



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Notes

January 28, 2026

Meeting Location: Anchor Pointe, 1135 Quayside Drive

In attendance:

David Highfield (Rialto), Naomi Scott (Anchor Pointe), Karen Tomkins (Dockside), Maureen Albanese (Laguna Landing), Barbara Beam (Westport), Meher Kasam (Murano Lofts), Michael Bortolin (Q), Barbara Duggan (Lido), Gratien Prefontaine (The Promenade), Junior Chang (Quayside Terrace), Yan Cheung (RiverSky 2), Rod McIvor (Quayside Tower 2), Patti Goss (Quayside Terrace), Rod McIvor (Tower II), Ruby Campbell (City of New Westminster)

The meeting was chaired by Karen Tomkins and commenced at approximately 6:35 pm with the land acknowledgement and introductions.

President's Report

- Karen provided a recap of the key activities and accomplishments of the Board in 2025. Please refer to our Annual Report, which will be circulated with these minutes and is posted to the website for details.
- Karen then identified our areas of focus as falling into four categories, and thanked David Highfield for having articulated these during a recent Executive meeting:
 - administration – meetings, minutes bylaw, logo, website
 - engagement – website, community events
 - vision statement – hearing, listening, learning from residents, identifying issues
 - advancing those issues – dealing with various levels of government, boards etc. to ensure that concerns of Quayside residents are being not only heard, but actioned
- We have done quite well over the past year with respect to the first three bullets. In 2026, our intent will be to move more into the realm of advancing issues / advocating for residents of the Quay.
- It was noted that when we invite guest speakers, we need to ensure that it is with the intent of advancing the interests of the community.
- In addition to crime, safety and the boardwalk sale, another takeaway from the September community event was enthusiasm for gaining some facilities on this side of the tracks. We need a volunteer who is passionate about that to take up the cause.

Treasurer's Report

- Maureen delivered a summary of the Treasurer's Report, which will be circulated with these minutes and will be posted to the website.

Report from City

- Maureen and Naomi attended a hearing about transit oriented development at the City on Monday. Ruby indicated that she could not be present during any discussion on this topic, so this discussion was deferred to the end of the meeting.

On January 29th, Ruby sent information as follows regarding Transit Oriented Development Areas, the Townhouse Program and the Non-Profit Affordable Housing initiative:

For any questions/comments, you can email legislativeservices@newwestcity.ca

More information can be found at Be Heard New West website using the following link:

<https://www.beheardnewwest.ca/en-CA/projects/ourcityourhomes>

- David thanked the City for the attention that is being given to the neighbourhood, such as new garbage cans and widening of the McInnes overpass. He also noted the importance of having Ruby attend our meetings to keep us informed of any significant issues that we may not otherwise be aware of.
- A reminder that the one number to call (as discussed by the Crisis Response Project Pilot team) is 604 527 4502. Ruby confirmed that if a message is left, the team will call back, and that the number may also be accessed via text.
- Ruby will send information about signs for recycling. She confirmed that pink bins cannot be used. Update: On January 29th, Ruby sent the following information by email:
The City of New Westminster provides multi-family recycling and food scraps collection for most apartments and multi-family dwellings in New Westminster. Mixed paper, mixed containers, glass and food scrap bins are provided by the City's services provider, [Waste Management](https://www.wm.com/us/en). <https://www.wm.com/us/en>.
To report missed collection for multi-family dwellings, or if you have other service or cart related questions, please contact Waste Management directly as follows:
WM Customer Service by phone call [1-800-774-9748](tel:1-800-774-9748) or send an email to pnwrsservices@wm.com and include "Recycling Program" for recycling and/or glass, or "Food Waste Program" for organics,
As shared, organic waste such as food scraps, plants and flowers, and food soiled paper are now banned from garbage and are accepted in the foods scraps collection bin.
This link has more info on what can be recycled
<https://recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle/>. If residents still want signs to post, I can ask the City if they can print some off.
Lots more information is available at this City website link
<https://www.newwestcity.ca/services/garbage-and-recycling/multi-family-collection#what-can-i-recycle>
- The new Bosa property in the area of the Pier West towers may have a tenant soon. A question was asked about occupancy of the new towers. Ruby can obtain this information.
- There was a fire at Ki Sushi today. While there will be an investigation, the Fire Chief has confirmed that it started in the kitchen, and no one was injured.
- A question was asked about piles of dirt by Bernie Legge theatre. Ruby confirmed this is for City access only and is used to store soil for gardens, as well as for waste management purposes and snow removal.
- Ruby will obtain more information about the City's contracts with Waste Management and noted that the City is looking to contract with Canadian firms whenever possible.
- Ruby indicated that the letter that the Board had sent re the Community Centre was very timely and helpful, and that in order for her to represent our interests, she needs formal communication of this nature.
- Ruby advised that the City is working with the Fraser River Discovery Centre to try to get more community space.
- A calendar of City events is available on the website. Ruby noted that there will be an event at the Anvil Centre February 7th, with a number of not for profit groups such as arts organizations, hospice etc. The event is called Love New West. Ruby noted that this would be a great opportunity for Naomi to meet with people re planning for boardwalk sale.
- A board member indicated that its strata had passed a motion to give a fob to each of the municipal parties during the election campaign in order to get more engagement. Ruby suggested checking with ElectionsBC to determine who should have access.

Follow up from last meeting

- Community Library – Karen has not heard back from Erika Mashig after following up. Ruby will endeavour to assist. Meanwhile, Westport had asked for more information in order to consider situating the library on its property. Karen will provide Barbara with the name and email address of the individual who would be building the library for us, if we are able to find a suitable location. A question was asked about locating it on the Boardwalk. This is where we are awaiting input from Erika as to what permitting would be required.
- Police Chief - it had been the intent to have Chief Hyland attend this meeting but unfortunately, he had to cancel. Karen is in the process of confirming his attendance at our next meeting, and we will need to provide guidance in advance with respect to the topics that we would like him to address.
- Boardwalk Sale – Naomi has agreed to coordinate a Boardwalk Sale for this summer. Ruby will put Naomi in charge with City's permitting department.
- Community Event – Karen has volunteered to coordinate another community event, and will start investigating possible venues soon. We will aim for April, but avoid April 29-May 3.
- Safety – Barbara Duggan shared some information that she has obtained, and that could be made available to residents at the community event. Anyone wishing supplies of the materials for their own strata can reach out to Cory at the City directly. Barbara will also find out if digital copies are available.

New Business

- Karen indicated that the City had offered to attend this meeting to speak to issue pertaining to board walk access and placement of bollards. However, due to short notice we were not able to arrange this. Karen will follow up to see if they can attend out next meeting.
- David noted that Enzo has been an unrelenting source of support in advocating for the interests of Quayside residents with the City and that we should maintain open communications, perhaps by inviting him to attend 2-3x per year to provide an update. Ruby indicated that she cannot take action specifically based on feedback from Enzo, and needs any request need to come from the Board.

Elections

- The following were acclaimed as the 2026 Executive:
 - Barbara Duggan – President
 - Karen Tomkins – Vice President
 - Naomi Scott – Secretary
 - Maureen Albanese – Treasurer
 - David Highfield – Member-at-Large
 - Meher Kasam – Member-at-Large
- It was noted that Kendra Johnston had previously confirmed her intent to step down. The Board thanks Kendra for her tremendous contributions over the past few years.
- Gratien Prefontaine volunteered to assume responsibility for maintaining the website. Karen will ask Kendra to meet with Gratien to provide training.

Transit Oriented Development Areas

- Naomi and Maureen reported on a meeting they had attended at the City yesterday regarding potential changes in zoning oriented around transit hubs.

- The City is not planning on doing much in the immediate vicinity of the New West station or in the Quayside neighbourhood, but rather on the other side of Carnarvon up the hill there will be zoning for many more townhomes (more density)
- The biggest area of concern is infrastructure to support more density (police, health care, roads, facilities etc.) with a strong sense that this was sufficiently covered in the plan.
- Some diverse opinions were expressed by the Board on this topic. It was agreed that Naomi will head up a group including herself, Meher, David, Yan and Junion to draft a letter to the City to advance our interests.

Next Meeting Date

- February 18th or March 11th were considered as potential dates for our next meeting. The date will be confirmed once we have determined whether Chief Hyland can attend on either date.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.

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February 8, 2026