



Meeting Notes

May 27, 2025

Meeting Location: Anchor Pointe, 1135 Quayside Drive

In attendance:

David Highfield (Rialto), (Promenade), Kendra Johnston (Tower 1), Maureen Albanese (Laguna Landing), Naomi Scott (Anchor Pointe), Gretien (Promenade), Bert Engleman (Tower 1), Patty Goss (Quayside Terrace), Marcine Bennett (West Port), Maureen Curran (Tower 2A)

The meeting was chaired by Kendra Johnston and called to order at 6:05 pm. There is no longer a requirement for a specific number of representatives in order to have a quorum. Based on our new Governing Principles and Procedures, a meeting may proceed if there is a sufficient number of representatives in attendance to advance the agenda, and to pass a motion, a majority of those present must vote in favour.

The meeting began with Kendra giving a land acknowledgement.

New Westminster Environmental Partners

Maureen from Quayside Tower 2 gave a short presentation about Environmental Partners, an organization that works with local groups on a variety of initiatives, such as:

- Getting rid of invasive species
- Daylighting streams
- Improving drainage

She is wondering whether people in New Westminster would be interested in partnering. An ideal place for a project might be next to the dog park at the west end of Quayside Dr. The space could potentially be used to mitigate flooding. Ideally it would be a space we could enjoy and at the same time make the area safer.

It was noted that the most recent flooding along Quayside Dr. was in the low area at the foot of the 3rd Street Overpass. Maureen pointed out that the river might need a place to go rather than going over the dike. Emergency vehicles need a place to pass.

There was discussion about dredging in the Fraser. The dredging is done on the south side of the Fraser River while the sandbars on the north side of the Fraser get bigger and bigger.

There was discussion about the recent presentation from the city to the QCB about flooding but the presenters said very little about preventing flooding and talked mostly about emergency response. We have the engineering report from the presentation and can circulate it. The city doesn't seem to have any plans about where Quayside residents could stay in the event of major flooding.



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The New Westminster Climate Action fund was mentioned as a possible source of funding for flood mitigation projects.

A question for Ruby: Bosa seemed to be doing something in the area near the dog park. Could we have information about what was done and why it didn't continue?

Safety and Wellbeing Sub-Committee

Barb was not present to report on this committee but Kendra and Maureen A provided some updates. The committee has a great deal of brochures, pamphlets, reports that could be useful in creating a safety plan for stratas. The committee has recommended that the city be asked to make a presentation to the Board. There was a suggestion that the committee create a deliverable that recognizes our values but doesn't dive too deep into any one topic – perhaps a "best practices" document.

There was a question about how we distinguish between the Fire Safety Manual that stratas have and the type of documentation the QCB Safety and Wellbeing Committee might produce. The response was that the Fire Safety Manual is something you reference only in an emergency.

Treasurer's Report

- All stratas have paid their membership fees for the year except for Westminster Landing and Quayside Tower 1
- The current balance is 10,151.80 but there is an outstanding legal bill of 1,570.00 that will be deducted. (The legal bill was for the legal opinion on the SROWs along Quayside Dr.)

SROWs

- The executive has asked the City to NOT refer people with questions about the SROWs (Statutory Right of Way Agreements) to the QCB. The QCB will not be acting as an agent on this issue.

Maintenance Sub-Committee

- This committee has effectively dissolved but some nascent documents came out of the committee. Kendra will run the documents through chat GPT over the summer to summarize into a quick checklist resource for QCB members. Hopefully someone will volunteer to build on the work that was done.



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- Before the committee dissolved there was some discussion about doing multi-strata deals with companies and services to see if we could find cost savings. No one had time to pursue this and a lot of stratas rely on their property management companies to hire contractors.
- There was mention that one of the useful things about the QCB is that it is place where you can get reviews on contractors and businesses that provide services to stratas.

Report from the City

- Ruby was not able to attend the meeting and therefore we did not get an update on:
 - A report from the City indicating that the amount of crime has increased.
 - A response from the City about the QCB's request for a community centre in the neighbourhood.

New Business

September Meeting

- The QCB executive met and discussed having a community meeting as our September meeting. We would invite all residents and frame it as a meet and greet.
- The question arose as to where we would have it. Some suggestions:
 - 1235 Quayside Dr.
 - A church
- In answer to the question "What would the goals of the meeting be?", some thoughts were:
 - Just to connect people and find out if they have any questions
 - Engaging members on what is important to them. One suggestion was to put up boards that contained different topics/issues. Each participant would be given stickers that they could put up on the boards to measure their interest.
 - Keep it fun and casual with a positive vibe.
 - There was discussion about having a guest speaker but others suggested that it might be best just to invite people from the city, our new MP, our MLA and let everyone mingle. Invite speakers at later meetings.
- The suggestion was made to record the emails / contact info of people who attend.

Residents' Association Meeting

- The city is having their annual meeting of Residents' Associations representatives in June. Naomi volunteered to attend on behalf of the QCB.

McInnes Overpass Improvements

- Construction work on the overpass will begin in the 2nd week of June and take approximately 24 weeks. There is no traffic management plan yet.



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- The sidewalk over the overpass will be widened to 1 meter and traffic bulges will be installed on the intersection of Quayside Dr. and K de K Court.

Next Meeting

- There will be no QCB meetings over the summer. The date has not been set for the September meeting but details will be sent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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