



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Notes

December 4, 2024

Meeting Location: Anchor Pointe, 1135 Quayside Drive

In attendance: Enzo (Tiffany Shores), Michelle (Dockside), Barbara (Lido), David (Rialto), Marcine (Westport), Rekha (Promenade), Kendra (Tower 1), Derek (Tower 2), Calvin (Excelsior), Kevin (Quaywest), Pam (Riversky 2) Cathy (Westport), Reid (Laguna), Patti (Quayside Terrace) Maureen (Laguna Landing), Naomi (Anchor Pointe), Karen (Dockside)

Special Guests: Garey Carlson (City of New Westminster), Ken Wilkinson (???)

The meeting was chaired by Karen and called to order at 7:02 pm, commencing with the indigenous land acknowledgement.

Special Guests:

Garey Carlson introduced himself as representing the City of New Westminster Engineering Department, responsible for the railway portfolio, and liaison to the Ministry of Transportation re the Patullo Bridge replacement project.

- Garey reported that there were some recent updates to the Quayside rail crossing, which were initiated because of video evidence provided by the railway of drivers by-passing the previous barriers. These updates included addition of flexi-bollards at the crossing and in Laguna Court, together with additional signage and sidewalk decals. A flyer on the importance of obeying train signage and barriers was also distributed. Garey indicated that if drivers continue to try to bypass the rules, whistlecization (which has been in effect for 7+ years) will cease, and residents of the Quay will be subject to the noise of whistles whenever a train crosses Quayside Drive.
- Garey then spoke to the advance rail warning systems recently introduced to the Quay based on a pilot project funded by Transport Canada. It was agreed that the placement is not optimal, and/or additional locations would be helpful. Garey advised that emails can be sent to engpost@newwestcity.ca to request that a new location be included.

Ken Wilkinson then introduced himself as a long-time resident of the Quay, and advised that he has materials to build one or more 'little libraries' where residents can share books, and is looking for some input on the placement (locations) and size.

- Ken indicated that placement on the property of any strata could be easily done, and at no cost, but would require City approval if placed on public property.
- It was generally agreed that one or more 'little libraries' would be an enhancement to the Quay, perhaps with separate shelves for adult books, children's books, and periodicals.
- In terms of ongoing maintenance, this is generally managed by users and has not been an issue in other locations where these 'little libraries' are present.
- After some discussion, it was agreed that Ken will start construction on a small two-shelf version which will be ready in about a month.
- Board members will provide feedback via email on possible locations and also preferences for size, what should be included etc. via the board email, and also approach their respective stratas about the possibility of location on strata property.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report will be circulated with the minutes. The Board currently has a balance of about \$8,000, with the account to be replenished soon from annual dues which are payable by each strata in the New Year.

Report from the City

Ruby was not able to attend, so this portion of the agenda was devoted to discussing traffic concerns. It was agreed that with the installation of corner bulges, it has become extremely challenging to drive through New Westminster. When concerns have been raised with the Mayor, the response has been that the City wants to get people out of cars, and that those concerned about traffic should take the bus. However, this is not always practical, and buses have been facing difficulties staying on schedule for the same reason.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Kevin and Michelle will work together on drafting a letter to the City, which will then be put on Quayside letterhead and forwarded accordingly.

It was noted that there are number of other concerns that should be brought forward to the City for next month's meeting:

- Flood mitigation
- Update re lighting on boardwalk.
- Feedback from stratas on changes to placement of garbage cans.
- Whistleblowing in Queensborough.
- Additional dollars from the environmental budget for the boardwalk.

Items Carried Forward from last meeting:

Trees on Quayside Drive

- Naomi delivered a brief presentation on this issue. A copy will be circulated with the minutes.
- Thanks to Naomi, Marcine and Nick for initiating the recent meeting with the City on this topic and to Naomi for taking the lead.
- Following discussion the following was moved (Enzo) seconded (David), and amended (Kendra): *Impacted buildings be asked to inquire with their property managers as to whether they have access to free legal advice, and if so, take advantage of the opportunity to get input from a lawyer at no cost. If there is no favourable outcome by the end of the year then the Board authorizes payment of \$5,000 to obtain legal advice on this issue, on behalf of the QCB.*

MOTION CARRIED

Adoption of Governing Principles and Procedures (replacing by-laws)

- Naomi shared the feedback that was received on the document that was circulated after the last meeting. The Board considered the feedback and then decided to move forward with adoption.
- The following was moved (Kendra), and seconded (Maureen): *The version of the Governing Principles and Procedures that was previously circulated by email following the July meeting is hereby adopted, replacing the previous By-Laws.*

MOTION CARRIED

- The above motion does not preclude the possibility of amending at a later date.

- It was acknowledged that David, Naomi, Kendra and Kevin all put a lot of effort into the development of these new Governing Principles and Procedures, and are to be commended for their efforts.

Website Update

- Kendra reported that the new website was launched in October .
- All prior content was migrated. Kendra can make edits at any time.
- Karen and Maureen both have backup access.
- It was acknowledged that Kendra did a great job getting the updated website up and running. The QCB thanks her for her efforts.

General Discussion

Barb asked for some input on the experience of other stratas when elevators need to be down for extended periods to be updated or replaced. A number of board members provided comments.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was not established during the meeting, and will be advised via email.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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December 8, 2024