes to the new board and for all your kind support over the years.
(See Attached Press Release)

F. NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers for the QCB 2010 Executive:

1. Motion to dissolve current Executive: M Maria S Ted C: YES

Open nominations and appointments for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board Alternate. Call for nominations from the floor – there being none, motion to accept nominations & appointments for the positions: President: **Matthew Laird**, Vice President: **Maria Bisognin**, Treasurer: **Maureen Albanese**, Secretary: **Penny McIvor**, & Board Alternate: **Ted Eddy** **MSC: YES**

2. Quayside Board boundaries: Letter to city hall for review as attached MSC: YES

3. Request for support: To relocate 57 below liquor store to Plaza 88 mall as attached MSC: YES

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS: Request for Emergency Preparedness Committee member: **Alex Csizmadia** volunteered. Request for the Community Policing Committee **Eric Fletcher** volunteered. The rest of the reports were table to the next meeting.

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

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: Special Guest Q: THE REPORTS WERE TABLED TO NEXT MEETING DUE TO TIME.

I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Tabled to next meeting.

J. MOTION TO ADJOURN: M Ted S Maria C: at 8:25PM YES - James thanked our sponsors and invited people to stay mingle & make sure they got tickets to the Olympic Broadcast & Fraser River Center Passes.

Special Note: Due to the Olympics February Meeting cancelled.
Next meeting: March 31st, 2010 at 7:00PM Anchor Pointe



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January 12th, 2010

City of New Westminster
Attention: Mayor and Council
511 Royal Avenue,
New Westminster, BC
V3L 1H9

Re: Resident Association area boundaries

Dear Mayor and Council,

The purpose of this letter is to assist in clarification of a previous issue regarding residents' association boundaries and discussions concerning the Quayside Community's role as a "stakeholder" in the Westminster Pier Park consultation process. It was the city administration's evaluation that the Quayside Community as a result of boundaries was not a stakeholder and therefore direct consultation was not required.

The city determined by its own boundary designation that the Downtown Residents' Association was the only resident stakeholder thereby eliminating the Quayside Community Board from initial consultation despite our objection. Please find enclosed a copy of the 1999 Guidelines for Residents' Associations. In this document prepared by the city we refer to page 3 "**The Role of the Residents' Association: Item 3. Boundaries – Have delineated boundaries, which may overlap with the boundaries of other Residents' Association.**"

The boundaries outlined in the Quayside Community Board Bylaws (and posted on the QCB website) since July 27th, 2005 state under **Article 2 – Jurisdiction - Section 2.01: The geographical area included in the Board shall be bounded on the west by the eastern property line of Scott Paper, on the north by the railway tracks, on the east by the Patullo Bridge, and on the south by the north arm of the Fraser River.**

As a result of this finding and our bylaws we respectfully ask that the city amend its current boundary designation on the city webpage, noting this overlap by the Downtown Residents' Association and the Quayside Community Board. We also request future stakeholder consultation regarding this area with the DRA and the QCB considered **shared** stakeholders in order to be fair to each resident community.

If there is further discussion required concerning this letter we look forward to your earliest communication. Since the Pier project is underway and before any other developments come forward we ask that you kindly advise the Quayside Community Board and the Downtown Residents' Association of your evaluation and decision on this important matter for both resident groups.

Sincerely,
Quayside Community Board

James Crosty,
President

cc: Downtown Residents' Association



January 28th, 2010

City of New Westminster
Attention: Mr Wait
511 Royal Avenue,
New Westminster, BC
V3L 1H9 City of New Westminster

Dear Mr Wait,

The owners of 57 Below Pub and Grill recently approached the Quayside Community Board for its opinion on the proposed move of its Liquor Store from the present location into the new Plaza 88 Retail center.

Upon discussion by our board at our recent meeting of January 27th, 2010 it was moved, second and carried that the Quayside Community Board has no issue with this proposal and support the application by The Arbuthnot Group owners of the 57 Below Liquor Store on this relocation.

If you require further clarification please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

James Crosty,
President

cc: Al and Todd Arbuthnot 57 Below (The Arbuthnot Group)



Quayside Community Board (QCB)

Financial Report Year End 2009

Prepared by M. Albanese, Treasurer

BALANCE FORWARD 2008/09

Chequing Account	102.99	
Savings Account	5,450.08	
Shares	29.21	
Total Balance Forward		5,582.28

INCOME 2009/10

Membership Dues	1,404.00	
Table Rentals	1,635.00	
Raffle/Donations	808.00	
Sponsorships	584.80	
Interest	80.55	
Dividend	1.15	
Total Deposits		4,513.50

EXPENSES 2009

Website/Posters/Advertising	892.50	
One Source/railroad mail out	812.00	
AGM Room	100.00	
Table Rentals Festival	1,192.10	
Festival Insurance	342.00	
Bands Festival	1,300.00	
City of NW Hyack Square	250.00	
BIA Hyack Square Music	250.00	
Donation RCMT	700.00	
PO Box Rental	170.10	
Service Charges Bank	11.08	
Total Expenses		(6,019.78)

BALANCE FORWARD 2010

\$ 4,076.00

Presented AGM January 27th, 2010

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Record attendance at the Quayside Community Board AGM set stage for outstanding success

[February 5th, 2010, New Westminster, BC] The Quayside Community Board (QCB) AGM took place on January 27th, 2010 at the Fraser River Discovery Center attracting an enthusiastic audience of over 100 people. In addition to finding out who their new board would be going into a new decade, the standing-room-only audience were also engaged in informative dialogue with several City leaders.



JAMES CROSTY
Past-President



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The keynote speaker was **Virginia Bremner**, ED of the Downtown BIA who talked of the 'newly revitalized downtown' and encouraged those present to express their opinions on what works, and doesn't work, in this important business district. Virginia was followed by speakers: **Catherine Ouellet Martin**, ED Fraser River Discovery Center, **Karen Baker-MacGrotty**, Co-Chair Spirit of BC, **Alex Csizmadia**, Metro Vancouver, and **Mark Shieh**, River Market.

The speakers energized the audience with discussions from a 'mystery tenant at the River market' and 'free tickets to the 'live' broadcast of the Olympic Open Ceremonies at Massey Theatre' to 'Discovery Centre events' and 'zero waste management.' The evening topics were thought provoking and stimulated energetic dialogue between speaker and audience members.

Also present were the representatives of each building who comprise the QCB board. Elections were held and the following people were placed into positions of responsibility. The new board is: President **Matthew Laird** - Vice President, **Maria Bisognin** - Secretary, **Penny McIvor** - Treasurer, **Maureen Albanese** and Director at Large, **Ted Eddy**.

Highlighting the evening was the entertaining and informative farewell address by President, **James Crosty**. In his address, James thanked the board for its hard work and its help to shape the community. He stated "that Quayside has changed 'for the better' in the 6 six years since the creation of the QCB. The community is more secure and there is a noticeable reduction in the noise levels coming from the rail yard." Crosty's summation of his tenure included: "1; That over the years the QCB has developed one of the most informative and comprehensive community websites. 2; The QCB is the largest fully paid up resident association in the city of New Westminster with 2080 strata units representing approximately 4000 residents. 3; The 3rd Annual Quayside Festival and Sale attracted more than 5,000 people in 2009 and together with Virginia Bremner of the BIA, plans are in the works to create the longest outdoor sidewalk sale in Canada on August 21st, 2010 at the 4th annual Quayside Festival & Sale 2010. Finally 4; The Quayside Community Board has established a reputation of support and service to its members and further to potential buyers interested in our community."

In closing, James thanked the residents for their support and for making the QCB one of the most respected not-for-profit community organizations in New Westminster. At the conclusion of Crosty's speech, **John Hinz**, a member from Dockside stood up to thank James Crosty for his hard work and the room responded with a standing ovation.

Prior to the adjournment of the AGM, there was a draw for a \$100 Gift Certificate from **The MET Bar & Grill** which was won by Westport resident **Helen Bodner**. The remaining of the evening saw people mingling with each other for 45 minutes enjoying complimentary coffee and baked goods provided by **Waves** on Columbia Street. Judging from the smiles, camaraderie and over all positive atmosphere of the Quayside residents, the Quayside Community Board's AGM was an outstanding success and a model format for other associations to consider in future.

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