



Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday February 6, 2019
Hyack North Room – Inn at the Quay

7:05 PM **Guests:**

1. City of New Westminster Transport. Dept.....Lisa LeBlanc/Mike Anderson

Lisa and Mike spoke to the group on four items:

1. **Q to Q Ferry** – the pilot project was to end in Oct 2018 but it is being continued until funding can be acquired. It still has steady ridership – 65,000 passengers since mid-May 2018.
2. **Development** – construction has started for Bosa Development’s Pier West. Walking, cycling and transit are all priorities for the City. Parking is an issue especially for those with disabilities, seniors. The City is working with both Bosa developers on contractors’ parking. One attendee raised the concern of cars blocking the intersection where Begbie crosses the railway tracks and the need for traffic control. The City is working on this.
3. **Speed bumps** – were originally installed by Metro Vancouver for the Front Street construction. They were supposed to be temporary, but the City has now taken them over and has heard feedback both for and against them becoming permanent. A survey will be done and the City will review the report.
4. **Parking** – Mike has been tasked with wrapping up a review on Quayside parking that started two years ago. The reality is there is limited parking in the area. The City is looking at options such as converting some spots on street to time limited or modifying loading zones to allow for overnight parking.

2. New Westminster Arts CouncilStephen O’Shea

Stephen (Executive Director) explained that since 1967, the Arts Council has been a chamber of artists: for the visual, literary and performing arts. The Council gives scholarships and honorariums and gave \$41,000 last year.

He gave an overview of the many events that the Arts Council presents:

- Gallery at Queen’s Park – free admission and various events are held there
- New West Craft – held at the River Market both inside and out and the Night Market held in the summer and winter.
- Music by the River – held at Pier Park in the summer
- Lit Fest New West – held at Anvil Centre and River Market
- New West Cultural Crawl – held in various locations across the city
- Arts to Go – workshops for kids held in various locations
- Last Monday at the Movies – held at Massey Theatre

3. Hyack Festival Association Brunella Battista

Brunella (Executive Director) explained that the Hyack Festival Association has been hosting social activities, building community spirit and helping residents keep connected since 1971. They organize many events through the year including the Hyack Festival each year in May. Most activities are free and are all inclusive! The Association also promotes New Westminster throughout the Lower Mainland and the Pacific North West by representing New Westminster at many other parades and festivals.

4. Cielo Electric Sukhdeep Gill

Sukhdeep explained that Cielo Electric is a company that retrofits buildings for electric vehicle charging. They are installers only and don't sell the equipment. Sukhdeep reviewed the various levels of chargers, noting that the higher the level, the faster the charge and that level one and two can be used by all electric cars.

Cost of installation can be affected by the distance between the plugs and the electrical room, as well as what modifications need to be done to the current electrical infrastructure. There are various cost recovery models such as pluginbc.ca (provincial program), scrapit.ca and discounts given by electric vehicle manufacturers.

5. Certificates for Community ServiceVickie Turvey

QCB President Vickie Turvey presented Paul Jackson with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service as Secretary for the QCB. There was a second certificate to be awarded, but the recipient, Marta Nikol was not present.

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A. Call to Order - Vickie Turvey

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm

B. Treasurer's Report..... Maureen Albanese

Maureen reviewed the QCB income and expenses for 2018. The sources of income were membership fees, interest earned and income from the garage sale. The larger expenses incurred through the year were for the website, AGM and the August garage sale. There was a loss for the year 2018 of (\$754.88), but after carrying forward the accumulated surplus from 2017, the balance is \$6,257.61.

C. President's Report Vickie Turvey

Vickie listed off the accomplishments of 2018.

- Re-election of Mayor Cote
- Quayside Park was officially opened
- Boardwalk sale
- The continuation of the Q to Q ferry
- The 2nd Annual Grand Prix
- Sewer upgrades on Front Street
- Fraser Docks: potash and grain terminals to be built, but the coal terminal was cancelled

Vickie reminded everyone that the QCB is here to help them. All are welcome to the monthly meetings that are held at 7pm on the last Wednesday of each month (except Jul, Aug and Dec). You can also get information from Facebook and Twitter.

Vickie thanked the City of New Westminster for their partial sponsorship of the evening’s meeting. She also mentioned a design workshop for the new park at Pier West that was coming up the following week.

D. New Business

Presentation of Officers for the 2019 QCB ExecutiveVickie Turvey

President	Vickie Turvey
Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Maureen Albanese
Secretary	June Gambrel
Director at Large	Enzo Guerriero

Director Enzo Guerriero reminded everyone that this is their community and to get involved in planning meetings to have their voice heard.

E. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Anchor Pointe Meeting Room