



## **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION FORUM**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**  
**7:00 pm-9:00 pm**  
**Committee Room No. 2, City Hall**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Bill Harper	Chair, Council Representative
Mayor Wayne Wright	Mayor, Council Representative
Councillor Betty McIntosh	Council Representative
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	Council Representative
Mr. Andrew Baker	Moody Park Residents Association
Ms. Catherine Cartwright	McBride-Sapperton Residents Association
Mr. Jason Lesage	Massey Victory Heights Association
Mr. Tom Lockheart	Glenbrook North Residents Association
Ms. Penny McIvor	Quayside Community Board
Mr. Elmer Rudolph	West End Residents Association
Mr. Gavin McLeod	West End Residents Association (Non-Voting)
Ms. Jocelyn Smith	Downtown Residents Association

#### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Dave Brett	Queens Park Residents Association
Mr. Karl Brysch	Connaught Residents Association
Mr. Dean Wells	Queensborough Residents Association
Representative	Brow of the Hill Residents Association

#### **STAFF:**

Mr. Jim Lowrie	Director of Engineering Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	Manager of Planning
Mr. Blair Fryer	Manager of Communications and Economic Development
Mr. Mark Allison	Senior Planner
Ms. Jan Gibson	Acting Corporate Officer
Ms. Stephanie Lam	Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Advertising and use of Residents' Association Membership
- Family Day
- City Staff representatives at RA meetings

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 6, 2012**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes be amended by:*

- *Noting Penny McIvor, Quayside Community Board, as absent.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations were made under items 5.1 and 5.2.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Residents' Association Informational Brochure**

Blair Fryer, Manager of Communications and Economic Development, advised that the City will be able to publicize a Residents' Association Informational brochure which will be displayed at City Hall, Community Centres, and the Library. Mr. Fryer described the design of the brochure, and spoke to the importance of submitting generic contact information (eg: president@gmail.com) for publication.

Mr. Fryer advised that staff will bring forward a draft for review at the next Forum meeting.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Traffic in New Westminster**

- **North/South Fraser Perimeter Roads**
- **Bailey Bridge**
- **Impacts of Pattullo Bridge on City liveability**
- **Pattullo Bridge Traffic Numbers**

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached for information) regarding the Pattullo Bridge and Braid Street Bridge.

Members of the Forum questioned if the City has taken a formal position regarding the Pattullo Bridge project. Mr. Lowrie reported that the City has been closely monitoring information released by TransLink with respect to the Project, noting that TransLink is still engaged in the consultation process. It was noted that City is not in support of any option which brings added vehicular capacity to New Westminster.

Members of Council expressed the following concerns regarding the South Fraser Perimetre road (SFPR). It was noted that the SFPR creates a 23KM detour, adding that commuters will likely use the Pattullo Bridge as it provides a shorter, toll free, alternative. It was noted that increased use of the Pattullo Bridge will result in higher traffic counts and capacity in New Westminster – a result contrary to the City’s position regarding the project.

With respect to the Braid Street Bridge, Mr. Lowrie advised that legislation requires the Bridge to remain open, and that the City of New Westminster is proposing the existing bridge be replaced with a single lane crossing which can be accessed by pedestrians and cyclists. It was noted that the City is currently in negotiation with the City of Coquitlam with respect to the future of the Bridge.

## **5.2 City’s Position regarding Proposed Surrey Fraser Coal Ports**

Mark Allison, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached for information) regarding the proposed coal transfer facility at Fraser Surrey Docks. Discussion ensued with respect to the facility. Mr. Allison summarized the proposal, highlighted concerns provided by residents, and provided an update regarding the City’s actions to date.

Council advised that a formal resolution was passed at a recent meeting directing staff to convey concerns regarding the proposed Coal Transfer Facility to Port Metro Vancouver and Fraser Surrey Docks. In addition, a copy of the correspondence and staff report dated February 4, 2013 was forwarded to neighbouring municipalities and senior levels of government.

Mr. Allison advised that further information can be obtained on the website (contact and website information noted on the final slide of the attached PowerPoint presentation).

## **5.3 Advertising and use of Residents’ Association Membership (On Table)**

Members of the Forum reported that several Residents’ Association have been contacted by external organizations with respect to obtaining a list of contact information. It was noted that distribution of personal contact information without consent of that individual is against the law, and staff suggested the RA contact the Provincial Information Access Operations Office for further information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### **5.4 Family Day (On Table)**

Councillor McIntosh, Chair of the Family Court Committee, provided a verbal update regarding the recent Family Day celebrations hosted at the Fraser River Discovery Centre. The following was reported:

- RA's were contacted with respect to hosting a table at the event;
- Two RA's participated this year

It was suggested that the RAs collaborate and host one table at the next Family Day event, where members could rotate the operation of the table. It was noted that the purpose of hosting a table would be to bring awareness to the Community that the RAs exist, and to provide contact information on how to join their local RA. To attract visitors to the table, it was suggested that an activity or event (such as face painting) be offered.

The Forum requested this matter be brought forward at a future meeting to discuss possible events and activities to host.

#### **5.5 City Staff Representatives at RA Meetings**

C. Cartwright, President of the McBride-Sapperton RA, questioned if staff were still attending regular RA meetings. Members of the Forum advised that City representatives were still attending. Staff advised they would contact the Development Services Department with respect to finding a City staff person to attend the MSRA meetings.

### **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

#### **6.1. Adopted Residents Association Guidelines – For Information**

Members of the Forum advised that the text "*owning or leasing residential property*" (page 2, item 9), was not deleted in the attached document. Staff advised that they would amend the document to reflect the deletion.

### **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **7.1 No items.**

### **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 7:00pm – Committee Room No. 2 (City Hall)**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

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Councillor Bill Harper  
Chair

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Stephanie Lam  
Committee Clerk