



Mt Zion Lutheran Church  
 Cumberland Street @ Tenth Avenue  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday June 21st 2012 - 7:00 PM**

Attendance:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>
<b>1</b>	Ian Brady	Courtney Crescent	<b>2</b>	Pamela Corbett	Courtney Crescent
<b>3</b>	Errol Fraser	Richmond Street	<b>4</b>	Bob Jones	William Street
<b>5</b>	Ron Fraser	Amess Street	<b>6</b>	Donna Fraser	Amess Street
<b>7</b>	Ted Grewcutt	Elmer Street	<b>8</b>	Kenton Sayer	Tenth Avenue East
<b>9</b>	Joanne Sayer	Tenth Avenue East	<b>10</b>	Terry Keenan	Massey Street
<b>11</b>	Paul Johansen	Courtney Crescent	<b>12</b>	Judy Kochendorfer	Jackson Crescent
<b>13</b>	Bob Kochendorfer	Jackson Crescent	<b>14</b>	Jason Lesage	Burnaby Street
<b>15</b>	Earl Marshall	York Street	<b>16</b>	Dennis Paulley	Kent Street
<b>17</b>	Morgan McGrath	Cumberland Street	<b>18</b>	Lynn Radbourne	Churchill Avenue
<b>19</b>	Bill Radbourne	Churchill Avenue	<b>20</b>	Larry Hill	York Street
<b>21</b>	Terry Tomcko	York Street	<b>22</b>	Shirley Tonks	Courtney Crescent
<b>23</b>	Julia Dykstra	City Planning Dept.			

- 1) **Call to Order** at 7:00pm  
 City Rep - Julia Dykstra from Planning Department
- 2) **Additions and Approval of Agenda**  
 a) Agenda approved by Paul Johanson é Second by Earl Marshall
- 3) **Approval of Minutes: April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
 Minutes approved: Larry Hill – Second – Donna Fraser
- 4) **Treasurers Report**

Total Paid 2012 Members	79
Total Paid 2013 Members	2
Expenses YTD	187.07
Current Bank Balance	1984.65

Report approved – Bob Jones - Second by – Ron Fraser

- 5) **City Committee Reports**
  - a) **Community Policing Update** - Bob Jones
    - i) City has flood watch at the moment due to high water levels in the interior.
    - ii) Bob passed on the information from the City Police in reference to the increase of theft in the area:  
*'We are currently dealing with an increase in theft from auto and break and enters to sheds and detached garages in the Massey Victory Heights neighbourhood. We are asking that residents be mindful in keeping track of who is coming and going from the neighbourhood. Please help by securing your property, watching for and reporting [to 911] any suspicious person or incidents and by looking out for each other's homes and property. The New Westminster Police are working hard to resolve these crimes and your assistance and your calls are greatly appreciated.'*

- b) ***Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee*** – Paul Johanson  
Paul presented the outstanding issues to the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee [NTAC] at the Wednesday May 16th, 2012 meeting and received the following responses from the city:
- i) **Left Turn from Sangster Place to Eighth Avenue**  
This issue has been referred to the Engineering Department for review. The results of this review will be forwarded to the NTAC once the review has been completed. The review will need to take in to account existing traffic circulation patterns, access issues, and a review of the collision data in the area.
  - ii) **Red Light Camera at Eighth Avenue and McBride**  
The red light camera program is operated by the Province and ICBC. The City has no control over the site selections. ICBC uses crash data for the region and selects sites based on the collision data compared against sites across the entire province.
  - iii) **Speed Reader West Bound on Eighth Avenue and McBride**  
The City currently has one speed reader board that is rotated between three sites on the Major Road Network. The current board was jointly funded with ICBC as a pilot. Engineering will check with ICBC to see if they are moving forward with the expansion of this program. In the meantime Engineering will determine if a suitable location exists on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to support the installation of this type of unit.

The City has supported the use of boards that can be moved from location to location so that the effectiveness of the boards does not fade over time as drivers become used to seeing them in particular locations. (The exception is in four school zones where the speed board have been installed as permanent.)

The following motions were also put forward at the same meeting:

1. Pattullo bridge should be tolled at the same time as the Port Mann
2. An air quality survey should be taken prior to the opening of the Port Mann to give a base line for air quality.
3. Queensborough Residents Association suggested there be no bridge to replace the Pattullo.

## 6. ***Old Business***

- a) ***Family Picnic 2012***
  - i) Lynne Radbourne advised that all is under control. She is still waiting to hear back from bouncy castle and balloon clown. She has been in contact with food vendors as well as Hyack. Traditionally this has been a fun afternoon for families to get together, with free Hot Dogs/Chips/Pop.
- b) ***City Guidelines for Residents Associations***

Terry attended the meeting with the city which was attended by approx. 10 other Residents Associations on June 4 at City Hall.

Highlights for the meeting:

  - i) Information Flow
    - (1) city is looking to provide web space for those associations who do not have their own or would like to use the city's offer
    - (2) Suggestion to city to provide an information brochure that outlines what the residents associations are all about to be available at city run facilities in a prominent location for residents to pick up
  - ii) Meeting Space
    - (1) City will assist RA by providing meeting space in city owned facilities. Looking into those RA that do not have city facilities in their boundaries that can be used
  - iii) Funding for RA's – each to bring expense reports to next meeting to determine what costs are being incurred.
  - iv) Forum with council – council will meet with RA three times per year. President and Secretary were recommended to be the RA representatives at these meeting. Next meeting will be in October time frame.
- c) ***MacDonald's Garbage***

Atti has noticed an increase in the MacDonald's related litter blowing around on the streets in the area. He has talked to the new franchisee and has not noticed any change. He has also notice during the winter they were not removing the snow from the public areas abutting their property in particular the easement for access to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Dennis will write a letter and send it off to the Franchisee and McDonald's Restaurants head

office to advise them of the issue.

June 21 update - Dennis has not been in contact with McDonalds. He will update us at our next meeting.

d) **Reservoir on Tenth Avenue**

It was noted the playing field needs to be cleaned more often, Tennis court lines need painting. The silt from the rain accumulates into a gooey muck which is extremely slippery when wet. This makes it difficult to use the facilities with small children.

Lynn Roxburgh suggested we [Dennis] to contact Dean Gibson with the city regarding this issue

June 21 update – reply from Kristian Davis | Supervisor, Solid Waste & Recycling Branch

*... staff are onsite 4 days a week on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in addition to the Dog Park on Tuesdays and Saturdays. They are responsible for litter collection, weed eating, graffiti removal and overall general maintenance. Part of this duty also includes shoveling the “dust” that remains from the breakdown of the asphalt surface. Normally this removal is done on dry days to avoid complications.*

*Although the park is maintained by our City employees, the property belongs to Metro Vancouver. I will contact Metro Vancouver staff regarding the degradation of the asphalt surface and discuss options for an ongoing maintenance program*

e) **Noxious Weeds**

With the banning of herbicides in New West there has been a noticeable increase in the noxious weeds in the area. Westburnco park areas have considerable number of dandelions that go to seed and infiltrate the neighbor’s lawns. Dennis to speak to Claude Ledoux with the city to discuss the situation for city owned properties and suggestions for residents for their own yards.

June 21 update –reply from G. Dean Gibson | Director Parks, Culture & Recreation

*Regarding the recent introduction of bylaws to regulate the use of cosmetic pesticide use within New Westminster, the City has not used pesticides in our parks for many years. We have taken the approach of conducting regular routine maintenance as the best “defense” against invasive weeds. This includes regular lawn cutting, aeration, top dressing, irrigation and fertilization to attempt to maintain a healthy stand of grass.*

*The City has produced a publication on Smart Gardening and Lawn Care which is available on-line at <http://www.newwestcity.ca/database/rte/Pesticide%20Brochure.pdf>*

*There are also numerous organizations that promote and have information and promote pesticide free lawn and garden care and post their information on the internet.*

7. **New Business**

a. **Mike Michelin- Development Proposal Presentation** He has put forth to the city a proposal to subdivide 467 Eighth Avenue East into two lots. Proposal document was distributed for consideration. Motion to accept – Paul Johanson – Second – Kenton Sayer. Dennis will draft a letter to the city advising we have seen the presentation and have no objections to what is being proposed.

Ted Grewcutt objected to the process for these development proposals. This is part of the guidelines for Residents Associations from the city to put the RA in the know as to what is happening in their areas.

b. **Vice President Vacancy** – Vincent (Ian) Brady a resident from Courtney Crescent has contacted the executive of his interest in filling this position. The constitution gives the executive the authority to appoint a person to a vacant position. They are in favor of accepting Ian as Vice President if he is still interested. Ian accepted the position.

8) **Community Announcements**

- a) Annual Family Picnic – Second Sunday in September
- b) Howay gets \$50K grant to fix the school playground from the Province;  
[Grant Granger - New Westminster News Leader](#)

9) **Patullo Bridge – Toll it or Tear it Down**

The meeting was turned over to a discussion of the Patullo Bridge and what was on the minds for those present. Comments raised:

Why was the access to HWY 1 not mentioned until recently? A motion was made from council to have Translink re-look at this. Ian Brady agreed to contact councilor Chuck Puchmayr to get more information on this.

Our association is the one most affected by 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Tenth Avenue and McBride Boulevard so we should have the strongest voice. We all support the same goal. What should it be?

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Saturday [June 23<sup>rd</sup>] Rally in Sapperton

Suggestion we should rally a walk on McBride with signage to slow traffic. It need not be on the roadway but along the side

We need to get involved with other associations, to have a stronger voice.

Whatever our decision, we need to speak as a single voice with the same message. It should be mindful of the future. We need to determine our message, what is it we [Residents Association] want it to be.

Tolling needs to be in place at the same time as the Port Mann  
Queensborough suggested it be torn down and not replaced  
Need to get the trucks off the bridge, and use it for commuter traffic  
Does council have the final word?

Why are residents not being sent these surveys directly i.e. in the electrical bill or the like. They have our addresses and can do a direct mail out. Posting in papers and giving links doesn't seem to be getting the survey to the people. Julia Dykstra, the city rep will contact the association with an answer to this.

City is currently waiting for feedback from Translink reports.

We should look to reduce traffic much the same a Vancouver is looking to do. New West should parallel their direction. IT worked for them no have HWY 1 not go through, what's the difference now.

Ian Brad, Paul Johanson and Terry Tomcko to draft a survey for our Web Site.

10) **Next Meeting**: September 27<sup>th</sup> 2012

11) **Adjournment**: There being no further business , the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm