



**Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday February 1st, 2017**

7:15 PM Guests:

Bosa Developments Regrets

We are very sorry that we are not able to attend the AGM this evening to provide you with an overview of our proposal for our Quayside property. We are in the process of revisiting some components of our building design, and we want to ensure we provide the Quayside Board with a complete presentation and answer your questions as fully as possible. As a result, we have asked the Board if we can reschedule our presentation to a subsequent meeting. We will continue to provide the Quayside Board and the community with updates on our proposal, and we hope you can join us at upcoming public engagement events, which will be advertised in the paper and in the mail. Again, our apologies and we look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

The Bosa Development Team

1. Group of Five Gerda Seuss

Gerda, in her “3rd annual presentation”, outlined the goals of the Group of Five and the plans they have for donations to Royal Columbian Hospital. In addition to the generous \$1,000 donation from the QCB and their Christmas Fundraising Event, the Group of Five purchased new equipment for the RCH neo-natal unit. The total donation was \$3,223.⁴³ on behalf of the people of New Westminster.

2. Fire Chief Tim Armstrong

Chief Armstrong updated the group on the current Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services. This includes meeting with BOSA, monitoring site and trade access to the new building sites. He outlined how new security systems being implemented in some Strata buildings include limiting floor access. This has delayed the Fire department response in some areas. The Fire Department continues to work with the community to implement the “Home Safe” program; working with Seniors on evacuation and safety plans, as well as offering free home inspections of potential fire hazards.

The Fire Department is working on “Map your Neighbourhood” which will identify individuals with special skill sets that will be useful in an emergency, and providing special emergency preparedness training. They are hoping to take advantage of the Intelligent City infrastructure to replace Lock-Boxes with Loop-thru technology that will allow building access using Smart Technologies on trucks.

The Department took delivery of two new Pumper Trucks that provide coverage for taller (up to 58 floors) buildings. These were purchased under the current operating budgets. The higher Canadian dollar allowed them to purchase two new trucks.

3. New Westminster Update.....Councillor Patrick Johnstone

Councillor Johnstone discussed the plans for the Quay. There are three major projects being reviewed this year.

- a) **Q2Q Bridge:** Initial planning was based on a budget of \$6M. The new plans put the cost at close to \$42M. The city is looking at an interim solution seasonal Ferry system. A more robust ferry system is required due to tides and river traffic. The City has allocated \$200,000 for dock improvements; bidding process for service providers; and types of service (on-call or scheduled).

New Westminster Update Con't.

b) **Submarine Park:** A redesign of the park is being done as part of the upgrade to the Sewer system. Several planning sessions and Open- houses have taken place to get community feedback. The new design will be presented to council and is expected to maintain the Nautical Theme, with added seating areas.

The City hopes to get Provincial and DFO permission to start construction between Feb and April. This would have the new park opening in the Summer.

c) **Poplar Landing:** The site is owned by New Westminster and Metro Vancouver and used for a large sanitary sewer storage tank. The City's vision is to develop the site once the storage tank is no longer needed to provide flood control.

The plan is to have two buildings that provide affordable and market housing. It may include recreational access to the river access. The dog park will be retained, but may be moved to allow for upgraded amenities at the western end of the property. The Community Consultation process will begin once the City and Metro Vancouver agree on the disposition of the site

While the Engineering Department is reluctant to allow "un-supervised" activity on this site they may be open to volunteer supervised parking for Community events.

4. Seniors Services Society Brian Dodd

Brian provided an overview of the Senior Services Society. Services provided include Meals-on-Wheels, Phone calls to Shut-ins and a variety of assistance to help the elderly "Age In Place". The **Coldest Night of the Year** is the primary fundraiser for the group. The money raised helps fund short term shelter. The society has over 20 apartments available. These are used for 3 – 6 months while more suitable shelter is found. In 2005 the average stay was 9 days, with the decrease in affordable housing the average stay in 2015 was 23 days. He outlined how difficult it can be for seniors to find rental housing as many landlords see them as "High Risk" tenants.

BC Housing is the primary source of funds, the monies raised help with "extras" like furniture, TVs, microwaves, etc. The goal is to raise \$45,000. There will be over 100 walks planned in the Metro Vancouver area.

Brian recognized the support from the Quayside area, and a proposal for a strata challenge was suggested.

The Coldest Night of the Year walk is Feb 25th, 2017.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 pm

A. PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS Vickie Turvey

Vickie’s opening remarks outlined some of the challenges the QCB had last year including the cancelation of the 2016 Festival. Despite that the Quayside Board will continue to advocate for the Community and its residents. Vickie hopes to get more interaction within the community and with other resident’s associations to promote partnerships and work on common goals, like a Community Center, bus shelter and other community amenities.

This year we are celebrating our 10th anniversary launch of our new Website and Facebook page. Thanks to **STC Creatives** for the many years of work and support maintaining our social media presence. We encourage you to visit these sites for local news and updates on local events.

Vickie concluded her remarks with a thank you to the local merchants and the River Market for their support of the QCB and its events.

B. TREASURER’S REPORT:Maureen Albanese

Maureen explained how the QCB gets its funding from the Strata with each building contributing \$1.00/unit. These funds are used to promote events like the Board Walk Sale, Light up the Key, and other social or community awareness events. This year the QCB donated \$1,000 to the Group of Five and the Lions Club to offset the loss of funds usually raised during the festivals.

The new website is also funded from the annual fees.

Current Balance **\$7,453.⁰⁸**

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of Officers for the QCB 2016 Executive:

President	Vickie Turvey
Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Maureen Albanese
Secretary	Paul Jackson
Officer at Large	James Crosty
Past President	Penny Mclvor

D. STRATA REPORTS: Tabled

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Tabled

F. DOOR PRIZE DRAW Winners Notified

G. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MSC:

Thank you to all members and merchants!

Next meeting: March 1st 2017 at 7:00PM
Anchor Pointe Meeting Room