



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Notes

January 31, 2024

Meeting Location: Anchor Pointe, 1135 Quayside Drive

In attendance: Calvin (Excelsior), Naomi (Anchor Pointe), Patti (Quayside Terrace), Kendra (Quayside Tower 1), Bonnie-Lee (Riversky 1), David (Rialto), Marcine (Westport), Karen (Dockside), Maureen (Laguna Landing), Ruby (City of New West)

Karen Tomkins chaired the meeting and called to order at 7:04 pm.

Report from the City

Ruby reported that she had met with Lisa (Director of Engineering) and with Mayor Johnstone and provided updates as follows:

- Railways: As a result of the prior agreement and lawsuit, the railways were required to meet with the QCB and the City was included as a partner, but had nothing to do with the actual lawsuit and no obligations as a result. At the present time, all work pertaining to the railways is handled by the City's staff dealing with the Railway's staff, not by Committee. Meetings are happening and work is being done, even though they are not working in Committees (for example, work is being done on whistle cessation.) The railways are subject to federal legislation, and the City will not be reconvening the Railway Committee, as they have no authority to force participation from the railways. If the QCB or any of its members (or the general public) have concerns, they can contact the railway directly, with contact information available on the City's website. Such inquiries are just as likely to get a response as would be the case if the City contacted them.

As a follow up, Ruby has provided the following link:

<https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=17406>

- Sapperton Overpass: the City is trying to get an overpass built in Sapperton. Reports are publicly available.
- Waste Management – all Residents Associations believe they are being treated unfairly with respect to waste management. The crux of the issue is that there are insufficient staff and budget to accommodate everyone, and the City is receiving some requests that are simply not feasible.
- Quayside lighting project infrastructure and fixtures – this is in the budget and will happen. Denise has contact for Enzo if we want to go with the lighting in conjunction with DFO.
- Mooney Everest public park site consultation – QCB will have the opportunity to be involved once this gets underway.
- McGuinness overpass – improvements to expand pedestrian corridor are being planned, and a timeline will be known once approved.
- Flood mitigation – this is also a priority (falling under climate emergency and asset management.) A risk assessment is to be commissioned by a third party. There is a public report available.

In follow up to the meeting, Ruby sent a link to a meeting where this was discussed:

<https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15652>

- Advisory group – Ruby explained the history surrounding the development of the advisory group.
As a follow up, Ruby sent the a message shortly after the meeting: I am trying to find out why there was no distinct Quayside geographic area and can only assume because the boundaries aligned with the City's Official Community Plan. I will share more asap.
<https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=17364>
- Front Street – will be closed for a period of time.
- Resident's Association Funding – there is a motion on the agenda that all RAs be providing with \$200 in additional funding.
After the meeting, Ruby sent an update as follows: Neighbourhood Small Grants-applications should open soon in case you want to apply for funding for community projects or at least encourage the residents to apply to do their own smaller projects.
<https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/our-communities/new-west/>
- Boardwalk – a question was asked about the state of the boardwalk about First Capital.
Ruby provided the following update after the meeting: This is a sinkhole that is awaiting repair. We recently awarded the contract, materials are ordered, and we are awaiting arrival of materials to start the repair work. We required that the contractor fence the area off to secure it for safety.

Treasurer's Report

Copy provided by Maureen, circulated on March 11, 2024

General Discussion

An updated version of the proposed engagement strategy prepared by Kendra and previously discussed during the December meeting had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Feedback was provided by Barb and Naomi suggesting additional changes. Those present unanimously agreed with these changes.

A newly updated version copy has been circulated on March 11, 2024.

Karen reported that she, Kendra, Bruce and Enzo had met and are proposing that going forward, we identify areas that Board members are interested in and then work independently in between meetings (loosely similar to the breakout groups that we had established last year, but working outside of scheduled meetings and with encouragement to engage other members of the community). Based on areas of interest expressed by those present, the following (which can change over time, as appropriate) were determined to be what we will focus on at the present time:

- Naomi and Marcine – will take the lead in investigating opportunities for multiple stratas to combine forces in terms of hiring contractors and services.
- Kendra – will lead a Community Engagement group, and has also volunteered to run social media. Will be seeking a budget for a new website and newsletter software.
- Karen – will take the lead in working towards a community meeting in the late Spring, with one or two guest speakers, which will also be an opportunity to engage members of the community in board activities.
- David – is willing to partner with Bruce and anyone else who may be interested in re-visiting Bylaws.
- Bonnie-Lee – indicating that she is aware of a resource that could come to a meeting and talk about what he does in terms of comparing to other buildings in the Lower Mainland (on par / doing better) and help to predict future levies.

- Safety & Wellness – it was suggested that we should continue with the work that was being done and/or was proposed in the area of Safety and Wellness. Barb had been taking the lead and we will follow up to see if she is willing to continue to do so with the changed approach where the work of the Committee would be done outside of Board meetings.

It was agreed that future agendas will include a section for informal strata updates, at which point any strata may share information that could be relevant to others, and/or any strata seeking information from others may ask questions.

It was agreed that we will move to bi-monthly meetings (with two more meetings before the summer – ie, March and May.)

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on March 27th at Anchor Pointe.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.