



Mt Zion Lutheran Church
 Cumberland Street @ Tenth Avenue
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 26th 2012 - 7:00 PM

Attendance:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>
1	Nelson Geddes	Garfield Street	2	Lorraine Geddes	Garfield Street
3	Betty Grewcutt	Elmer Street	4	Ted Grewcutt	Elmer Street
5	Morgan McGrath	Cumberland Street	6	Earl Marshall	York Street
7	Terry Tomcko	York Street	8	Larry Hill	York Street
9	Bob Jones	William Street	10	Pat Jones	William Street
11	Sarah Phelan	William Street	12	Errol Fraser	Richmond Street
13	Charles Shamku	Massey Street	14	Dennis Paulley	Kent Street
15	Jason Lesage	Burnaby Street	16	Paul Johanson	Courtney Crescent
17	Kristina Jensen	Burnaby Street	18	Bob Kochendorfer	Jackson Crescent
19	Lynn Roxburgh	New West Planning			

- 1) **Call to Order** at 7:00pm
 Lynn Roxburgh representing City of New Westminster Planning Department

- 2) **Additions and Approval of Agenda**
 - a) Bob Jones - Veteran plates ticketed - traffic
 - b) Errol Fraser - Open House – Transportation Pattello - traffic

Agenda approved: Bob Jones – Second: Lorraine Geddes

- 3) **Approval of Minutes: February 23rd 2012**
 Minutes approved: Larry Hill – Second – Terry Tomcko

- 4) **Business Arising from Minutes**
 No new business arising

- 5) **Treasurers Report**

Total Paid 2012 Members	74
Total Paid 2013 Members	2
Expenses YTD	150.00
Current Bank Balance	2001.68

Report approved: Earl Marshal - Second by: Charles Shamku

- 6) **City Committee Reports**
 - a) **Community Policing Update** - Bob Jones
 Nothing to report – Activity is reported in News Leader and Record
 - b) **Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee** – Paul Johanson

- i) Left Turn From Sangster Place to Eighth Avenue - will be brought forward to next city meeting
 - ii) Red Light Camera at Eight Avenue and McBride - will be brought forward to next city meeting
 - iii) Speed Reader west bound on Eighth Avenue and McBride - will be brought forward to next city meeting
 - iv) Paul Johanson has filled the vacant position for the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee and will attend these meetings on our behalf. He has also been invited to attend the Translink Stake holders Meetings
 - v) Bob Jones reported that the new street in Saperton is not a city street and therefore subject to different rules. Because of this Veteran Plates are not entitled to the same privileges as when they park at city meters and have been ticketed
 - vi) Errol Fraser brought forward the article from the local paper advising of the City Transportation Master Plan information sessions. There will be two sessions on Thursday May 3rd, one at Century House at 2:00 pm and a second at the Justice Institute at 6:00 pm. Residents are urged to attend these sessions and let your voice be heard.
 - vii) The Pattello Bridge replacement was discussed extensively. The following points were brought up
 - (1) Has the city thought to do an air quality test prior to the new bridge being built? This will give us a marker we can look back to when the traffic increases
 - (2) Royal Avenue, McBride Boulevard and 10th avenue have been rumored to be designated as dangerous goods corridors in Translinks plans. Lynn will check with the city and report back to us on this.
 - (3) Residents are requested to get out to any meetings regarding the new bridge. Sapperton was able to squash the plans for the Braid extension by attending these meetings and voicing their concerns. We need to do the same for the Pattello replacement. If not we will have to live with the consequences when it comes.
 - (4) We need to let our voice be heard but first need to determine what our stance should be
 - (a) What is the city's stance
 - (b) Should we look to start a petition
 - (c) Email campaign to residents
 - (d) Look to get the other associations involved as the replacement will affect their areas as well.
 - (5) What is it we want to do about the bridge:
 - (a) Smaller impact to our side and to the park
 - (b) No replacement just take it down
 - (c) Move it up river to King Edward
 - (6) Draft a letter to the city with our concerns
- After all was said and done the following was decided:
- i) Dennis will write a letter to the city inviting the City representative responsible for traffic and the bridge to attend our next meeting to discuss the city's stance on things
 - ii) From this a committee will be struck to develop a list of options for us. As our traffic liaison Paul Johanson will lead this committee.

7) **Old Business**

- a) **Presidents' Summit Meeting Update**
This has been combined with item c City Guidelines for Residents Associations
- b) **Family Picnic 2012**
Reminder Lynne Radbourne is planning next year's Family Picnic. She has things all under control.
- c) **City Guidelines for Residents Associations**
Dennis has received a notice from the city with regards to the City setting up guidelines for Residents Associations. This falls in nicely with our Presidents Executive Summit Meeting being planned in the near future. They have not as yet set a date for this meeting but have set up a time, in at the evening. We will try to set up the Presidents' Summit Meeting prior to this city meeting. The executive will meet to discuss as well
April 26 update – City is still working on putting this meeting together

d) **Garbage at Bus Stop – JI**

Atti Torok who lives in the condominiums on Sangster Place has noticed the garbage at the bus stop on the 8th Avenue by the Justice Institute is not being emptied on a regular basis. This causes the garbage to be thrown on the ground and then blown around the neighborhood.

Dennis will write a letter to the city to determine who is responsible for the collection of these receptacles

April 26th update – Dennis spoke with Christian Davis regarding this and was advice that drive bys occur 2 to 3 times a week by the city to pick up the garbage. If residents should notice a full receptacle, they can call

Christian Davis
Supervisor
Solid Waste Department
604 526-4641

e) **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 noticed during the winter they were not removing the snow from the public areas abutting their property in particular the easement for access to 8th Avenue.

Dennis will write a letter and send it off to the Franchisee and MacDonald's Restaurants head office to advise them of the issue.

April 26th update – Dennis spoke with the By-Law officer Kim Deighton. She reviewed the situation and monitored for two weeks. Hopefully the neighbourhood is looking better

Denis will communicate with the Franchisee and McDonalds Restaurants Head Office to advise them of the issue in the area and report back to the group.

f) **Left Turn onto Eight Avenue from Sangster**

Atti has noticed the Apartment Residents exit on Sangster and turn left to go East on Eight Avenue. This is a dangerous maneuver at this intersection. It is compounded by traffic exiting from the JI parking lot trying to turn left to go west on Eighth Avenue. This intersection has been discussed in the past and the city has advised the only way to combat this situation is to extend the meridian east along Eight Avenue to deter drivers from making these turns. By doing so would also then not allow traffic travelling west to turn left into the JI parking lot without a major reworking of this area. It is not in the traffic plans at the moment.

Dennis will write a letter and present it to the traffic committee at the next Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting – can they look to rework the intersection or post a Time of Day restriction on left turns out of the JI

April 26th upset – Paul Johanson will bring this to the next traffic committee meeting

g) **Left Turn Signal at Sixth Avenue and McBride**

Atti questioned the left turn signal at Sixth Avenue and McBride and why it never comes on to relieve the traffic in the turn bay during regular operation. He was advised this turn signal is solely there to clear traffic when the Emergency Vehicles leave the Number One Fire Hall. It was not intended as a traffic calming measure. We need to determine do we want this light to be operational at all times, which will result in an increase of traffic down Cumberland from Eighth Avenue who try to circumvent the light at Eighth and McBride

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h) **Red Light Camera and Speed Reader on Eighth Avenue**

Eight Avenue and McBride has been long known to be a high accident intersection. Why is there no Red Light Camera on this intersection? Also can we get a Speed Reader on Eighth Avenue travelling west to deter speeding down the hill to McBride?

Dennis will include this with his letter to the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

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i) **Community Emergency Planning**

Could we look to reschedule the Emergency Preparedness Planning in the coming months, perhaps to coincide with the Emergency Preparedness' Month Events?

Dennis will look into this for a future meeting.

8) **New Business**

a) **Proposed Changes to the Sign Bylaw**

The city is proposing some minor changes to the existing sign bylaws. The most dramatic is to have any variances for signing on new developments handled at the time of the development permit and not when the space is rented. More stringent enforcement of Temporary and Sandwich type signage is also being recommended. The proposed changes were sent out to residents for their review April 17th 2012.

b) **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.

c) **Noxious Weeds**

With the banning of herbicides in New West there has been a noticeable increase in the noxious weeds in the area. Westburco 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.

9) **Community Announcements**

a) Annual Garage Sale May 5th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

b) Annual Family Picnic – Second Sunday in September

10) **Next Meeting**: June 21st 2012

11) **Next Executive Meeting**: The secretary will contact the executive to arrange a time and date for the next meeting.

12) **Adjournment**: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm