

**Queen's Park Residents Association General Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 22nd 2015
Centennial Lodge 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Meeting Opened at: 2:07

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTORS - QPRA President Berril Perks

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Motion to Accept Agenda: QPRA President Berril Perks

Motion: Reject the Proposed Urban Academy Expansion Plan

Steve Norman

Second: Steve North

Deferred by President to discuss at time of Agenda Item

Motion to Accept Agenda: Berril Perks

MOTION CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS

Motion to confirm Karen Smith, Liz Stafford, Bev McLellan as Directors of the Queens Park Residents' Association

QPRA President Berril Perks

Second: Steve North

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES - Inspector Phil Eastwood (NWPD)

MAIN POINTS:

- ❖ Background on surveys to date
- ❖ Focus on "What do the police do well? What could we do better? And what should we do more and less of?"
- ❖ 601 completed this recent survey. This increased participation indicates better awareness/profile in the community
- ❖ 96% surveyed felt NWPD brilliant/ great good
- ❖ 11% of the NWPD organization lives in New West

- ❖ Redesign Strategic plan
 - Strengthening relationships
 - Optimizing resources
- ❖ Available online (link below)

DISCUSSION:

What is the most important thing the New West police should be focusing on?

- ❖ Great job - police cars visible
- ❖ Property concerns
- ❖ Walk along Carnarvon feels unsafe
- ❖ Develop relationships between school district and police
- ❖ Residents can also pass concerns on through the Executive member of the QPRA who sits on the committee (currently Berril Perks)
- ❖ Increased traffic on First Street (Traffic Advisory also a place for input)
- ❖ Enforcement has safety piece to it regarding traffic management. That being said we can look at these particular places to provide integration of message and consistency. Statistics tend to focus on high crash zones that area has not had that high level statistic in that way - Pattullo Bridge
- ❖ Funding to city provided through traffic tickets? Yes
- ❖ Traffic calming: Open request to the city to have an evaluation to get the accurate details on the number of cars
- ❖ Property crime increase- Rates of Activity do go up and down. Wednesday mornings Police Leadership look at the current
- ❖ Please call police when you have a car break-in 's so they can get those guys
- ❖ Homeless Support: Police very connected to the shelters in the area, will be a focus in new Strategic Plan. Increase from one Mental Health Liaison to two
- ❖ Pawn Shops: Can we have access to the list of items being sold at Pawnshops? Privacy concerns may be reason this is not available... would need to look into further
- ❖ Target hardening: Making property less attractive for crime. Surveillance tape security a benefit
- ❖ Drug abuse support increase suggested
- ❖ Tipperary Park U-turn to access bridge a concern
- ❖ Is there an opportunity for increased foot traffic of police and on bikes verses car presence? Revised Strategic Plan adjust shifts to accommodate and more on street and bikes

DATES TO REMEMBER: N/A

CONTACT/FURTHER INFORMATION:

<http://www.nwpolice.org/>

[NWPD Strategic Plan](#)

Phil Eastwood T 604-529-2505 C 604-833-7744 E peatwood@nwpolice.org

5. PRESENTATION ON THE TRANSIT PLEBISCITE -

Councillor Jaime McEvoy **Chair also Neighbourhood Traffic Committee**
Also in attendance Councillor

MAIN POINTS:

- ❖ **Shared Sample of the Plebiscite**
- ❖ Main goals:
 - New 4 lane Pattullo including safety for cyclists and pedestrians
 - Upgrade s to major road networks to save 20-30 minutes a day go to Increased capacity of Expo and Millennium lines
 - New rapid transit south of the Fraser
 - Increased frequency of local bus service
 - Additional Handy Dart
 - Cycling and pedestrian Improvements
- ❖ Money directed specifically to Plan verses given to **Translink**

DISCUSSION:

- ❖ Conversation regarding how the tax plan came to be
- ❖ Negative media attention on Translink, related concerns
- ❖ Changes related to Translink, more Mayoral involvement

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Metro Vancouver Transportation and Transit Plebiscite

Vote March 16 - May 29, 2015

Elections BC is administering voting

If you are a registered voter living in Metro Vancouver, you can vote by mail from March 16 to May 29, 2015.

To register to vote or to update your voter registration, so you can be ready to vote in the plebiscite. Call 1-800-661-8683 or [register online](#).

CONTACT/FURTHER INFORMATION:

1. <http://mayorscouncil.ca/>

2. http://www.newwestcity.ca/residents/residents_services/transportation/transportation-and-transit-referendum

6. HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENTS (HRAS) – Jim Hurst (City of New Westminster)

MAIN POINTS:

- ❖ This information is available on the City New Westminster Website at the following link: [City of New Westminster, Heritage](#)
- ❖ Passed out a HRA'S a General Guide This is available here: [HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENTS A GENERAL GUIDE](#)
- ❖ Power from: Provincial Government
- ❖ Same as rezoning in process
- ❖ HRA includes a design portion right in the agreement
- ❖ With rezone there is a separate step.
- ❖ Is my property eligible? This decided locally. Determined by the cities community plan as well as the neighbourhood community plan.
- ❖ This new Community Plan is underway through the City: [Official Community Plan Process](#)
- ❖ There is a general list of what Heritage looks like, that comes from these processes.
- ❖ Encourage attendance at City workshop next **Saturday, February 28th** (details below)
- ❖ Stages of the Application process:
 - Structural analysis of the building/property
 - Heritage Value- preliminary assessment Previous use, design, etc.
 - Information Report sent to Council
 - Consultation Phase:
 - Residence Association
 - Advisory Planning Commission
 - Design Panel and/or Heritage Commission depending on situation
 - Same Consultation process again... more an information sharing process
 - Back to Design and Planning etc. and signs go up, formal process underway and public process can begin about this time. Can go to meetings etc.
 - Goes to Council
 - Once they receive the info Council has public hearing... does a not mean they will approve at the meeting.
 - Same thing for rezoning
- ❖ Clarification of the relation ship between this processes
- ❖ Due to "Freedom of information Act" all council reports are keyword searchable so you can look at Council reports for all projects.
- ❖ **Encouragement to attend the workshop on Saturday**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

OUR CITY Neighbourhood Visioning Process What We Heard - Open House

Date: Saturday, February 28

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Drop in with Presentation @ 10:30am

Place: Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street

CONTACT/FURTHER INFORMATION:

[City of New Westminster, Heritage](#)

[HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENTS A GENERAL GUIDE](#)

[Official Community Plan Process](#)

7. INFORMATION ON POLL PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS' REGARDING THE URBAN ACADEMY PROPOSAL

MAIN POINTS

- ❖ Context of Poll from President:
 - Want the QPRA as an Association to model bringing neighbours together with less division in the community. Provide fair balanced information
 - After the Whitecaps situation the Directors discussed the process of representing the views of the Membership and how to do that fairly and accurately to the best of the QPRA's ability. Felt this online Poll was a more effective first step way to move forward with more accurate representation.
 - Urban Academy Proposal will go before Council in March and April
- ❖ Request made to look further at e-votes (verses Polls) etc. in terms of the Constitution
Agreed this was a good idea. Constitution needs updating

Motion: Reject the Proposed Urban Academy Expansion Plan

Steve Norman

Second: Steve North

Points of Discussion:

- ❖ Points of view on the project
- ❖ Constitution does not preclude vote
- ❖ Impact on Membership and accuracy of results given Membership not given notice this vote was to take place and were informed of and already participating in Poll

Motion: Table the Vote regarding the Rejection of the Proposed Urban Academy Expansion Plan

Brian Drummond

Second: Terry Hewett

In Favour: 11 Opposed: 41

Motion Defeated

Points of Discussion:

- ❖ Further Discussion regarding process and impact on Vote had there been notice
- ❖ President determines that vote on Motion to “Reject the proposed Urban Academy Expansion” will be taken, based on limitations of the QPRA Constitution, but Poll of neighbourhood will continue and results of both items will be formally shared by the QPRA

Motion: Reject the proposed Urban Academy Expansion

Steve Norman

Seconded by Angela Kersly

In Favour: 38 Opposed: 13

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned 4:40