

# QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

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www.quaysideboard.com Minutes: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

At Anchor Pointe – 7:30PM - 1135 Quayside Common Room

A. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30PM: 17 out of 17 Strata Members in attendance.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: April 25th, 2007. MSC: YES.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- **1. Azure Towers (Plaza 88) report:** Update Allan Morris: The question of the size and/or existence of the community space that has been reportedly donated to the city should be pinned down. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tower may be getting approval in September to be in the parking lot adjacent the Spaghetti Factory. Traffic volume deemed not enough to warrant lights, but a count will be made some time after the Azure is opened and after traffic patterns have settled down.
- 2. Website: NTR.
- 3. Mail box for west end of Quayside Drive: Matthew follow up. NTR.
- **4.** Quayside Market Membership Card Report: James C: Still awaiting call back from Brian Dodd of the Downtown Business Association, but feeling is that DBA may not be interested. Will proceed without the DTB if necessary.
- **5. Disaster Response**: **HIGH WATER REPORT**: Several complexes did not receive from the city their requested sandbags. The effectiveness of these bags to keep basement rooms dry was seriously questioned. The rough gauge of flooding in NW will be when the height of the river in Mission is 7.6m. The city has requested two volunteers from each complex to measure the height of the water in the basements, if a flood were to occur. (Presumably for future planning in the event of other flood threats.) Please contact Mark Gajb of the City of New West.

**From City's information meeting May 29**<sup>th</sup>. NWPD (and possible contractor) will provide security. Toilet plugs are not required for Quayside residents! Transport logistics for handicapped has not been fully worked out. City will not be forcibly removing anyone. 1 or 2 people from each people are being asked to assist the NWPD navigate the building.

At James' suggestion, it was **MSC** to send a letter to the city for their good work in taking action response to the threat of flooding.

- 6. Strata Council update: Michele Sereda: Progress is being made, but not quite complete.
- **7. Poplar Landing Development (called Poplar Landing):** Allan: Up in the air: NW and GVRD jointly own it. GVRD wants to get out; city is looking to do 'something' with it, either to sell part to finance that 'something', or maybe a long-term lease arrangement. Allan to keep QCB informed.
- D. PRESIDENTS REPORT: NTR.
- E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen: \$7,313.81 less payables of \$240.75 Balance \$7,073.06.
- **F. NEW BUSINESS:** The city has requested opinions on the state of our 'Arts and Culture' services and venues. Please take the survey linked from the city's home page, <a href="http://www.city.new-westminster.bc.ca/">http://www.city.new-westminster.bc.ca/</a> or <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JnkAz8MrRpKXnHvNgl6GUg%3d%3d">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JnkAz8MrRpKXnHvNgl6GUg%3d%3d</a>.

QCB board members were reminded that we are paid members of CHOA. Allan Morris advised of his failure to be given access to CHOA's member services.

Several board members commented that the presence of hard to remove cement-like grey stuff that is in strange places likely came from a recent helicopter transporting cement. PLEASE, DON'T BLAME YOUR NEIGHBOURS FOR IT.

There is an **Urban Sustainability** forum to be held at the NWPL June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. (Confirm seating availability with library: <a href="http://www.nwpl.new-westminster.bc.ca/">http://www.nwpl.new-westminster.bc.ca/</a> or 604.527.4660.

Matthew Liard has attended a preliminary meeting on establishing a farmer's on the Quay. The Larco land east of the public market was suggested as a possible site. A second meeting is planned for week of June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Action: Matthew.** 

### G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

**1. Special events committee:** Matthew: Quayside-wide junk yard sale the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, is in process. Talked about the renting of tables and holding sale in parkades in the event of rain. Matthew has never organized this kind of thing, **and so is looking for experienced volunteers to assist**. The Lions have confirmed that they are willing to sell hot dogs. The need for city permits to be confirmed. **Action: Matthew.** 

## 2. Traffic and Boardwalk committee: Guy, Matthew & Jaime:

Comprehensive Road Safety meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>: Disappointing – it was not the place to raise issues. Jaime was told to keep them until the Traffic Committee meeting of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mohoruk of the city advised that our letter comprises an 'Action Request', and that it would be placed in the action queue as if it were a real request. Mohoruk to advise the QCB of progress, but to date nothing has been received by the QCB. At Traffic Committee meeting of May 24<sup>th</sup>, Jaime felt that her presence there had no value from either a give or take perspective. She asked Mohoruk "Why am I here?" and received no meaningful answer. It is to be noted that this came after the disappointing 'Comprehensive Road Safety' meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, in which J. was told that our concerns could at the TC meeting of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

We were told that the city feels that the Quayside has more assigned parking spots than registered vehicles and so the dearth of parking we experience is falling on deaf city ears. After some discussion, it was decided to ask the strata council representatives to provide a parking survey of their complexes to the QCB. **Action:** all.

It was re-iterated that 3<sup>rd</sup> and Stewardson Way is very dangerous. Crosty has been advised that the police are unable to police the corner due to it being too dangerous to stop offenders. It was suggested that perhaps tagging offenders by plate number and issue a ticket at a safer location might help. Additionally, cameras have been suggested because light jumping and excess speed are the biggest problems there.

3. Gateway report: Guy & Matthew: NTR.

#### H. STRATA REPORTS:

Anchor Pointe: It has been determined that all cars to leave in the event of flood. **Dockside:** Front entrance repair committee still determining course of action. **Excelsior:** Painting continues. To upgrade to fob style proximity entrance system. **Promenade:** Re-piping to start week of Jun 4<sup>th</sup> – Brighter Mechanical. Repairing the roof anchors is being finalized. **Quay West:** Enclosed garbage still accessible. Other means to control access being considered. **Quayside Terrace:** Repairs to irrigation system destroyed by city's tree removal/and planting project proceeding as each broken piece is 'discovered'. **Rialto:** Re-roofing the flat roof sections. Moving garage gate to enclose visitor parking. **Riverbend Co-op:** More copper pipe taken now will be replaced with PVC. Garbage now locked. **Tiffany Shores:** A lawyer has been authorized to give notice of suit for envelope failures and to evaluate viability of litigation. Remediation repair likely to begin by end of June. AGM June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tower I:** The lawyer hired to find litigants for envelope failures wanted \$50k more to continue searching. Repair is progressing well. **Tower II:** Replacing rail ties with Allen brick. Redoing security. For anything you want to know about security upgrades, talk to Jennifer Bradley. **Murano:** Putting the City and Aragon on legal notice in the event that flooding damages electrical systems they will consider liability issues, as this should never have permitted to be in the basement. **Westport:** Remediation to begin on parking entranceway. **Westminster Landing Co-op:** New playground installed and copper piping stolen.

## I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Invitation to view the new development of the former Windsor Hotel on June 4<sup>th</sup> Westminster Club seeking a height variance for a 20 story high-rise.

Margaret Smith regarding the trees in front of Dockside.

Michelle Morgan re speeding on Quayside Drive.

Brian Allen regarding the passing of Bill C-11 and the rail yards located at the Quay.

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN 9:15pm: MSC: YES.

Next meeting on June 27th, 2007 Anchor Pointe 7:30PM.